

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

June 20, 2017

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

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

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 June 15, 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 SESSION

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss promotions in the Parks and Recreation Division.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various backfills and a promotion in Public Works.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in Buildings and Maintenance.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in Parks and Recreation for Division Head.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the 2016 one-time parity payment for Unclassified employees.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning policy requirements from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), necessary to maintain federal funding pertaining to the Americans with Disabilities Act and Affirmative Action.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive and update on the Browne/Pasqua Litigation.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:08 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, requested the County Library be open on Monday nights during the year and Sundays during the summer.

Ms. Sachau questioned several memberships on the Claims Register and requested reports be made to the public on the necessity of these memberships.

Freeholder Walton recused himself at 5:33 p.m.

Stan Prader, Jersey Central Power & Light representative, reported on the LED lighting offerings to various municipalities. There are some savings to be had for the towns if they choose to update to this option.

Freeholder Walton returned to the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

FINANCE/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Janet Previte, County Finance Officer came before the Board for the public hearings on two ordinances which were noticed in the newspaper for public hearing.

Director Lanza opened the public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 2017-01.

Director Lanza noted that this Bond Ordinance provides for heavy equipment, updates to the Justice Center, reconstruction, and I.T. projects. Over 28 miles of County Roads are in line for resurfacing or other improvements. The Bond Ordinance program has proven to be a fiscally prudent method over the years that insuring necessary improvements are made.

Barbara Sachau questioned if this Bond Ordinance include the proposed golf clubhouse.

Mrs. Previte reported it does not.

There being no further questions from the press or public, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to close the public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 2017-01.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

ADOPTION, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$18,753,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$17,860,472 BONDS OR NOTES.

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

Director Lanza opened the public hearing on Capital Ordinance No. 2017-02.

Director Lanza expressed on the Board's continued commitment to maximizing use of Open Space revenues to preserving farmland from development. The funding allocated in the 2017 Farmland Development easement purchases packaged with State agricultural development committee and local funds is targeted for the preservation of as many as seventeen farmland properties, totaling over 1200 acres.

Ms. Sachau questioned if the entire amount was for farmland preservation.

Director Lanza clarified the funding in this ordinance is for all Open Space purchases: farmland, parkland, anything that is authorized in the Open Space ordinance.

Ms. Sachau would like to see Open Space kept as passive recreation, not active recreation. The public would like to see the wildlife peacefully live on the land the County has.

There being no further questions from the press or public regarding Capital Ordinance \$2017-02, Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02

ADOPTION, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING ACQUISITION OF LANDS/PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND PROJECTS BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$6,161,123 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

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

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director came before the Board to update them on various pieces of legislation before the Legislature, including the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the Governor and State Legislature to enact legislation to permanently extend the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards before December 31, 2017.

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

PURCHASING

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R6-003625, using State Contract #A-89851, with Software House International, for Office 365 migration Services, for the Division of Information Technology, in the amount of \$51,050.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kevin Davis, County Administrator came before the Board to provide an Update.

Mr. Davis reported on a NJ Transit conference call that he participated in, which outlined some time changes in the High Bridge rail system; as well as the Morris-Essex line.

Mr. Davis commended the Hunterdon County Buildings and Maintenance Division on receiving a recent merit award from the New Jersey State Industry Safety Council, for no lost time for work-related injuries. Mr. Davis recognized Justin Tibbetts, Director of the Division of Buildings and Maintenance for this accomplishment.

Mr. Davis reported that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has informed the County that the permit necessary for the Transfer Station has been approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Roads:

- County Route 523, Dvoor Circle to Sergeantsville, in Raritan and Delaware Townships: for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements; funded through the 2016 Transportation Trust Fund Project, anticipated start date is July 10, 2017.
- County Route 579, Route 12 to Quakertown, in Raritan, Franklin and Delaware Townships, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements, Project started May 22, 2017; Drainage Improvements are 85% complete.

Bridges:

- Scour Countermeasure Project, for 17 county bridges with 5 bridges have been completed. Next structure to be worked on is P-169 in Frenchtown Borough.
- County Culvert D-424, on Locktown-Sergeantsville Road, in Delaware Township, will be closed June 26, 2017, and a detour will be posted. County forces will be doing priority repairs. Closure will be approximately 4 weeks.
- County Culvert L-143, on Penwell Road, in Lebanon Township: Currently reconstructing stone arch and headwall. Construction is being done by County forces under one lane of traffic. Anticipated completion in 4 weeks.

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION – Set a public hearing/Wescott House

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to set a public hearing for the transfer of property, known as Wescott House/Reading Schoolhouse, to Delaware Township. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 01, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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."

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated June 20, 2017, absent checks #157803 and #157806.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve Check #'s 57803 and #157806 in accordance with the Claims Register dated June 20, 2017.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of June 06, 2017.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kyle Weiss appointed temporary, seasonal Summer Nature Program Intern, Division of Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Kortina appointed temporary, seasonal Summer Nature Program Canoe Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Panfile appointed temporary, seasonal Summer Nature Program Canoe Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Mary Kurkowiak appointed temporary, seasonal Laboratory Assistant, Division of Vector Control, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jarrod Siegel appointed temporary, seasonal Laboratory Assistant, Division of Vector Control, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Connor appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert MacDonald appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nick Amorim appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Delatte appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Zach Baker appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Donnelly appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cameron Crisologo appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Administrative Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Stevens appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Administrative Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Jefferson appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Administrative Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Chiu title changed to provisional, full time Tree Maintenance Worker 1, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tyler Case, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Communications Division, salary adjustment according to the CWA Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Emily Stiff, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Communications Division, salary adjustment according to the CWA Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Andrea Schell, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Communications Division, salary adjustment according to the CWA Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, 2017 salaries for unclassified, unaffiliated and non-contractual employees.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a one-time parity payment for unclassified, unaffiliated and non-contractual employees.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edward Hayden, Confidential Aide, Finance Department, salary adjustment.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a New Jersey Corporate Card Program Linking Authorization Contract with the Bank of America N.A.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional mental health services agreement with Hunterdon Drug Awareness, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Letter of Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for participation in the Alliance to prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the procurement of Agriculture Farm Maintenance Agreements for various Parks and Recreation Division properties.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the acquisition of property in fee simple and a temporary construction easement, from Konstantinos and Argie Glynos, for the replacement of County Bridge RT-16, on County Route 523, in the amount of \$5,480.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of property in fee simple, from Mark and Lisa Nowell, for the replacement of County Bridge RT-16, on County Route 523, in the amount of \$6,610.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Jonathan Hanbicki as an alternate member to the Shade Tree Commission.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the sale of surplus equipment, trucks and miscellaneous items, through Govdeals.com, from July 03, 2017 through July 14, 2017.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Extension Deposit Agreement with New Jersey American Water Company, for the Route 12 County Complex, Block 43, Lot 12, to install 820' of 8" water main.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Freeholders confirms the action of the County Administrator to post an announcement to hire two interns to assist with a records project at the Main Street County Complex, in the Administration Building.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Board of Freeholders confirms the action of the County Administrator executing a Site Access Consent Letter for General Permit 12 - Surveying and Investigation, to perform soil sampling at the Warren Mill Dam, Block 1, Lot 1, in the Townships of Holland and Bethlehem on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the adoption of County Policy 2017-01, Medicare Part B Reimbursement Benefits for Retirees.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the Legislature to include funding in the 2018 budget to ensure equitable rates for Behavioral Health providers.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Health, for the 2018 Right to Know Letter of Intent of Agreement, in the amount of \$9,618.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a sub-grant award with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for funding the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team (SANE/SART), in the amount of \$115,810.46. (Federal Funds-\$72,000; County Match-\$43,810.46).

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

FOR DISCUSSION

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders discussed reducing the number of meetings held in the summer due to light agendas in the past.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to set the summer meeting schedule for Wednesday, July 05, 2017 and Tuesday, August 01, 2017, eliminating the meetings of July 18, 2017 and August 15, 2017.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Walton reported on Resolution #37, which he feels is more harmful than helpful to those non-profit organizations who provide mental health services. The state will now only reimburse for appointments kept; those with mental health issues frequently do not keep appointments.

Mr. Holt reported on the Open Space ordinance noting Hunterdon County has had its Open Space Preservation program for many years. Hunterdon has moved forward and is readdressing the value of the program and the parks value. This Board continues to see value in preserving Hunterdon County lands.

Ms. Lagay reported on the County's Division of Economic Development and the recent Hack-a-thon held noting it was highly successful.

Mr. Lanza advised an individual with the Hampton Fire Company who was involved in fighting a fire as a result of arson was injured. The firefighter is in good condition and on his way home.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau commented to the Board about the amount of money spent on water bottles for the County and noted its environmental impact.

There being no further business before the Board, Director Lanza adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by:

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk

Dana A. Gootman, Deputy Clerk