

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**April 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**PRESENT: MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON.**

**ABSENT: MR. HOLT.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Deputy Director King announced: "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 January 02, 2014, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an update on the Administrator's position.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an update on the Chief Financial Officer's position.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.**  
**(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m., recessed at 5:12 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT – Deputy Director King**

John W. King, Deputy Freeholder Director, read a statement for those present: As the County of Hunterdon has once again found its way into the news. The State often conducts audits to assure that their policies and the County's policies and procedures comply with the appropriate statutes and Hunterdon's review indicated that the County had erred by not holding a public hearing before awarding overtime and comp time to middle management who are not part of union contracts. The County of Hunterdon has always been proud of its storm emergency response and felt that the County employees who served through incidents such as Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, flooding and snow storms in 2010 and 2011, deserve additional pay and consideration for the numerous extra hours they put in to keep the County's residents safe, the roads open and services running.

Deputy Director King noted that a complete and exact list of whom and how much time and pay was given. It is thorough and available; however, in the future let it be known that the County will take the additional steps and hold the public hearings prior to awarding such pay and time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, recalls sitting in Freeholder Meetings where there were numerous discussions and input from the public about compensating the employees who were working 24/7. There was no disagreement or outrage from the audience/public and she concurs with the Freeholders' decision. Ms. Gavigan doesn't feel anyone is going to care about this. These people should be paid, they do a great job.

George Glasshoff, CWA 1036 representative, was under the impression when these people knew when they took their jobs they had to work additional hours. These people are given \$80,000 to \$100,000 salaries and vehicles to drive and the payment of overtime is a lot of taxpayer money.

Deputy Director King pointed out to those present that not all managers make \$80,000 to \$100,000. One of those managers definitely isn't in that pay range. That overtime was budgeted and the issue with the state is in the line of transparency; the state feels the County should have gone through an ordinance process and that is foreign to a County body that adopts resolutions. The state is looking for more public involvement in the process. At the end of the day, the County will do what the state asks.

**POLYTECH**

Dr. Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, came before the Board and thanked Freeholders Susan Lagay and John King for attending Polytech's first strategic planning meeting.

Dr. Metz introduced Susan Rozycki and Phyllis LoSapio who briefly discussed the recent partnership the YMCA and the Hunterdon County 4-H programs; exposing Middle School Students and High School Students to the different type of career opportunities available. Some of the programs are run out of the Hunterdon County Polytech Academy.

Dr. Metz explained these programs have been made available through United Way grants.

The Board thanked Dr. Metz, Ms. Rozycki and Ms. LoSapio for taking the time to explain the Summer Career camps.

#### **PURCHASING**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 04/15/14-2A**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #27093, using State Contract A-82154, with SBP Industries, for a generator for the Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health, in the amount of \$109,511.26.

**See Page 04/15/14-2B**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #IT.3821, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)DD, with ESRI, for software maintenance for the GIS Division, for the Department of Central Printing, Mail and Information Services, in the amount of \$31,650.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 04/15/14-2C**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-02, to furnish and deliver Long Life Traffic Stripe Epoxy, for the Public Works Department, Division of Roads and Bridges, to Ennis Paint, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,125.

**See Page 04/15/14-2D**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-04, for Steel Beam Guide Rail, for the Public Works Department, Division of Roads and Bridges, to South Camden Iron Works, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$29,739.35.

**See Page 04/15/14-2E**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-03, for Structural Steel, for the Department of Public Works, Division of Roads and Bridges, to Kloeckner Metals, in an amount not to exceed \$44,738.22.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

#### **ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE**

Thomas Mathews, Public Works Director, came before the Board to provide an update on various County road and bridge projects.

- County Route 513, from High Bridge Borough to the Morris County Line, the paving is complete and the project is substantially complete. Backfilling is being done; as well as punch list items.
- County Route 519 and County Route 614, both are High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) projects. A preconstruction meeting has been held and the anticipated start date for both projects is May 05, 2014.
- County Route 651, is also a HRRR project, preliminary plans and specifications, as well as an engineer's estimated costs were submitted to the Local Lead on April 04, 2014.
- Proposals have been received for County Bridges K-110 and K-111 and they are being reviewed.
- County Bridge Q-168, the realignment of Pennsylvania Avenue, a preconstruction meeting was held today and the project is anticipated to start on June 23, 2014 and the road will be closed. This is the last day of school.
- An RFP is being prepared for County Culvert R-58 and it is being reviewed. The RFP is asking for design and permitting for the culvert.
- County Route 519, is a local lead funded project. Right of way documents were received and approved; appraisals need to be done; along with utility coordination and the relocation of the gas line.
- County Bridge F-45 on White Bridge Road, in Franklin Township, is paved out. Guiderail has to be done along with some surface treatment.
- Exit 15, on Interstate 78, County Route 513, a meeting was held with the major access and traffic engineering people on March 25, 2014.
- County Bridge RQ-179, on Stanton Station Road, the paving is scheduled for April 21, 2014 and guiderail will be installed the following week. The bridge should be opened the first week of May 2014.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Director King announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Check #14235 and 14237 were held at this time from the Claims Register.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated April 15, 2014.

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**CLAIMS REGISTER**

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the reorganization minutes of January 02, 2014 and the regular session minutes of January 14, 2014.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 04/15/14-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Matthew Popin appointed seasonal, when and as needed Park Naturalist, in the Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

**See Page 04/15/14-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving 2014 salaries for employees covered under the F.O.P. #29, Memorandum of Agreement.

**See Page 04/15/14-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2012-30, for County Route 512 (Main Street) and County Route 513 (High Bridge-Califon Road), in Califon Borough and Lebanon Township, with Reivax Contracting Corp., decrease of \$14,832.73.

**See Page 04/15/14-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving final payment for County Bid #2012-30, for County Route 512 (Main Street) and County Route 513 (High Bridge-Califon Road), in Califon Borough and Lebanon Township, to Reivax Contracting Corp., in the amount of \$3,971.36.

**See Page 04/15/14-3F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Naming The Hunterdon County News as Hunterdon's official online newspaper.

**See Page 04/15/14-3G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the appointment of Maeve Pambianchi to the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

**See Page 04/15/14-3H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for County Bid #2014-06, for Food and Commissary Services for the Hunterdon County Division of Corrections (Jail), under the Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 04/15/14-3I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the transfer of the Adult Protective Services Unit to the Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, of the Human Services Department.

**See Page 04/15/14-3J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of County Bridge E-174 and Approach Roadway, for Wertsville Road (County Route 602), over a Tributary of the Back Brook, in the East Amwell Township.

**See Page 04/15/14-3K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Prosecutor's Office, F.O.P. #186, for Investigators, for the period through December 31, 2014.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Prosecutor's Office, F.O.P. #186, for Sergeants, for the period through December 31, 2014.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Prosecutor's Office, F.O.P. #186, for Lieutenants, for the period through December 31, 2014.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with the Flemington Business Improvement District, to use County property to construct, access and maintain a pole, to hang banners across Main Street for community events and information.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a settlement agreement entitled: Hunterdon County versus Jason Gubernat.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Checks 14235 and 14237, as listed in the Claims Register dated April 15, 2014.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY,  
(ABSTAIN) MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month, in the County of Hunterdon.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Mark Stiefel for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 04/15/14-4G

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Declaring June 13 and 14, 2014, as Relay for Life Days in the County.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

**GRANTS**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Victims of Crime Subgrant Award, for the SANE/SART program, in the amount of \$71,031 (federal funds: \$56,825, County Match: \$14,206).

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Lagay seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving state contract #CW14010, with the New Jersey Division of Family Department, accepting the award of \$2,000 toward the purchase of equipment to maintain the food stamp case files, in the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Services.

**ROLL CALL:** (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Flemington Business Improvement District, requesting permission to use restrooms at the Main Street County Complex (Administration Building), during the first annual Central Jersey Jazz Festival, on Friday, September 12, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Buildings and Maintenance, of the Land Use and Facilities Management Department.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

A request was received from the Memorial Day Parade Committee of Readington Township, asking permission to use a portion of County Route 523 during their annual Memorial Day Parade, on Monday, May 26, 2014. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Correspondence was received from JerseyMan, requesting permission to use County Roads during their 8<sup>th</sup> annual JerseyMan Triathlon, at Spruce Run Park, on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Deputy Director King stated the strategic planning process at Polytech started off last year with around 70 people attending. He encourages anyone who is involved in education to attend these meetings.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Deputy Director King opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the public or press wished to address the Board at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director King adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board