

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

599 Oak Grove Road and County Route 519

Kingwood, New Jersey 08825

**October 18, 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. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON.**

Director Lagay announced: 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 October 11, 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. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

**See Page 10/18/16-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Addition (LACADA) appointment.

**See Page 10/18/16-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss how to handle backfilling of positions.

**See Page 10/18/16-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in the Health Division.

**See Page 10/18/16-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the Rutgers' Salary Reimbursement Agreement.

**See Page 10/18/16-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an RFP for Benefits Management Discussion.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m., recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Kingwood Township Deputy Mayor, Phillip Libits, thanked the Board on behalf of the residents of Kingwood Township for holding their meeting here in Kingwood. Deputy Mayor Libits commended the Board for their openness and willingness to take suggestions from the public, adding there is a much more collaborative effort between the municipalities and the Freeholder Board than there has been in the past.

**FINANCE**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion acknowledging receipt of the 2015 County Audit.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 10/18/16-1F RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2016 County Budget for the 2017 Universal Service Fund, in the amount of \$1,130.

**See Page 10/18/16-1G RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2015 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Grant, in the amount of \$143,320.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$42,785.

See Page 10/18/16-2B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2016 Body Armor Grant, in the amount of \$6,132.71.

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

**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 & Surface Treatment of Various Roads, this is a shared service with 6 Municipalities who have asked for the County to get pricing. The County's contractor is currently working on completing CR 518 this week; while also prepping CR 629 and 625.

**Bridges:**

- 2016 Bridge Painting of Various Bridges, currently working on FC-67 on Old Clinton Road.
- Culvert E-249, Back Brook Road, East Amwell Township, this is a stone wall replacement which will be closed approximately 4 weeks, starting September 19, 2016, the Masonry work is 90% complete with anticipated reopening on October 26, 2016
- N-1, Main Street, Town of Clinton, The County is applying for Federal funds to rehabilitate the bridge; there is a resolution of support for the project on tonight's agenda.
- Bridge T-65, Vliettown Road, Tewksbury Township, this is a deck replacement, to be closed 4 to 6 weeks, starting September 28, 2016. Scour repairs have been completed and they are working on abutment stringer seats this week.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/18/16-2C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Hunterdon County Community Forestry Management Plan, on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Walton questioned what was being done about the Emerald Ash Trees. Mr. Mathews reported the issue is being monitored; there is one confirmed case in Hunterdon County. They found it also in Somerset and Bucks counties. Part of the plan is to monitor and locate these trees within Hunterdon County's parks, especially those near picnic tables and campsites.

Mr. Walton questioned the expense of dealing with the issue.

Mr. Mathews said some of the options are expensive but others are not; inoculation could be expensive, but there is a root treatment as well.

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

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/18/16-2D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a development easement on the property owned by the Township of Alexandria, Block 11, Lot 16, in Alexandria Township, estimated 82 acres, (SADC - \$282,261.22; County - \$69,512.22; Township - \$69,512.22), total amount of \$421,285.66.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded:

See Page 10/18/16-2E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a development easement on the property owned by Maria Foster (White Bridge Farm), Block 28, Lot 24, in Franklin Township, estimated 57 acres, (SADC - \$253,080; County - \$84,360; Township - \$84,360), total amount of \$421,800.

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

**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."

Items held: Checks #155-247 and #155-371.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 18, 2016, minus Checks #155-247 and #155-371.

**See Page 10/18/16-3A**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Checks #155-247 and #155-371, in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 18, 2016.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of September 20, 2016.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

**See Page 10/18/16-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Bernard A. Campbell appointed permanent, full-time Gardener, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

**See Page 10/18/16-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Christine McIntyre appointed full-time Assistant Prosecutor, Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

**See Page 10/18/16-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Juan Vera-Carofilis appointed full time Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

**See Page 10/18/16-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Henri Zilliox appointed full time Correction Officer, in the Sheriff's Office.

**See Page 10/18/16-3F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Nicholas Cepparulo appointed full time Inspector, Mosquito Extermination, Division of Vector Control, Department of Public Safety and Health Service.

**See Page 10/18/16-3G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving salaries for the Communications' Division in accordance with the CWA Local 1036 agreement.

**See Page 10/18/16-3H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an employment agreement with Juan Vera-Carolifis, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Officer.

**See Page 10/18/16-3I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for County Bid #2016-18, for Home Health Services.

**See Page 10/18/16-3J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an amendment to the agreement with Res-Care New Jersey, Inc., County Bid #2016-23, with for Home Health Services, for an increase of \$50,308.00.

**See Page 10/18/16-3K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an extension for the contract with Hunterdon Healthcare System, for Occupational Health Services, in the amount of \$6,000, for 60 days.

**See Page 10/18/16-3L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an Equipment Lease with New Jersey Transit Corporation, for a Section 5310 vehicle for a 2016 Ford E450 Extended Mini-Bus with Rear Lift, for the Consolidated Transportation System, (LINK).

**See Page 10/18/16-3M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving final payment for County Bid #2015-21, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 512, in Califon Borough and Tewksbury Township, to Tilcon New York, in the amount of \$12,826.25.

See Page 10/18/16-4A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Supporting High Bridge Borough's application for Federal Funding Assistance through NJDOT, for the streetscape improvements along County Route 513 (Bridge Street and West Main Street).

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/18/16-4B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an electronic grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Hunterdon County Bridge N-1, on Main Street, in the Town of Clinton.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/18/16-4C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant agreement with the State Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, for the Area Plan Contract update, in the amount of \$736,362; (State-\$336,727; Federal-\$399,635; County Match-\$14,010).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 10/18/16-4D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse contract #17-590-ADA-0, in the amount of \$213,908 in State funds and a County Match of \$26,339.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from The Center for Education Advancement (CEA), requesting permission to place approximately 12 portable restrooms in the Main Street Complex parking lot, delivered on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, to be removed Friday, November 25, 2016, for the annual Turkey Trot. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

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

A request was received from the County Library Headquarters, asking the Freeholder Board to waive the fee for use of the Grange Building at the South County Park during the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, from April 12 through May 3, 2017. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Lagay commended Deputy Clerk Dana Gootman on a successful completion of the second class towards her Registered Municipal Clerk certification.

Deputy Director Lanza thanked Kingwood for hosting the Freeholder Board's meeting. The governing body has always been a pleasure to work with.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments or questions from the press or public at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Directly Lagay adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board**

Transcribed by:

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**Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk**