

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 19, 2014

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session at 4:00 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings act.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Holt 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 August 15, 2014, to the Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, Express Times and the HC News (online), newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 08/15/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss recommendations for the position of Executive Director to the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

See Page 08/15/14-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss several employees who have been Rice Noticed in both the Finance Department and the Public Works Department.

See Page 08/15/14-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a procedural change to the County's Hiring Policy and Procedure.

See Page 08/15/14-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the restructuring of the County Finance Department.

See Page 08/15/14-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update regarding WIB negotiations.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 5:20 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION – CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Director Holt introduced Beth Shermerhorn, who has been with the County approximately six weeks, as the County's Chief Finance Officer.

Mrs. Shermerhorn thanked the Board for the introduction.

Mrs. Shermerhorn introduced to the Board two gentlemen who have been working in the Finance Office this summer as Interns, Kenny Miller Lopez and Shane Johnson. They have been valuable additions to the Finance Office and its staff. These gentlemen have undertaken some big projects and have served the County well. Shane is returning to Penn State University and Kenny is returning to Bentley College.

Shane and Kenny thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to work for the County. It has been a pleasure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

JCP&L

John Anderson, JCP&L representative, stated that JCP&L is still working feverishly to start the expansion of the Rocktown Substation. JCP&L is still working on securing a few permits with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Director Holt appreciates all the email updates whenever there is an outage in the County.

School Consolidation

Dan Gillian, resident of Holland Township, came before the Board regarding the article in the Hunterdon Democrat where the County is considering the consolidation of schools as a ballot measure. He feels this is a terrific idea. When Holland Township School Board looked at this, and he was a School Board member at the time, an issue they were confronted with is that all the various schools had contracts they had entered into with various groups that were non-concurrent. It was felt that would be a significant impediment because when you choose a consolidation date you have to transition the contracts which could cause additional expense. He asked if there is a statutory means of having contracts be concurrent and that might compel more municipalities/schools to consolidate organically.

Mr. King thanked Mr. Gillian for his comments. The County was enthusiastic about getting a ballot question set up this year. Unfortunately the County does not have that type of latitude. Unfortunately there are case law studies, which sit behind the statutes, that state that County Government can ask these questions unless it is an area where the County has no jurisdiction. This is under the guise of the elected School Board Officials.

Mr. King feels a legislative fix would make this process much easier and the County plans to try to provide incentive for the School Districts to consolidate and he hopes that will be ready by the next meeting.

Mr. Gillian stated he would be happy to participate if a volunteer capacity should arise.

Consumer Affairs

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, asked to publically acknowledge and thank the County's Consumer Affairs Officer, Jean Ferrari. Ms. Ferrari has been especially helpful to her.

COUNTY CLERK Update

Mary Melfi, County Clerk came before the Board to provide a bi-annual update.

Ms. Melfi thanked the Board for the time to come and provide this update. The County Budget is carrying a revenue projection of \$2,075,000 in the combined County Clerk's Budget. Ms. Melfi anticipates doing \$2,215,000 just for her budget.

At the end of January, Ms. Melfi was concerned about the numbers because she was down \$130,000 and through July, that amount has been picked up and it is now running even. Ms. Melfi is confident her office will make the County's budget, if not her budget. The revenue aspect looks great and real estate is starting to move again.

Ms. Melfi reported her office has started the process of e-filing of documents, which is a nice transition into technology. She questions putting the records online because of identity theft but it is an area to look into.

Ms. Melfi advised with the Freeholders' support for overtime, and having the extra hours, to date Passports has generated approximately \$15,000 in revenue, and that figure is less the overtime costs. Her office is almost the only location in the County where someone can get a passport and one of the few, where an appointment is not necessary.

Ms. Melfi recognized the work of her staff; people love her staff and compliment them.

Ms. Melfi reported her office participated with the Board of Elections on Law Day, May 01, 2014, where a presentation was done on the Right to Vote. Lisa and Linda from her staff participated along with the Sheriff and the Surrogate. Mr. Walton served in the role as a disruptive poll person as a Justin Bieber fan and the reason for that, is they were dealing with High School students and the question was who is more negative to society and it provided the name of two of today's well known singers (Miley Cyrus and Justin Bieber). Justin Bieber won the election meaning he was worse to society, so it was not a victory.

Ms. Melfi reported that a special election is scheduled for Frenchtown Borough on September 30, 2014, so her office and the Board of Elections will be open until 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Melfi reported that work has started on the ballot for November. There are many vacancies on the School Boards, 18 at this time. She has received many calls on the County's initiative regarding school consolidation and there is public support but at this time the ballot is not the answer. There are Board members who are afraid to take this on for fear of upsetting their peers.

Ms. Melfi stated that 2014 is a federal election, with the US Senate on top of the ballot therefore it is required by law that the mail in ballots be dropped by September 20, 2014 and they will be ready. Currently there are 3,000 requests for mail in ballots and that number will continue to grow. Ms. Melfi predicted that Rob Walton will win his re-election for the seat on the Freeholder Board.

Ms. Melfi is pleased to report that she has been invited to Trenton in September to attend a program regarding elections and technology. The legislature will be joining the clerks and they will spend the morning with state and local election administrators learning the real world on New Jersey Elections and how they are run, and to share ideas. This program is sponsored in part by the National Conference of State Legislators and it has a grant from the MacAuthor Foundation. Ms. Melfi is privileged to be a part of the program. Ms. Melfi stated through COANJ (Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey) she has found out that legislators write bills but they don't talk to the people who need to implement them. Hopefully, with all the players in the room, they will come up with some good ideas.

Ms. Melfi informed the Board that she loves working with the County's staff and her peers, who did a great job on the 4th of July, which turned out to be August 07, 2014. When she needed help, she got willing help and the evening was great. In talking to Marcia Karrow, there were 3 complaints from people who could not get out of the Park, so 10,000 people in the park for the County's 300th Anniversary fireworks, and only 3 people could not get out. That is a successful evening.

Ms. Melfi advised the course "Searching the Search Room" will be done again. It was done this past Spring with the Tri-Centennial and it was sold out, so Ms. Karrow asked if an encore could be done, so that will be done on November 01, 2014.

Also on November 01, 2014 will be a Shred Day at the Route 12 County Complex and it will be run by the Recycling Coordinator, Alan Johnson, where people are used to going for recycling.

Ms. Melfi provided a staffing update; when she came before the Board to update her staff in January at budget time, the Board gave support to hire a part time person. She is thankful and appreciative for the support and because of cross training and because of the title changes in her office, she is able to handle the work coming in, therefore she will not need to hire a part time person in 2014. Ms. Melfi asked for permission to put another Keyboarding Clerk 3 title in her office in order to make the titles in her office consistent, for cost sharing. The part time person would have cost \$17,500 and she is asking to have the Keyboarding Clerk 3 on staff by September 01, 2014 and being paid by September 26, 2014, at a cost of around \$1,000.

Ms. Melfi informed the Board she is pleased to come before and likes the communication with the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Melfi for her report.

Director Holt noted that the Clerk is asking for a Keyboarding Clerk 3 position and that it item #22 on the Consent Agenda this evening.

POLYTECH

Dr. Kim Metz, Superintendent of Polytech, introduced Allison Haskill, the recipient of the NJAC Foundation's Investors Scholarship. Ms. Haskill will be attending Raritan Valley Community College, (RVCC).

Freeholder King explained that Allison attended Hunterdon County Polytech while attending North Hunterdon Regional High School. While at Polytech she earned 12 credits from RVCC and 5 credits from Rutgers' University. In addition to Allison excelling in her studies, she also volunteers at the Hunterdon Medical Center and for the Flemington-Raritan Rescue Squad. Ms. Haskill will be attending RVCC in the Nursing program in the Fall.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Dr. Metz presented Allison Haskill with a Certificate and Check from the NJAC Foundation's Investors Scholarship.

The Board wished Ms. Haskill much success in all her future endeavors.

PURCHASING

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27244, using State Contract #A-80961, with NJ Fire Equipment Company, for air packs, for the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$43,056.00

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40036896, using State Contract #A-81424, with George Ely Associates, Inc., for a playground structure, for the Parks and Recreation Division, in the amount of \$64,809.64.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the rejection of Bid from Power Place, County Bid #2014-05, to furnish and deliver (2) Case International Model 85C 2-wheel drive tractors or approved equal with Alamo Interstate 60" side-mounted hydraulic flail mowers with mounting and associated equipment or approved equal, due to failure to meet minimum requirements of specifications.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2014-05, to furnish and deliver (2) Case International Model 85C 2-wheel drive tractors or approved equal with Alamo Interstate 60" side-mounted hydraulic flail mowers with mounting and associated equipment or approved equal, to Storr Tractor Equipment, for the Public Works Department, amount not to exceed \$157,848.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2014-09, for fine paper and envelopes, to Paper Mart, Inc., for the County of Hunterdon, amount not to exceed \$83,642.69.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a professional services contract modification #1, Quote #0007-2014, for engineering design services for the reconstruction of Bridges K-110/K-111 and approaches of CR 519, to Churchill Consulting Engineers, for the Public Works Department, increase of \$22,726, new amount not to exceed \$176,440.

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

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an agreement, to provide the removal of abandoned scrap vehicle tires, from Block 8, Lot 18, Kingwood Township.

Mr. Johnson explained this agreement is to clean up scrap tires; the County has had access once again, to grant funds to clean up large quantities of scrap tires. He has an agreement to perform such a task in the Baptistown area of Kingwood Township. This would be funded by the 2012 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Recycling Enhancement Act. Actual collections will be done by the County's LAP program and Vector Control staff.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a provider service agreement, for a Community Paper Shredding Day, with Assure Shred, in an amount not to exceed \$750 for November 01, 2014 and an amount of \$875 for shredding on April 25, 2015.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing amendments for the Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Grants to extend the grant terms and transfer funds.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the filing of a spending plan for the 2013 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund grant, for the amount of \$110,000.00.

Mr. Johnson reported that \$70,000 will be used to offset costs associated with Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up days and \$40,000 will be used to offset expenses related to the scrap wire collection program.

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

Ms. Lagay asked Mr. Johnson to provide backup details for his agenda requests in the future.

2015 Solid Waste and Recycling Services program activities

Alan Johnson, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator came before the Board to report on the 2015 Schedule of Solid Waste and Recycling Services program activities.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that in 2015, the Transfer Station will close on the Saturday of Memorial Day to allow maintenance requirements to take place. There will be two Computer electronics days on April 11, 2015 and October 10, 2015. Early closures of the station will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Closures of the transfer station will be January 01, 2015, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. There will be three Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days on March 07, 2015, July 11, 2015 and November 08, 2015. Municipal Clean Up Days will be held the last Saturday of the Month between March and October. Paper Shredding Events will take place on Saturday, April 25 and October 31, 2015. If the shred days are successful paper shredding could be done before election day and after tax filing season, working in conjunction with the senior citizens at the Route 31 County Complex and the County Clerk to inform the residents. People are requesting paper shredding and this will increase the County's recycling rate.

Solid Waste tonnage report – January through June 2014.

Mr. Johnson said reported on Solid Waste Tonnage processed through the Transfer Station, for the period of January 01, 2014 through June 01, 2014, deliveries have increased over 40% compared to 2013. Under the Transfer Station contract the County receives \$2 per ton of solid waste processed through the station.

Mr. Johnson advised the County has reached out for the municipal garbage contracts for areas that have a municipal service. A meeting will be scheduled with them within the 4th quarter of 2014 to discuss what commonalities does exist between those municipalities and determine if anything could be gained by an umbrella contract for this type of service. Mr. Johnson is exploring this as a shared service.

Director Holt directed Mr. Johnson to keep the County's Purchasing Agent, John Davenport in the loop.

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Thomas Mathews, Public Works Director updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- County Route 605, Surface Treatment has been completed, in the Sandy Ridge area.
- County Route 629 is currently being chip sealed, in the Round Valley Reservoir area.
- The realignment of Pennsylvania Avenue opened today. Punch list items still need to be completed. The project was completed ahead of schedule and under project.
- A kickoff meeting will be held for R-58 in Readington Township on August 12th. A preliminary hydraulic study is underway.
- County Bridges K-110/K-111 are on track; the hydraulic studies are being completed. Preliminary plans should be ready sometime in September.
- County Culvert C-72, on Haytown Road, is an in-house project, in Clinton Township; the stone masonry wing wall and abutment were replaced. The culvert is now open.
- Q-94 on Old Clinton Road, at the bottom of Cherryville Road, is also a stone arch where a wing wall was getting ready to collapse and this was done in-house also.
- County Culvert Q-51 on Oak Grove Road closed yesterday, and it will be an eight to ten week closure. This is a three sided concrete culvert, a new deck will be placed on the culvert; as well as new wing walls. This is also an in-house project.
- Bridge D-300, is a local lead and NJTPA project, it has been opened and closed, and it is scheduled to be reopened by the end of the week. When punch list items were being done, a crack was noticed in a coupling and that is crucial.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, for High Bridge Borough, in the amount of \$10,729.60, for debt service incurred in the acquisition of Lake Solitude property, Blocks 4.07, 40, and 7, Lots 1, 1.2, and 11.01.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, for Raritan Township, in the amount not to exceed \$148,858.12, for farmland preservation easement, Block 82, Lot 2, (Snyder Farm), consisting of approximately 52 acres.

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

Ms. Lagay left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to recuse herself from the next item.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation application, upon a recommendation from the Cultural and Heritage Commission and Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Reading-Large House, Block 21, Lot 21, in the Borough of Flemington, in the amount of \$114,935.77.

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

Ms. Lagay returned to the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Freeholder Director, or Deputy Director to sign an agreement for Assignment of Real Property, to be filed with a Green Acres Acquisition payment form. The County's contribution for the acquisition of Block 43, Lot 21 (Pfauth/Carmen), Bethlehem Township, is \$207,970.00 (50% of purchase price), in fee simple.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation application, upon a recommendation from the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with The Hunterdon County Historical Society, for Block 23, Lot 2, for interior painting and restoration of the Doric House, amount of \$15,300.00.

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

Proposed Highlands Legislation

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Division Manager, came before the Board concerning the proposed legislation regarding the Highlands Act; Senate Bill 2040 and Assembly Bill 2852. Her office received an email from the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) urging the Board of Chosen Freeholders to support this legislation. The proposed legislation provides an exemption for certain development along a commercial corridor in the Highlands Region. The bills further define a commercial corridor as the area of land that is adjacent to a state or county road and is deemed by the municipality or the municipal planning board and government body to be necessary for commercial or industrial use for the economic viability of the municipality. It clarifies that municipal planning and zoning authority within those commercial corridors will more or less revert back to the municipality.

Mrs. Dziamara stated that currently all the lands within the Highlands Preservation must comply with the Highlands Regulations. The planning area is a voluntary compliance; however, all Hunterdon's municipalities, with the exception of Milford Borough, have applied for conformance with the Highlands, therefore, they have agreed to meet the requirements of the Highlands Act. The Highlands Board is the approving land use board as opposed to the municipal board. In reading the legislation, this turns the land use authority back to the local municipalities; in supporting the County's economic development strategy and looking to the economic viability of our commercial corridors.

Mrs. Dziamara does not feel the Highlands Board can say Hunterdon County is inconsistent if you are supporting and developing under these circumstances.

Ms. Lagay thanked Mrs. Dziamara for the background information, it was well put together. What has been discovered in working with the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDs) is that as our municipalities come to the County, supporting this is very important to the areas along the commercial corridors. This is critical to municipalities as expressed in the CEDs process. Having the Freeholder Board's support for this legislation is important on many levels. The Freeholders' are speaking out for CEDs and its municipalities.

Mr. King agreed the Freeholder Board supports this legislation and is also showing support for the other counties who have already shown support for their regions. This does not change the nature or intent of the Highlands Act but it does refine the process so that municipalities can regain control of planning and development within their areas. He feels the County should move forward in support of this legislation.

Mr. Walton feels the Highlands Act should be overturned/undone. It is no better now than when it was adopted. Hunterdon County should support doing anything it can to amend or reduce the Highlands Act in our region. Mr. Walton does not feel the legislation will be adopted because it will diminish the Highlands Act. The purpose of the Highlands Act was done because municipalities and counties in the Highlands Area do not know what they are doing, therefore, the Highlands Council steps in to tell you how to do things. This is the exact opposite of the premise of what the Highlands Act is supposed to be. A resolution supporting this legislation is listed on the Consent Agenda this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Holt 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."

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 19, 2014.

See Page 08/19/14-7A

CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 08/19/14-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Anthony Robbins, be hereby appointed full time, Sheriffs Officer, in the Sheriff's Office.

See Page 08/19/14-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Schneider, be hereby appointed full time, Correction Officer, in the Division of Corrections, of the Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Craig Miller, be hereby appointed as a Fire Instructor (Level 2), scheduled as needed, in the Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 08/19/14-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Swantoski, be hereby appointed full time, Correction Officer, in the Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Juan Vera-Carofilis, be hereby appointed full time, Correction Officer, in the Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sabrina Baarda, be hereby appointed full time, Program Development Specialist, Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Binder, be hereby appointed full time, Correction Officer, in the Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Scott Crabtree, appointed full time, Assistant Supervisor Senior Citizen Activities, Division of Senior, Disability, Veterans Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Amy Gates, appointed full time, provisional, Keyboarding Clerk 3, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 08/19/14-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nancy Tohme, appointed full time, Family Service Worker, Social Services Division, Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kay Strain, Administrative Clerk, be hereby appointed to full time at 37.5 hours per week, from 35 hours per week, in the Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/19/14-7M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for CWA Non-Supervisory.

See Page 08/19/14-7N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a leave of absence, for Linda Hansen, beginning September 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

See Page 08/19/14-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cheryl Wienk Copeland appointed a member to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction.

See Page 08/19/14-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for the solicitation of bids (Bid#2014-17) for trailer-mounted pump and water filtration system.

See Page 08/19/14-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving federal change order #1, for County Bid #2013-22, CR579, Section I and CR614, Section II and III, in the Townships of Alexandria and Union, with Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, increase of \$47,748.96.

See Page 08/19/14-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a budget modification, for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP), to reprogram 2012 funds, increasing 2014 funds, in the amount of \$14,608.64, for third party contact services, for a new total SCDRTAP budget of \$394,608.64.

See Page 08/19/14-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign an equipment lease agreement, with the NJ Transit Corporation, for use of the Consolidated Transportation System, (the LINK) following FTA Section 5310.

See Page 08/19/14-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging our State Legislators to support and approve Senate Bill 1240 and Assembly Bill 2852, amending the Highlands Act at (C.13-20-28) to exempt construction or reconstruction of commercial/industrial development within commercial corridors of the Highlands Region thus facilitating development/redevelopment of commercial/ industrial use in appropriate areas, to help support local job growth and stabilize the local tax base.

See Page 08/19/14-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Discharge of Mortgage, on property located at Block 71, Lot 25C0709, Raritan Township, County of Hunterdon.

See Page 08/19/14-8H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Diana Saumsiegle appointed full time, provisional Keyboarding Clerk 3, County Clerk's Office.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/19/14-8I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the submittal of a grant application, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, for the emergency replacement of Bridge K-110/K111, on County Route 519, Kingwood Township.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Meetings

Director Holt reported at the September 02, 2014 Freeholders' Meeting will be hosted by Hampton Borough. He thanked the County's staff who will be picking up and moving to Hampton for the meeting. This meeting has been advertised to the meeting date and location.

Director Holt stated the Freeholder Board is working on again holding meetings in various municipalities as was done back 2007, in order to show support for the County's municipalities.

4-H Fair

Ms. Lagay reminded everyone that the County's 4-H Fair begins on August 20 through the 24. She hopes to see everyone there.

Mr. King stated that at 4:00 p.m., on August 20th, the first day of the fair, there will be a Veterans' Recognition Medal Ceremony. He thanked the County's staff who worked to put this together. This will be the kickoff of the Hunterdon County Fair.

Mr. Walton stated that the goat milking contest will be at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, August 22nd. He has participated in this event for the past four years. It is fun.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Library

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, asked for an update regarding the Library sidewalk repairs.

Mark Titus, Library Director, is not sure of the timeframe for this project, but he will have Frank Bell, AIA, Director of Land Use and Facilities Management, aware of this question, so he will be prepared to report to the Board on this.

Tree Removal/Haytown Road Bridge

John Anderson, Clinton Township resident, commended the Roads and Bridges Department, on the job they did on Haytown Road. The bridge worked on is at an angle and on the far corner was a tree that had been there forever and it was an added obstacle and it caused trouble in navigating the bridge. Since the bridge is rebuilt and the wing walls are redone, the tree was removed so the alignment of the bridge is now not just aesthetically pleasing but it allows a smoother traversing of the bridge.

Director Holt advised Hunterdon County has over 238 bridges and where history can be respected, it is done; Roads and Bridges also respects natural movement and on occasion they need to live within the standards that exist.

Large House on Main Street, Flemington

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident understands the Large House is being acquired by the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which is a non-profit, with a 501c3.

Director Holt explained the County has a non-profit program through the Open Space program, and an application was made. The application does not receive the Freeholder Board unless it has been completely reviewed by the Planning Staff and the Open Space Advisory Committee. If it meets their approval, it gets put on the Freeholders' agenda for preliminary approval pending the non-profit acquires the property and the work meets the historical criteria of what the funding requires.

Mr. King stated for the record, that it is understood, that the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation has not yet been granted its 501c3. They have applied for it but it is pending. This is also a condition of approval.

300 Trees/300th Anniversary of the County/South County Park

Director Holt reported that 300 trees have been planted at the South County Park by volunteers. He thanked John Anderson who spent two full days drilling holes with volunteers prepping for the trees. Director Holt stated the trees are planted in rows, very straight rows.

Mr. Anderson noted that the total number of trees planted was 340 and they are waiting at least a year to see what the survival rate will be. He would like to end up with a solid 300 saplings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board