

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**December 15, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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 06, 2015, 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**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 12/15/15-1A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Economic Development Director position update.

**See Page 12/15/15-1B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Payroll Administrator update.

**See Page 12/15/15-1C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an appointment to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (LACADA).

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

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

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

## **COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-02, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director King opened the public hearing on County Ordinance #2015-02, amending the Land Development Standards of the County to eliminate fees for Subdivision and Site Plan reviews.

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

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

Mr. Walton informed the Board that he prefers not to eliminate these fees and become more dependent on the property tax. If the County is going to remove \$8,000 worth of revenue he would like to see the County lower property taxes by that amount, rather than take it from people who are consuming extra government they would not otherwise consume.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 12/01/15-1D**

**COUNTY ORDINANCE #2015-02**

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

## **FINANCE**

Janet Previte, County Finance Officer, came before the Board regarding the 2014 County Audit, prepared by Wiss. An exit conference was held and was attended by two Freeholders, as well as the County's Chief of Staff, George F. Wagner. The auditor believes the County is in good shape going forward and stated a lot of improvements have been made.

Director King is encouraged by the findings of the audit which came at a time when the County was going through some significant changes in its financial systems; as well as, the Finance Department. According to the evidence in the audit, the County has stabilized items in the budget that were put forth in 2014.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to receive the 2014 County Audit.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See page 12/15/15-2A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Acknowledging compliance (Group Affidavit) with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services for the 2014 Audit.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See page 12/15/15-2B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Corrective Action as listed in the 2014 County Audit.

Ms. Previte commented that the single audit for 2014 should be presented by Wiss sometime in January.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-2C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget, for the FFY2015 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), in the amount of \$100,000.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-2D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget, for the FY16 Local Arts Program (State Council on Arts), in the amount of \$66,464.00.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-2E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget, for the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$500.

Mr. Walton does not feel the federal government should be involved in items like this. This is a program for senior citizens who are low income, to be able to receive (Shop) at farmers' markets. He is all for providing assistance to the elderly poor, but he is not sure why the federal government is targeting farmers markets.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-2F RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget, for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), in the amount of \$82,461.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the cancellation of a grant receivable in the amount of \$55,000 and a grant reserve in the amount of \$55,000, for the 2012 FEMA Performance Grant.

Ms. Previte commented that the cancellation is because the grant was inserted the budget in 2012 in error.

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

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE**

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Development Easement for Zander 1 property, Block 22, Lot 26, in Alexandria Township, consisting of 26.3173 acres, (SADC-\$121,059.58; County-\$36,844.22; Township-\$36,844.22), for a total of \$194,748.02.

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

**PURCHASING**

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of Bid #2015-28 to Gabrielli Kenworth of New Jersey, to Furnish and Deliver One 2015 Kenworth K3 Series COE Medium Duty Chassis with a Flatbed Body, in an amount not to exceed \$101, 630.00.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of Bid #2015-30 to Storr Tractor Company, to Furnish and Deliver Various Golf Course Maintenance Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$103,565.00.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the extension of Bid #2014-31 to Henderson Products, Inc., for an additional four (4) Patrol Wing Plows at the fixed 2014 price of \$13,662 per unit, with a not to exceed amount of \$54,648.00 (using 2015 Capital #C-04-55-1501-062).

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Tom Mathews, Director of the Department of Public Works approached the board to provide an update on the following items:

**Roads:**

- County Route 512, in Califon Borough, paving is complete and the crosswalk installation and punch list items remain.

**Bridges:**

- Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township is an entire bridge replacement; the bridge was closed on August 17, 2015. Paving to commence this week with the anticipate reopening around the first of the year after guiderail is installed.
- Bridges K-110 and K-111, on County Route 519, in Kingwood Township, construction of north abutment for steel truss is complete; construction of south abutment has begun; the project is slightly behind schedule.

**In-House Projects:**

- Installation of the brine system is complete; there is approximately 10,000 gallons of brine ready for application.

**Parking Lots:**

- Communications Parking Lot is substantially complete with punch list items remaining.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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."

Items held: Check #152012 and 17899.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 15, 2015, absent checks #15012 and #17899.

**See Page 12/15/15-4A**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the minute of November 04, 2015.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 12/15/15-4B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Stephen Betancourt be appointed full time, permanent Road Repairer 1, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

**See Page 12/15/15-4C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Daniel Titen appointed full time Sheriff's Investigator, Sheriff's Office.

**See Page 12/15/15-4D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jason Lawrence appointed full time, permanent Road Repairer 1, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

**See Page 12/15/15-4E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Michael Pierman be hereby appointed full time, permanent Road Repairer 1, in the Division of Roads and Bridges, of the Department of Public Works.

**See Page 12/15/15-4F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Bradley Myhre appointed full time, unclassified Director of Human Resources, Department of Administration.

**See Page 12/15/15-4G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the transfer of employees to the Sheriff's Office from the Division of Corrections.

**See Page 12/15/15-4H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #1, for Bid #2014-12, with Aussie Painting Corp., for the 2014 Painting of Bridges: D-325, U-20, L-30, W-18, R-170 and T-65, various municipalities, for a decrease of \$8,268.10.

**See Page 12/15/15-4I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Cultural and Heritage's Commission administration of the Local Art Program grant awards for 2016, in the amount of \$66,464.00.

**See Page 12/15/15-4J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a renewal agreement with Express Scripts, effective January 01, 2016.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve Check #152012 as listed on the Claims Register dated December 15, 2015.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #17899 as listed on the Claims Register dated December 15, 2015.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-5A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a subgrant award for the Victim Assistance Project/Victims of Crime Act, #V-10 14, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$103,076.00, for the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-5B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Contract Agreement #16AHKC with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency for the provision of \$73,742.00 State funding; and a Public Donor Agreement for state contract #16AHKC (\$15,405.00 in cash match funds, and \$2,485 in in-kind funds as the County match requirement).

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 12/15/15-5C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an Agreement between The New Jersey Transit Corporation and the County of Hunterdon for Senior Citizens Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funding, in the amount of \$351,472.00, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 12/15/15-5D**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Michael Gambino, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 55, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**See Page 12/15/15-5E**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Robert Tomechok, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 55, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director and Deputy Director Recognition

Mr. Holt commented thanked Director King and Deputy Director Lagay for their work this year. The County has continued to improve under their leadership.

Mr. Holt also thanked the County's staff who has worked in concert with the Board to get much work done.

Mr. Lanza and Ms. Lagay echoed Mr. Holt's sentiments.

Director King wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and noted it has been a privilege to serve as the Director.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments or questions from the press or public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by:

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Denise B. Doolan, CLERK

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Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk