

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 02/17/15-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a new grant through NJ Transit for Section 5311 with regard to the LINK.

See Page 02/17/15-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss extending a financial accounting services contract.

See Page 02/17/15-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss land acquisition in connection with the reconstruction of County Routes 637/620.

See Page 02/17/15-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a personnel report from the County's Chief of Staff.

See Page 02/17/15-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Human Services Advisory Council and the Mental Health Board.

See Page 02/17/15-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update concerning the Finance Office.

See Page 02/17/15-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Human Services Department update.

See Page 02/17/15-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA Supervisor longevity.

See Page 02/17/15-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the position of Deputy Freeholder Board Clerk.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 5:17 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Director King asked Veronica Ball, 8 years old, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-1I PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Designating the third week of March, 2015, as Horticulture Therapy Week, in Hunterdon County.

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

Director King recognized Laura DePrado, (HTR), *Horticultural Therapist Registered*, with Final Touch Landscaping, LLC. presenting her with a copy of the Proclamation.

Director King/Aspen Ice Skating Rink

Director King acknowledged the large group of residents present; he complimented everyone who organized so quickly and in such a concise way. He was stunned when he went on the Facebook site, immediately after he found out about it, and he was number 17049 on likes. Director King is under the impression, that so many people are here this evening, because they read his comment stating you are more than welcome to come to the Freeholder Board meeting for public comment and he would try to find out information on this matter.

Director King has found out that the business of the rink is not in failure; the business of the rink is a division between the owners on whether they want to continue to operate this rink; as well another rink. The rink itself is profitable and it would be a tremendous business opportunity and is being marketed as such. The owner of the facility is adamantly pursuing private investment for people who want to own the business. The owner is very optimistic, as he has already had several conversations and there are several meetings to be scheduled.

Director King feels the free market will take care of this. This rink has been a business in Raritan Township for around ten years. Prior to the rink opening in that location, the location was empty for approximately 15 years after the tennis organizations moved out. Director King feels this business will be assumed as a private enterprise. It may become a two rink facility which is what it was originally built for. The current equipment could provide for around 70% of that capacity in its current form.

Director King advised he has learned more about ice rinks today and it was all good. He had an enthusiastic conversation with the owners of the facility. He knows there are at least two meetings on the table before the end of this week with perspective investors and buyers.

Director King informed those present that they are doing the right thing by supporting the rink and show people it is important to you; make sure the schools remain involved because it is their rink also.

Director King opened the meeting to those wishing to address the Board on this matter.

Several members of the public addressed the Board questioning, if a private investor does not take over the rink would the County consider being part of - or being a solution to this matter.

Director King advised it is unlikely that the County would purchase a private facility and operate a rink within it. This is a very viable business opportunity and he expects it will be short lived. The business is not scheduled to close until the end of March 2015 so it allows a little time for things to happen.

Director King confirmed the County is not going to eagerly pursue purchasing a private business. The County is at best, real estate owners and therefore property is leased out for the public good.

Many residents asked the Board to consider what Woodbridge Township has done because this type of facility is a big money maker for their county.

Director King explained the County is not qualified to run such a facility but it should be a great business for someone else.

Director King advised when he was Raritan Township's Mayor he spoke with the people at Raritan Towne Square for a long time about establishing a rink there. While they were interested the costs to create a rink were great.

Director King feels the free market should be allowed to look into this right now.

The residents questioned what the County can do in order to not allow this rink to go away; suggesting the County lease the property and allow someone else run the business, in order to save the rink.

Director King stated this is a profitable business and while the County is interested in keeping the rink open, the County cannot run it. He is close to the people who own the property and there are a number of aspects to this matter that he is personally connected to. Director King also wants to see the rink survive and he plans to try to make that happen in a way that is appropriate for County government to do.

Jack Laurence, a second grader from Three Bridges, in Hunterdon County, came before the Board and read a letter asking for the Freeholders help in keeping the ice rink open.

Freeholder Lanza addressed those present stating he has known some of those present this evening for a long time and he doesn't take their comments or passions lightly. He appreciates they have taken the time to come to tonight's meeting to express their concerns. Mr. Lanza explained this Board has to be careful, especially while there are active negotiations going on for the purchase of this business and/or to take over this lease. The Freeholders could complicate those negotiations if the County started discussing what it may or may not do. It is premature at this point, because there are active interests from private parties to purchase this business or to take over the lease. While he understands the urgency and the points being made this evening, and the complication from the dais is that the minute the County lays down markers as to what can be done, it complicates the negotiations and it could put a thumb on the scale for one of the

other parties where a deal maybe close and if the County says anything, it could be scuttled and the County has no interest in doing that. Mr. Lanza feels it is premature from the County's point of view as something could be done privately, shortly.

Director King feels the County would be irresponsible now to make any statement, one way or another. He truly supports a free market solution. He is very optimistic because this is a good business.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, explained that when the Mad River Glen ski business was being sold, the people who wanted to save it; got together and made a consortium and sold shares to keep the business going. Now, these people have an interest in that facility forever.

Director King promised those present that the County will keep an eye on this and he will give this his best effort as he knows a couple of the players.

Francis Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident support the ice rink. She stated there is a business model in Hunterdon County for County owned recreational facilities that are run and managed by third parties, and that is Heron Glen golf Course. There might be land or something that might be worth looking into to see if this facility or it there is land that the County owns would be viable.

Director King responded by saying the County cannot purchase private property for the purpose for establishing a business. He explained that Heron Glen was not a private property issue; it was an Open Space acquisition with Green Acres money and it is open space parkland being utilized to that effect by law. The golf course was voted on by referendum by the taxpayers.

Director King will help as much as he can but he will make sure that the County does not interfere but he would like to be part of the conversations that are going on.

Director King thanked everyone for coming out this evening and expressing their views.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments or questions from the press or public at this time.

FINANCE

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-3A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stating compliance with Local Government Services for the 2013 County Audit and authorizing its submission to the State.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-3B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a revised Temporary Budget.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-3C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-23, for Home Health Services (Certified and Non-Certified), to Anita's Angels, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-3D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-26, for 2015 Hazardous Waste Clean Up Days, to Radiac Research Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$86,496.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2014-33, for Improvements to the 314 Route 12 Tower, to Procomm Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$119,400.

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Item #1, for the Jacobson property was pulled at this time.

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement from Associated Tree Movers, Inc., Block 15, Lot 27, in Alexandria Twp., estimated 47.694 acres, (SADC - \$236,555; County – \$75,697.60; Township - \$75,697.60), total of \$387,950.20.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-4C

CAPITAL ORDINANCE #15-14 (corrected)

INTRODUCTION, Corrected Capital Ordinance #15-14, for Farmland Preservation. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

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

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Tom Mathews, Director of the Department of Public Works, came before the Board to provide an update of various County road and bridge projects.

- Bids will be received on February 19, 2015 for County Route 513, from Frenchtown Borough to Alexandria Township.
- County Route 579, from Pittstown to County Route 614 in Alexandria and Union Township, will be done with 2015 funding, the preliminary design has begun.
- Final plans are being done for Bridges K-110/K-111, in Kingwood Township. A letter has been received from the State advising \$1.3 million will be given to Hunterdon County for the bridge work.
- Bridge L-69, on Newport Road, in Lebanon Township is undergoing a stone arch reconstruction and will be closed for 10 to 12 weeks. The work is being done in-house.
- The Intersection of Routes 600/612, will have turning lanes into the hospital and reconstruction of the culvert. The road should be closed around March 16th.

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."

Checks #148522 and 17500 were held at this time.

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 17, 2015, minus Checks #148522 and 17500.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #148522 in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 17, 2015.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #17500 in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 17, 2015.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the reorganization minutes of January 06, 2015.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 02/17/15-5A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Laura Adamcik appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Beam appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brandon Cooper appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeanie Franzo appointed temporary, as needed Instructor (Zumba), Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services Division, Human Services Department.

See Page 02/17/15-5E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Zachary Hutchins appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeanna Mack appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paul Oceanak appointed full time, Construction Inspector, Engineering Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 02/17/15-5H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bradley Polizzi appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Andrew Spitzer appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Swaney appointed full time, Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Emergency Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health.

See Page 02/17/15-5K RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christie Visokay appointed full time, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Public Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 02/17/15-5L RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Storm appointed full time, Senior Library Assistant, Library.

See Page 02/17/15-5M RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a revised resolution for longevity for unclassified employees.

See Page 02/17/15-5N RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a revised resolution for CWA Non-Supervisory salaries for those covered under the bargaining agreement.

See Page 02/17/15-5O RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a fee for Park Ranger after normal working hours at Park Rental Properties.

See Page 02/17/15-5P RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Master Services Agreement with the State for the Hunterdon County Justice Center.

See Page 02/17/15-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the professional engineering services agreement with Malick and Scherer for the Bridge Scour Countermeasure Design and Permitting Design program, at various locations in the County, increase of \$8,000.

See Page 02/17/15-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for County Bid #2015-06, for Maintenance and Repair Materials.

See Page 02/17/15-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Miguel Mendez to the Hunterdon County Human Services Advisory Council.

See Page 02/17/15-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Robert Sussna to the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

See Page 02/17/15-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the professional legal services agreement with Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs, LLC, through March 31, 2015, increase of \$16,000.

See Page 02/17/15-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the creation and appointments to an Advertising Standards Committee, to review and approve advertisements to be used on LINK Vehicles; appointments Jennifer Shore, Human Services Administrator, Robert Walton, Freeholder and David McDaid of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 02/17/15-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the specifications for the South County Park Drainage and Septic System project and authorizing the County's Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids.

See Page 02/17/15-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edward Hayden appointed full time, unclassified Confidential Aide, Finance Office.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Hunterdon County Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan and authorizing its transmittal to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving State Contract #15APKC, with the New Jersey State Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, to administer the Personal Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$38,037.30.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving State Contract #15AHKC, with the New Jersey State Department of Human Services Dept., to ensure the operation of HSAC; a component of the Child Assault Prevention Program; and a component of the County funded School Based Initiative Program (Behavioral Health), in the amount of \$73,742; along with a Public Donor Agreement in the amount of \$17,890 with a County Match of \$2,485.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving 2014 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Spending Plan, for the Solid and Hazardous Waste Program, in the amount of \$114,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 02/17/15-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting a one year extension to the 2009 Recycling Entitlement Act Grant.

See Page 02/17/15-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting a one year extension to the 2010 Recycling Entitlement Act Grant.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/17/15-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant award for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team (SANE/SART), in the amount of \$71,031 (\$56,825-State funds and a County Match of \$14,206).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Library Commission, asking for a fee waiver at the South County Park during the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library Annual Book Sale. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission to waive the fee for use of the South County Park during the annual Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Walton reported that the County continues to work on the budget for 2015.

Mr. Walton advised a meeting has taken place with the architect for the new Emergency Services Training Academy.

Ms. Lagay reported that the County's Economic Development Strategy is a process that is ongoing.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

John Anderson, JCP&L representative, informed the Board that a PSI class will be held at Raritan Valley Community College shortly. There are currently 20 jobs needed to be filled and over 300 people attended the outreach at RVCC.

Director King directed Mr. Anderson to reach out to the County's Polytech Superintendent, Dr. Kim Metz and inform her of this class.

Mr. Anderson advised at the next Shade Tree Commission meeting to be held at Echo Hill Preserve, there will be discussion on the County's trees and yellow bacteria scorch.

Mr. Anderson stated Arbor Day is just around the corner and seedling will be made available.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board