

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Freeholders' Meeting Room

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

November 04, 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, HCNews and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 11/04/15-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an Engineer Position in the Public Works Department.

See Page 11/04/15-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Human Resources Director position.

See Page 11/04/15-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill administrative position in the Finance Department.

See Page 11/04/15-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Benefits Administrative position.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. and recessed at 5:18 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: MR. WALTON.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King opened the meeting to public.

Director King recognized Celeste Lane who has been working with the County's Park's Division.

Ms. Lane presented a project called "A Place for Everyone to Play" explaining it is similar to "Jake's Place".

Freeholder Walton entered the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Ms. Lane explained the park would be for returning veterans that want to play with their children. People will be able to use a wheelchair, cane or walker in the park allowing them the opportunity to play with their children. The Park would also allow others recovering from surgeries to have access to the park. Ms. Lane feels there is no need for children to be sitting at home when they should be interacting with other children. This will allow for proper exercise and therapy for children whose parents are veterans.

Ms. Lane further stated the park would be a good place for children with autism or ADD/ADHD or any learning disability. The whole park is wheelchair accessible. Darlene Tamarlight, who is the Braille instructor at Methany School, is teaching Ms. Lane braille so that a braille rail designed for the playground allowing those who are eyesight impaired to know if there is a slide or an activity that is available to them.

Ms. Lane informed the Board that she is not asking the County to build this park; she would raise money for its construction but stated it is hard to raise money if there is no support that the park will actually exist. Ms. Lane stated the park could fit on a quarter acre of County owned land at Deer Path Park.

Ms. Lane confirmed for Freeholder Holt that she has met with the Director of Parks and Recreation, Carol Bodder, who assisted in finding a location for the park.

Ms. Lane explained she will work with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements in order for this to be a special needs park.

Mr. Holt asked for understanding on the where the liability exists in terms of the day to day operations, as well as maintenance.

Mr. Walton advised the County Parks and Recreation Division has a staffer who is also a certified playground inspector; noting that playgrounds have to be inspected every year. This is something the County should be doing even though the County does not do active recreation. If every municipality had to build their own park for special needs children it would be burdensome, so it makes sense this park in the County.

Director King added that it is a nice public/private partnership.

Ms. Lagay confirmed for the Board that this park was discussed by the County's Parks and Open Space Committee and they stand behind it.

Director King asked County Counsel, Shana Taylor, the steps that need to be taken in order for the Freeholder Board to lend its support to the project.

Ms. Taylor explained the park would be considered a donation from the organization building it and the County would have to accept it.

Mr. Holt would like to see a one page sheet that outlines the specifics of the park and the impact to the County's current park system, including maintenance and liability. Conceptually he agrees with the park but feels it needs to be memorialized for the future.

Ms. Lane informed the Board she would like to hold an annual picnic fundraiser and clean-up day at the park to keep it in shape.

Ms. Lane advised a park like this in needed in Hunterdon County; over a "Jake's Place" schools with special needs children bus those students to the playground.

After further discussion, Director King instructed Ms. Taylor to put together an information sheet on the park. He asked Ms. Lane to work with Ms. Taylor regarding the maintenance obligations. Director King further stated the County would maintain the park.

Mr. Walton feels maintenance could be assisted by the Boy Scouts who volunteer their time and build projects on County land and the County does the upkeep.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion directing County staff to fully cooperate with the project, acceptance of the project and the liabilities and responsibilities of maintenance, and direct staff to prepare a formal resolution to ferret the explicit legalities in order for the Board to accept the park as a gift pending further legal review.

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

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township, commented on a meeting held on the golf course earlier in the week stating she believes this should have been open to the public.

FINANCE

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant, in the amount of \$70,000.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27858, using State Contract #A-83905, with ESS, Inc., for a microwave system for the Division of Emergency Services/Communications, in the Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$118,902.99.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-1A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.4054, using State Contract #A-83899, with New Jersey Business Systems, for Radio Communications Equipment and Service Term Contract; along with Microwave upgrade; for the Information Technology Division, in the amount of \$331,179.52.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2015-25, to furnish and deliver one (1) Electric Narrow Aisle S Class Reach Truck, with A.J. Jersey, for the Information Services Division, in the amount of \$51,470.

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

PROJECT UPDATE

Justice Center

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator came before the Board concerning a problem at the Justice Center. He explained the Hunterdon County Justice Center was completed and occupied in the late Spring of 1996. Various materials were used at the exterior, one of them cast stone for the horizontal parapet caps and at various vertical areas of the facade. The cap stone at the top of the parapet walls are spalling, cracking and crumbling in various areas.

Mr. Bell feels a partial cause could be that the cast stone was manufactured using a flawed ASTM industry standard specification written by the testing agency in the early 1990's. This was confirmed by three independent sources. The flaw was not discovered until years later; essentially moisture enters and migrates to the interior of the cap stone and activates the silica sand/cement particles, expanding the particles over time and eventually causing cracking. This process eventually leads to the failure of the unit.

Mr. Bell suggested the County immediately secure the worst case cap stones to prevent injury to the occupants and visitors to the building. He is also recommending a contract be entered into with a mason group to install netting along the parapet and secure the areas. He also suggested an agreement with Klein and Hoffman to review the conditions at the Justice Center, and make recommendations.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 11/04/15-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a contract with the Masonry Preservation Group, in the amount of \$16,900.00, to install netting along the parapet walls at the Justice Center, where there is failure.

See Page 11/04/15-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Award a professional services contract to Klein and Hoffman in the amount of \$10,700.00 to provide a Field Survey report including a review of the existing conditions; Condition Assessment Report and make recommendations on how to repair the areas.

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

Project Update:

- Emergency Services Training Center, a cost estimate has been prepared and received. Mr. Bell will review it in detail and report back to the Board on December 01, 2015.
- Route 31 HVAC System, the County is waiting on the cost estimate. Mr. Bell will be meeting with the Facilities Committee and report back to the Board.
- South County Park Septic and Drainage System, is in the pre-construction phase, a meeting was held, and a completion date will be available soon.
- The Jail, Mr. Bell met with warden and the recommendation is that Buildings and Maintenance staff will go through the jail and find out what systems need to be maintained. A list of items will be available by January 31, 2016.
- Generators, will be going out for quotes through Purchasing. A meeting is coming up with the FEMA representative in the near future, for Building #1 and the Library at the Route 12 County Complex.
- Everittstown Garage Salt Building, Mr. Bell will be working on this project now that the golf course project has gotten underway.
- South County Garage in Mt. Airy, drawings will be done in-house - this is similar to the addition that was done on the Everittstown Garage.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Grant Agreement and Deed of Easement for the Lambert Farm, LLC, on Block 3, Lot 16, in West Amwell Township, estimated 52.6410 acres, (SADC-\$356,905.98; County-\$118,968.66; Township \$118,968.66); total amount of \$594,843.30.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Grant Agreement and Deed of Easement for Hill and Dale Farm I, Block 38, Lot 1.04, in Tewksbury Township, consisting of 90.360 acres, (SADC-\$916,684.20; County-\$206,703.30; Township \$0; NJCF-\$404,419.50); total amount of \$1,527,807.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-01

INTRODUCTION, Approving an ordinance for the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation plan for the County. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 01, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Freeholders' Meeting Room.

Mr. Walton confirmed a copy of the plan was given to the Board.

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

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 #15135 and Resolution #4.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 04, 2015, with the removal of check #15153.

See Page 11/04/15-4C

CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 06, 2015.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 11/04/15-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Greg Vaccarino appointed full time, Public Health Investigator, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 11/04/15-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Strunk Albert Engineering, for the design of the wash bay and water reclaim system at the South County Garage, in an amount not to exceed \$13,100.

See Page 11/04/15-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving State Change Order #1, County Bid #2015-13, for the Replacement of Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road over Prescott Brook, in Clinton Township, with Kalogridis Contracting, LLC, decrease of \$25,200.

See Page 11/04/15-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with West Amwell Township to accept Culvert R-58, on Rocktown-Lambertville Road with the County compensating for reconstruction in the amount of \$16500. The County relinquishes all ownership, maintenance and jurisdictional control of R-58 to West Amwell Township.

See Page 11/04/15-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the solicitation of bids for County Bid #2015-031, to furnish and deliver a High Pressure Concrete Pump/Mixer or approved equivalent.

See Page 11/04/15-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the reconstruction of County Culvert FU-5, on Clinton-Pittstown Road (County Route 513), over the Capoolong Creek, in Franklin and Union Townships.

See Page 11/04/15-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the governments of the United States, New York and New Jersey to agree on a plan to fund the design, engineering and construction of the Gateway Project to shepherd the Gateway Trans-Hudson Tunnel project, and determine the funding strategy to design and build the project with all haste and expediency.

See Page 11/04/15-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2015-14, for the Deck Replacement on Bridge J-1, on County Route 512 (Main Street), in Califon Borough, with CMS Construction, decrease of \$38,526.75.

See Page 11/04/15-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a drainage easement for the Reconstruction of County Route 637/620 to Harlan School Road, with Ilias Dorziotis and Areti Manola, Block 57, Lot 11.02 in Readington and Branchburg Townships, in the amount of \$940.

See Page 11/04/15-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a drainage easement for the Reconstruction of County Route 637/620, with Calvary Bible Church of North Branch, Block 67, Lot 19.29, in Readington and Branchburg Townships, in the amount of \$284.

See Page 11/04/15-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of William Harclerode to the Hunterdon County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, three year term.

See Page 11/04/15-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kelly Daniels appointed full time, unclassified Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve Check #151535 in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 04, 2015.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 11/04/15-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a settlement agreement and mutual release with the CWA, Local 1036.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Samuel Fleming House Museum and Garden, a non-profit requesting permission to hold a Tricky Tray Fundraiser at the historic Court House, on Friday, December 04, 2015, to sustain the museum, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., with set up starting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Division of Buildings and Maintenance and they are made aware, there is no food allowed in the building.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Hunterdon County Business Expo

Ms. Lagay reported that on November 5 2015, the Hunterdon County Business Expo takes place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hunterdon Central Regional High School field house. A restaurant exhibition will be held in the evening which generates a few thousand attendees. The Expo has been in operation for twenty years and is a successful event. Ms. Lagay encouraged everyone to attend.

Elections

Mr. Lanza and Ms. Lagay congratulated their colleagues, Mr. Holt and Mr. King on their reelection yesterday, and expressed pleasure to be able to serve with them for another year.

Route 12 Complex

Mr. Walton reported he received an email last Friday with a picture of the Route 12 County Complex and he was informed it cost \$6,000 to update; there was a new desk, Hunterdon County decals, as well as paint and new curtains in the Assembly Room area and foyer. This is a time when the County should be cutting costs not spending. Mr. Walton suggested a cut in Division of Buildings and Maintenance's operating budget.

Ms. Lagay feels that the Route 12 County Complex is the face of the County and it has not been refurbished in many years and the actions by the employees in updating the foyer were appropriate. She confirmed with Mr. Bell that the Route 12 County Complex has been in existence since November 2000.

Director King commented that this was an opportunity where someone took initiative based on feedback they received and improved a piece of property; he thinks employees should be able to walk into a building and have pride in where they work. The condition of the County's buildings and grounds is the responsibility of the Buildings and Maintenance Division.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau spoke to an article in the paper that Freeholders cannot get free health insurance from the taxpayers because of a law. She asked if that law had been examined as it was an issue in another county.

Sheriff Fred Brown informed the Board that tomorrow is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day as directed by Governor Christie.

There being no further business before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Dana Gootman
Deputy Clerk of the Board