

REORGANIZATION

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Hunterdon County Historic Court House
71 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822
JANUARY 02, 2013

The reorganization meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order at 4:00 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Clerk of the Board, Denise B. Doolan, welcomed everyone present to the annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon for 2013.

The Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders read the following meeting notice: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been posted by prominently posting and maintaining so posted throughout the year on the first and second floor of the County Administration Building, Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements, and by mailing on or before December 19, 2012, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing with the Hunterdon County Clerk a schedule of time, date and place of the holding of these regular meetings."

Pledge Allegiance.

Mrs. Doolan asked Father Michael Saharic of St. Ann's Church to provide today's invocation.

Mrs. Doolan thanked Father Saharic.

Mrs. Doolan asked Freeholder Elect, John W. King, to come to the podium. Assemblyman Kip Bateman swore in Freeholder Elect King, while his wife, Helen, his mother, son and his wife held the Bible.

Freeholder King recognized former Freeholder Ronald Sworen in the audience.

Mr. King introduced his wife, Helen; his mother Elsie King; his son and his wife.

Mr. King thanked everyone for being here today and wished all a Happy New Year. He gave his wishes to all the newly elected officials present.

Mr. King stated he is here to serve along side of his esteemed colleagues. He will serve with dedication and integrity. Hunterdon is a great County and he is pleased to be able to work for the people of Hunterdon and with the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mrs. Doolan asked Freeholder Elect, J. Matthew Holt, to come to the podium. Senator Mike Doherty swore in Freeholder Elect Holt, while his wife, Megan, his son, Justin and his wife, Tatiana held the Bible.

Freeholder Holt stated he is proud that the County's tax levy is down and that the County's budget is down.

Mr. Holt stated we have to stop and recognize what makes this County great is the planning, planning and more planning. It is not an easy task to cut a budget. In 1970, property owners invested in the future of this County.

Mr. Holt a majority of the budget is spent on public safety, roads and bridges, and human services. Hunterdon needs to work on acquiring farmland and open space. Open Space is not a forever program and eventually the County can reduce the amount taken to handle maintenance.

Mr. Holt stated that the County of Hunterdon will be celebrating its 300th Anniversary in 2014. It is the desire to have not only the Cultural & Heritage Commission involved but to have all municipalities and residents become involved in this celebration.

Mr. Holt explained he too is interested in shared services, along with the members of the Board but that doesn't mean the County would bear the costs; shared services means shared costs.

Mrs. Doolan asked for nominations for Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion appointing Robert G. Walton to be Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. KING, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mrs. Doolan asked for nominations for Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion appointing J. Matthew Holt as Deputy Freeholder Director.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK.

Senator Mike Doherty sworn in J. Matthew Holt as Deputy Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as his wife and son held the Bible.

Mr. Holt stated he never thought he would still be on the Board of Freeholders for a third term. He appreciates the time he has to serve his County.

Assemblyman Erik Peterson sworn in Robert G. Walton as Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as his wife and children held the family Bible.

Director Walton thanked his colleagues for electing him Director again this year.

Director Walton thanked his wife, Kathleen and their children, Michael, Samantha and Alexander for sharing him with the County of Hunterdon.

Director Walton thanked everyone for coming out today.

Director Walton said when the economy turned sour this Board made an effort to reduce the burden on the taxpayer by reducing the County's budget. This Board recognizes the need to move forward in a positive manner.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 01/02/13-2A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Establish County Office hours.

See Page 01/02/13-2B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Setting regular meeting time and days for the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

See Page 01/02/13-2C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Establishing the payment of vouchers in accordance with the payment schedule established by the County Treasurer.

See Page 01/02/13-2D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Establishing pay days for County Employees.

See Page 01/02/13-2E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Naming of Depositories of funds for the County.

See Page 01/02/13-2F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Designating official newspapers for the publication of County items.

See Page 01/02/13-2G **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the manual signature for checks drawn for penalties against the County.

See Page 01/02/13-2H **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salaries and Longevity for unclassified employees be held over.

See Page 01/02/13-2I **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salaries and Longevity for employees covered under the collective bargaining Agreement for the FOP, Lodge #94, (Sheriff's Superior Officers), for 2013.

See Page 01/02/13-2J **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salary and longevity payments for employees covered under the Hunterdon County Correction Line Officers' Association, FOP Lodge 29, be held over.

See Page 01/02/13-2K **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salary and longevity payments for employees covered under the Hunterdon County Correction Superior Officers' Association, FOP Lodge 133, be held of over.

See Page 01/02/13-2L **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salary and longevity payments for employees covered under the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Investigators, Sergeants and Lieutenants, PBA Local 358, be held over.

See Page 01/02/13-2M **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Salaries for unclassified, non-contractual employees in the Prosecutor's Office, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for unclassified, non-contractual senior management appointed employees in the Sheriff's Office, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for employees covered under the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Officers' Association, FOP Lodge 94, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for Non-Supervisory Communications Workers of America, Local 1034, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for Supervisory Communications Workers of America, Local 1034, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for employees covered under AFSCME, be held over.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kylie Lilly appointed permanent, full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Margaret Binion appointed permanent, full time Human Services Specialist 3, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michele Stuart, Legal Services Department, increase in hours to 28 per week.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Appointments to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Appointing Cynthia J. Yard as the County's Public Compliance Officer.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Appointing Denise B. Doolan as the County's Fair Housing Officer.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments to various Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments to the Emergency Management Council.

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RESOLVED, Establishing custodians for various petty cash funds.

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RESOLVED, Establishing Holidays for County Employees for 2013.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2013 Temporary County Budget.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Director Walton recognized the following Hunterdon County Legislator's in attendance today: Senator Mike Doherty, Assemblyman Kip Bateman, Assemblyman Jack Citerelli, Assemblywoman Donna Simon, Assemblyman John DiMaio, Assemblyman Erik Peterson and former Congressman Dick Zimmer.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS

Director Walton introduced County Clerk, Mary Melfi, Sheriff Fred Brown, Surrogate Susan Hoffman, County Prosecutor Anthony Kearns.

Director Walton introduced various municipal officials and recognized those County employees in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board