

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

43 Leigh Street, Town of Clinton Municipal Building

Clinton, New Jersey 08809

December 02, 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: "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 November 25, 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 Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 12/02/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations for including Labor Counsel and a Financial Consultant.

See Page 12/02/14-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a litigation update regarding the auditor.

See Page 12/02/14-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations for an auctioneer.

See Page 12/02/14-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Polytech Board.

See Page 12/02/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss County staffing needs by the County's Chief of Staff.

See Page 12/02/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an employment offer for a vacancy in the Buildings and Maintenance Division.

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 4:01 p.m., recessed at 5:07 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Director Holt thanked those present for attending the Board's meeting this evening. It is interesting to take the meetings into different municipalities and the Board has learned that more people attend these meetings than the meetings held in Flemington.

Director Holt thanked Clinton Town Councilwoman, Beth Sosidka for attending the meeting. Director Holt also thanked the staff and Clinton Town's governing body for allowing the Freeholders to use this space tonight.

Director Holt introduced the County's employees present this evening: Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board of Freeholders; Freeholder Lagay, Deputy Director King, Freeholder Lanza and Freeholder Walton. Also present: George Wagner, Chief of Staff and Director of Public Safety and Health Services; Catherine Kopec, Human Resources Director; Shana Taylor, County Counsel; John Davenport, Purchasing Agent; Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, Dr. Kim Metz of Polytech, Sue Dziamara, Planning Division Head and Frank Bell, the County's Architect and Director of Land Use and Facilities Management.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

JCP&L

Stan Prader, JCP&L representative, informed the Board that his territory includes 9 towns in Hunterdon County. Mr. Prader stated he also sends the County information on outages in the Mr.

Prader informed the Board that JCP&L has a new APP for cell phones that is used to access storm damage, so information gets to regional dispatch much quicker.

Mr. Prader advised that JCP&L is re-establishing the PSI program, (Power System Institute), and it will be done through Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) to train line mechanics. The first orientation will be held at RVCC on February 03, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested.

Director Holt thanked Mr. Prader for the outage updates the County receives from JCP&L. It is helpful knowing that something is being done about the outages.

Health

Diane Errickson came before the Board concerning an email she had sent regarding a horse manure pile near her property. She has brought this to the attention of the County's Health Department and received a response from the Agricultural Department. This issue infested her house with flies all summer.

Ms. Errickson made comments regarding George Wagner, Chief of Staff, asking her to leave a County building.

Director Holt informed Ms. Errickson that by bringing this issue to the Board this evening, he will ask County Counsel Taylor to review her correspondence and also review the Health Department's and Agricultural Department's response. Director Holt directed Ms. Taylor to respond back to the Board and to Ms. Errickson on the issue and what the County's jurisdiction is.

Director Holt advised this does not guarantee the resolve being sought after but it guarantees that what was sent in will be addressed and where the County is able to assist, it will and where the County can't address, at least we can point you in the right direction.

Director Holt advised Ms. Errickson that her main concern will be addressed.

Freeholder Walton stated he has worked with Mr. Wagner for five years as a Freeholder; and many years before that as Hampton's Councilman. Mr. Wagner treats people with respect and the statement made was blatantly false.

Information Technology

John Kalinich, Jr., resident of Readington Township, came before the Board regarding an email he recently received from the County's Information Technology Department. He explained he has been trying to make adjustments to 4th Level Domains that he has had for over ten years, which are under the hunterdon.nj.us domain and the email received states the Freeholders' have denied granting his request for a 4th level domain. Mr. Kalinich emailed the Freeholders' on this last week and received no answer from the Board.

Director Holt directed Mr. Wagner to check with Information Technology tomorrow and determine what this is. Mr. Wagner will research this and determine what the issue is and an answer will be provided to Mr. Kalinich whether this is possible or not.

Mr. Kalinich does not feel the County has any grounds to deny this because NuStar which is the US domain authority says that registrations cannot be denied to any residents that meet qualifications.

Director Holt questioned what a 4th Level Domain is and what is the purpose of its use.

Mr. Kalinich explained a 3rd Level Domain is "hunterdon.nj.us" because there are three sections to the name. "co.hunterdon.nj.us" is a reserved 4th Level Domain named for the County government. Library is lib.hunterdon.nj.us is a 4th Level Domain reserved for libraries.

Mr. Kalinich stated that individual citizens can request and be granted names relative to their situation. He is asking the Board to approve "airport.hunterdon.nj.us" and "homes.hunterdon.nj.us".

Freeholder Walton questioned if those names would give the impression to people who use those websites that they are sanctioned by the County government.

Mr. Kalinich stated the federal authorities dictate that individuals can get domain names within the County in which they live.

Director Holt stated the County's Chief of Staff and County Counsel will meet with Information Technology and do some research and they will get back to Mr. Kalinich.

POLYTECH – Ingersol Rand – Business Partner of the Year

Dr. Kim Metz, Superintendent, came before the Board and introduced Dan Kerr, Polytech Principal; Jurdan Pollera, Automotive Technology student; and on behalf of Ingersol Rand, Dave Hicks, Ms. Perri Richman and Bill Winecker.

Deputy Director King stated that the Freeholder Board is welcoming the Hunterdon County Polytech Career and Technical School's 2014 Business Partner of the Year: Ingersol Rand of Annandale, New Jersey, in Hunterdon County. Due to Ingersol Rand's continuous generosity, over fifty students in the Automotive Technology Program, this past year, were able to take advantage of a wide range of power tools and equipment that were donated to them. Several of

the items include ratchet wrench kits, impact tools and LED Task lights. Ingersol Rand continuously invites students and teachers to their company events and looks to expand the relationship by providing internships and grant opportunities. Dating back to 1871, Ingersol Rand conducts manufacturing and assembly operations in over sixty-five plants worldwide and is composed of a diverse array of brands in commercial, industrial and residential markets. Their motto is "to advance the quality of life by creating comfortable, sustainable and efficient environments".

Mr. King advised that Polytech's Automotive Technology Instructor, Mr. Chris Scheuerman is grateful for Ingersol Rand's thoughtfulness and continuous support.

Dr. Metz informed those present that the Hunterdon County Polytech Career and Technical Academy is honored to recognize Ingersol Rand as their 2014 Business Partner of the Year.

PURCHASING

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-21, to furnish and deliver Golf Course Maintenance Equipment, to Storr Tractor Company, in an amount not to exceed \$129,964.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 12/02/14-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for Three Bridges North, Block 74, Lot 2, in Raritan Township, with Derwood Farms, amount to be received: \$108.

See Page 12/02/14-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for the South Branch Wildlife Management, Block 75, Lots 4 and 7, in Raritan Township, with Laine Farms.

See Page 12/02/14-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for Clover Hill Park, Block 75, Lot 8, in Raritan Township, with Laine Farms.

See Page 12/02/14-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for Hoffman Park, Block 19, Lot 12, in Union Township, with Kocsis Farms, LLC, amount to be received: \$1,806.

See Page 12/02/14-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for the Schick Preserve, Block 15, Lots 9, 10 and 11, and Block 6, Lot 10.02, in Alexandria Township, with Kocsis Farms, LLC, amount to be received: \$7,434.

See Page 12/02/14-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Modification #1, for County Bid #2008-38, to provide parkland maintenance, for the Wescott Preserve, Block 30, Lots 18.01, 36.01 and 36.02, in Delaware Township, with Wesley Pandey, amount to be received: \$300.

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

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA, Director of Land Use and Facilities Management, came before the Board to provide an update on various County facilities and projects.

- Emergency Services Training Center (new), a meeting was held with members of fire and rescue last week; police will be updated shortly. The next phase will be to award a contract.
- Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Fire Alarm System, is now complete.
- Route 31 County Complex, Buildings #2 and 3, for HVAC, will be bid on January 22, 2015 and the project will begin in March 2015.
- Records Retention/Warehouse Center, shelving project, will be bid shortly; the specifications are written but some drawings need to be finalized.
- Sidewalk Repairs, for the Countywide Sidewalk projects, engineering documents are completed and have been reviewed. Purchasing will be asking the Board for authorization to bid this project soon.
- Jail Grinders, the project is under construction; currently being done is the exterior work and then interior pipe work will be done in the jail basement.

- Generators, the Traffic Maintenance Building generator which is hooked up to the County's Haz-Mat Building, now has its own generator. JCP&L has completed their work on the project.
- WIB/One Stop, Buildings and Maintenance is currently working on this space; office petitions are up, painting is being done; and the furniture will be moved in.
- Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, countertops are being replaced; the project is 95% complete. The electrical outlets will be done within the next week by the County's Buildings and Maintenance Division.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a municipal grant application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with Delaware Township, towards the purchase of the Lovenberg/Higgins Farm, in the amount of \$72,331.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a municipal grant application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with Delaware Township, towards the purchase of the Cyktor Farm, in the amount of \$13,689.66.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a municipal grant application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with East Amwell Township, towards the purchase of the Hay Farm, in the amount of \$46,465.72.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a municipal grant application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with West Amwell Township, towards reimbursement of the Usmiani parcel, in the amount of \$16,486.71.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a non-profit grant application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with the Hunterdon Land Trust, for the Alfieri Acquisition, Block 5, Lot 7, estimated 80 acres, in Franklin Township, in the amount of \$180,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Assistance application, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with the Hunterdon Land Trust, for the Eisenberger Acquisition, Block 32, Lots 20 and 22, in Bethlehem Township, estimated 99 acres, in the amount of \$200,000.

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

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."

Items #15, 17, 18, 19 and Check #147594 were held at this time.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 02, 2014, minus Check #147594.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #147594, in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 02, 2014.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 12/02/14-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jennifer Young appointed full time Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/02/14-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas Nor appointed full time Mechanics Helper, Department of Public Works.

See Page 12/02/14-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kenneth Sutphen, Equipment Operator, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department, salary adjustment according to the Bargaining Contract.

See Page 12/02/14-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kathleen Jaeger appointed full time, Public Health Nurse, Health Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/02/14-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marcella Rosso appointed full time, Family Service Worker, Social Services Division, Department of Human Services.

See Page 12/02/14-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Califon Borough, for acceptance of a Closed Drainage System (formerly County Culvert J-8).

See Page 12/02/14-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final pay for County Bid #2012-29, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge RQ-179, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, on Stanton Station Road, in Raritan and Readington Townships, to Interstate Contracting and Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$35,699.17.

See Page 12/02/14-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, for seed acquisition for Hoffman Park, at a cost of \$31,500.

See Page 12/02/14-5J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the advertising of bids for County Bid #2014-33, for the Route 12 Tower Work.

See Page 12/02/14-5K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with Brideside Adult Day Centers, Inc., for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$53,647.

See Page 12/02/14-5L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with Hunterdon Behavioral Health, for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$7,273.

See Page 12/02/14-5M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with Hunterdon Helpline, Inc., for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$15,185.

See Page 12/02/14-5N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$239,747.

See Page 12/02/14-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Somerset County to provide juvenile home detention services, at a per diem rate of \$88 per day, for 2015.

See Page 12/02/14-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a 2014 contract modification with Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC (Matt Giacobbe), for professional legal services, in connection with employee relations, labor matters and associated tasks involving the Human Resources Department, increase of \$8,000.

See Page 12/02/14-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement for professional legal services with Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC (Matt Giacobbe), for litigation matters, in the amount of \$45,000, for 2014.

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

Director Holt informed those present how appointments are made to the Hunterdon County Polytech Board, adding that this year the Board of Freeholders expanded the Polytech Board from four members to six members. The Polytech Board must be made up of an equal number of republicans and democrats, so there is no political swaying of this Board. In 2014, one member's term is expired and two new members must be appointed. If this occurs in 2014, then Director Holt will have the opportunity to appoint 50% of the Polytech Board.

Director Holt feels strongly that appointments to the Polytech Board, should come from the Freeholder Board as a whole, because he doesn't believe it was ever intended for one director to have an opportunity to appoint 50% of a board. These appointments are being filled by party affiliation and as the slots are available.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of David Bright to the Hunterdon County Polytech Board.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with the Hunterdon County YMCA, for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$38,212.

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

GRANTS

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 12/02/14-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for funding for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team (SANE/SART) project, in the amount of \$71,031, (Federal-\$56,825 and a County Match of \$14,206.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Town of Clinton/Thank you

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders thanked the Town of Clinton for the hosting the Freeholders' this evening. The further thanked the County's staff who was present.

Food Donations

Mr. Walton advised about a month ago or so, he was approached by a constituent regarding a news article about the lack of food in the Flemington Food Panty. He asked if bins could be placed in County facilities to allow employees and residents to drop off food when they come to County buildings. Mr. Walton reviewed this idea with Jennifer Shore, Human Services Administrator, who agreed this would be a good opportunity.

Mr. Walton moved to approve the use of certain Hunterdon County facilities to allow for food donations in order to feed the hungry.

Director Holt questioned if this would be limited to only one organization; he questioned how this could be done because there are multiple organizations within the County.

Mr. Walton feels that the County's Human Services Department will be able to guide the Freeholders on how to accomplish this. He suggested County Counsel Taylor meet with Ms. Shore on this.

Shana Taylor, County Counsel, advised the Board that a resolution would have to be prepared and adopted so that the food can be passed onto organizations which provide for the needy. The organizations would be County non-profits who specialize in providing food to individuals who are in need within the County.

Mr. Lanza recommended a resolution be prepared for the December 16, 2014 meeting, so that it can be done before Christmas. The Board agreed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board