

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

November 18, 2014

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session at 4:30 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

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 November 13, 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 11/18/14-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations for a potential acquisition regarding the Silva property.

See Page 11/18/14-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on the Workforce Investment Board.

See Page 11/18/14-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss payroll contract negotiations.

See Page 11/18/14-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Department of Finance.

See Page 11/18/14-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss backfilling a position of Confidential Aide in the Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

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 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:14 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE /Harrie E. Copeland III/former Freeholder

Deputy Director King asked those present to observe a moment of silence in honor of Harrie E. Copeland III. Hunterdon County has lost a thread in the fabric of its community with Harrie's passing. The Freeholders were unanimous in their appearance at the celebration of his life and so were thousands of people from the community. It was an impressive joining of the different people that Harrie has touched in his life and the contributions he's made to the community.

Deputy Director King stated his heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Cheryl, and her family.

Maud Dahme

Deputy Director King recognized Maud Dahme for her work in Holocaust education. Ms. Dahme was recently elected to the New Jersey Hall of Fame, this past Thursday. Ms. Dahme was a Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey at one time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, asked what Dr. Ronald Frank does for the County to serve as the Medical Director for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

Ms. Sachau asked what a Prosecutor's Agent does, which is under the Consent Agenda.

George Wagner, Chief of Staff, explained under the Local Core Capacity Grant for Public Health to have a medical director to guide the staff; this includes not only the health officer but the medical staff which includes nurses in the public health preparedness efforts. Dr. Frank is the person who will lead this as the medical director. The grant is provided by the state and it reimburses the County for the cost of Dr. Frank and other staff.

Deputy Director King informed Ms. Suchau that the Prosecutor's Agent does whatever the Prosecutor instructs them to do. He offered to get the specific job description if desired.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 11/18/14-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the submittal of the Califon Borough And High Bridge Borough Chapters of the Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan to the NJDEP.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 11/18/14-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a temporary license agreement for the Silva Estate for use of the County driveway and to accept and record the Deed from the Hunterdon Land Trust upon closing to add the Silva Estate property to the County land inventory.

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

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."

Check #'s 17415 and 17417 were held at this time.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 18, 2014, minus check #'s 17415 and 17417.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #17415 in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 18, 2014.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #17417 in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 18, 2014.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 07, 2014 and October 21, 2014.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 11/18/14-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Enea Brotzam appointed full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 11/18/14-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Deirdre Cardenas appointed part time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 11/18/14-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edward Filipiski appointed when and as needed, Instructor, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 11/18/14-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Salaries for the unclassified staff of the Prosecutor's Office, in accordance with the Prosecutor's budget for 2014.

See Page 11/18/14-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michelle Nodes appointed Assistant County Counsel, Department of Human Services.

See Page 11/18/14-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Heather Fike appointed unclassified, full time Confidential Clerk, Human Services Department.

See Page 11/18/14-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Shane Johnson appointed temporary, as needed Accounting Intern, Finance Department.

See Page 11/18/14-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for Bid #2012-28, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge F-45, on White Bridge Road, in Franklin Township, over the Capoolong Creek, to Kalagridis Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$23,720.89.

See Page 11/18/14-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for Bid #2013-08, for the Bunker Renovations at Heron Glen Golf Course, to Earthworks, Inc., in the amount of \$21,756.58.

See Page 11/18/14-3H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a joint funding agreement with the US Department of the Interior, for the annual maintenance of the Neshanic River Gauge, as required by the County's Water Allocation Permit for the golf course, in the amount of \$1,700.

See Page 11/18/14-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the discharge of mortgage from Julia Fritchman, mortgage paid in full.

See Page 11/18/14-3J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Dr. Ronald Frank, to serve as medical director through the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LCCPHEP) Grant, for the Division of Health of the Department of Public Safety and Health Services, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

See Page 11/18/14-3K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract with the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, for administering the Personal Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$34,233.

See Page 11/18/14-3L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification with Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc., to extend the agreement through December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$14,040.

See Page 11/18/14-3M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the merger of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Parks Advisory Board.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Nicholas Anthony Pizzuti for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Tracey Costanzo, CEA, requesting permission to place port-a-johns in the Main Street County Complex parking area, during the Turkey Trot, on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2014. 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.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Animal Control

Mr. Walton reported that a feeler was sent to all municipalities in Hunterdon County regarding animal control services and responses were received from twelve; nine were positive and three had additional questions. Mr. Walton feels the County should try doing the shared services for animal control services.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion authorizing the County's Purchasing Agent to move forward in preparing bids for Animal Control Services.

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

School Consolidation

Deputy Director King reported that he and Mr. Walton had an opportunity to testify before the State Committee on Public Schools, which took place at South Hunterdon Regional High School, the site of the only consolidation in the last 19 years in the State of New Jersey. They spoke second on the agenda, which is an honor, to the point of school consolidation and the activities they felt were appropriate for Hunterdon County and to advise what the Freeholder Board is offering to do, in order to stimulate that opportunity, being the County would match funds for feasibility studies.

Economic Development

Deputy Director King announced he had an opportunity to join with the Partnership for Action which is a combination between the State EDA, the Business Action Center and Choose New Jersey, which was a Economic Development Summit in New Brunswick last Friday. Economic Development personnel attended from every County except for 3, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon. The point of the summit was to explain the types of opportunities available for economic development activity at various County levels, offered by the State and the type of work the State is trying to do to attract business in New Jersey.

Transportation Trust Fund

Deputy Director King reported on Thursday, he will be at the League of Municipalities in order to testify before the Transportation Committee. That opportunity supports the position of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) on the renewal of the Transportation Trust Fund but also to discuss specific issues endemic to Hunterdon County. He will express Hunterdon County's concerns with diminishing grant monies and diminishing amounts for local aid with respect to roads and bridges.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Deputy Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Transportation Trust Fund

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, asked what will be testified to regarding the Transportation Trust Fund, saying that account was raided for other purposes?

Deputy Director King advised he will be speaking to the issue that the Transportation Trust Fund should be continued and that counties and municipalities should be allocated \$300 million annually as opposed to \$175 million as was done in the past.

Animal Control

Ms. Suchau asked Freeholder Walton which municipalities agreed to animal control services and which had questions.

Mr. Walton listed those municipalities for Ms. Suchau.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director King adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board