

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

October 20, 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.

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, 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. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 10/20/15-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

See Page 10/20/15-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to Polytech.

See Page 10/20/15-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Health Division position adjustment.

See Page 10/20/15-1D RESOLUTION

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

See Page 10/20/15-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on the Economic Development Executive Director position.

See Page 10/20/15-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive and update on the County's Health Benefits.

See Page 10/20/15-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update concerning the golf course building.

See Page 10/20/15-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update concerning CWA.

See Page 10/20/15-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update concerning the Penn East Pipeline.

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 3:37 p.m., recessed at 5:17 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

Mr. Walton recused himself from the meeting and stepped out of the room, at 5:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King/Penn East Pipeline.

Director King stated that the Freeholder Board recently received a number of requests from residents concerning the PennEast pipeline issue and he would like to solidify the County's position on being an intervenor with respect to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) practices and procedures.

Director King reported that the Freeholder Board has discussed this issue and being an intervenor could afford the County opportunities and responsibilities managed through the legal process. The citizens of Hunterdon County have repeatedly and overwhelmingly approved referendum supporting basic farmland preservation for the purpose of farmland open space and environmental protection and that support provides for the County's Open Space tax. The County together with municipalities, within the counties borders has made great strides in the acquisition of the preservation of open space; thereby ensuring future generations will have similar opportunities to enjoy these resources. Also, among the property lying in the proposed pipeline's path are twenty-three farms, consisting of 2,007 acres of County preserved open space. The PennEast pipeline would extinguish the County's conservation easements on those preserved farms and trump the County's Open Space Policy mandated by three successful voter referendums. The County's objections are based upon 1) the disregard to the potential alternate paths using existing easements that may result in the abuse of eminent domain to destroy conservation easements and to pre-empt the County's Open Space Policy; 2) the insufficiency of proposed compensation to effect landowners; 3) the threat of construction generated water contamination in specific neighborhoods that are serviced by private wells; and 4) the absence of a lasting public benefit outweighing the burdens of homeowners in the projects path.

Director King stated that PennEast proposes inadequate, and therefore unjust, compensation on the taxpayers in the project's path, merely proposing to pay owners the one-time loss of value attributed to the new encumbrance on their property. The benefits PennEast would reap from any targeted property are analogous to those received by wireless providers from cell towers. Wireless companies place cell towers private property with an agreement to provide the owner with a stream of income much like a lease and when that company leases those towers to other wireless providers, the landowner receives additional income due to the third party's commercial use of the owners land. Property owners in the pipelines path should be treated no differently; if PennEast is going to earn continuous profits from the exploitation of land, it should make sure that owner is a partner in the endeavor.

Director King is concerned about construction disturbance near a local drinking water supply which could cause contamination. This proposed project slices through 53 acres of Tier 1 well protection areas; these residents depend on the consumption of well water. The County has had prior local experience with drinking water contamination caused by poorly supervised construction near an existing transfer station; which proves there could be a potential threat to well protected areas. The County prefers that any pipeline be routed around these well areas entirely.

Director King stated the PennEast project represents a threat to the County's preserved, natural, cultural and historic resources found in an environmentally sensitive ecosystem, including and/or adjacent to County property. The County follows the interests of its residents and feels they are best served through the County's participation to ensure that the achievements obtained through the County's preservation efforts are neither compromised nor diminished by this project. It is therefore in the public's best interest that the County takes part in this proceeding.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion requesting the County of Hunterdon be allowed by FERC to intervene as a party with full rights to participate in all further proceedings and directs Shana L. Taylor, County Counsel, to act as the Intervenor for the County of Hunterdon.

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

Director King opened to public comment.

Golf Course Building

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, feels spending \$26,000 for a new building on Heron Glen is a waste of taxpayers' money. People who want to play where there is a clubhouse can go to Stanton Ridge and other golf courses in the area.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, asked that items #12 and #13 on the consent agenda, which deals with Heron Glen, be discussed individually so that the public could comment.

Director King invited Ms. Stewart to comment on those items right now.

Ms. Stewart agrees with Ms. Sauchau to not spend money on a golf course building. She understands the County already owns the golf course and that there are responsibilities with that; she does not see the need to continually spend taxpayers' dollars on it.

Director King replied that the County is not spending taxpayer money on the building; the monies being spent are from fees which are paid by those using the golf course.

PennEast

Maureen Sarnak thanked the Board for acting as intervenors in the PennEast pipeline issue.

Alex Bacon, New Jersey Conservation Foundation representative, thanked the Board for their intervention with regard to the PennEast pipeline. This is a critical step in setting the legal record and protecting the citizens of Hunterdon County.

Golf Course

Mrs. Stewart asked about golf course fees and suggested they be used to reimburse the Open Space Fund for the grounds the course is on so that the money elsewhere..

Director King noted this is not done for Deer Path Park or any other park which the County acquired.

Steve Rickenbach questioned if Resolutions #12 and #13 could be delayed stating he does not believe government should be in the golf business and that government should not be competing with privately held taxpaying golf courses.

Mr. Rickenbach listed for the Board numbers presented in a news article.

Mr. Lanza advised that the article stated 10,000 people come into the database, many of whom play multiple rounds per year.

Director King advised to his knowledge an average of 34,000 to 37,000 rounds are played per year.

Mr. Rickenbach asked the Board to not take action on Resolutions #12 and 13, and to instead talk with the local courses and discuss how this will affect them. Last year Oak Hill Golf Club paid \$117,000 in property taxes to Holland Township. Oak Hill is a 50 year old golf club that is in a desperate situation. Any improvements done at Heron Glen will definitely cause competition against the other courses. He questioned the \$300,000 profit that the County says is going into its coffers.

Director King advised the County's Chief Financial Officer has provided a review to determine the costs and the County has received an average of \$301,000 in fee based revenue on an annual basis since 2002 from Heron Glen; and it was discovered the County has \$4.57 million sitting in an account in TD Bank, all fee based. It is there because part of the business plan for the course states fees are to be placed in an account to be used for future requirements. The trailers at Heron Glen need to be replaced and they will be replaced with a structure and the final configuration of the structure is still to be determined.

Ms. Sachau suggested the fees from the golf course be used to reduce taxes.

Mr. Holt informed those present that this is one of the few Boards of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey that has reduced its budget by better than twelve percent.

Director King said the Ganette newspaper has been running a variety of articles and they have highlighted the fact that Hunterdon County has had the least amount of increases in taxes for the last ten years; 3.8% total, with the cost of living increase at 10%. Hunterdon County went from being number one in taxes to number six. This County's Freeholder Boards have been doing a good job in reducing taxes for the last decade.

Director King provided a few facts as there is a philosophical difference on whether a County should run a County golf course stating there are 15,500 golf courses in the United States and 11,581 are public courses with nine out of ten golfers playing public courses. Of the 11,581 that are public courses, 2,449 are owned by either a municipality or a County; which comes to around fifty per state. Hunterdon County has one course. Director King does not think the County is overdoing it.

Director King remembers in 2007, when \$3 million was allocated out of the capital budget to build a golf course clubhouse and the Board at that time refused to do it. Now the Board is looking to build a structure for \$2 million or less. He does not want to continue a philosophical debate about whether the County should operate a golf course; in 1988, 19,009 voted to have a golf course in Hunterdon County. The course is already leased out so there is no direct involvement in trying to build or design the course. If the County tried to sell the course, it would have to replace it four-fold with comparable property, and the County does not have that much property left that is not already preserved. This Board has looked at every aspect of this issue and the trailers need to be replaced.

Freeholder Holt added that a tent is also going to be replaced at Heron Glen.

Mrs. Stewart stated she noticed differences between the article in the Democrat and the letter from Freeholder Walton.

Mr. Walton said no one disputes the numbers or if it's \$301,000 in revenue or \$1.2m in capital spending. No one disputes that it's \$11 million to build the course, over the years. There is a figure for in-kind services which may or may not be around \$80,000 a year. He is of the opinion that the golf course owes the taxpayers the \$11 million dollars. His colleagues do not agree with that. Mr. Walton said he and his colleagues disagree on the scope of government and whether golf courses are appropriate.

Director King said that he and Mr. Walton do not necessarily disagree on scope of government but there is a difference in philosophy on whether or not there should be a golf course.

Director King again explained that the operating income from fees (\$300,000 a year) goes into an account that pays for expenses associated with the golf course. It will pay for the expenses to replace the trailers.

Mr. Walton stated he does not feel a golf course is a park and feels the average taxpayer feels the same.

Freeholder Holt explained the items listed on tonight's consent agenda are designed to put in place services to help the County determine exactly is needed to replace the trailers and a tent. It must be clearly understood that tonight this Board is not voting on a building but to examine what needs to be done to replace the existing facility with a physical structure in order to provide the same level of services currently offered.

JCP&L

John Anderson, Jersey Central Power and Light represented informed the Board of concerns related to radio interference in front of the Route 12 County Complex. JCP&L believes the interference is coming from a faulty insulator at a conductor. JCP&L is taking this seriously, as it may impact the County's ability to communicate.

Mr. Anderson reported that the work on the Rosemount substation is complete; a liability report has been done and more time and money will be spent to remove trees in order to improve the liability report for the next cycle.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the existing 2013 Historic Preservation Grant award with the Hunterdon Land Trust, for the addition of the restoration and rehabilitation of the Wagon House on the Case Dvoor Farmstead, Block 39, Lot 2, in Flemington.

Director King asked for clarification on the prior grant to the Case/Dvoor Farmstead explained his understanding was the Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) would like to draw funds that were allocated to fix the house and some of the other features and put it towards this project. Director King expressed concern because those funds were from 2013-2014. He questioned if this pattern was going to continue in borrowing funds from projects to put towards other projects. He questioned if the work will ever be done.

Catherine Suttle, Director of Cultural Resources, for the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, feels the answer is probably not; explaining that the HLT has two streams of information that comes in and helps them plan the needs of the farm. HLT took title of the farmstead in 1999 and the HLT made a huge commitment to keeping that farm the landmark that it is. The HLT has an annual inspection of the farmstead providing information on basic needs and the HLT also plans projects that the County. HLT is working on keeping the building standing for future uses, such as in the case of the Wagon House, which is being restored for future use. HLT will continue to have projects to do long term planning but it will be for the public's use. Funding from the County has been used to put a new roof on the 1798 farmhouse which is the jewel of the property; the roof on the small farm office has been replaced and structural repairs have been done on the inside of the farmhouse; lightning rods were placed on the house and the barns along with electrical upgrades.

Director King advised it is not encouraging to him and that he would like to see a plan for the end of applications for funding for this property. He understands what HTL is up against, but he does not want to have the same questions being asked and finding that funds were reallocated to other projects.

Director King said what he is hoping for is that if open space funding is put into this farm that a finite plan is made for funding it. He recommended Ms. Suttle go back to HLT and ask if the County can assist with developing a final plan.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the "Ryland Residential Development" Amendment for incorporation into the applicable New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's WQM (Water Quality Management) plan(s).

Ms. Lagay confirmed with Sue Dziamara, Planning Director that this amendment is part of a legal action between Readington Township and the property owners; stating it was an agreement to have the property included in the water quality management plan as part of the settlement and this resolution is agreeing to that plan.

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

CENTRAL PRINTING/MAIL/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Bob Thurgarland, Director of Central Printing/Mail and Information Technology, came before the Board to discuss the reallocation of Capital Funds to provide improvements to the County's 911 System; and to enhance stability to the County's Network, with respect to the microwave capital project.

Mr. Thurgarland explained last year, during capital discussions, it was decided to split the project into two phases. He has reviewed the capital monies and some of the projects he would like to reallocate funds to would expand the wireless access points. This would in no way increase the capital but it will save the County roughly \$25,000 in maintenance this year.

After further discussion, Mr. Lanza confirmed with Mr. Thurgarland that this is something that is going to allow them to reduce the capital requests for 2016.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to move forward in the reallocation of Capital Funds to provide improvements to the County's 911 System and to enhance stability to the County's Network; and to implement tighter controls and save the County \$28,000.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 10/20/15-5A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2015-27, for the Roadway Resurfacing of County Route 513, in High Bridge Borough, Lebanon and Clinton Townships, with Schifano Construction Corp., in an amount not to exceed \$750,087.88.

See Page 10/20/15-5B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2015-26, for Site Improvements to County Communications and Emergency Services, on County Route 617, (Cherryville Road), in Franklin Township, with CMS Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$378,476.00.

See Page 10/20/15-5C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.4072, using State Contract #A-87720, with Eplus Technology Inc., for public wireless access points, for the Information Technology Division, in the amount of \$102,980.40.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15 RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisitions #R5-03481, #R5-03482, #R5-03483, and #R5-03484, using County Bid #2014-10, holding to 2014 pricing, with Brown Truck Group, for four (4) 2015 or new Mack Granite MHD GU432 Municipal Dump Trucks, for the Public Works Department, in the amount of \$170,484.55 each, for a total not to exceed \$681,983.20.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Roads:

- Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County roads is underway, the contractor; Contractor is currently paving County Route 629 in Readington; they are scheduled to begin North County Library parking area around October 30th; and a section of County Route 519 in Milford left to be done.
- Resurfacing of County Route 513, from Main Street to Voorhees State Park, in High Bridge Borough, will begin November 9, 2015, with drainage only and the paving will be done in the Spring 2016.
- County Route 600/612, (HMC intersection), in Raritan Township, open October 15, 2015. Punch list items are being addressed. This project opened two months ahead of time; the contractor, Hale Construction did a great job. AT&T delayed the project a month with the utility work they needed done.

Bridges:

- County Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township; the entire bridge is being replacement. This is a funded project. The bridge closed on August 17, 2015 with a detour posted. The superstructure is under construction; beams have been delivered and set as of last Friday.
- County Bridges K-110 and K-111, on County Route 519, in Kingwood Township; the collapsed bridge – the steel truss has been demolished and removed from the site. The contractor is currently working on the substructure for the new truss on the northern end of the project.

In-House Projects:

- County Culverts R-127, T-57, L-86 and L-87 have been completed and reopened.
- Currently the County's in-house crew is working on K-139 on Union Road which is a complete culvert replacement; footings are being poured this week.
- Most of the County Road forces are starting to install snow fence.

Deer Kills/Rutgers University Records

Mr. Mathews reported to the Board that Rutgers University has records of all the deer kills in Hunterdon County from 2003 to current. This only includes those deer collisions where an accident report was filed. Hunterdon County averages 100 deer vehicles collisions per month but for the next four weeks, Hunterdon County will average 450 deer kills by vehicles. He urged everyone to slow down by an average of 5 mph because it will increase the driver's reaction time.

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 at this time: Checks #151357 and 151352. Items #12 and 13.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 20, 2015, minus Checks #151357 and 151352.

See Page 10/20/15-6A

CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #151357 in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 20, 2015.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #151352 in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 20, 2015.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 10/20/15-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jennifer Winberry appointed full time Assistant Library Director, County Library.

See Page 10/20/15-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Dagoberto Arteaga appointed full time Sheriff's Officer, Office of the Sheriff.

See Page 10/20/15-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Vincent Caban appointed full time Sheriff's Officer, Office of the Sheriff.

See Page 10/20/15-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donna Horvath appointed full time Principal Library Assistant, County Library Headquarters.

See Page 10/20/15-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Katherine Powell appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 10/20/15-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Powell appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 10/20/15-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Schulze appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services Division, Public Safety Health Services Department.

See Page 10/20/15-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alan Umgelter appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services Division, Public Safety Health Services Department.

See Page 10/20/15-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rebecca Van Horn appointed temporary, as needed Keyboarding Clerk, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 10/20/15-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for County Bid #2015-30, to Furnish and Deliver Grounds Maintenance.

See Page 10/20/15-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a final payment, for County Bid #2015-14, for Deck Replacement on Bridge J-1, on County Road 512 (Main Street), in Califon Borough, to CMS Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$272,575.75.

See Page 10/20/15-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, for the annual maintenance of the Neshanic River Gauge for the Heron Glen Golf Course, in the amount of \$1,700.00.

See Page 10/20/15-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Millersville University of Pennsylvania for surveillance assistance in connection with the County's Black Fly Program, in an amount not to exceed \$10,450.

See Page 10/20/15-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Discharge of Mortgage for Alberta Huddy.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the withdrawal of the County from the State Health Benefits Program.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional engineering design services agreement with J.A.R. Engineering, Inc., in connection with the Heron Glen Replacement building, in the amount not to exceed \$26,500.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional architectural services agreement with Jeffrey A. Fleischer Architects, PC, in connection with the Heron Glen Replacement building, in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 10/20/15-7H

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Zach Taylor, Troop 92, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 10/20/15-7I

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Michael Axelsen, Troop 92, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 10/20/15-7J

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ian Macdowall, Troop 92, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 10/20/15-7K

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Owen Stanski, Troop 92, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Grant Agreement with the State Department of Human Services, Division of Aging for the Area Plan Contract 2016-2018, in an amount of \$735,360 (State - \$339,859, Federal -\$399,501, County Cash Match - \$14,005).

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Local Arts FY2016 Grant application with the County’s Cultural & Heritage Commission, for senior artistic and cultural projects and cultural program activities for the Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, in the amount of \$3,950 – grant request, Cash Match - \$3,950, and In-Kind Match - \$3,950.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/20/15-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, for the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, in the of \$66,464, (Grant funding - \$33,232, County Match - \$33,232).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from CEA/Johanna Foods, requesting permission to place approximately 12 portable restrooms in the Main Street County Complex parking area, for the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. Thursday, November 26, 2015. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County’s Buildings and Maintenance Division.

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

A request was received from the High Bridge Emergency Squad, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, November 07, 2015, (Rain Date: November 14, 2015), from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., in front of the Squad Headquarters, County Route 513, in High Bridge. 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.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no comments or reports from the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau commented a check drawn to Kemper Sports for \$64.05.

Ms. Stewart asked about the County’s plan for employees health coverage if the county withdraws from the state health benefit plan.

Director King advised the County is currently in the process of negotiations for health coverage, but the pursuit right now is to look towards a self-insurance model which will improve services for employees as well as save money for the County.

Ms. Stewart questioned when repairs are needed to the golf course, for example the bunkers, where does that money come from.

Director King stated bunker repair costs come out of capital money.

Ms. Stewart informed the Board that the window sills and trim on the Sheriff’s building on Court Street are in dire need of some attention; as do the bushes around the Court Street Park.

There being no further business before the Board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transcribed by: