

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

July 01, 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 announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 02, 2014, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 07/01/14-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the human Services Division of Housing.

**See Page 07/01/14-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss medical examiner services negotiations.

**See Page 07/01/14-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an update regarding litigation entitled: Browne/Pasqua vs. Hunterdon County.

**See Page 07/01/14-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of the Pelio property in Lebanon Township.

**See Page 07/01/14-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of the Lauber property in Holland Township.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m., recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened 5:30 p.m.

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

#### Taxes

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident questioned if all tax rates will be remaining flat.

Director Holt advised after taking with the County's Tax Administrator today, Mr. Porto, as soon as the budgets are adopted and the state aid numbers come in, which should occur shortly, Mr. Porto will be able to finalize all the tax rates.

Director Holt confirmed for Ms. Stewart that he does not have any anticipated numbers since he does not know what the state aid numbers will look at or the property evaluation numbers will be.

Director Holt advised he previously said the tax levy should stay flat and it is actually going down as is the budget.

#### Union Hotel

Ms. Stewart is aware the County has been approached to participate in the financial aspects of the redevelopment of the Union Hotel in Flemington Borough. She asked what the County is considering.

Director Holt informed Ms. Stewart that there is no consideration by the County at this time. The County has unofficially been approached to contribute to the Hotel and the answer back was no, the County would not contribute to it but the Board was open to any suggestions that might help move the project along; however the largest responsibility would fall upon Flemington Borough.

Mr. Lanza stated in the event that such an item comes before this Board, whether it is informal or formal, he will recuse himself because at one point he represented a couple of the redevelopers who currently are the owners of the Hotel, so he will have no part in any brainstorming or consideration or discussion concerning the Union Hotel.

Mr. Lanza has already informed the Freeholder Director after being elected, that in the event that any item concerning the Union Hotel came before the Board he would remove himself from the dais and recuse himself from any consideration.

Director Holt confirmed this Board does not have any type of option in front of it, at this time, for the Union Hotel project. The Freeholders believe the Union Hotel is an important icon in Hunterdon County but until such time as there is something concrete before the Board on how it might participate, there is no discussion.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – POLYTECH MEMBERS ORDINANCE**

Director Holt opened the public hearing for County Ordinance No. 2014-01, to increase the number of members on the Polytech Board (Hunterdon County Vocational School Board District). This Ordinance was introduced two weeks ago and has been published in the newspaper.

Mr. King passed on some comments from Dr. Kim Metz, the Superintendent of Polytech, who apologizes for unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Metz wanted to state for the public record, her appreciation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their support and interest in the County Polytech Board of Education, and though their current Board members possess a wealth of knowledge, that adding additional Board members will only strengthen and enhance the Polytech Board of Education. Dr. Metz appreciates the Freeholder Board's desire to do what is best for Polytech.

Director Holt explained this ordinance allows the Hunterdon County Vocational Board of Education (Polytech) to expand from four (4) members to six (6) members. He noted the Board must be balanced among party affiliations. The Polytech Board members are nominated by the Director of the Freeholder Board at any given years, when vacancies occur, with the consent of the governing body.

There being no further comments or questions, from the press or public, Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-2A**

**COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Ordinance No. 2014-01, amending the number of members on the Polytech (Hunterdon County Vocational School Board District).

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

#### **FINANCE**

##### **Public Hearing continued**

Director Holt reported to those present, that the County Budget was introduced at a special meeting on May 28, 2014, with the public hearing opened the public hearing for the budget opened on June 17, 2014, and today is the continuation of that public hearing. Approval has been received from the State of New Jersey for the County to adopt the budget.

Director Holt asked for comments or questions from the public or press on the County's budget at this time.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to close the public hearing on the County Budget.

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

Freeholder Walton stated this budget is balanced because of two reasons; one being deferred changes/capital improvement investment; every year the Freeholder Board sets aside millions of dollars for capital improvement projects. Past Boards have been so good in setting aside that money; that this Board is setting aside \$1.2 million less than in years past which will be used to offset new spending and much of that is state mandated, which is out of the County's control.

Mr. Walton advised in years past the County paid \$4.6 million in debt payments and this year, the County will pay \$3.2 million in dept. The CAP money that was banked in 2011, 2012 and 2013, will allow the County to roll that savings into new spending and that is how this budget is being balanced.

Mr. Walton has reviewed the past budgets and he does not feel they were characterized fairly. The Freeholders have created a lot of good and substantive policy issues from renegotiating the LINK contract to bringing County Counsel in-house, to bring Public Health Nursing in-house; to bringing the Health Division into the Department of Public Safety; from bringing the Parks Division into the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management; and this has saved anywhere from \$125,000 a year to \$250,000 a year. Those savings are substantive and they are real and they are in large part the reason the County can keep the budgets flat for four/five years in a row.

Mr. Walton sat through the budgets for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; and in 2009, he sat through the budget sessions as a member of the public; and department heads have always been a part of the budget process. The tone this year is much better and he appreciates the new Board members; also the Freeholders have always leaned on its department heads to develop their budgets.

Mr. Walton stated the County's Finance staff this year, have done a fantastic job in putting this budget together. These individuals worked in very difficult circumstances, more difficult than in years past and they deserve much credit.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-3A** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the County Budget be read by title only.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Hunterdon County Budget.

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

Director Holt explained when the state sent the County its approval for the 2014 budget; it also sent a few modifications they require in how the County puts the numbers in specific categories, so the budget needs to be amended in order to be put in place.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-3B** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the amendment to the 2014 County Budget.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-3C** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Library Tax for 2014, in the amount of \$6,015,000.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-3D** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the tax for Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation, in the amount of \$6,238,334.33.

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

Director Holt advised that the capital and bond ordinances introduced at the last Freeholder Meeting are on tonight's agenda for public hearing and adoption. He will read each ordinance by title and if anyone should have any questions on any of the ordinances, please identify the ordinance you wish to talk about and it will be done. The ordinances will be voted on individually.

Director Holt opened the public hearing on the Capital and Bond Ordinances, reading each ordinance by title.

Director Holt explained this will fund the capital accounts for various items but in order for any purchasing to occur out of these ordinances they must come back before the Board for approval.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident questioned what work still has to be done at Heron Glen Golf Course.

Director Holt explained that bunker repairs need to be done. He assured those present that the golf course does make money and that a 10 year study on the course is currently in the works.

Ms. Stewart questioned the amount for the purchase of vehicles.

Director Holt explained to Ms. Stewart that the County has a Fleet Management Committee that evaluates the County's vehicle fleet and makes recommendations to the Board.

There being no further comments or questions with regard to the ordinances, Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4A**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 01-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF HEAVY PUBLIC WORKS MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS FOR THE COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES AND VEHICLE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$475,000.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4B**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 02-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4C**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 03-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$137,296.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4D**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 04-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY PARKS FACILITIES, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$265,000.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4E**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 05-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000.00.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4F**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 06-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$734,300.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4G**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 07-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADES TO RADIO EQUIPMENT AND TOWER SITES FOR THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-4H**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 08-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$203,300.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5A**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 09-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPANSION OF THE ROUTE 12 BRIDGE SHOP, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5B**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 10-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY GOLF COURSE FACILITIES, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$103,700.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5C**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 11-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER EQUIPMENT BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$132,854.00.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5D**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 12-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOSED CIRCUIT VIDEO, REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS WORK SURFACES AND FURNITURE, DOOR ALARM RENOVATION AND COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY UPGRADES AT THE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$42,000.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5E**

**BOND ORDINANCE 13-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND STREETS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,700,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5F**

**BOND ORDINANCE 14-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS BRIDGES AND CULVERTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,250,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-5G**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE 15-14**

**INTRODUCTION**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON OF DEEDS EASEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND UNDER THE NEW JERSEY FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00.

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

Director Holt thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the budget together for the County.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-6A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Deed of Easement, from Charles and Lorraine Brown, Jr., Block 9, Lot 20.01 and Block 14, Lots 2 & 4, in Holland Township, estimated 126.882 acres, (SADC-\$456,775.20; County-\$114,193.80; Township-114,193.80), total amount of \$685,162.80.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-6B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Eleanor A. Hahola, Frank J. Hahola, Jr., Margaret M. Hahola and the Estate of Frank J. Hahola, Sr., known as Hahola South, Block 16, Lot 3, Alexandria Township, estimated 13 acres, (SADC-\$72,540; County-\$24,180; Township-\$24,180), total amount of \$120,900.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-6C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Eleanor A. Hahola, Frank J. Hahola, Jr., Margaret M. Hahola and the Estate of Frank J. Hahola, Sr., known as Hahola North, Block 11, Lot 12, Alexandria Township, estimated 46 acres, (SADC-\$232,300; County-\$74,750; Township-\$74,750), total amount of \$381,800.

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

**PURCHASING**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-6D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the award of County Bid #2014-07, for one 2015 Mack Granite Cab and Chassis MHD GU 533, to Brown's Hunterdon Mack Sales and Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,675.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-6E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-11, for the 2014 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program, to Trap Rock Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,221,219.08.

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

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

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

- Emergency Services Training Center (new area), the RFP for the consultant has been completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Agent.
- The existing Training Center, doors have been ordered and meetings have been taken place with the Public Works Director on other items at the center which need repairs. There has been a meeting with the vendor for the chalking work and the masonry work.
- Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Fire Alarm System, the vendor has completed the site review of the system and will be preparing the shop drawings. Once the shop drawings have been received and approved, then materials will be ordered.
- Route 31 County Complex, HVAC System, Buildings #2 and #3, authorization to bid will come before the Board at its July 15, 2014 meeting.
- Sidewalk Repair will also be on the July 15, 2014 meeting to be bid. This includes sidewalks at the Library Headquarters, Route 31, North Branch Library, and Justice Center.
- The bid for the Jail Grinders are being reviewed and will come before the Board for approval on July 15, 2014.
- Generators, a meeting has taken place with Roads and Bridges who will assist in trenching for the trench which will go from the Hazmat Building to the Traffic Maintenance Building, to get it online to generate power. The contractor has already ordered materials for that project.
- WIB space needs for a One-Stop, Mr. Maddox has advised the County's space is acceptable to the WIB. An agreement will need to be worked out between the WIB and the County for his space.

- Bridge Repair/Renovations, West Amwell Township, a meeting will be set up for the first two weeks of August, 2014, to get this established between the state and the County.

Director Holt asked for an update on County Route 519 Bridge, in Kingwood Township, which collapsed when an overweight truck tried to go over it.

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works reported it will take six months to a year to get the bridge open at a minimum.

**Added Item:**

**SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the closing of the Hunterdon County Transfer Station on Saturday, July 12, 2014, in order to make repairs to Compactor II.

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

Director Holt noted for those present that on the Consent Agenda this evening is the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer for the County. The Board is very happy to make this appointment and this individual will begin work next Tuesday and she will be formally introduced at the July 15, 2014 Freeholder Meeting.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 01, 2014.

**See Page 07/01/14-7A**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

**See Page 07/01/14-7B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Beth Schermerhorn appointed unclassified, full time Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department.

**See Page 07/01/14-7C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Alicia Dalrymple appointed permanent, full time Family Service Worker, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

**See Page 07/01/14-7D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Paul Approvato appointed unclassified, full time Detective, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 07/01/14-7E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Joseph Dolan appointed temporary, as needed Seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation of the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

**See Page 07/01/14-7F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Bradley Winfield, Detective, Prosecutor's Office, salary adjustment, graduated the academy.

**See Page 07/01/14-7G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Brock Rodenbough appointed temporary, as needed Seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

**See Page 07/01/14-7H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kevin Ritz appointed temporary, as needed Seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Dept.

**See Page 07/01/14-7I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Daniel Mahoney appointed temporary, as needed Seasonal Summer Camp Assistant, Division of Parks and Recreation, Land Use and Facilities Management Dept.

**See Page 07/01/14-7J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ralph Runge appointed full time, Assistant County Supervising Engineer, Engineering Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 07/01/14-8A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving appointments updating the County's Facilities Evaluation Committee.

See Page 07/01/14-8B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a three year agreement for a medical examiner, with Steven Diamond, D.O., Director of Pathology, effective July 01, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

See Page 07/01/14-8C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Service Agreement with the Student Conservation Association, (SCA), for trail improvements, at two County Parks, in the amount of \$40,436 (County-\$24,000; SCA-\$16,436).

See Page 07/01/14-8D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #3, for County Bid #2012-29, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge RQ-179, on Stanton Station Road over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Raritan and Readington Townships, with Interstate Contracting & Excavating, LLC, increase of \$46,090.77.

See Page 07/01/14-8E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Amending the resolution adopted on February 22, 2000 designating "Through Streets" and "Stop" Intersections, effecting County Route 601, in West Amwell Township.

See Page 07/01/14-8F

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Red Light permit for Gary Habelitz, Chief Medical Investigator, in the Medical Examiner's Office.

See Page 07/01/14-8G

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Red Light permit for Robert Kozarek, Death Investigator, in the Medical Examiner's Office.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the special session minutes of March 24, 2014.

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

Mr. Lanza was not present for the entire April 01, 2014 meeting and will abstain from the vote..

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of April 01, 2014.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 07/01/14-8H

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, for funding to assist families and individuals at risk of homelessness, who are ineligible for Work First New Jersey Emergency Assistance, in the amount of \$128,844.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 07/01/14-8I

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, implementing mosquito control activities in response to Superstorm Sandy under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, in the amount of \$33,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application with the New Jersey Department of Health, for a Social Services Block Grant, for the Hunterdon County LINC's agency, in the amount of \$25,000.

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



Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 07/01/14-9A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application with the New Jersey Department of Health for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in the amount of \$262,620 (state funds).

**See Page 07/01/14-9B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant application/subgrant award with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, for the Emergency Management Performance Grant, in the amount of \$110,000 (\$55,000 federal funds; \$55,000 County Match).

**See Page 07/01/14-9C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the 2014 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) grant contract, to support environmental inspections, enforcement and education, in the amount of \$23,000 (\$11,500 state funds; County Match \$11,500).

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 07/01/14-9D**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva research and acknowledging the dedication of Gary Whyte and his family to enlighten people on FOP.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from the Good News Home for Women, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss at the Intersection of County Route 523 and River Road, during their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Festival and Craft Fair, on Saturday, September 06, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

Correspondence was received from the Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Saturday, December 20, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the Intersection of County Route 519 and Bridge Street, in Milford. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

July 04, 2014

Freeholder Lagay wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July as we honor our nation's independence.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Mr. King reported the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is well underway with final meetings with executive committee being done over the past week. CEDS is now at the consultant drafting documentation by the executive committee before it is made public sometime in September or October.

School Districts

Mr. Walton reported there are now 3 less school districts in Hunterdon County, New Jersey today. He hopes the other 23 municipalities in Hunterdon County follow that lead. This is a great step toward saving property tax dollars and improving efficiency.

Equalization Table/Tax

Mr. Walton advised the County has received from the Department of Treasury, the Equalization Table and Hunterdon County, which everyone says is the wealthiest County in the state, is really the 5<sup>th</sup> poorest county in New Jersey. The accumulative wealth of Hunterdon County is around \$20 billion in real property value. Our neighbor, Somerset County has 2.75 times the asset value that Hunterdon County has.

Budget

Director Holt again gave tremendous thanks to the County's staff; it has been an interesting six months in working on this budget. He appreciates all the staff's efforts.

Director Holt appreciates Mr. Walton's comments, having served with him for a number of years. There is a lot of good work being done and he feels the County is on a good path.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, questioned why the lights are on in front of the Main Street County Complex/Administration Building.

Director Holt asked Mr. Bell to look into the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board