Committee Members present via conference call:
Kathleen Berens Bucki, Chair
Kimberly Johnson, Vice Chair
Sheldon Berlow
Elaine Panty
Ex-Officio Member: Frank Housh
Ex-Officio Member: Ted Johnson

WEBVTT

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Kathleen B. Bucki: executive Chamber executive order.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Number two to 95 issued.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: extends previous executive orders continuing temporary suspension and modification of laws relating to.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: The disaster emergency suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service through.

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Elaine Panty: permitting the buffalo and erie county.
Kathleen B. Bucki: public library Board of Trustees to hold today's.

Kathleen B. Bucki: executive meeting remotely.

Kathleen B. Bucki: And constitute trustees as President, allowing them to be counted for quorum and.

Elaine Panty: Voting.

Kathleen B. Bucki: The public was provided dial and instructions through zoom with the ability to listen and.

Kathleen B. Bucki: comment, please be aware that a complete.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Verbatim transcription of today's meeting.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Through zoom will be kept on file by.

Kathleen B. Bucki: The BNP cpl all trustees are asked to state your full name, before speaking and making.

Elaine Panty: motions for the record.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Anyone from the public who's on this call, will have the opportunity to speak during the public comment period at that time you will need to identify yourself state and spell your name for the record.
Kathleen B. Bucki: and be limited to three minutes per person to.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Speak please note the Board will not comment at that time.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So.

Elaine Panty: I guess I can start I.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Kathleen buck, I am here vice chair Kimberly Johnson.

Elaine Panty: I guess I can start I.

Kathleen B. Bucki: let's see.

Elaine Panty: shallow or blow your.

Elaine Panty: and

Elaine Panty: katie bird I don't believe.
Kathleen B. Bucki: Is here.

And Elaine Panty.

Elaine Panty: I'm here.

Then.

Elaine Panty: Then.

Kathleen B. Bucki: You know.

Elaine Panty: Are also here.

Kathleen B. Bucki: To Johnson and Frank how.

Just for the record, so.

Elaine Panty: Let's see.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So.

Talk about my report.
Elaine Panty: You know.

Kathleen B. Bucki: I just got something today about.

Kathleen B. Bucki: awards.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Which are.

Elaine Panty: going to be.


Kathleen B. Bucki: and

Kathleen B. Bucki: can get tickets for $10 it's a virtual event and Mary Jean.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Is a finalist for this award.

So.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Maybe.

Kathleen B. Bucki: send out an email, so people have more.
Elaine Panty: Information about.

How to participate.

Elaine Panty: Sending a flyer.

Elaine Panty: Okay, that works too.

Kathleen B. Bucki: And we just had a meeting yesterday, which I will.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Talk about once we get to.

The committee reports.

Elaine Panty: let's see.

Elaine Panty: I guess, we can talk about.

Elaine Panty: The budget and finance resolution 2021 dash three.

Elaine Panty: Or, this is the the annual capital project guidance.

Ken Stone: We actually haven't received anything from the county.
Ken Stone: about timing on the capital.

Elaine Panty: projects.

Ken Stone: But in recent years they've been sending out the instructions, with an early April.

Elaine Panty: seriously before even make sense to me.

Ken Stone: So.

Elaine Panty: we're putting it forward.

Ken Stone: This time.

Ken Stone: And and.

Ken Stone: The focus of the recommendations so we're going to try.

Ken Stone: and recommended to try.

Elaine Panty: and

Ken Stone: Perhaps take advantage.
Ken Stone: The potential for some significant infrastructure.

Elaine Panty: Funding at the federal level and.

Ken Stone: Carve out the Washington street.

Ken Stone: Plaza entrance.

Ken Stone: From the reimagined report.

Ken Stone: and carve that out into its own distinct project.

Ken Stone: To create kind of a plastic.

Ken Stone: commons area in front of the library.

Ken Stone: A direct entrance.

Ken Stone: To the.

Ken Stone: Newly refurbished auditorium off.
Elaine Panty: From the Washington street entrance.

Ken Stone: and basically a nice gathering space and tie.

In.

Ken Stone: For public space and what hopefully it will.

Elaine Panty: be a revitalizing.

Ken Stone: buffalo post pandemic.

Ken Stone: And the timing.

Ken Stone: Would would also.

Elaine Panty: Go.

Ken Stone: In.

Ken Stone: it'll be a place for people to gather who now.

will be living.
Ken Stone: next door to us.

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Ken Stone: In the tool and delicate project.

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Elaine Panty: Which is.

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Ken Stone: Rapidly nearing completion.

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Ken Stone: So that that would be the main project.

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Ken Stone: would be requesting designed.

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Ken Stone: About $180,000 for design, because this.

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Ken Stone: could be upwards of a 15 to $18 million.

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Ken Stone: project.

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Ken Stone: When it's all said and done, and if we.

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Ken Stone: were authorized for design we've got.

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Ken Stone: Your way would be.

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Ken Stone: in a position to utilize.
Ken Stone: Any other grant funding that might come along.

Ken Stone: The other recommendation is.

Ken Stone: Continue phase two of.

Ken Stone: The model and demoing and create.

Ken Stone: converting the space that the escalators currently.

Ken Stone: occupied into programming space and public.

Ken Stone: that's upwards of $2 million, because that would.

Ken Stone: Actually, remove the escalators going from the.

Elaine Panty: First floor to the second floor and.

Ken Stone: reseal those floors and create.

Ken Stone: On the second floor you basically have some more gallery exhibit space up there.
Ken Stone: And on the first floor you.

Elaine Panty: Would.

Ken Stone: be able to dramatically expand your attendance at events upcoming of knowledge.

Ken Stone: We have presently.

Elaine Panty: How many people, we can put there.

Ken Stone: is inhabited by the fact that the escalators are there, there in the way.

Ken Stone: And people need to walk.

Ken Stone: off for would do that, and then the third would be shipping and maintenance vehicle replacements every other year or so we asked to replace one.

Ken Stone: Each and that’d be about $90,000 so the rest of the.

Ken Stone: plan would be to fund the construction.

Ken Stone: In the 23 when beyond.

Ken Stone: cycle for the Washington street.
Ken Stone: entrance re reconstruction project.

Ken Stone: and continue the.

Ken Stone: Conversion project if there is.

Elaine Panty: anything left to to be converted, I think.

Elaine Panty: Phase two may take.

care of it.

Ken Stone: And that would be.

Elaine Panty: So that that's.

Ken Stone: What we're looking at this point.

Ken Stone: And again it's for the central library and system function this this past year in 2021 the county has funded.

Ken Stone: Half a million dollars for the.
Ken Stone: Basically, general systems electrical mechanical plumbing building envelope and a million dollars so to.

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Ken Stone: help with phase one of the escalators which would hopefully rehabilitate and restore the escalator run going from the ground floor of the basement to the first floor.

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Ken Stone: And their funding the purchase of a second outreach bookmobile smaller of hand type bookmobile and staff are actually exploring that possibility right now.

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Ken Stone: That would be it and then the other item is your preliminary monthly financials for the month of December.

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00:07:25.950 --> 00:07:36.570
Ken Stone: Results are in we are within budget we're going to meet our fund balance plans and I have a number of style i'm working on the narrative it might be.

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00:07:38.070 --> 00:07:41.580
Ken Stone: sent to you in your packet this next week, depending on.

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00:07:42.720 --> 00:07:46.350
Ken Stone: How soon I run out of yes, I got here at six o'clock in the morning as well.

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00:07:47.700 --> 00:07:49.170
Ken Stone: Because the sun for libraries.

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00:07:50.130 --> 00:07:51.270
Ken Stone: Building power failed.

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00:07:51.630 --> 00:07:52.920
At 5:35am.

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Ken Stone: That was fun and we also had a water main break the brain library well the construction was doing their excavation initially and the water line was not where it was supposed to be on the plans.
Ken Stone: that's not the contractors. Well, he dug whereas most do and we had a lot of water and they're working on that as we speak.

Ken Stone: yeah brain crane is closest week because they were doing the some DEMO and setting up construction wall, so that they could start rocking and rolling on the rest of the project.

Ken Stone: And so, in disrupt service to the public, but it's certainly put water in a lot of places that we weren't expecting it to be.

Ken Stone: So.

You can.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So, then, the ad hoc committee which.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Many of you were on yesterday, so it was a can tell you a little bit about what happened with that.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So it was.

Kathleen B. Bucki: I was on it and then barolo Lucy Kendall Mario.

Kathleen B. Bucki: crema hell buhari Kimberly Johnson Joel more and elaine panty.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So we were in executive session for.
Kathleen B. Bucki: The majority of the meeting, and we did come to an agreement on a resolution to address the administrators compensation, so that will be.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Probably sent out with the materials for next week's meeting.

Kathleen B. Bucki: and see is there.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Are I don't know does anybody, I mean a lot of you were there so Does anyone want to have questions or.

Frank Housh: What do you guys decide.

Kathleen B. Bucki: um we kind of went with.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Just the original proposal that was what people felt comfortable with so with the.

Kathleen B. Bucki: improves situation kind of like maybe things to look great in January, what they're looking a bit better now so good i'm more comfortable.

Frank Housh: Next week.

yeah.

Frank Housh: I have a minor issue whatever you think it's appropriate.
Kathleen B. Bucki: Okay, let me know.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Alright, so you want me to talk to you.

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Frank Housh: No, no, I just wanted to tell everybody oh.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Yeah go ahead and.

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Frank Housh: Order it's not about that.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Okay.

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Frank Housh: Well, everybody that that John Craig.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Oh yeah all right.

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Frank Housh: He called and asked me what it was like to be a board member, and I think he got approved, I think these are our new board member.

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Frank Housh: Mm hmm great guy he was a year behind the law school and we did all these moot court things together now is in the nonprofit world.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: I'm sure we.

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Frank Housh: All look forward to.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Seeing you had a meeting I don't know when that will be if it's going to be next week or what.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: sounds good.

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Frank Housh: Was there a vacancy as soon as.

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Elaine Panty: I think yeah there was one yeah is it we've only when going with 14 members so far he would be the 15th.

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Frank Housh: So it's just like a vacancy that have been.

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Frank Housh: around for a while, I thought.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: It might have been Dr REX.

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Frank Housh: Okay.

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Elaine Panty: yeah I could have been rounder REX because if you can't if we we've had 14 right along and essentially passed away I think so yeah so she would be the.

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Elaine Panty: would be the 15th one we've been going with 14 right along.

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Frank Housh: Well, I think you fit in nicely.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: Okay well thanks.
Elaine Panty: for that.

Kathleen B. Bucki: So um.

Kathleen B. Bucki: yeah janine do you have a report or.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: I won't say too much, because I think mostly everybody will read Mary jane's report, but I think February was a good month we had a lot of exciting things happen with libraries reopening research storing services, a lot of really positive.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: Feedback with regards to the some some of the exhibits as we were talking about earlier, the black doll exhibit one of the Librarians told us today that, on Saturday there's people coming in, specifically to see that.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: So I think that that's really good you know joy's team is doing a great job of getting everybody on the news and on the radio during is going to be speaking.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: With Mickey kearns the county clerk Saturday on a radio show live for a half an hour really just getting everybody to know about our services and how we're still doing so much, we had a lot of great advocacy events with our State Assembly and Senators this this past month.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: In you know one thing that I always say to them when we're talking is just think of the library just think of us, because if you have a new initiative or you have a collaboration and you want to work with somebody on it, it just you know always think of us and.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: They like hearing that because sometimes people don't think of us, so I think that's a really good thing I think we're getting out there and really demonstrating our value during this difficult time, and as it improves, I think the library will just continue to improve oh.
Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: she's doing okay she's doing Okay, she she's gonna try to attend next week for the meeting the afternoons are difficult with her like a lot of pain and throbbing so she sends her apologies for not.

Frank Housh: A game.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: Oh, if you want to believe that i'm sure she'd rather you think that then she slipped in her driveway.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: She did not fall on library.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: lawyer, the lawyer that's all you need.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Is there anything from act.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: I don't think so, I know that they did have a meeting, I think it was yesterday morning via zoom but I haven't heard anything back from them on that the board did me so.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Okay, so I guess.
Kathleen B. Bucki: You don't need to do, public comment.

Kathleen B. Bucki: No unfinished business and new business.

Elaine Panty: Just.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Put that generic.

Elaine Panty: back.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: To talk about that you know that Mary Jane put a lot of time and effort into this, the public health emergency operations plan what I refer to this as as the Labor day law, the governor had announced on Labor day.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: A new law, a new amendment to the New York state Labor law to require employers to have this public health emergency operations plan in place.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: With regards to the spread of contagious diseases so part of the plan required with the law requires that the plan to be developed, that it be distributed to all the union's the unions have an opportunity to comment and review and then that the employer has something in place.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: By April 1 so all those steps have been taken.

Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: All the unions have had opportunities to review all four of our unions, we have received some feedback, which I think only from the asked me Union.
Jeannine Doyle- BECPL: But there was a lot those changes were incorporated their recommendations, and it is ready to go it just will require the sport to vote on it and it'll be ready to go April 1 in accordance with the law.

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Okay.

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Kathleen B. Bucki: So does anybody have anything.

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else.

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Ken Stone: recall last year of the governor withheld 20% of our state aid, all year long.

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Ken Stone: And we had been informed by Niall of that that they were going to release up to the full 20% and we have received.

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Ken Stone: they're doing in dribs and drabs, but we did receive the 20% for the local libraries services age so for the aid for buffalo branches and Member libraries and it was the full 20%.

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Ken Stone: So there's there's chance to good chance, I think that we may get that funding back now, particularly now that the.

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Ken Stone: American recovery act has been signed into law and that's over a half million dollars told to us that we had assumed might not be coming in at all.

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Elaine Panty: But it.

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Ken Stone: appears to be honest.
So some good news.

Elaine Panty: Can Does that mean that crane will be able to keep on going or.

Ken Stone: Well that's not related to the construction project, the.

Ken Stone: They never held back that.

Ken Stone: There was no okay all right.

Ken Stone: On that they are still we are trying to get.

Ken Stone: Now, Senator Ryan sponsored as an assembly Member some funding to do the rooftop.

Ken Stone: Meeting access space that is still on hold, but that's not part of that's a third phase project it's completely separate, so the funding okay put in the elevator and then starting hope.

Elaine Panty: As.

Elaine Panty: soon as this fall.

Ken Stone: Who redo the entire library basically pick up a lot of 1950s fixtures get
rid of them and put modern stuff in is all funded and we'll go forward.

Elaine Panty: Okay, I wasn't sure I thought that I thought that the 20% that they were withholding was going to affect that crane thing, and I was worried about that no they didn't.

Elaine Panty: Because capital and responded money.

Ken Stone: Holding 20% of it good for them.

Elaine Panty: Other than cash flow so OK OK.

Elaine Panty: So my mind is resting easy Thank you you're welcome.

Anything else.

Kathleen B. Bucki: Is there a motion to adjourn.

Sheldon Berlow: So move.

Kimberly Johnson: Show shola Kim second.

Kathleen B. Bucki: All in favor.

Aye.
Kathleen B. Bucki: Any opposed right see everybody next week.

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Elaine Panty: Thank you Okay, thank you.

00:19:11.190 --> 00:19:11.970
Elaine Panty: guys next week.

00:19:12.510 --> 00:19:12.990
Elaine Panty: Take care of.

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You so a.

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Ken Stone: thicker.

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