

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

May 16, 2017

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

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

ABSENT: 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 SESSION

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Shade Tree Commission (R. Becker).

See Page 5/16/17-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in the Sheriff's Office.

See Page 5/16/17-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss raising the salary for the Deputy Finance position.

See Page 5/16/17-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a CWA Update.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a Litigation Update.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 4:42 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: MR. WALTON.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, expressed disapproval of the \$2.1 million dollar clubhouse and questioned why steps have still not been taken to post the recordings of meetings on the website.

POLYTECH

Principal Kerr introduced Hannah McCray and Alyssa Carbo, students of the Animal Science program who placed first in the Veterinary Science Career Development Event at Rutgers University. The group has qualified to compete at the National FFA Conference in October in Indianapolis.

FINANCE

Janet R. Previte, County Financial Officer, came before the Board to introduce the 2017 County Budget. She thanked the Budget Committee for their time and support and provided a brief summary of the budget.

Director Lanza commended the Budget Committee and Mrs. Previte for their hard work and dedication in preparing the budget.

Director Lanza noted this budget is lower than the 2016 budget and there is no increase in spending or the tax rate.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Budget be read by Title Only.

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

Director Lanza opened the Public Hearing for the Establishment of a CAP Bank.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the establishment of a CAP Bank.

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

Director Lanza opened the Public Hearing for the Adoption of the County Budget.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing on the County Budget.

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

Director Lanza thanked all of the County's Department heads and Managers for their willingness to pitch in and find ways to cut their individual department budgets.

Director Lanza thanked Prosecutor Anthony Kearns in particular for the work he did on the Prosecutor's budget which greatly helped the County's bottom line.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion approving the Adoption of the **2017 County Budget**.

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

Ms. Lagay reported on the positive and tightly managed process during her second year on the Budget Committee and thanked all of the Department heads for their collaboration and contributions.

Mr. Holt acknowledged the management provided by Mrs. Previte to the departments and stated there has to be a level of trust between the Freeholder Board and the Department heads because there will always be a differentiation between what is requested and what ultimately gets approved. He agreed the budget is tight but it will work.

Mr. Holt extended his sincere thanks to everyone who put the work in to make the County a great place.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Library Tax for 2017, in the amount of \$6,222,193.97.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Tax for 2017, in the amount of \$6,461,315.88.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R7-02691, with Jesco Inc., for an Excavator for Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$102,666.59.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R7-02716, with Power Place, Inc., for a Tractor with Roadside Mowing for Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$69,937.20.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving County Bid #2017-08, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements for County Route 579, in the Townships of Franklin and Raritan, with Glen G. Hale, in an amount not to exceed \$1,906,559.06.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Purchase Contract for the Estate of Ann Oldakowski, for Block 32, lot 51, in the Township of Bethlehem, in the amount of \$60,000.

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

PUBLIC WORKS Department – Roads and Bridges Update

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, came before the Board to provide an update on various County Road and Bridge projects.

Roads:

County Route 579-Route 12 to Quakertown, Raritan, Franklin and Delaware Townships:

- Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements, anticipated start date is May 22, 2017.

Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program (Chip Seal), Various Townships:

- Project has restarted by doing Punchlist items on resurfaced roads and prep work on those roads to be chip sealed in June. Roads to be chip sealed include County Route 625 and 635.

Bridges:

Scour Countermeasure Project:

- Scour countermeasures for 17 county bridges, A-65 and L-116 are complete; contractor will start on T-38 on Homestead Road this week.

County Culvert L-143, Penwell Road Lebanon Township:

- Currently reconstructing stone arch and headwall work being done in-house.

Drainage Projects:

- County Route 519 by Kingwood Township School is complete: only Punchlist items remain.
- County Route 635 just north of Mine Road in Bethlehem Township of progressing, entire project is anticipated to be completed by June 2, 2017.

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: Checks: #157-572, #185-71, #157-569.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 16, 2017, absent Checks: #157-572, #185-71, #157-569.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Checks: #157-572, #185-71, #157-569, in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 16, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of May 02, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 5/16/17-4A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ross Traphagen appointed temporary, as needed Intern, Human Resources Division, Department of Administrative Services.

See Page 5/16/17-4B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Scott Krakowski appointed as needed, per-diem Level 1 Fire Instructor, Emergency Management Division, Public Safety and Health Services Division.

See Page 5/16/17-4C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Carol C. Cronheim as a member to the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

See Page 5/16/17-4D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subordination of Mortgage for Julia Spolarics, to United Wholesale Mortgage.

See Page 5/16/17-4E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with the Hunterdon Symphony to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on June 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

See Page 5/16/17-4F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with the Jakes Rackin Country Band (Esteem Entertainment), to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on July 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$1,449.

See Page 5/16/17-4G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Hunterdon Harmonizers, to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on July 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

See Page 5/16/17-4H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with the Vincent Barone (a/d/a Jim Barone), to provide a "Music Under the Stars" concert on July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$1,452.

See Page 5/16/17-4I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Joanne Romano (Romano Back Up Singers), to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$675.

See Page 5/16/17-4J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Bill Matlack, Jr., to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$990.

See Page 5/16/17-4K RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Captain Jack Billy Joel Tribute Band, to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on July 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

See Page 5/16/17-4L RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with Tramps Like Us (Mark Salore), to provide a "Music Under the Stars" concert on August 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$3,850.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with The Whiptones, to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.

See Page 5/16/17-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Agreement with TARK INC. (d/b/a STARS Productions), to provide a "Music Under the Stars" Concert on August 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Deer Path Park, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.

See Page 5/16/17-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a request from the City of Lambertville of an amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan.

See Page 5/16/17-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2016-13, to Furnish and Install Generators at various County Facilities, with Innovative Electrical Contracting, for an increase of \$15,594.56. (grant funded)

See Page 5/16/17-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the submission of a Resolution as part of the final application to divert/dispose of parkland, 0.039 acres, on Block 56, Lot 1, Point Mountain Park, in Lebanon Township, under the Green Acres Program, in conjunction with replacing Inter-County Bridge L-25-W.

See Page 5/16/17-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approval of the contract for the musical group, Red Baraat, to perform as the headline act at Hunterdon County World Music Day, Oct. 1, 2017, in the amount of \$3,500 (funded through the Local Arts Grant program).

See Page 5/16/17-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an equipment Lease Agreement, with the New Jersey Transit Corporation, for the LINK, for the following Section 5310, Federal Transit Administration funded vehicle: NJ VEHICLE ID:16 1935, 2017 Dodge Caravan.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders discussed placing a bus shelter at the LINK Transfer area at Park Avenue and Capner Street. This would be paid for by New Jersey Transit.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the installation and maintenance of a bus shelter, at the LINK Bus Transfer Center at Park Avenue and Capner Street, in the Borough of Flemington, for the Hunterdon County Transportation System (The LINK).

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 5/16/17-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of a grant with New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in the amount of \$269,673.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded these:

See Page 5/16/17-5J

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Charles Vitale, Boy Scout Troop 288, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

RESOLVED, Recognizing Dionel Esteves, Boy Scout Troop 65, for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

RESOLVED, Recognizing May 2017 as Older Americans Month in Hunterdon.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Flemington Fire Department, requesting permission to sell alcohol during the Corn and Tomato Festival, at the Court Street Park, on Sunday, August 06, 2017, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., to benefit the Fire Department. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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

A request was received from the Rotary Club of Flemington, asking permission to place two Port-a-Johns at the Main Street County Complex parking area, during the 9th annual Bark in the Park, on Sunday, June 04, 2017. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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

Correspondence was received from the High Bridge Emergency Squad requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on June 3, 2017 and October 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on 95 W. Main Street (County Route 513). Rain Dates: June 4 & October 5, 2017. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A letter was received from the Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit, Inc. requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, June 17, 2017 (rain date of June 24) and Saturday, December 16, 2017 (snow date of December 23) at the intersection of Route 519 and Bridge Street in Milford from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A request was received from the Readington Township Memorial Day Parade Committee asking permission to use a portion of County Route 523, between the King's parking lot and the Municipal building, on Monday, May 29, 2017. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

Correspondence was received from the East Whitehouse Fire Department requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss at the intersection of Route 523 and Route 22 on Saturday, July 29, 2017 (Rain Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017). Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A request for a letter of support for Prevention Resources, Inc. (formerly Hunterdon Prevention Resources) in its grant proposal to establish an Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORD) in Hunterdon County, as funded by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Main Street Flemington

Director Lanza recognized the great news of the compromise between the Borough of Flemington and the developer, Mr. Cust, to save several of the buildings to include, most notably, the Union Hotel.

Director Lanza feels certain this came at great cost to Mr. Cust, but he and his group are being good public citizens by recognizing the need for the preservation of historic sites.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau informed the Board she believes it is a disservice to the public for the Library to be closed on Monday nights and Sundays during the summer.

Ms. Sauchau feels the Open Space tax should do more to improve on protecting nature rather than turning the nature areas into hunting space.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lanza adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed By,

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Deputy Clerk of the Board