

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
July 21, 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: MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON
ABSENT: MR. KING

Deputy Director Lagay 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, the HCNews and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 7/21/15-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a CWA settlement.

See Page 7/21/15-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Payroll Administrator position in Finance.

See Page 7/21/15-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a position in the Division of Health Services

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Freeholder Director, Suzanne Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, commented about questions not being entertained during public comment.

Mr. Walton left the dais to recuse himself at 5:33 p.m.

John Anderson, Jersey Central Power & Light Representative, provided an update to the Board regarding the automated Critical Care and Customer List. This is a program that serves customers who ask to be on JCP&L's radar as being a well-water customer or someone who is on oxygen, for example. The automation process used to be manual and was sent out through the municipalities. There is no guarantee that customers with critical issues will be granted an expedition on having their power restored during an outage; but it does allow for JCP&L to prioritize that customer if possible. JCP&L does not want anyone to have a false sense of security that because they are on that list, their power will come back sooner. This list is most useful for police departments and the local officials, so that in the event of a storm, they know who is in their area with a special need.

Mr. Walton returned to the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Mike Plescher came before the Board regarding the PennEast Pipeline matter; stating he owns a preserved farm and the county owns his deed of easement. He stated that in January, TransCo sued approximately six other preserved farms in Hunterdon County using FERCs eminent domain rule to get their rights of way. Each of those properties is like his farm. FERC is able to get this land and use it for other than agricultural purposes. He mentioned an online article on NJ.com where they showed all of the pipes in place and the ditches being dug on the Buffalo Farm in Readington Township, in Hunterdon County and Mr. Plescher does not think that is permissible and that the Federal Courts should have to issue some sort of decision that FERC or TransCo can do that legally.

Deputy Director Lagay questioned what Mr. Plescher is asking of the Board.

Mr. Plescher advised he has filed a complaint with the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board (CADB) but they will not hear it. He has been unable to get on the CADB's agenda to present his comments.

Shana Taylor, County Counsel stated that the CADB is not the venue to present those comments, and that Mr. Plescher was told by the Planning Division that he is welcome to come speak in public comment but there is no venue for his concern within the County, the venue is with FERC.

Ms. Lagay referred Mr. Plescher to FERC.

FINANCE

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the 2016 Subregional Transportation Planning Grant, in the amount of \$71,010.

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement with KJA Holdings, LLC, c/o John Alexis, for Block 25, Lot 34, in Holland Township, (SADC-\$352,836; County-\$117,612; Township-\$117,612), total amount of \$588,060.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application with the Tewksbury Land Trust, for Block 27, Lot 96, estimated 14.3 acres, (Weber Acquisition), in the amount of \$38,650 and a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application with the Raritan Headwaters Association, in the amount of \$38,650, for a total amount of \$77,300.

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

Mr. Lanza moved, and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and a Grant Agreement with Readington Township for Block 94, Lot 19, (Readington-Little Hills Farm), consisting of 81.9810 acres, (SADC-\$590,263.20; County-\$196,754.40; Township-\$196,754.40), total amount of \$983,772.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Lanza moved, and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2015-15, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridges K-110 and K-111, on County Route 519, in Kingwood Township, to Tony & Son Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,974,516.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-2f

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2015-21, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements for County Route 512, in Califon Borough, to Tilcon New York, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$748,375.80.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, approached the Board to provide an update on various road and bridge projects.

- County Route 513 from Frenchtown to Everittstown, the project is substantially complete and punch list items are being addressed.
- Resurfacing and surface treatment of various county roads: the contractor, Trap Rock Industries will begin work this week on County Road 579 in Pittstown which is to be milled and paved.
- County Road 512 from County Route 513 to the Tewksbury Line; construction will begin the first week of August and that will include milling and replacing with some drainage improvements.
- Bridge K-110/K-111 on County Road 519 in Kingwood Township; construction will begin the first week of September with a tentative completion date of April 1, 2016.
- Culvert Q-101 on Cherryville-Stanton Road in Raritan Township is being done in-house, and is approximately 60% complete with masonry wall replacement.
- Culvert R-10 on Halls Mill Road in Readington Township; the deck has been replaced with concrete panels and paving of the deck is commencing today; the culvert should be replaced by the end of next week.
- County Route 600/612, (HMC Intersection), in Raritan Township; the precast box culvert has been replaced and construction of the wing walls is commencing. This project is expected to take 5-6 months but construction is moving along and it may be done in three months.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Director Lagay 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 #150423.

Pulled from the Agenda - Resolutions #16 and 17.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 21, 2015, minus Check #150423.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of June 16, 2015 and July 07, 2015.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 7/21/15-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, David Culley appointed full time, unclassified Assistant Prosecutor, County Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 7/21/15-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Skripko appointed full time, unclassified employee, in the Board of Elections.

See Page 7/21/15-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Establishing salaries for employees covered under the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, for 2015.

See Page 7/21/15-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Ohler appointed full time, Senior Construction Inspector, Engineering Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 7/21/15-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Stem appointed full time, Senior Construction Inspector, Engineering Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 7/21/15-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving 2013, 2014 and 2015 salaries for Kris Saharic, Sheriff's Officers' Collective Bargaining Unit, #94.

See Page 7/21/15-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Samantha Fraenkel appointed temporary, as needed Seasonal Laborer, Buildings and Maintenance Division, Administrative Services Department.

See Page 7/21/15-4B

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 7/21/15-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marisa Zervopoulos appointed temporary, as needed, in the Finance Department.

See Page 7/21/15-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stephen Schiraldi appointed full time, Mechanic, Division of Vehicle Services, Administrative Services Department.

See Page 7/21/15-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kathleen Connors appointed full time, Administrative Secretary, Library.

See Page 7/21/15-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Gonzalez appointed full time, Road Repairer 2, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 7/21/15-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bryan Manning appointed full time, Road Repairer 2, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 7/21/15-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Maureen Tinley appointed full time, Human Services Specialist 3, Social Services Division, Department of Human Services.

See Page 7/21/15-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tiffany Horn, part time Library Assistant, Library, hours increased to 24 per week.

See Page 7/21/15-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donna Patullo, part time Library Assistant, Library, hours increased to 24 per week.

See Page 7/21/15-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Maryjean Bakaletz, part time Library Assistant, Library, hours increased to 24 per week.

See Page 7/21/15-4L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marianne Sievers, part time Library Assistant, Library, hours increased to 24 per week.

See Page 7/21/15-4M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Federal Change Order #5, for County Bid #2012-25, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge D-300, on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road, in Delaware Township, with Rencor, Inc., decrease of \$4,198.

See Page 7/21/15-4N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Federal Change Order #2, for County Bid #2013-22 (revised), for Little York Road, County Route 579, Section 1 and County Route 614, Sections II and III, in Alexandria and Union Townships, with Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, in the increased amount of \$1,446.12.

See Page 7/21/15-4O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Art Show Waiver, for the Cultural and Heritage Commission, with Robert Sussna, exhibit to take place immediately through December 31, 2015.

See Page 7/21/15-4P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for Septic Construction and Drainage Improvements for the South County Park, Block 8.02, Lot 25.01, in East Amwell Township.

See Page 7/21/15-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Walter Dudzinski to the Hunterdon County Mental Health Board.

See Page 7/21/15-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Kelly, Trinity and Farsiou, LLC, to provide special legal counsel through March 31, 2016, amount not to exceed \$40,000.

See Page 7/21/15-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving State Change Order #4, for County Bid #2014-14, for the Reconstruction of Bridge E-174, on Route 602, over a tributary of the Back Brook, in East Amwell Township, with Konkus Corp; increase of \$11,500.

See Page 7/21/15-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an extension to the RFP #0033-2015, to provide a 24 hour emergency shelter response program, in an effort to address homelessness, with Hunterdon Helpline, for the period of July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in the amount of \$10,500.

See Page 7/21/15-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement to Convey with the Calvary Bible Church of North Branch, in connection with the Reconstruction of County Route 637/620 to Harlan School Road, in Readington and Branchburg Townships, in the amount of \$313.

See Page 7/21/15-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement to Convey with Steven and Karen Richards, in connection with the Reconstruction of County Route 637/620 to Harlan School Road, in Readington and Branchburg Townships, in the amount of \$500.

See Page 7/21/15-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Temporary Construction Easement with Steven and Karen Richards, in connection with the Reconstruction of County Route 637/620 to Harlan School Road, in Readington and Branchburg Townships, in the amount of \$500.

See Page 7/21/15-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the revision of County Policy #2007-02, for In-Kind Services and Equipment Loaning.

See Page 7/21/15-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Vaccaro appointed full time unclassified Assistant Prosecutor, Office of the County Prosecutor.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #150423 in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 21, 2015.

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Lanza moved, and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 7/21/15-5J

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, in the County.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Amwell Valley Fire Company, requesting permission to close a portion of County Route 602 (Wertsville Road), for their 17th Annual Harvest Fest, on Saturday, September 12, 2015/rain date September 13, 2015), from 3:20 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. 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, MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY.
(ABSENT) MR. KING.

A request was received from the East Whitehouse Fire Department, Inc., asking permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, July 25, 2015/rain date July 26, 2015, at the intersection of County Route 523 and Route 22. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Deputy Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau questioned why on the Claims Register there are bills for bottled water purchases and asked if the water in the County's Buildings are not suitable for drinking.

Ms. Suchau questioned a check to the Hunterdon County 4-H Agricultural group; as well as a check to the Historical Society in Lambertville.

Tim Norton, Hunterdon County Corrections' Officer, asked for an update on the jail situation.

Mr. Holt commented that Director King is absent and he would have the most information on this issue. Mr. Holt noted that Director King will be back for the August 04, 2015 meeting, and there should be an update then.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Eagle Scout Project at Emergency Services Building

Mr. Walton noted that Ryan Unkert, the Eagle Scout who did his project at the Emergency Services/Communications building in Cherryville, will be having his ceremony on August 15, 2015, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Lagay commented it's a beautiful oblesque and should be a moving ceremony.

Mr. Holt mentioned when he was the Director, Freeholder King ran a meeting in his absence and noted it was the quickest meeting in Freeholder history; so tonight, as he promised Director King, he would like to make sure that record is not beaten.

Mr. Holt reported that the first of the "On the Road" CEDS (County Economic Development Strategy) municipal presentations took place on July 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The presentation lasted about thirty minutes and the question and answer period lasted roughly another thirty minutes. The meeting was very positive. The purpose of the CEDS' meetings is to demonstrate where and how the County is moving forward with its CEDs program.

Mr. Walton recommended that future CEDS presentations be better advertised, as he was not aware of the time or location and when he went to website, it was not listed.

Mr. Holt will make sure all notices are posted on the County's Webpage.

Ms. Lagay noted that the next Freeholder meeting will be held at the Raritan Township municipal Buildings, on Tuesday, August 04, 2015.

There being no further business before the board, Deputy Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed By:

Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk