

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
71 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Freeholders' Meeting Room
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
October 06, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

"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. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 10/06/15-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Principal Account Clerk position in Finance.

See Page 10/06/15-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on the Human Resources Director position.

See Page 10/06/15-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Health Division review and salary adjustment requests.

See Page 10/06/15-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on CWA Supervisors.

See Page 10/06/15-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an Insurance Update.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m., recessed 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

Mr. Walton left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident stated the Outdoor Association of America did a study on popular activities and golf was very low on that list, after running, fishing, biking, camping and hiking. She does not agree with spending money on the golf course.

Stan Prater, JCP&L representative, reported on JCP&L's preparedness plan for Hurricane Joaquin and advised while there was wind and rain fortunately the hurricane went out to sea. He confirmed the public officials received all of the notifications that JCP&L proactively sent to the officials. Mr. Prater advised that JCP&L brought in people from all over the country in order to address the storm, just in case, it impacted New Jersey as originally predicted.

Director King commended JCP&L on their efforts and stated that over the years, he has experienced the range of storms that have hit New Jersey and noted that JCP&L's front end communication is exceptional. The preparedness messages are especially critical to residents because a lot of people do not think about the preparation aspect.

Mr. Prater reported that JCP&L will be holding another orientation for individuals interested in a lineman career. JCP&L has a partnership with Raritan Valley Community College for this education and orientation is November 17, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Director King thanked Mr. Prater for attending tonight's meeting to provide this course information.

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

FINANCE

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the cancellation of balances for certain Bond Ordinances in 2003 and 2006, in the amount of \$2,683,012.26; authorizing the transfer of the funded balance of said ordinances to capital surplus, in the amount of \$2,500,000 and to cancel the unfunded debt authorization.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for the 2015 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$260,422.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for the Senior Citizens & Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program, in the amount of \$341,016.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for the Help America Vote Act, in the amount of \$1,254.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for State Health Insurance Assistance Program, in the amount of \$28,000.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for 2015 Title XX Transportation Services, in the amount of \$124,434.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for Veterans Transportation, in the amount of \$15,000.

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

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

See Page 10/06/15-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for the 2015 County Environmental Act Grant, in the amount of \$5,500.

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

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

See Page 10/06/15-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2015 Budget for Public Health Preparedness, in the amount of \$264,597.

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

PURCHASING, John Davenport III

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #County.Clerk.1734, with Sky Printing, for ballots, for the County Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$65,000.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27791, using State Contract #A-83900, with PMC Associates, for base stations and repeaters, for the Communications/Emergency Services Division, in the amount of \$36,666.43.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27818, using State Contract #A83925, with CenturyLink, for Vesta 911 equipment, to replace the end of life Plant CML equipment, for the Division of Communications/ Emergency Services, in the amount of \$624,777.33.

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

Ms. Lagay moved, and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the rejection and re-evaluation of County Bid #2015-18, for HVAC Replacement for Buildings 2 and 3 at the Route 31 County Complex, as they came in over the County's estimate.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the award of County Bid #2015-11, for Septic Construction and Drainage Improvements at the South County Park, Block 8.02, Lot 25.01, in East Amwell Township, to S.F Lutzky Contracting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$168,896.50.

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Informational presentation on the PennEast Pipeline

Bill Millette, County Planner, came before the Board to provide some information regarding the PennEast pipeline stating that residents have expressed concern over reimbursement rates from PennEast. It appears residents with preserved property get reimbursed at a certain rate, but that money is often spread between counties and/or the state and/or municipalities, depending on who is involved in the original purchase and preservation.

Mr. Millette explained when a farm is preserved, it is done so using public money and that money is used to compensate landowners for their non-agriculture development rights. Funding comes the state, the county, the municipality, and sometimes non-profits. When a portion of the property is condemned, as in the case of the PennEast pipeline, the public needs to be reimbursed for that impact; it is non-agricultural use of the property which the landowner was already compensated for. The condemnation awards are done as a two-part process; (1) the first part is an award to the public via the entity that put in the money for the taking of the easement; and (2) the second part is to the landowner for the impact to the land. When a property is preserved, the deed of easement is recorded and there is a percentage that shows what percent of the property value was paid to the landowner at that time and that percentage is used at the time of the pipeline compensation to determine who gets paid what.

Director King questioned if that was not only in condemnation but if it is done on a general contract as well.

County Counsel Shana Taylor responded that an individual cannot use the property for anything other than agriculture when preserved; to contract would require an enforcement of the deed of easement.

Mr. Lanza advised he has some questions which he assumes need to be directed to PennEast; but feels that from the County's perspective, which has been made known in prior resolutions, any compensation is going to be insufficient because by definition – the destroying of any conservation easement that the County paid for, defeats the entire purpose of the agreement that the County entered into with the landowner to preserve the land; that contract has been destroyed, which the public has paid for.

Mr. Lanza questions if PennEast was planning on compensating landowners as if there were a perpetual lease as opposed to the diminution of the value, whatever that may be, both before the pipeline was put in and after. Mr. Lanza asked Mr. Millette if he had been given any information by PennEast as to how they plan to go about doing that in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Millette stated no, most of his experience has been with the TransCo. Company (TransContinental Oil Co.). The Planning Services Board has been through this process already with TransCo which is a pipeline which goes through Clinton and Readington and affects six preserved farms. The County is aware how TransCo valued those properties and how compensation was determined; though it was a little different as the preserved farms already had a pipeline easement.

Director King feels this is charting new territory.

Mr. Millette said that when TransCo took additional right away if they need an additional thirty feet of their right of way to place a second pipe and in that case, they went through the process of obtaining FERC approval and condemnation proceedings; and the valuation was negotiated with the landowners.

Mr. Millette advised to be considered is the crop loss and future use of the land, and the loss of the future use of the land. For example, if the land owner had an apple orchard and they were not able to plant apple trees there, they would be compensated. However, that is a one-time deal. The impact to the County's easement is a onetime deal; that is why PennEast is compensating the County for – the impact of the non-agricultural rights that the public owns.

Director King thanked Mr. Millette for tonight's information.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Program Application, with Flemington Borough, to fund the restoration of the historic Wagon House at the Dvoor Farmstead, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Program Application with Raritan Township, to fund the preparation and completion of the Raritan Township Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/06/15-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Right of Way Easement, in the amount of \$1,345.50 and Bridge Maintenance Easement, in the amount of \$517.50, with John Jacobson and Miriam Jacobson, on Block 51, Lot 1, in Alexandria Township.

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

HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Taghgh Rainey, Director of Health Services came before the Board to provide an update regarding the Animal Control Shared Service Program.

Mr. Rainey updated the Board on the background for the Animal Control Shared Services (ACO) over the past two years; stating the County explored the possibility of taking on animal control as part of the its agreements with the municipalities for the InterLocal Health Services agreements. The concept was to hire staff to inspect and go out to perform the ACO services. He quickly discovered that model would be costly to the County. The estimates at the time for four full-time Animal Control Officers, and four or five part time ACO's would have been approximately

\$600,000 in salaries, plus the added cost for a shelter. In hindsight, sheltering could have been privately farmed out. Regardless, it would have been a costly venture.

Mr. Rainey stated this past year the County took a different approach and hired a vendor to do the work but there were challenges in getting enough municipalities to sign up for ACO services to pay for the vendor.

Also, the County cannot provide these services unless a vendor is secured through the bid process. Once the County secures the bid and hires a vendor, it is the County's responsibility to pay the vendor regardless of how many municipalities buy in. There were ten interested municipalities and in good faith signed a one year contract with the County for these ACO shared services. The contract with the vendor will expire December 31, 2015.

Mr. Rainey reported the overall service has been fine; stating feedback from the ACO and the municipalities; noting one of the challenges was that the County provided a one-size-fits-all template. The ACO explained to the County that every municipality has its own unique needs.

Mr. Rainey advised the County did not get many complaints but if there were put out to contact again, he would recommend raising the costs to be more realistic and suggested the County do an animal census

The County solicited the municipalities on June 03, 2015, to determine interest in the ACO services and received the same amount of municipalities (ten). It does not appear that a bulk of the municipalities are interested in participating and there are a few reasons for that: one, most municipalities are satisfied with what they have, and in the past few years the market has changed and there are better vendors now than there used to be; and most vendors can handle multiple municipalities. Mr. Rainey expressed concern that if the County puts out a bid, and one of those vendors win the bid, can they handle an additional amount work.

Mr. Rainey asked the Board to consider this evening if it would like to continue the ACO Shared Service with municipalities. He reported the topic has been discussed internally and if the County is looking to save money for the municipalities, the larger municipalities are probably not going to participate. The question is whether the County is looking to manage the program realizing there are 10 interested municipalities out of the 26 in Hunterdon.

Ms. Lagay confirmed Mr. Rainey could put together a list of alternatives for the municipalities.

Ms. Lagay asked if it was possible that the County could offer a service between municipalities that they would share amongst themselves.

Mr. Rainey said there would be a value for the possibility of a co-op between municipal governments. With animal control, the A.C.O.'s that are in charge now know the lay of the land and what they are going to charge and they are close to each other.

Mr. Walton asked what the compelling reason to stop offering the service.

Mr. Rainey explained the municipalities which have looser restrictions have been the ones to join, and those with stricter restrictions choose not to join the service. The main reason for the County to no longer offer this service is because it is not saving the County money. The situation has been that municipalities stated they are interested but do not sign up.

Ms. Lagay questioned the cost to the County to provide the ACO shared services to the municipalities.

Mr. Rainey advised the bid for seven towns was around \$56,000. It is hard to estimate the costs because you have to calculate County costs. Whether the County provides these services or not next year, the price is going up by the vendors.

Mr. Walton stated the towns have asked the County to do this. A survey was done and the conclusion was that this was a service the towns really wanted the County to get involved in, not so much for the savings, but to lessen the hassle. If there are ten towns that have again replied to have the service continued, he does not see why the County would not continue the program. The Freeholder Board has gone around the County stating they want to help the towns with shared services, and show leadership.

Director King explained Mr. Rainey is simply presenting the issues so that this Board can determine how to continue.

Mr. Holt confirmed with Mr. Rainey that the County has to go to bid and then contract with not only a vendor but the municipalities, and that the County is held to that contract and paying that money; yet the municipalities need to put funds into their budgets but cannot give the County any guarantee until the municipalities adopt their budgets in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Walton stated this was the same risk the County had last year and all ten towns came around. Part of the reason for the delay, to Mr. Walton's knowledge is based on the town's feedback, that they did not receive the contract. The delay was the contract never got to where it was supposed to be.

Mr. Rainey said he is sure that was part of the reason, but in general, it is tough for the County do business this way.

The Board discussed the time and effort put in by the individuals in the Health Services Division on the ACO program; and how larger municipalities are not interested in this shared service.

Mr. Walton's other concern is the County renegeing on the offer to the towns to do a shared service for animal control.

Ms. Lagay advised the County offered this program on a one year trial basis, it was a pilot program. That time is up and it is now time to evaluate whether it worked or not.

Mr. Walton said that the county had also said that if the towns wanted to do it again, the County would continue. The same ten towns have expressed interest again at this point, so the County should uphold that.

Mr. Lanza stated sixty percent of the towns are not participating, and two of the big larger municipalities are not participating, some municipalities are participating but say they could take it or leave it if the County chooses to do the program, and that they are just as happy to manage it themselves. Is the County at a point to decide whether the program has not worked the way it was envisioned and if now, does County extend for another year. It seems at this point there are not extra towns expressing interest. This needs to be taken into consideration.

The Board discussed how to rectify the program to add in more deadlines as requested by the municipalities and the cost to the County to develop the program further and evaluate it.

Mr. Rainey has tracked about four hundred staff hours on the ACO program, this past year but feels it was because the program was new.

Mr. Walton is concerned if the County stops the program now; why would any town take the County seriously when it talks about shared services. It is his feeling the County needs to remain committed to the ACO program; since it has only been one year.

Director King understands what Mr. Walton is saying, but he cannot jump on that analogy. The County has looked at the A.C.O. program and tried to figure it out; the Health Division – specifically Mr. Rainey – put in a lot of time and effort on this shared service. The County gave itself a year to try and determine what it could do. The County is coming to a point where it needs to make a decision so the municipalities can react and be prepared for the next year.

Director King questioned Mr. Rainey about his time (four hundred hours) getting the program going and what it would cost next year.

Mr. Rainey explained the extra time was absorbed by staying later to get the work done. He can't disagree with anything that he's heard this evening. The municipalities have provided very helpful giving feedback but his biggest concern is the financial aspect and the idea that the County has this concept is that towns can bail out of programs.

Director King asked if the County creates more administrative headaches when trying to do this as a single unit to cover ten towns versus letting the towns handle it on their own.

Mr. Rainey reported the County's ACO vendor's opinion was that he worked better on an individual basis with the towns. However, the ACO was happy to put in a bid again for the next year. The way each town works, sometimes the police are involved sometimes it is their public works department. The County cannot always give a town the proper attention because the contract is a one-size-fits-all and in the ACO's opinion, it doesn't always provide the quality towns deserve.

Mr. Rainey informed the Board doesn't have to make a decision tonight with regard to continuing the program but the longer the County waits the more issues that may come up.

John Davenport, Purchasing Agent, reported there is a drop down date, because the County does not want to get into the situation where they were last year with bids and contracts. If the County is going to continue with this program, he needs to know soon in order to get the best prices for an ACO and for the towns. Maybe one vendor award is not the best and suggested bidding out for several vendors, but stated the County would lose the economy of scale.

Director King noted the County has paid out \$56,000 in addition to administrative costs and 400 hours of in-kind services. He questioned if they seems like a real bargain.

Mr. Holt thinks the purpose of shared services is a savings some place, and he is having trouble identifying where the savings here are. He sees that some towns want the service, but the County is absorbing all administrative costs; shared services is also about an overall cost savings in general for the taxpayer as a whole. He is not convinced there has been a cost savings anywhere.

Mr. Walton stated the County is taking the same risk it had last year. The County needs to show continued leadership and stay the course. Stopping after one year undermines all the good words the freeholders have spoked about commitment to shared services. The County should remain with the ACO program for another year and better yet, three years as a pilot program.

Director King again explained there are numerous extra hours the department is spending on this program, not to mention the hours Mr. Rainey spends after normal working hours on this. This would be another reason to cease the program.

Freeholder Walton feels the additional four hundred hours used to make the program work in year one will be thrown away, but the County could capitalize on its investment and let the program work for the next couple of years and reward Mr. Rainey for that investment.

Mr. Holt stated the issue is the towns are not expressing an interest in the program. There are no additional towns wanted this shared service.

Director King asked if Mr. Rainey had specific actions on how to correct the problems or challenges of this program.

Mr. Rainey said there are about ten issues but he believes they can be resolved. The big issue is including performing an animal census and noted that would increase the cost to the towns. He advised performing an animal census is required by code, and he has been advised by the auditors that it needs to be done. The County received a pass the first year because we were trying to set up a new program.

Director King asked if he could get a poll from the Board as to what they think they need to do next. Will they continue to offer the service, should they regroup, tell Mr. Rainey to re-bid, or cease the program altogether and move one.

After a brief discussion, a majority of the Board was not in favor of continuing the Animal Control Shared Service after December 2015.

Mr. Lanza left the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and returned at 6:27 p.m.

Director King since there are three members not wanting to continue the service, he would still like to see the vendor and municipalities succeed. He asked the County's Purchasing Agent, John Davenport, to pursue how the municipalities may benefit from a co-op.

Mr. Walton left the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and returned at 6:32 p.m.

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."

Check #151279 was held at this time.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion approving claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 06, 2015, absent Check #151-279.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of September 1, 2015 and September 15, 2015.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 10/06/15-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Charles Puha appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer #2, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 10/06/15-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Mackin appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer #2, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 10/06/15-7D

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 10/06/15-7E

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 10/06/15-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, John Sadusky appointed permanent, full time Sheriff's Officer Sergeant, Sheriff's Office.

See Page 10/06/15-8A

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 10/06/15-8B

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 10/06/15-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Nugent appointed full-time Lieutenant, Office of the Prosecutor.

See Page 10/06/15-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donna Snyder appointed full-time County Investigator Sergeant, Office of the Prosecutor.

See Page 10/06/15-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jessica Neiber appointed full-time Detective First Class, Office of the Prosecutor.

See Page 10/06/15-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Acting Recycling Coordinator from July 15, 2015 to September 15, 2015, Division of Environmental Health, Department of Public Safety and Health Services, salary compensation.

See Page 10/06/15-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for County Bid #2015-28, to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New and Unused Flatbed Steel Truck or Approved Equivalent.

See Page 10/06/15-8H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the release of a Cash Maintenance Bond to Crown Homes of Readington, LLC, for work completed on Block 72, Lots 3 and 4, for County Culvert R-188, in the Township of Readington, in the amount of \$4,500.

See Page 10/06/15-8I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Addendum for Records Storage Costs for those participating in the County's Shared Records Services Agreement.

See Page 10/06/15-8J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Service and Occupancy Agreement with Scott Howarth, effective through June 30, 2016.

See Page 10/06/15-8K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Services and Occupancy Agreement with United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps effective through September 1, 2016.

See Page 10/06/15-8L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving speed limits along County Route 523 (Walter E. Foran Blvd., Walter Foran Ext., Junction Road, Flemington-Whitehouse Road, Main Street, Oldwick Road and Lamington Road), in Flemington Borough and Raritan, Readington and Tewksbury Townships.

See Page 10/06/15-8M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving speed limits along Junction Road (County Route 647) from New Jersey Route 31 to Walter Foran Extension, (County Route 523).

See Page 10/06/15-8N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing No Passing Zones be established along County Route 513 (Frenchtown-Everittstown Road, Everittstown-Pittstown Road), in the Township of Alexandria and Borough of Frenchtown.

See Page 10/06/15-8O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving ownership of a portion (270 feet) of the proposed Exit 15/Interstate 78 East bound ramp's signal, (County Route 513), in Franklin Township.

See Page 10/06/15-8P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Clinton Town, (Officer James Kramer) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

See Page 10/06/15-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Clinton Town, (Officer Jay Hunter) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

See Page 10/06/15-9B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Clinton Township, (Officer Drew MacQueen) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

See Page 10/06/15-9C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Clinton Township, (Officer Michael Akers) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Flemington Borough, (Officer William Svard) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Readington Township, (Officer Carlos Ferreiro) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Readington Township, (Officer Christopher Heycock) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Readington Township, (Officer Gregory Wester) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Readington Township, (Officer Vincent Corsentino) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Tewksbury Township, (Officer Wayne Beam) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Washington Township, Morris County (Officer Christopher Bratus) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Mutual Assistance Agreement with Washington Township, Morris County, (Officer Michael Hade), for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with Flemington Borough, (Officer Frank Emanuele), for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with Readington Township, (Officer Steven Rindock) for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Frank Emanuele (Officer - Flemington Borough), for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Steven Rindock (Officer - Readington Township), for the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a Motion to approve check #151279, in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 06, 2015.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Eugene L. Farkas for his outstanding service to the community, county, and state as Trail Court Administrator for the Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage 13.

Director King stated Mr. Farkas is the only individual who could pull \$20,000,000 out of the hands of the Hunterdon County Freeholders to build a Justice Center/Court House. Mr. Farkas should be commended for that after only ten years on the job; and recognized his forty-two years supporting Hunterdon County as part of Vicinage 13.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the FFY2015 State Homeland Security Grant Agreement, with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security, to build, maintain and sustain national preparedness capabilities, at State and Local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in the State Homeland Security strategies and initiatives, in the amount of \$100,000.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application to obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the administration of the LIHEAP/USF (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Universal Service Fund), in the amount of \$1,248.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Attorney General's Office, for the development of a Prosecutor-led Mental Health Diversion Program, grant period of 2 years, in the amount of \$75,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Contract #16-532-ADA-0, with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in the amount of \$257,143, (\$227,968 – State Funds and a County Match - \$29,175), for 2016.

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

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating Assistance Agreement with New Jersey Transit for Section 5311 funding, to operate the County's Consolidated Transportation System (LINK), in the amount of \$418,346 (NJTransit –\$209,173.00 and a County match of \$209,173.00).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library, requesting a waiver of fees for usage of the South County Park Grange Building for their Annual Book Sale, from Monday, April 18 through Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting approving provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

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

A request was received from SAFE in Hunterdon, asking permission to use the historic Court House steps, as well as electric, on Thursday, October 08, 2015, for their Annual Candlelight Vigil. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting approving provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Buildings and Maintenance and the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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

Correspondence was received from the Milford Merchants Association, requesting permission to close a portion of County Route 519 (20 minutes), for their annual Halloween Parade, on Sunday, October 25, 2015, starting at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting approving 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 Flemington Business Improvement District, requesting permission to use the "Hawke" property parking area adjacent to the former Mikasa Building, on Main Street, in Flemington Borough, as a staging area for children's activities and pony rides, during their Street Festival and Craft Show on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Mr. Lanza 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. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSTAIN) MR. HOLT.**

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Fire Prevention Week

Mr. Walton reported it is Fire Prevention Week and there have been 17025 deaths from fire related incidents this year alone, 47 of which were in New Jersey. It is important to have fire detectors on every floor of your home, and in every bedroom; in addition to having a plan for evacuation. He encourages everyone to have their home inspected for fire safety. Too many people needlessly perish for things that could have easily been prevented.

Remembrance Service/Hunterdon Medical Center

Mr. Walton reported that the Hunterdon Medical Center is hosting a Remembrance Service for all those who have suffered a pregnancy loss. He commends HMC for honoring those who do not make it to birth, as it is a painful occasion for any family to go through. The service is on Saturday, October 24 2015, from 1-4 p.m. at the Doctor's Office Building.

Black Out Night in Pittsburg

Mr. Walton advised tomorrow night is black out night in Pittsburgh and the Walton boys will be there to watch Garrett Cole take on Jake Arretta from a one game play off. The Pirates have 98 wins, the second best record in all of baseball and they could lose the first game and be out of it entirely, while the Yankees and Mets have mediocre records, could make it past. AJ Burnett, as an example, played for both the Yankees and Phillies, before returning to Pittsburg in his retiring year because he loved the city and the team so much, for less money.

Community Conversation

Ms. Lagay reported that a Community Conversation will be held tomorrow, October 07, 2015, at the Route 12 County Complex at 7:00 p.m. on heroin, which is a growing issue in Hunterdon County. Hunterdon Prevention Resources and the SAFE Coalition is sponsoring this community discussion. This will bring together various groups that are interested in stopping the heroin rise in the County.

Route 12 County Complex

Ms. Lagay also encourages the public to stop over at the Route 12 County Complex to see the wonderful job that has been done, not only in the garden, but also with the entrance to Building #1. This building is one of the faces of the County as a public building and the County's Buildings and Maintenance personnel are doing a great job in making it welcoming to the public.

Childhood Cancer Fight

Ms. Lagay wished to recognize the Sherriff, who along with several other community leaders, shaved his head to raise money to fight childhood cancer. She commends him.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau informed the Board that the New Jersey League of Municipalities is asking all government officials not to support Assembly Bill A-94, which would require bidding to not be open to the public. This is an example of the State is working against the interests of the public.

There being no further business before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Transcribed by:

Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board