

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**September 06, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

**ABSENT: MR. LANZA**

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. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 9/6/16-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to meet with the candidate to fill the position of Division Head of Communications.

**See Page 9/6/16-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Mental Health Board.

**See Page 9/6/16-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive an update from the Human Services Administrator on position vacancies.

**See Page 9/6/16-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a personnel item in the Sheriff's Office.

**See Page 9/6/16-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a personnel request from the Library.

**See Page 9/6/16-1F RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive a Sherriff's Contract Negotiations update.

**See Page 9/6/16-1G RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive an AFSCME Negotiations update.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Following the moment of silence, Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay reported that she is happy to have her son back on American soil.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, opposes a \$2.5 million dollar golf course structure.

Freeholder Walton recused himself from the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Stan Prader, New Jersey Central Power & Light representative, advised the Board of JCP&L's emergency response efforts ahead of Hurricane Hermine and verified that the Board has received the storm updates.

Freeholder Walton returned to the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

**PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-2A**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Hunterdon County’s 4-H Sharp Shooters.

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

Sherrie Peterson, the 4-H Coordinator for Hunterdon County introduced several students who participated in the National Sharp Shooting events: Rachael Czerna of Alexandria Township, Josh Bruner of Stockton Borough, and Brian Lederach of Flemington Borough.

From June 24 to 28, 2016, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships took place in Grand Island, Nebraska. The New Jersey 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Council sent three teams and plus two individuals to the National Championships.

- The New Jersey Air Rifle Team members consisted of Rachael Czerna of Alexandria Township; Sarah Szwed of Raritan Township and Hannah Hill of Salem County.
- The New Jersey Shotgun Team consisted of Emily Malone of Branchville Borough; Anthony Razzano of Stockton Borough and Erich Neise of Delaware Township.
- The Air Pistol team members consisted of Joshua Bruner of Stockton Borough; Bryan Lederach of Flemington Borough and Keegan Sahlin of Whitehouse.
- The Individual Smallbore Rifle Team member was Alyssa Schilke of Pittstown.
- The Individual Compound Archery team member was Eric Gebele of Whitehouse.
- High Awards were presented to Bryan Lederach who excelled in Air Pistol. Bryan received a Gold Medal in Single Shot Rapid Fire; a Bronze Medal in NRA Silhouette and 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Slow Fire Bull.

Ms. Peterson added that the teams practice at the Hunterdon County Rifle Range and thanked George Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services/County’s Chief of Staff for allowing them the use of the range.

Freeholder Director Lagay presented and congratulated the attendees with a proclamation.

**POLYTECH**

Dr. Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent and John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director came before the Board.

Dr. Metz informed the Board that Polytech students Samantha DiVito and Yosselin Urbina-Serpas are this year’s students who will receive the NJAC/Investor’s Bank award scholarships.

Freeholder Director Lagay and New Jersey Association of Counties Executive Director John Donnadio presented \$500 NJAC-Investors Bank awards to Hunterdon County Polytech Students Samantha DiVito, and Yosselin Urbina-Serpas.

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

Frank Bell, Architect, County Project Administrator, updated the Board on various County buildings and projects:

- Emergency Services Training Center. The Facilities Committee will evaluate Consultants fees and services and make recommendation on September 12, 2016. Currently being reviewed are modular burn building options and training props with a vendor.
- Rt. 31 HVAC System for Buildings 2 & 3. The Facilities Committee is reviewing options for cost and timing of a potential relocation of the Route 31 County Complex.
- Historic Courthouse Renovations. Consultants scope and pricing will be evaluated by Facilities Committee on September 12, 2016.
- Everittstown Garage Salt Building Renovations and Addition. The project has been directed for rebidding.
- Parks – Heron Glen. Architectural and Engineering consultants are working on bid documents.
- Mt. Airy Garage Wash Bay System. Purchasing is preparing quote specs with assistance from Project Administration for garage doors and Wash Bay storage tank at the South County Garage.
- Mt. Airy and Lebanon Fuel Tank. The Purchasing Agent is waiting for final approval from the State.

**FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION**

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-2B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant application, with East Amwell Township, for the Phase 3 Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Clawson House, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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

**FINANCE**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program grant, in the amount of \$500.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program grant, in the amount of \$1,724.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the Section 5311 Non Urbanized Area Formula Program grant, in the amount of \$627,519.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the State/Community Partnership (SCP) Juvenile Justice 2016 Grant, in the amount of \$188,094.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the Prosecutor-Led Mental Health Diversion Program grant, in the amount of \$150,000.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the 5311 Innovation Grant, in the amount of \$150,000.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the 2015 Body Armor grant, in the amount of \$7,982.94.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-3H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2016 County Budget for the Homeland Security Program, in the amount of \$154,861.07.

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

**PURCHASING**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-4A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #R6-05284, using N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)L, for printing the 2016 General Election Ballots, with Sky Printing, for the County Clerk’s Office, in the amount of \$65,000.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-4B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2016-11, with Paper Mart, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Fine Paper and Envelopes, for the Department of Central Printing and Mail, in an amount not to exceed \$50,781.25.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-4C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2016-16, for the Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program, for the Department of Public Works, with Stavola Contracting Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,739,177.65, with six municipalities participating in the shared service. (6 municipalities taking advantage County’s pricing as part of a shared service).

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

**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.”

Item held at this time, Check #154-924.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 06, 2016, absent Check # 154-924.

**See Page 9/6/16-4D**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve check #154-924, in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 06, 2016.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of August 16, 2016.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 9/6/16-4E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, William Svard appointed as a full time Detective, Prosecutor’s Office.

**See Page 9/6/16-4F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ryan Buckley appointed as needed, per-diem Level 2 Fire Instructor, Emergency Management Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 9/6/16-4G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Shannon Giuliani appointed as needed, per-diem EMT Instructor, Emergency Management Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 9/6/16-5A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the interdepartmental transfer of Amy Henriksen from the Division of Senior and Veteran Services to the Division of Social Services, in the Human Services Department.

**See Page 9/6/16-5B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kevin Burghardt appointed full time, provisional Social Worker Aging, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

**See Page 9/6/16-5C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Michele Menditto appointed part time, provisional Health Educator, Division of Health, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

**See Page 9/6/16-5D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Caitlin Howley appointed a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

**See Page 9/6/16-5E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Karen Garcia-Rios appointed a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

**See Page 9/6/16-5F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a temporary salary adjustment for Robert H. Hunt, Jr., Assistant Supervisor of Vehicle Services, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with CWA Local 1036 for filling the role of Supervising Mechanic

**See Page 9/6/16-5G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the acceptance of an Alternate Care Site Trailer from the Central West Regional Healthcare Coalition, to assist individuals during emergencies that utilize feeding pumps, oxygen concentrators, etc. Trailer valued at around \$400,000.

**See Page 9/6/16-5H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the rescission of the January 14, 1997 resolution setting speed limits for County Route 625 (Mechlin Corner Road) and establishing new speed limits in both directions of County Route 625, in Alexandria and Union Townships.

**See Page 9/6/16-5I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the rescission of an 8 ton weight limit on County Bridge C-32, on Payne Road, in Clinton Township and establishing a 4 ton weight limit.

**See Page 9/6/16-5J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the rejection of Bid #2016-12, Everittstown Garage Salt Storage Building Addition.

**See Page 9/6/16-5K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Everittstown Garage Salt Storage Building Addition.

**See Page 9/6/16-5L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Waste Oil Tank installation, at the South County Garage in Mt. Airy.

**See Page 9/6/16-5M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Ronald Frank, to serve as the County's professional Medical Director, in the amount of \$5,000, using the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LCCPHEP) Grant funds.

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

## **GRANTS**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Title IV-D Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Division of Family Development, for the Sheriff's Office related to arrest services in child support and/or paternity matters, in the amount of \$221,794.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6B**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a County Environmental Health Grant application with the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection, to support environmental inspections, enforcement and education, in the amount of \$277,400 (State funding - \$138,700; County Match - \$138,700).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6C**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the revision of the grant application for Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Forces to include a County Match of \$32,551 (salaries).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6D**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application with NJ Transit for Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance funding, in the amount of \$327,180.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6E**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Section 5311 application with NJ Transit, for aid in the financing of administration, capital and/or operating assistance project, at Human Services, in the amount of \$191,999 as the local share.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 9/6/16-6F**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an Operating and/or Non-Operating Assistance Agreement, for Hunterdon County's Consolidated Transportation System (known as the LINK), in the amount of \$200,000. (Federal - \$100,000; NJ Transit - \$50,000; County - \$50,000).

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from Yaser EIMenshawy, Islamic Center of Hunterdon County, asking permission to use the Route 12 County Complex parking area, on Saturday, September 24, 2016, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., as they are holding a ground breaking ceremony for a Mosque, at the corner of Route 12 and Autumn Leaf Drive. (Rain Date to be October 01, 2016). Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's public works department and the County Library.

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

### **FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Freeholder Walton reported on Suicide Prevention Month and read into the record an article titled: "She Loved Life: A grieving father wrote openly about suicide and mental illness in daughter's obituary". Only hours after he learned his only daughter was dead, Ed Shoener sat down to write her obituary. It felt like one way he could still take care of his little girl. He and his wife, Ruth, had been steeling themselves for this day since Katie's first hospitalization more than 11 years ago. He knew immediately why the police were at his doorstep the night of Aug. 3. Yet nothing prepares a parent for the moment they learn the details about how their child ended her life. But if Shoener, a deacon at his Catholic church, learned anything watching his daughter's long struggle with mental illness, it's that the disease that plagued her is tragically misunderstood. The last thing he could do for his daughter was try to help others understand. So, with stunning candor, he began her obituary like this: Kathleen 'Katie' Marie Shoener, 29, fought bipolar disorder since 2005, but she finally lost the battle on Wednesday to suicide in Lewis Center, Ohio. Then, overwhelmed by the fatherly pull to protect her, he wrote this: "So often people who have a mental illness are known as their illness. People say that "she is bipolar" or "he is schizophrenic." Over the coming days as you talk to people about this, please do not use that phrase. People who have cancer are not cancer, those with diabetes are not diabetes. Katie was not bipolar — she had an illness called bipolar disorder — Katie herself was a beautiful child of God. The way we talk about people and their illnesses affects the people themselves and how we treat the illness. In the case of mental illness there is so much fear, ignorance and hurtful attitudes that the people who suffer from mental illness needlessly suffer further. Our society does not provide the resources that are needed to adequately understand and treat mental illness. In Katie's case, she had the best medical care available, she always took the cocktail of medicines that she was prescribed and she did her best to be healthy and manage this illness – and yet – that was not enough. Someday a cure will be found, but until then, we need to support and be compassionate to those with mental illness, every bit as much as we support those who suffer from cancer, heart disease or any other illness. Please know that Katie was a sweet, wonderful person that loved life, the people around her – and Jesus Christ. "There's nothing rational about this illness". It was spring of Katie's senior year in high school when she first attempted suicide - "No one came up to me or Ruth and said, 'I'm so sorry.' If she'd gotten in an accident they would have said kind things, but now everyone knew and no one looked at us, like it was a character flaw," Shoener said in an interview. "We felt shamed, we felt like maybe we weren't good parents. They didn't know what to say. As a society we don't know how to talk to each other about this. We don't have a language for how to talk about mental illness."

Mr. Walton stated around 5 million Americans, or 2.6 percent of the population have a bipolar disorder diagnosis, but only around half seek treatment in a given year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health."

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, expressed concern about the parking availability for library patrons on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Route 12 County Complex if there is to be allowed parking for the mosque ground-breaking.

Ms. Sauchau also commented on Open Space and where hunting is allowed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened in Open session at 6:55 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

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Dana A. Gootman  
Deputy Clerk of the Board