

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

June 16, 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.

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, the HCNews 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. Walton seconded these:

See Page 6/16/15-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a Chief of Staff update.

See Page 6/16/15-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update regarding Board of Election pay structure and compressed scheduling.

See Page 6/16/15-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on FOP 94 contract settlement.

See Page 6/16/15-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Tax Administrator position and compensation.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m., recessed at 4:55 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENT

Director King announced that the next Freeholder meeting, will be held in Tewksbury Township, on July 07, 2015, at 60 Water Street, Mountainville Section, Lebanon, New Jersey. He encouraged everyone attend and noted that it's his birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King opened the meeting to public comment.

Barbara Suchau, resident of Raritan Township questioned the Board about an item on the Consent Agenda for PM Consultants and why a firm so far away from Hunterdon County was chosen. She asked if traveling time and costs incurred may impact the cost of the contract. Ms. Suchau questioned why a local firm cannot be hired.

Director King explained the County has an existing relationship with this firm. The County has chosen other local companies for other County projects.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Director King recognized the Master Gardeners of Hunterdon County. He presented the proclamation to the group: Robert Mickel, Rutgers' Department Head; Rebecca Magron, Home Horticultural Consultant; and Master Gardeners: Olga Trimmer, Irene Fabin and Peggy Groah,

Director King commented that not many people know of the Master Gardener Program and what the Master Gardeners contribute to the community. All 21 Counties in New Jersey have a Master Gardener program, and Hunterdon County is certainly proud of their efforts. The Master Gardeners support residents with outreach programs, horticultural education, and garden clubs. To become a Master Gardener, one must complete an intensive training program; as well as seventy volunteer hours and fifty helpline hours. The Master Gardener Helpline assists gardeners with issues such as soil testing, recommendations on plants and suggestions for deer-resistant plants.

Ms. Magron reported that Hunterdon's Master Gardeners also do garden therapy at Anderson House; they have a Garden Club for people with disabilities at the Meadows; they participate at Hunterdon Central Regional High School working with special education students. Hunterdon's Master Gardeners are also involved in the Rutgers Rotary, community events and agricultural research. In the last year the Master Gardeners successfully ran standalone program for Hunterdon County residents. The Master Gardeners provide over 10,000 volunteer hours at a worth of \$270,000 to the County.

Mr. Mickel stated that Hunterdon's Master Gardeners are the County's best kept secret. He noted that the newest class will start in the fall and will graduate in the spring.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2A PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Rutgers' Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners in Hunterdon.

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

Director King presented Mr. Mickel and Ms. Magran, as well as the volunteer Master Gardeners' present with a Proclamation.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2B PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Christopher J. Phelan on being honored with the Boy Scouts of America's 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2C PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Randall Simerson for 50 years of service on the Whitehouse Fire Company.

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE, Sue Dziamara

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Donald H. and Jill H. Zander, for Block 22, Lot 26, (Zander Farm I), in Alexandria Township, estimated 27.81 acres, (SADC-\$127,926; County-\$38,934; Township-\$38,934); total amount of \$205,794.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Donald H. and Jill H. Zander, for Block 5, Lot 3, (Zander Farm II), in Kingwood Township, estimated 24.72 acres, (SADC-\$98,124; County-\$0; Township-\$0; ALE-\$98,400); total amount of \$196,524.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See page 6/16/15-2F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2015-13, for the Replacement of County Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road over the Prescott Brook, in Clinton Township, to Kalogridis Contracting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$647,338.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-2G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2015-19, for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment, to Trap Rock Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,638,125.86.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Quote #0023-2015, for a professional financial services agreement to assist in the preparation of indirect cost allocation plans, rates and statistical information for the year ended December 31, 2013; including assistance with the Welfare Agency Monetary Allowance and Title IV-D Request for Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Rent, to MAXIMUS Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$17,250.

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

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

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

- County Route 513 from Frenchtown to Everittstown, is one of the 2014 Transportation Fund Projects; the drainage is ninety percent complete.
- Resurfacing of various county roads, which was just approved today, will cover approximately 18.5 miles of county roads plus the North County Library parking lot. Construction is set to begin in early July 2015.
- County Bridges K-110-111, the collapsed bridge on Route 519, was advertised on June 11, 2015 and bids will be received on July 9, 2015.
- In-house projects: County Culvert Q-101 on Cherryville-Stanton Road, initially reported that it would start on June 8th, but Hunterdon Central School Transportation asked that this work be postponed until school is out; so work will start on Monday, June 22, 2015. This area has been monitored due to heavy rains. The area will be closed for about an 8-10 weeks and a detour will be posted.
- County 600 and 612 Intersection, (the Hunterdon Medical Center intersection) will be closed as of July 6, 2015, for about five to six months.

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 #14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 27 were held at this time.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of May 05, 2015.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 6/16/15-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Amanda Bourne appointed full time, Family Service Worker, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

See Page 6/16/15-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Earl Eichlin appointed unclassified, Assistant Road Supervisor, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 6/16/15-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Quick appointed temporary, Seasonal Lab Assistant, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 6/16/15-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Zoe Narvaez appointed temporary, Seasonal Lab Assistant, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 6/16/15-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Wayne Crans appointed temporary, Seasonal Inspector Mosquito Extermination, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 6/16/15-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ben Lazarus appointed temporary, Seasonal Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Land Use and Planning Services.

See Page 6/16/15-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Grace Montemuro appointed temporary, Seasonal Recreation Camp Leader, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Land Use and Planning Services.

See Page 6/16/15-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Isabel Esparza appointed temporary, Seasonal Recreation Camp Leader, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Land Use and Planning Services.

See Page 6/16/15-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lauren Lynn appointed temporary, Seasonal Recreation Camp Leader, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Land Use and Planning Services.

See Page 6/16/15-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Gruning appointed temporary, Seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 6/16/15-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carrie Muscatell, Senior Account Clerk, Social Services Division, Human Services Department, salary adjustment.

See Page 6/16/15-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving speed limits along County Route 579 (John Ringo Road and Trenton-Easton Road), in Delaware, East Amwell and Raritan Townships.

See Page 6/16/15-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with PM Consultants, LLC, for financial accounting services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

See Page 6/16/15-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with KBD Associates, LLC, to provide technical assistance to Public Health Nursing/Health Division Staff, as part of the Local Core Capacity grant for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

See Page 6/16/15-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving modification #2, for a Federal Aid Agreement, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge RQ-179, in Raritan and Readington Townships, increase of \$41,840.27 and an extension to February 17, 2016.

See Page 6/16/15-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with The Student Conservation Association, Inc., for parkland maintenance (six week period), at the Musconetcong Gorge Preserve and Cushetunk Mountain Preserve, at a cost of \$24,000.

See Page 6/16/15-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the cancellation of a mortgage under the Small Cities Rehabilitation Program, for Karkas, paid in full.

See Page 6/16/15-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services (#SH16010), to assist families and individuals at risk of homelessness and are eligible for Work First New Jersey (TANF, SSI or GA) Emergency Assistant, in the amount of \$128,844.

See Page 6/16/15-4L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a settlement agreement with Melissa Tulley.

See Page 6/16/15-4M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a settlement agreement with Carrie Muscatell.

See Page 6/16/15-4N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Josephine Glynn appointed full time, unclassified Confidential Assistant, Planning Services Division, Department of Land Use and Planning.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated June 16, 2015, with the exception of Check #'s 149905, 17653 and 149911.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve checks 149905, 17653, and 149911, in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 16, 2015.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 6/16/15-5A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Kelly, Trinity & Farsiou, LLC, as Labor Counsel.

See Page 6/16/15-5B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs, LLC, as Special Counsel.

See Page 6/16/15-5C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Mauro, Savo, Camerino, Grant and Schalk as Special Counsel.

See Page 6/16/15-5D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED. Approving the appointment of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer and Flaum, PC, as Special Counsel.

See Page 6/16/15-5E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Archer & Greiner, PC, as Bond Counsel.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve check 149911.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-5F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application with the Environmental Protection Department, to support the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), in the amount of \$11,000 (\$5,500-State funds; County Match \$5,500).

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-5G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with NJTransit for "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance", for 2016, in the amount of \$351,472.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 6/16/15-5H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with NJTransit for aid under Section 5311, for financing administration, capital and/or operating assistance, with a County Match of \$259,173.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Frenchtown Borough, asking permission to use/hire the County's LINK Bus service for their annual Bastille Day Fete, on Saturday, July 11, 2015, between 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., to shuttle visitors between two parking areas in Frenchtown and Milford. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Human Services.

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

Correspondence was received from the National Psoriasis Foundation, requesting permission to use a portion of County Route 579, for a cycling event on Saturday, August 15, 2015, between 6:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Lanza 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. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

A letter was received from the Bloomsbury Elementary School PTO, requesting permission to use portions of County Route 579, during their 4th annual 5K Run, on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Ms. Lagay 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) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

A request was received from the Delaware Valley Regional (DVR) Cheer Boosters, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Sunday, June 28, 2015 and September 27, 2015 (Alternate Dates: July 19 and October 11), between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Bridge Street; the intersection of County Route 519/619; and in front of the Milford Fire Co. Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Firefighter One Class Graduation

Mr. Walton informed the Board that a graduation ceremony will be held Firefighter One, with approximately 22 graduating. The ceremony will be held on July 01, 2015, at the Quakertown Hose Company. These graduates have been put through rigorous training, twice a week and all day on Sundays.

JCP&L/Storm Response

Mr. Lanza thanked JCP&L for their responsiveness during the previous night's storms, as 40% of his hometown, Lambertville, was without power for several hours. JCP&L was very responsive and kept elected officials and the public fully informed as to the situation. JCP&L set the expectations and immediately dispatched crews to the area with the outage being rectified within three hours.

Chair of Honor/Justice Center

Director King informed those present that the Chair of Honor ceremony at the Hunterdon County Justice Center last week, which was well attended and nicely covered by the press. While this was a solemn occasion, he continues to hear good comments about Hunterdon County's attention to veterans.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Suchau commented on discussion held behind closed doors regarding the Finance Office and PM Consulting.

Director King explained that while changes have been made in the Finance Office, assistance is still needed for the organization and this vendor has been assisting the County.

Ms. Suchau asked about the lawsuit regarding former Finance employees saying she has not heard an update on that situation.

Director King advised the County cannot comment on current litigation.

Terry Wright, Reporter for the Hunterdon County Democrat asked about the four different law firms that were hired and for what specific cases they are hired for.

Director King reported that the County has named a new Labor Counsel; Bond Counsel, and Special Counsel. Director King explained these firms are not currently working on any County projects but they are alerted that they can be called upon at any moment by County Counsel for work to be done on an as needed basis.

Francis Gavigan, resident of East Amwell Township, complimented the Board and the County's Public Works Director on the bridge work currently completed in East Amwell.

Lou Reiner, resident of Raritan Township complimented the Public Work's Department for the work done on the White Bridge Road and bridge.

Matt Walker from the County Jail questioned if the County will be closing the jail.

Director King advised there is no change at the jail at this time. The County is reviewing a variety of different options.

Mr. Walker also addressed the issue of staffing at the jail reporting that as of the next Friday, the Jail will be down eight officers. They were informed that there is a freeze, and they just want to know what is going on. He also asked about the civil service list, and asked if anyone would be hired on a provisional basis.

Director King advised he is unable to get into specifics at this time. He recently spoke with John Paulmeno, Correctional Administrator, regarding staffing. Director King told Mr. Walker he would keep them in the loop on this matter.

Mr. Walker stated the Correctional Officers are currently waiting for a contract to be approved; as are the Supervisors, which was agreed to back in February. He asked for a status update on the contract.

County Counsel, Shana Taylor, verified for the Board and Mr. Walker that the agreement is being worked on.

There being no additional business before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Doolan

Transcribed By:

Dana Gootman