

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**August 16, 2016**

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

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

**ABSENT: MR. HOLT**

Director Lagay announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 05, 2016, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) 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 Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 08/16/16-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss retirees pharmacy benefits.

**See Page 08/16/16-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive an AFSCME Update.

**See Page 08/16/16-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss Route 518 Encroachment Easement.

**See Page 08/16/16-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss Clerical positions in the Division of Social Services.

**See Page 08/16/16-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss personnel issues (promotions) in the Department of Public Works.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, questioned the Board regarding resolution #15 under Consent regarding the Heron Glen golf course.

Ms. Sachau also questioned the resolution regarding Open Space under Farmland Preservation. he is concerned about hunting programs and the possible extinction of species.

**FINANCE**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-1F RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for Social Services for the Homeless, in the amount of \$128,844.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16- RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for the Universal Service Fund (USF), in the amount of \$1,248.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in the amount of \$256,923.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) V-10-15, in the amount of \$104,109.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for the 2016 State Health Insurance Program, in the amount of \$24,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2016 Budget, for the Area Plan Contract 2016, in the amount of \$245,395.

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

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Hunterdon Land Trust application for the Cooperative Assistance Open Space Grant Program, for the Hudson Grant Group property, Block 40, Lot 19, estimated 18.6 acres in Kingwood Township, in an amount not to exceed \$51,250.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant Program application, for Holland Township, for interior rehabilitation and restoration of the Riegel Ridge Community Center, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-2G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant Program application, for Hunterdon Land Trust, for exterior rehabilitation and painting of structures at the Dvoor Farm, in an amount not to exceed \$66,710.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Amending a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition approval, for Delaware Township, for Block 31, Lot 6.08, (Rosemont Pocket Park acquisition), for a total amount not to exceed \$105,575.00.

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

Carrie Fellows, Executive Director of Cultural and Heritage came before the Board to discuss a request for the Cultural & Heritage Commission to administer the 2017 New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Re-grants for qualified Warren County organizations.

Mrs. Fellows provided background information on the New Jersey Historical Commissions' revised re-grant program which provides new guidelines to counties in an effort to have every County participate. The Director of NJHC informed her that Warren County had pulled out of the process at the last minute, leaving their not-for-profit agencies disenfranchised. NJHC tried unsuccessfully to find a partner in Warren County and is offering to give Hunterdon County an additional \$10,000 if Hunterdon will administer Warren County's re-grants. Hunterdon is allowed to take up to \$5,000 for administrative purposes. There are marginal costs associated with providing this support and there would be minimal interaction with the Warren County government other than to provide the administration.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing a review and request approval of the 2017 New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) County History Partnership Program (CHPP) History Re-grant application and guideline forms.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

Roads:

- County Route 579, Pittstown to County Route 614, Union and Alexandria Townships, the project is substantially complete but temporarily shut down by Governors Order.
- Resurfacing & Surface Treatment of Various Roads, the resurfacing portion of the project to be completed this fall, surface treatment portion during the summer of 2017.

Bridges:

- Culvert FU-5, County Route 513 Pittstown-Clinton Road, Franklin and Union Townships, the anticipated re-opening of the road is Labor Day. The culvert is complete, beginning to work on roadway improvements such as shoulders and curbing.
- K-93, Horseshoe Bend Road, Kingwood Township, the upstream concrete and stone work is completed, downstream concrete and stone work under construction. Anticipated completion is mid-September.
- K-138, Union Road, Kingwood Township, the substructure will be completed this week, superstructure to commence next week. Anticipated completion is mid-September.
- Deer Path Park, Dam breach on July 31, 2016. Inspection and remediation report needs to be prepared and submitted to NJDEP.

Mr. Matthews reported on a request was received from William Quick of Readington Township (Three Bridges, New Jersey) about being denied a road opening request on County Route 613.

Mr. Mathews informed the Board that he denied the request due to the five year moratorium on road openings. This is a commercial property that was bought as a foreclosure; it is being rehabilitated and the owner would like to have gas.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the road opening, contingent on Elizabethtown Gas boring for the gas line as opposed to trenching.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Lagay announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Check #154-619 and #154-624 are held at this time, along with Resolutions #3 and #15.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 16, 2016, absent checks #154-619 and #154-624.

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**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of July 19, 2016 and August 02, 2016 and the executive minutes for August 02, 2016.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 08/16/16-4C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Eric Bentzinger appointed provisional, full time Assistant Supervisor, Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

**See Page 08/16/16-4D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Janice Passaro appointed part time, Library Assistant, Library.

**See Page 08/16/16-4E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Christopher G. Spitzer appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety.

**See Page 08/16/16-4F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jeffrey Fenton appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety.

**See Page 08/16/16-4G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Scott J. Schaller appointed permanent, full time Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety.

**See Page 08/16/16-4H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Derek A. Daulton appointed full time, Sheriff's Investigator, Sheriff's Department.

**See Page 08/16/16-4I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Shane Pierson appointed full time, permanent County Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Services Division, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use

**See Page 08/16/16-4J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing an interdepartment transfer for Julie Gordon from Human Services to the Superintendent of Schools Office.

**See Page 08/16/16-4K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an increase to the Change Fund for the Surrogate's Court from \$50.00 to \$100.00, to be used for the sole purpose to make change for large bills.

**See Page 08/16/16-4L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Federal Change Order #6, County Bid #2012-25, for Rehabilitation of County Bridge D-300, Rosemont-Raven Rock Road in Delaware Township, to Rencor Inc., in the amount of \$127,715.08.

**See Page 08/16/16-4M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the solicitation of bids for Maintenance Service and Supplies for Copier Equipment, County Bid #2016-15.

**See Page 08/16/16-4N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Modification #4 for Federal Project #STP-C00S(351), for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge D-300 on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road in Delaware Township, for an increase of \$127,715.08), total amount not to exceed amount to \$2,320,290.

**See Page 08/16/16-4O**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Modification #2 for Federal Project STP-0332(105)DES, for Interstate I-78, Pittstown Road (Exit 15) Interchange Improvements (County Route 513), in Union Township, for an extension of the project through September 30, 2017.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a red light permit for Robert Kozarek, Investigator, in the Medical Examiner's Office.

See Page 08/16/16-5B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Hunterdon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on May 20, 2016 by the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/16/16-5C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Denise Doolan reappointed as the Clerk of the Board, Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office.

Mr. Walton recognized Mrs. Doolan on the excellent job she performs; stating she is a constant in this County government and it has been a joy to work with you, these seven year's he's been on the Board. Mr. Walton stated he is glad to see Mrs. Doolan is returning for another term as the Freeholders' Clerk of the Board and hopes she never leaves.

Mrs. Doolan thanked Mr. Walton.

Mr. King and Mr. Lanza agreed and thanked Mrs. Doolan for the work she does.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/16/16-5D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the solicitation of bids for Golf Course Management of Heron Glen, County Bid #2016-16.

Mr. Walton's expressed concern with the gold course management contract in that there are no restrictions on Kemper Sports Management using the space for non-golf related events. He would like those restrictions to be present in the contract for any vendor who receives the winning bid.

Mr. Walton recommended tabling the resolution and also revisiting the arrangement with Kemper Sports.

Mr. Walton further recommended having the management company pay for the capital improvements on the property.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Spenser Sembrat, Boy Scout Troop 288, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/16/16-5E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Victims of Crime Act Grant Application, #VCS-53-15, with the New Jersey Department of Public Safety, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$500,000, (Federal-\$400,000; County Match-\$100,000), for a one-time supplemental grant to be used to add Victim Witness modules, interfaces and portals to Infoshare.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-6A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a renewal application for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, #V-10-15, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, for the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$130,136, (Federal funds - \$104,109; County Match - \$26,027), for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-6B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Forces Grant application, in the amount of \$42,785, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 08/16/16-6C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Award for the Central Hunterdon Regional Alliance, represented by Delaware Township, in the amount of \$31,844.

**See Page 08/16/16-6D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Award for the Delaware Valley Regional Alliance, represented by Alexandria Township, in the amount of \$20,777.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 08/16/16-6E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Award for the North Hunterdon Regional Alliance, represented by Clinton Township, in the amount of \$27,511.

**See Page 08/16/16-6F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Award for the South Hunterdon Regional Alliance, represented by West Amwell Township, in the amount of \$16,108.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-6G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Award for the Voorhees Regional Alliance, represented by Tewksbury Township, in the amount of \$22,852.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 08/16/16-6H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan update and Funding Application and recommending its transmittal to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, in order to access \$283,709 in state funds from the Juvenile Justice Commission.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from the Amwell Valley Fire Co., for permission to close a portion of County Route 602, (Wertsville Road), on Saturday, September 10, 2016, during their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fest, from 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

## **FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

### **Veteran Adolf Cuccio**

Mr. King reported his attendance at a funeral service for Adolf Cuccio, a military veteran who recently passed away. Mr. Cuccio was a prominent figure in Hunterdon County; many of his architectural designs can be found in local schools and medical buildings. He was also a Major League Baseball draft pick. Mr. Cuccio left baseball to become an Army Ranger and was wounded in World War II. Adolf was 94 years old and passed away in Lyons Hospital. He is survived by family in Raritan Township.

### **Hunterdon County Fair – Veterans' Recognition Ceremony**

Mr. King reported that the Veterans' Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the Opening Ceremony of the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the South County Park.

### **County Route 173 renamed – 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team**

Mr. King informed those present that County Route 173 in Hunterdon County was recently renamed in honor of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team, which was done through the efforts of State Senator Mike Doherty. The ceremony took place this past Sunday.

Mr. Walton reported he also attended the ceremony that took place for the renaming of Service Route 173. It was a nice ceremony with a large turnout and the Colonel flew out from Italy to attend.

### **Freedom in America**

Mr. Walton reported on the CATO Institute's report on Freedom in America today and advised that New Jersey is the forty-seventh least freestate in the country, trailing only New York, Hawaii and California.

### **Public Meetings**

Mr. Walton advised that several counties and municipalities post their recorded public meetings on their websites, for the public to consume at their leisure. Some even videotape and live-stream the meetings. Mr. Walton recommended Hunterdon County also try putting their meetings online as a way to be transparent. This would be an inexpensive way to reach the public.

### **School Opens**

Mr. Walton wished all returning Hunterdon County students good luck as they embark on a new school year.

### **Planning Board Director**

Director Lagay expressed condolences for Sue Dziamara, Department Head of the Planning Division, who tragically lost her husband of forty years this last week.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public**

Francis Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, inquired if her neighbor, Russell Whitehead who is a World War II veteran was on the list of recipients for the Veterans Medal ceremony next week.

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board, advised that Mr. Whitehead was one of the first recipients of the County's Veteran Recognition Medal. She had the pleasure of handing Mr. Whitehead his medal when the event took place at the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Field House. There is also a photo of him being presented with his medal.

Ms. Gavigan commented on the Cider Mill bridge damage caused by an anonymous truck. She suggested installing a bar similar to the one that was placed on one of Raritan Township's bridges.

Ms. Gavigan agreed with Mr. Walton that meetings should be videotaped and/or posted on line.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

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Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk