

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

February 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:30 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 February 12, 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 02/18/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

See Page 02/18/14-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a modification of a prior position approval in the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department.

See Page 02/18/14-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the County Administrator's vacancy and the reorganization of the County.

See Page 02/18/14-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update regarding newspapers and publications.

See Page 02/18/14-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on potential litigation related to the Finance Office issues.

See Page 02/18/14-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Civil Service.

See Page 02/18/14-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update with regard to negotiations for a Service and Occupancy agreement for the Lechner House at the Echo Hill Preserve.

See Page 02/18/14-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update for litigation.

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 3:32 p.m., recessed at 4:27 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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 02/18/14-1J PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Rotary International for its more than 109 years of service.

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

District Governor Tulsi was presented this proclamation by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. He thanked the Board for its time and the proclamation declaring February 23, 2014 as World Rotary Day.

Mr. Tulsi stated the Rotary is celebrating 109 years of humanitarian service and he is very happy that Hunterdon County is declaring International World Rotary Day and recognizing Rotary International, as it has spent nearly \$2 billion around the world trying to promote humanitarian causes around the world. There are 42 rotary clubs in the Central New Jersey District and he is very proud to be a part of this community.

District Governor Tulsi thanked the past District Governor, Megan Jones-Holt, for her efforts in trying to eradicate polio.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one in the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

FOR DISCUSSION – tabled until March 04, 2014.

To discuss a Service and Occupancy Agreement for a County structure.

PURCHASING

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27027, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)DD, with Queues Enforth Development, for software maintenance, for Emergency Services, in the Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$51,393.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/18/14-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27036, using State Contract #A-70256, with Dell, for maintenance of Emergency Services equipment, in the Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$48,676.32.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-22, for County Route 579 (Section I) and County Route 614 (Section II) at Hickory Super-elevated Curve Resurfacing at County Route 614 (Section III) Situated in Alexandria and Union Townships, to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$369,399.81.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 02/18/14-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the extension of County Bid #2012-23, to conduct Hazardous Waste Clean Up Days, with MXI Environmental Services (Maumee Express Inc.), for a second year, in an amount not to exceed \$56,697.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works provided the Board with an update on County road and bridge projects:

- County Route 513, from Frenchtown Borough to Alexandria Township, the intersection of 519, will be the 2014 New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fund project. The surveying is 95% complete. The grant application is on today's agenda for approval.
- A meeting is being scheduled with Somerset County to work out details for the Inter-County agreement for County Route 637, Readington Road in Readington Township and in Branchburg Township in Somerset County.
- County Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road in Clinton Township, preliminary plans were received and comments were sent to the consultant for revisions.
- County Bridges K-110/K-111, in Kingwood Township, the RFP is complete and a short list of consultants has been prepared and sent to Purchasing.
- Inter-County Bridge L-26-W on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township and Mansfield Township, in Warren and Hunterdon Counties, the consultant is preparing a permit application for NJDEP.
- Inter-County Bridge T-36-S, on Black River Road, in Tewksbury Township and Bedminster Township in Somerset County, the contractor has submitted shop drawings to begin construction in the Spring.
- County Culvert FU-5, on Route 513-Pittstown-Clinton Road, in Franklin and Union Townships, is an in-house project; the application for NJDEP is 30% complete.

- County Culvert HA-11, on Sweet Hollow Road, in Alexandria and Holland Township, is complete except for the relocation of a pole when weather permits.
- The Communications (Emergency Services Building) parking area; roadway improvements are being incorporated into the project; the design is 20% complete.
- County Route 519 (Warren Glen Hill) Safety Improvement; the Green Acres Application has been submitted; verbal comments have been received back. The Right-of-Way documents were received and reviewed and revisions are necessary and that has been sent to the consultant.
- County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township, the truss delivery is expected on March 05, 2014 and the Buy American Certifications have been submitted to NJDOT for approval.
- County Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Township; the final plans and specifications and the Engineer's estimate was submitted to NJDOT and comments have been received; revisions have already been made.
- County Route 513, Exit 15, on Interstate 78, a meeting is being scheduled with Local Aid; major access for DOT; traffic signal and safety engineering; and the Engineering Office.
- County Bridge RQ-179, in Raritan and Readington Townships, the Buy American Certifications were sent to NJDOT for approval.
- Intersection Improvements for County Routes 600/612, the utilities have been notified of the project for this Spring; a highway access for the detour is being applied for through NJDOT.

Mr. Mathews advised positive comments have been received on the way the County's Road Division has handled the storms this past winter. He commended the employees on their actions as many have gone above and beyond what has been asked of them to insure the public's safety on the roadways.

Director Holt explained this amount of snow received this past season, was more than double what has been received in the past; last year the County received lower than the average. He concurred with Mr. Mathews that the snow removal crews have done a great job in terms of removal and timeliness and effectiveness.

Director Holt asked Mr. Mathews to make sure all involved are aware of the Freeholder Board's appreciation.

Director Holt recognized Brayden Fahey, Emergency Management Coordinator, and stated the Board has received positive comments on the work that has been done at the Office of Emergency Management and recognized those that do the work saying it is appreciated.

Director Holt thanked the County's entire staff for the work they have done during the storms.

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."

Check #145578 and #17116 were held at this time.

Item #14 was held at this time.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 18, 2014, minus check #144578 and #17116.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve check #144578 and #17116.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rebecca Lunger, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Division of Public Health, Public Safety and Health Services Department, increase in hours.

See Page 02/18/14-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Greg Vaccarino appointed provisional, part time Public Health Inspector, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 02/18/14-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carol Dvoor appointed full time, unclassified Director of Housing, Division of Housing, Department of Human Services.

See Page 02/18/14-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Longevity payments for employees covered under the AFSCME bargaining agreement.

See Page 02/18/14-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salary and longevity payment for the employee covered under the Superior Officers bargaining agreement (FOP #94), in the Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Longevity for unclassified employees in the County.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Longevity payments for employees covered under the CWA Supervisory bargaining agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Longevity payments for employees covered under the CWA Non-Supervisory bargaining unit.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Longevity for employees covered under the Division of Corrections bargaining agreement (FOP Lodge #133).

See Page 02/18/14-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Sorrentino appointed on an as needed basis, as a Fire School Instructor (Level 1), in the Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Dziminski appointed on an as needed basis, as a Fire School Instructor (Level 2), in the Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Badini appointed permanent, full time Family Service Supervisor, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Francis Veneziale appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 02/18/14-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for County Bid #2014-03, for Structural Steel and for County Bid #2014-04, for Steel Beam Guide Rail.

See Page 02/18/14-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving state contract #14APKC, with the State Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$38,037, to administer the Personal Assistance Services Program.

See Page 02/18/14-4L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging that legislation be drafted, introduced and passed extending the "cap" for police and fire contract disputes.

See Page 02/18/14-4M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Robert Wise to the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

See Page 02/18/14-4N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Nancy Brown to the Mental Health Board.

See Page 02/18/14-4O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Nicole Sautner to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction.

See Page 02/18/14-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Clerk and the Board of Elections be permitted to utilize the Hunterdon County Democrat for public and legal notices in accordance with Title 19.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Braydon Fahey as unclassified, full time County Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

Mr. Walton stated the Freeholders are approving a new term for Braydon Fahey as the County's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Fahey has done a fantastic job for the County, especially through the most recent storms. He is dedicated to the office and Brayden has universal respect amongst his peers and emergency departments.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded these:

See Page 02/18/14-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2014 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Appropriations Award from the Juvenile Justice Commission, amount of \$282,056.

See Page 02/18/14-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application from the State Department of Community Affairs, in the amount of \$1,706, to support the county welfare agency's administration of the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program.

See Page 02/18/14-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for participation in the Medical Reserve Corps, for Capacity Building Awards grant, in the amount of \$3,500.

See Page 02/18/14-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subcontract for the 2014 Subregional Transportation Program with the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., in the amount of \$51,904 and a County Match of \$12,976, (total amount of \$64,880).

See Page 02/18/14-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for the Resurfacing, Reconstruction and Storm Water Safety Improvements, to County Route 513, in Alexandria Township and Frenchtown Borough.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request has been received from Girls on the Run, asking permission to use the County's Main Street parking area, the Court Street Park and the steps at the Historic Court House, on Sunday, June 01, 2014, starting at 3:30 p.m. for registration until the end of the awards ceremony. Also seeking permission for the placement of port-a-johns and the use of electricity. 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 and the Division of Parks and Recreation, of the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

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

Correspondence was received from Thomas Jones, requesting permission to provide a memorial bench in honor of his father, to be placed where directed by the Parks and Recreation Division of Hunterdon County. Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this is coordinated through the County's Division of Parks and Recreation, of the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no reports/comments from the Board at this time.

Director Holt recognized Robert Shore of the Flemington Business Improvement District, who is in the audience.

Director Holt recognized Sheriff Fred Brown who had no comments for the Board this evening.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Terry Wright, Reporter for the Hunterdon County Democrat questioned the Board regarding the County's official newspapers which were named during the Reorganization meeting. The Hunterdon County Democrat was not named as one of the official newspapers but today, two County Offices are allowed to use the Democrat for public and legal notices.

Director Holt explained this is a cost cutting measure and is also done in order to meeting the requirement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

There being no further comments or questions from the press or public, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board