I. 8:00 a.m. CONVENE: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before April 17, 2017, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express, Courier News, Hunterdon Review, TAPinto (online), and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to 2 minutes per person.
   (Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda).

V. FINANCE, Janet R. Previte, Chief Financial Officer

01. INTRODUCTION - Approving the establishment of a CAP Bank with a public hearing scheduled for May 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

02. RESOLUTION - Approving the “2017 Budget Statement Certification by Welfare Agency.”

03. Motion to approve the introduction of the 2017 County Budget and setting the public hearing for May 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD.
RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in said budget to 0.50% unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.0% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $1,458,897.58 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the County of Hunterdon shall, in accordance with this Resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.0%, amounting to $1,458,897.58, and that the CY 2017 County budget be approved and adopted in accordance with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this resolution as adopted be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ADOPTED        April 25, 2017
WHEREAS, effective July 01, 1994, the County Welfare Agency was incorporated into the County of Hunterdon’s government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon is now the governing body of the County Welfare Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon does hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to sign, on behalf of the County, the “2017 Budget Statement Certification by Welfare Agency” in accordance with the provisions of Title 44, Chapters 7 and 10, Revised Statutes.

ADOPTED April 25, 2017

Denise B. Doolan, CLERK