

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
71 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822
July 05, 2017

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Lanza 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 03, 2017, 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 SESSIONS

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded these:

See Page 7/5/17-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a CWA Supervisor's negotiations update.

See Page 7/5/17-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Payroll Administrator salary (Rice notice).

See Page 7/5/17-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss promotions in the Department of Public Works.

See Page 7/5/17-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in the Division of Parks.

See Page 7/5/17-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a position in Human Resources.

See Page 7/5/17-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in the position of Construction Inspector – Engineering Division of the Public Works Department.

See Page 7/5/17-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss revisions to the County's Employee Handbook.

See Page 7/5/17-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a counteroffer regarding a right-of-way easement on County Route 519 in Holland Township.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sauchau, Raritan Township resident, noted the memberships listed on the Claims Register and again requested reports be given to the public by those who attend conferences and other trainings paid for by the County.

Ms. Sauchau stated the audio recordings have still yet to be posted online.

Ms. Sauchau feels the deer hunting ordinance will likely be listed on an upcoming agenda and she wishes to make her opposition to that known in advance.

Ms. Sauchau stated she is against the paid bureaucracy that is being advanced for firefighters.

Ms. Sauchau feels the Executive Session portion of the public agenda is not descriptive enough.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Jim Davidson for having served on the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing William C. Armstrong, Boy Scout Troop 112, for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Hunterdon County YMCA, Camp Carr on its 50th Anniversary.

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

Bruce Black, CEO, of Camp Carr came before the Board to thank them for recognizing Camp Carr on its' 50th Anniversary. 20,000 children/campers have gone through the camp in the past 50 years.

PURCHASING

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R7-03762, using Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, with Jesco, Inc., for a 2017 John Deere Backhoe, for Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$113,789.67. (2016 Capital Funds).

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the extension of County Bid #2016-11, for a second year, for Fine Paper and Envelopes, with Paper Mart, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,781.25.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kevin Davis, County Administrator, reported on the Tax Equalization Table, which was verified by the County Tax Administrator that Hunterdon County table is \$21.41 Billion for 2017.

Mr. Davis reported on electric services cost savings which can be accomplished through a cooperative or a reverse auction.

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving re-granting of Special Project Grants, through the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, in the amount of \$22,500.

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

Several of the organizations listed in the resolution were present to discuss their projects and thank the Board for the support of the arts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Lanza 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: Resolution 29; Check #'s 5317, 157954, 157966, 157988, 158044 and 158045.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the

Claims Register dated July 05, 2017, minus Check #'s 5317, 157954, 157966, 157988, 158044 and 158045.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of June 20, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 7/5/17-3A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Denise Childers, Senior Program Development Specialist, Human Services Department, temporary salary adjustment.

See Page 7/5/17-3B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Eric T. Johnson, Assistant County Engineer, Division of Engineering, salary adjustment.

See Page 7/5/17-3C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Chris Leffler appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer 1, (w/CDL Certification), Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 7/5/17-3D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Mackenzie Quick appointed temporary, as needed Intern, Administrative Office.

See Page 7/5/17-3E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ryan Ziemba appointed provisional, full time Traffic Maintenance Supervisor, Division of Roads and Bridges.

See Page 7/5/17-3F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Laura Kroon-Bush appointed Provisional, Senior Park Naturalist, Division of Parks, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

See Page 7/5/17-3G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carl Schottman appointed Provisional, Senior Park Ranger, Division of Parks of the Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

See Page 7/5/17-3H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Sterling appointed part-time Library Assistant, in the County Library.

See Page 7/5/17-3I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Noah Barringer appointed Seasonal Laborer, Buildings and Maintenance Division.

See Page 7/5/17-3J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jack Butler appointed Seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 7/5/17-3K RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas Lafevre appointed Seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 7/5/17-3L RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Karen Truppi appointed as a grant funded (Preparedness Grant), part-time Public Health Nurse, Division of Health, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 7/5/17-3M RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, CWA Rank and File salary adjustments in the Division of Social Services, in accordance with the CWA agreement.

See Page 7/5/17-3N RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, CWA Rank and File salary adjustments for non-Social Services employees, in accordance with the CWA agreement.

See Page 7/5/17-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Officers Association, FOP #94.

See Page 7/5/17-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Echo Hill Bridge.

See Page 7/5/17-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Days.

See Page 7/5/17-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Electronics Recycling Program.

See Page 7/5/17-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement for a communicable disease specialist, to provide technical assistance to the Public Health Nursing Staff and Health Division Staff, as part of the as part of the annual Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LCCPHEP) grant, to KBD Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$16,520.

See Page 7/5/17-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2016-19, for Drainage Improvements to County Route 519 and County Route 635, in Bethlehem and Kingwood Townships, with JTG Construction, increase of \$30,695.

See Page 7/5/17-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for County Bid #2015-27, for Roadway Resurfacing of County Route 513, in High Bridge Borough and Clinton and Lebanon Township, to Schifano Construction, Corp., in the amount of \$17,517.28.

See Page 7/5/17-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Temporary Access Easement agreement with Kevin Radigan, to transport three (3) delivery trucks through County Park property, during construction of his home, in the amount of \$1.00.

See Page 7/5/17-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Inter-County Agreement with Warren County, for the Participation and Management of the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant, FY 2015 FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2015-004.

See Page 7/5/17-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Michael Franchini, Department of Finance.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the adoption of County Policy 2017-02, Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve Check #5317, in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 05, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #'s 157954 and 157966, in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 05, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #157988, in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 05, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #'s 158044 and 158045, in accordance with the Claims Register dated July 05, 2017.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 7/5/17-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application renewal for the Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force Grant, with the State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$43,750. (No County Match).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from High Bridge Borough, requesting permission to close a portion of County Route 513, between Fairview Avenue and West Main Street, during a parade to commemorate the 275th Anniversary of Taylor Wharton, from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., on October 14, 2017. Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A request from the Lambertville Historical Society, asking permission to use a LINK Bus during their 2017 Autumn House Tours, on Sunday, October 15, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Human Services.

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

Correspondence was received from Kevin Cahalan, Marine Corps League, Hunterdon Bulldogs, requesting to place a collection box (total of 2) for worn out flag, at the County's Library locations. Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this placement is coordinated through the Hunterdon County Library Director's Office on placement.

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

A letter was received from the Assignment Judge Yoland Ciccione updating the Freeholder Board on Criminal Justice Reform for the first quarter. Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion authorizing the Freeholder Director to acknowledge Judge Ciccione's letter and to forward a formal thank you to her.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder Walton reported on the rate of suicide, which is highest in the northwest portion of the state. This is a public health issue and should be treated as such. He reported on a story in the news about Pittsburgh Pirates umpire, John Tumpane, who intervened when he noticed a woman who appeared to be about to jump off the Roberto Clemente bridge. Mr. Tumpane was able to diffuse the situation and get help for the woman.

Mr. Walton reported on a fatal accident on County Route 513 which claimed the life of a young teenager. He asked Tom Mathews the County's Director of Public Works about the safety of that intersection.

Mr. Mathews reported an investigation is still ongoing, but the preliminary investigation showed the sight distance is within regulation and the accident history does not warrant the definition of a "dangerous" intersection. A dangerous intersection is defined as five accidents per year and this one averages one per year and only three in the last twelve years have had minor injuries.

Freeholder King reported on a letter he received from the State of New Jersey advising Hunterdon County they are going to reinstate the Black Fly Program along the Delaware River; along with the State of Pennsylvania.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the public or press wished to address the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lanza adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by: