

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
71 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822
December 16, 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. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON.
ABSENT: MR. HOLT.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Deputy Director King: "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 Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 12/16/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a vacancy in the Adjuster's Office.

See Page 12/16/14-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the County's Table of Organization.

See Page 12/16/14-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Polytech Board.

See Page 12/16/14-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations with various health insurance renewals.

See Page 12/16/14-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a CWA Civil Service Appeal.

See Page 12/16/14-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Risk Manager.

See Page 12/16/14-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the scope and awarding of the Emergency Services Training Center quote.

See Page 12/16/14-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss legal requirements of Domain Name User permissions.

See Page 12/16/14-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations with Delaware Township with regard to the Wescott property.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 5:25 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, questioned the Board regarding the Claim Register.

Ms. Sachau informed the Board that the State Transportation Trust Fund has been thought to be raided and the taxpayers cannot afford increases to put into it.

Deputy Director King advised that the resolution on tonight's agenda for the Transportation Trust Fund has nothing to do with asking for additional tax money.

POLYTECH

Dr. Metz brought in a tray of cookies baked by the Culinary Arts students for the Board to enjoy.

Nursing Program

Dr. Kim Metz, Superintendent, introduced Rachel a Polytech Student who attends Del-Val High School and is currently in the Nursing Program. Rachel is a second year nursing student learning medical technology and medical mathematics. She will be graduating high school with 16 college credits.

The Board wished Rachel much success in her studies.

Grant partnership

Dr. Metz is currently working on a grant proposal for Polytech and she asked the Board of Chosen Freeholders to partner with Polytech. The Governor recently signed \$3 million to create more CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs. Polytech's proposal is asking for \$600,000 over a 39 month period, to develop a four year, full time computer science and software engineering academy. Polytech is partnering with Delaware -Valley High School on this grant proposal; which will be Polytech's first, full time program. All Polytech's CTE programs require business partners; as well as post-secondary partners (RVCC) and (NJIT); a business partner would be Verizon, the Hunterdon Medical Center and hopefully the County if the Board approves. The business partners would assist Polytech in making sure students are paired to enter into the computer science industry. Also, business partners would provide guest speakers; allow for internships and possibly job opportunity.

Dr. Metz asked the County to allow its Information Technology personnel to provide insight on making sure what is being taught is up to today's standards.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders agreed to allow the County's Information Technology Director, Robert Thurgarland to assist Polytech in this program. Chief of Staff, George Wagner was directed to inform Mr. Thurgarland of the Board's action.

Veterinary Science

Deputy Director King asked Dr. Metz to address the improvements needed on the Vet-Tech Building.

Dr. Metz explained that the state funds 40% of the project for improvements to the Veterinary Technology Building, which was in need of a new roof; new siding; restrooms; and a boiler system. Polytech took advantage of the state grant funds to bring the building up to speed. The restrooms were also brought in line with ADA codes.

Deputy Director King stated he is impressed with this project as many of the projects will be conducted by individuals in the construction program.

Dr. Metz confirmed they will be doing the siding and the roofing.

FINANCE

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/16/15-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Transfers between appropriations.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27391, using State Contract #A83925, with Century Link, for 911 answering equipment, for Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services, in the amount of \$75,667.63.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-22, for a 48 month Lease for Golf Carts at Heron Glen Golf Course, with E-Z-Go Textron, in an amount not to exceed \$272,952 for a four year period (\$68,238 per year).

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-29, to furnish and deliver Wide Area Vibratory Compactor or approved equal, with Penn Jersey Machinery, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$29,985.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving County Quote #0076-2014, for professional engineering design consulting services, for the Hunterdon County Scour Countermeasure Design and Permitting program, to Malick & Scherer, PC, in an amount not to exceed \$96,480.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving County Quote #0059-2014, for professional architectural/engineering design services to provide a Master Planning Design and Cost Estimate Services, for a new Emergency Services Training Center, in Franklin Township, to Clark, Caton & Hintz, in an amount not to exceed \$98,340.

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

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Thomas Mathews, Public Works Director, came before the Board to provide an update of various County roads and bridges.

- Currently all roadway projects have been completed for the year.
- County Bridge E-174, on County Route 602, (Wertsville Road), in East Amwell Township was closed on November 03, 2014; demolition is complete and footing have been constructed; the abutment walls have been constructed; the wingwalls are currently under construction; the project is on schedule.
- County Bridges K-110/K-111, on County Route 519, is the collapsed bridge. The final plans and specifications are 75% complete; minor revisions are needed to the superstructure design and the roadway geometry; construction details have to be added to the plans.
- In-house projects: snow fence is being installed; leaf cleanup continues; if the weather allows cracks in various roadways will be sealed.
- Hampton Borough will be doing a repaving project on Lacawanna Street and the County has a culvert on the street, so it is being repairs.
- Guiderails are being fixed as they are being hit.
- Steel work is being done in the burn building.

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."

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 16, 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 regular session minutes of November 06, 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 12/16/14-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Corey Fischer appointed unclassified, full time Sheriff's Investigator, Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Martoccio appointed unclassified, full time Confidential Aide, Buildings and Maintenance Division, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 12/16/14-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, to County Bid #2013-08, for Bunker Renovations at Heron Glen Golf Course, with Earthworks, Inc., increase of \$57,454.08.

See Page 12/16/14-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the State of New Jersey reauthorize the Transportation Trust Fund to address the needs of New Jersey's counties and local governments.

See Page 12/16/14-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with KBD Associates, to provide Health Officer services for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$61,200.

See Page 12/16/14-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a weight limit on County Bridge Z-2, on Central Street, in Lebanon Borough.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a settlement agreement with Lori Leggett.

See Page 12/16/14-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a settlement agreement with Diane Lutz, in the Emergency Services Division.

See Page 12/16/14-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a settlement agreement with James Reasoner, in the Emergency Services Division.

See Page 12/16/14-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a settlement agreement with Sandra Mangini, in the Emergency Services Division.

See Page 12/16/14-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a settlement agreement with Sharon Burham, in the Emergency Services Division.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 12/16/14-4K

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Forrest Christian Terpe, for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 12/16/14-4L

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Deborah Hirt for having served on the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

See Page 12/16/14-4M

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing December 2014, as "The County of Hunterdon's Food Drive Month", and placing collection bins at various County Buildings for food donations.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Agreement with New Jersey Transit, for 2015, in the amount of \$341,016 (State Casino Revenue funding), to provide operating, capital and administrative costs for transportation services through the County's Consolidated Transportation System, (The LINK).

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/16/14-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with the Voorhees Regional Alliance, in the amount of \$22,852.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Ms. Lagay wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year as she is unable to attend the last meeting of the year, on December 30, 2014.

Mr. Lanza wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Lanza addressed the resolution for the Transportation Trust Fund; saying in no way does this resolution call for an increase in the gas tax. No one on this dais supports it and he does not want there to be a misinterpretation because there are similar resolutions that do call for gas tax increases. Mr. Lanza is opposed to gas tax increases and he is certain his colleagues are also. This Board is simply asked that those in Trenton at the State, simply reprioritize their runaway spending.

Mr. Walton stated that yesterday was his 5th year anniversary as a Hunterdon County Freeholders, December 15, 2009 his father, his wife and children stood in this room while his father swore him in. He's anxious to be sworn in again in 21 days.

Mr. Walton also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Deputy Director King echoed the same sentiments, wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy Director King stated the Board of Freeholders will hold a brief meeting on December 30, 2014 to take care of year end business.

Mr. Walton recused himself and left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JCP&L Update

John Anderson, JCP&L representative, informed the Board that JCP&L has started its PSI (Power Systems Institute) program which is a 2 year Associates degree, through Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC); plus there will be hands on training at the Phillipsburg Line Training Facility. In February, there will be an open house hosted at RVCC for the class which will start next Fall, 2015.

Mr. Anderson reported on the Rocktown Substation project, which is located outside of Lambertville, New Jersey, which will be receiving 230KB which will bolster the entire electrical grid for the entire County but in particular the southern portion of the County.

Mr. Anderson wished the Board a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deputy Director King explained Freeholder Walton leaves the dais when Mr. Anderson addresses the Board as he is employed by JCP&L. Mr. King does not feel it is necessary but commends Mr. Walton for doing it.

Mr. Walton returned to the meeting at 5:53 .m.

Settlements

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, asked what a settlement agreement is.

Shana Taylor, County Counsel, explained the settlements on the Board's Consent Agenda.

CEDS (County Economic Development Strategy)

Sue Dziamara, Planning Division, informed the Board that the final CEDS document has been posted to the County's website and the Planning Division webpage.

Deputy Director King stated Ms. Dziamara and her staff has put a tremendous amount of work into this process.

Alexauken Creek/Historic Designation

Alan Johnson, Delaware Township resident/member of the Delaware Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline, requested the assistance of the County's GIS Division in the development of a mapped area of the Alexauken Creek region of Delaware Township and a portion in West Amwell Township, for the purpose of considering an historic area designation for the area surrounding the Revolutionary War Encampment. The County would have the most digitized information and it would assist in moving forward on this designation.

Mr. Wagner advised the Board, that Mr. Johnson should fill out an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) Request for this information.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed County Counsel Taylor, to further discuss this with Mr. Johnson.

Heron Glen Golf Course

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, questioned if the County's Golf Course is paying its own way.

Mr. Walton confirmed it is paying its own way.

Deputy Director King advised the County does receive a quarterly report on the Golf Course revenues.

Ms. Gavigan wished the Board a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

Introduction – Buildings and Maintenance Division

Mr. Wagner introduced to the Board and those present, Justin Tibbetts the County's Buildings and Maintenance Supervisor and Greg Martoccio the County's Buildings and Maintenance office manager.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board