

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

October 21, 2014

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session at 4:01 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 January 02, 2014, to the Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, the Express Times and HCNNews (online), newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 10/21/14-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a litigation update.

**See Page 10/21/14-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss WIB negotiations.

**See Page 10/21/14-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the Finance Department.

**See Page 10/21/14-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the Human Services Department.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m., recessed at 5:25 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**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident questioned the Board why hired a full time Executive Director for Cultural and Heritage and not a part time person, as the former was. The pension and benefits for a full time person are substantial and a burden to the taxpayer. Bringing on new employees into the pension system and benefit system adds a lot to taxes. Ms. Suchau recommended the Board hire part time people and thus avoiding the extra debt for pensions and benefits.

Director Holt stated this Board agrees with that statement and over the years, the County has gone from 650 plus employees to under 535. Also, full time was put into place for the Cultural and Heritage position because art funding from New Jersey hit a low in grant money, to about \$13,000. There is no way Hunterdon County should be receiving a minimum of \$13,000 for arts from the State of New Jersey. To increase state funding levels, a commitment has to be made to Cultural and Heritage and arts and the hiring of a full time person will result in offsetting grants for a greater arts arena in Hunterdon County.

Andrea Bonnet, East Amwell Township resident, asked the Board about the pipeline at its October 07, 2014 meeting in Lambertville and the Board was seeking what municipalities were doing. At this time, the Townships of Holland, Delaware and West Amwell have adopted resolutions against the pipeline. All municipalities that the pipeline will pass through have adopted resolutions against it. Ms. Bonnet hopes that the Freeholder Board will have some leadership on this and hold a public discussion. Does Hunterdon County need the huge amount of damage that the pipeline will cause from property values, to the environment and to the Delaware River. Ms. Bonnet hopes this matter will be on the Freeholders' agenda soon.

Director Holt advised Hunterdon County has received one resolution at this time and he believes the other municipalities are drafting their resolutions and the County has asked for copies of their adopted resolutions. The Freeholders have been working with its Assembly members to put

forward a letter to PennEast Pipeline, to hold them to their commitment to each municipality for public meetings for public input because it is important for municipal leaders in those municipalities and the public to be able to express their opinions on their own turf.

Ms. Suchau advised the Board that many people feel the arts should be privately funded and it isn't an essential service like roads, bridges and sewer systems.

Kim Metz thanked Freeholder King for allowing her to be a part of the Polytech Board's selection process.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident reported to the Board that at the last Planning Board meeting the Ringoes Village Study was discussed. There was a survey of the residents of East Amwell Village about things they would like to see that would involve cooperation by the County of Hunterdon's Department of Roads and Bridges for traffic calming techniques to reduce traffic at the intersections of John Ringo Road and Old York Road. She asked the Board to be open to working with the community and the township.

#### **Polytech Update**

Dr. Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent came before the Board and introduced Brooke Paul, who is a recipient of the 2014 Scholarship Program Award from the NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties) Foundation and the Investors Bank Foundation.

Miss Paul is a 2014 graduate of Voorhees High School who graduated from Hunterdon County Polytech where she earned six college credits at RVCC (Raritan Valley Community College) while studying Baking and Pastry Arts.

John Donnadio, Esquire, NJAC Director, thanked Investors Bank and PSE&G for their contributions towards the scholarships given to each of New Jersey's 21 counties for vocational recognition.

Deputy Freeholder Director, John King and Mr. Donnadio presented Ms. Paul with a check for \$500 made out to RVCC and a Certificate of Accomplishment recognizing her Scholarship Award.

#### **FINANCE**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-2A**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting Local Government Services to insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the 2014 Body Armor Replacement Fund, in the amount of \$8,585.51.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-2B**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting Local Government Services to insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the 2014 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) grant, in the amount of \$11,500.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-2C**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting Local Government Services to insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Veterans Transportation Program, in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-2D**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting Local Government Services to insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$44,551.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-2E**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting Local Government Services to insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Transportation Block Grant TANF, in the amount of \$33,768.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the cancellation of a grant receivable and Reserve, for the 2008 Area Plan Grant receivable in the amount of \$53,882 and the 2008 Area Plan Grant reserve in the amount of \$53,882.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the cancellation of a grant receivable and Reserve, for the 2009 Area Plan Grant receivable in the amount of \$30,076 and the 2009 Area Plan Grant reserve in the amount of \$30,076.

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

**PURCHASING**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #County.Clerk.1650, using N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)L, with Sky Printing, for ballots, for the County Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$60,436.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 10/21/14-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-19, for snow and ice control materials, for Rock Salt, to Atlantic Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$612,000.

**See Page 10/21/14-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-19, for snow and ice control materials, for Calcium Chloride Solution, to Peckham Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$29,344.

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

**ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE**

Thomas Mathews, Director of Public Works updated the Board on various County roads and bridges.

- Currently under construction is the Surface Treatment and Resurfacing project with a portion of County Route 518 left, which should be paved tomorrow.
- County Bridges K-110/K-111, which collapsed. The consultant will be receiving final construction plans in November.
- InterCounty Bridge T-36-S, with Somerset County, on Black River Road, in Tewksbury Township, will be opened before October 31, 2014.
- Bridge T-132, is an in-house project on Mountain Road, in Tewksbury Township, was a rebuilt of a stone arch, is now finished and has been opened. It was completed 5 weeks ahead of schedule. The residents, historians and town council are thrilled with the bridge.
- A kickoff meeting will be held on November 14, 2014, for the 2015 local lead funded projects at NJTPA. The projects include the Bloomsbury Railroad Bridge on County Route 579; the Exit 15 Interchange with I-78 improvements; improvements to the Warren Glen Hill on County Route 519; and safety improvements to County Route 651.

Mr. Mathews reported he is looking into purchasing pretreatment equipment to pretreat the road when snow and ice comes to the County. Hopefully that will cut down the amount of salt used on the roads and it will also cut down on the overtime.

Freeholder Lanza congratulated Mr. Mathews on the great job done on the Raven Rock-Rosement Road bridge. Both Freeholder Lanza and King attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, reopening of the bridge this past Friday. The bridge is beautiful and the residents are pleased.

Mr. Mathews thanked the Board and stated he will pass the comments onto the men who worked on the bridge.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE**

Tabled for additional information – the application for the construction of a farmhouse on Block 42, Lot 4, (Blew property), in Franklin Township.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-4A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the acquisition of a development easement from Eleanor Hahola, Frank Hahola and Margaret Hahola, at Block 11, Lot 12, in Alexandria Township, consisting of 42.315 acres, (SADC - \$213,690.75, County - \$68,761.88, Township - \$68,761.87), total amount of \$351,214.50.

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL Update**

Tadhg Rainey, Health Division Director and Freeholder Robert Walton came before the Board to provide an update regarding the matter of animal control in the County.

Mr. Walton advised several months ago a discussion was held to explore Animal Control Services as a shared service with municipalities taking on that function. If the County takes this on, there may not be a lot of cost savings but it is believed there will be some administrative efficiencies. Bids were returned for animal control services from vendors. Mr. Walton would like to write the municipalities and inform them of the approximate price for these services and inform them the County will be able to offer more services than they are currently contracting for. While the price may not be lower, this would make it administratively easier for the municipalities. If a critical amount of municipalities buy-in, then the County would take control.

Mr. Rainey stated meetings have been held with George Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services, John Davenport, Purchasing Agent, Freeholder Walton and himself regarding animal control services. Purchasing put out a Scope of Services for Animal Control Services to get a sense of what the market was.

Mr. Rainey stated what is being proposed to the municipalities is for the County to provide a fairly inclusive package for Animal Control Services. The challenge the towns have had, is they hire an Animal Control Officers and then there are a lot of add-ons which increases their costs.

Mr. Rainey feels once the County knows how many municipalities are interested, next year the County would have training costs to help manage the program; bring some individuals on board to help manage the program; and there may be some overtime for Animal Control Officers meeting afterhours and weekend needs.

Mr. Walton confirmed with Mr. Rainey that the County's current staff would be receiving the extra training, not new staff.

Mr. Rainey feels the County would train people to be Animal Control Officers and get their license.

Mr. Rainey will draft a letter to the municipalities and run it past the Board before sending it, advising them the County is going to go out to bid for Animal Control Services, and they should advise the County by November 14, 2014, if there is interest in the program. Once the bids are received the County will inform the municipalities what the price will be. Once the loose ends of put together, this program could be able to start on January 01, 2015.

After further discussion, Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion authorizing Mr. Rainey to meet with Mr. Wagner and put together a letter to send to the municipalities to determine if there is an interest in the County taking over Animal Control Services. The Board directed Mr. Rainey to also telephone the municipalities regarding their interest.

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

Mr. King thanked Mr. Walton for his perseverance because this discussion started three or four years ago.

**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 #147242 was held at this time.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 21, 2014, minus Check #147242.

**See Page 10/21/14-4A**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2014, August 05, 2014 and August 19, 2014.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 10/21/14-5A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the contractual 2% increase in the 2014 County Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers' Cooperative Extension, cost shall not exceed \$69,923.

**See Page 10/21/14-5B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the plans and specifications for the Resurfacing, Realignment and Drainage Improvements for County Route 513, in Frenchtown Borough and Alexandria Township.

**See Page 10/21/14-5C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with Millersville University of Pennsylvania for assistance in performing surveillance in connection with the County's Black Fly Control Program, in the amount of \$10,450.

**See Page 10/21/14-5D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a road opening in Hampton Borough, on an emergency basis, for the installation of gas service, on County Route 635, at 69 New Road.

**See Page 10/21/14-5E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the acceptance of a grant donation from Dr. Cindy Barter, to deliver prenatal transportation services, in the amount of \$9,400.

**See Page 10/21/14-5F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an amendment to the agreement with the Hunterdon County YMCA, for physical activity and education classes to Hunterdon's seniors, in an amount not to exceed \$5,847, for 2014.

**See Page 10/21/14-5G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a state contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division on Disability Services, in the amount of \$124,434, to provide Transportation services to the elderly, disabled, low-income and general public; along with a Public Donor Agreement with the County Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$31,109, as the County Match.

**See Page 10/21/14-5H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement modification, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Local Aid & Economic Development, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge D-300, on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road, in Delaware Township, increase of \$20,315.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve Check #147242 as listed on the Claims Register dated October 21, 2014.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 10/21/14-5I**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing November 2014, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, in Hunterdon County.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

**See Page 10/21/14-5J**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Luke Stuart Matthews for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

**See Page 10/21/14-5K**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Nash Christopher Hughes for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 10/21/14-6A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Subgrant Award, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$107,279 (\$85,823-Federal funds and a County Match of \$21,456).

**See Page 10/21/14-6B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Title IV-D Reimbursement Agreement, with the New Jersey Division of Family Development, in the amount of \$147,066.

**See Page 10/21/14-6C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an Area Plan Update, with the New Jersey Division on Aging Services, through the State's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE), in the amount of \$728,582 (\$335,864-State funds and \$392,719-Federal funds).

**See Page 10/21/14-6E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Universal Service Fund grant in the amount of \$1,129, with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, to perform administrative services to process all Universal Service Fund requests.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from Raymond Campeau, requesting permission to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> annual JerseyMan Triathlon, on various County Roads, (Spruce Run Area), as was done in the past, from 7:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident questioned the Board on the resolution regarding the black fly control program and if the contract could be restricted to New Jersey vendors instead of going to Pennsylvania. Also, could the State Department of Mosquito Control be any help with this situation?

Director Holt asked Mr. Rainey to report on this issue.

Mr. Rainey reported that black fly experts are very hard to find. No one in the State of New Jersey does this type of work anyone. The gentleman that did this work has retired. Millersville University has a person who is specialized in this type of work.

Mr. Rainey stated that years ago Hunterdon County did ask the State of New Jersey for assistance with the Black Fly Program and at that time, the state had no interest.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident asked if there is any information on what the costs would be to the various municipalities interested in the County providing animal control services.

Mr. Walton expects animal control to be cost neutral for the municipalities.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board