

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session at 4:15 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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded these:

See Page 9/5/17-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Counter Offer from Billie Gardner regarding a Right of Way, reconstruction of County Route 519/Warren Glen Hill project.

See Page 9/5/17-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for negotiation of easement for Drag Strip property.

See Page 9/5/17-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss licensing fees for County music performances.

See Page 9/5/17-1D RESOLUTION

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

See Page 9/5/17-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an internship advertisement for the Administration Office.

See Page 9/5/17-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various departmental personnel items.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:16 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 public comment.

Anna Stroek, Union Township resident, wished to go on record with a complaint for the water run off to the basin on her property. It is about twelve feet wide. The County put stones as far as the Right of Way, but the issue remains. She invited the Freeholders to come view the damage

Ms. Stroek advised she has addressed this Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, noted several items on the Claims Register: Freeholder King's conference expenses, Heron Glen expenses and checks made to Kemper Sports. Ms. Sachau also noted the upcoming deer hunt.

Stan Prader of Jersey Central Power and Light, reported that some towns transferred to other area managers. Mr. Prader now manages all of the municipalities in Hunterdon County.

Carl and Beverly Obodus, Holland Township residents, asked for an update on the scheduling of yoga classes at the Senior Center. The times were recently changed and Mrs. Obodus is unable to make the new class due to the bus schedule. Freeholder King responded that the time slot was unable to be filled by an instructor and also provided several yoga class options in the area of Holland Township with corresponding public transportation access.

HUNTERDON COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - POLYTECH

John Donnadio, President of the New Jersey Association of Counties, presented the NJAC Foundation Vocational-Technical Scholarships to Vincent Balducci and Brook Greenaway.

HUNTERDON COUNTY VETERANS RECOGNITION

Director Lanza presented Veterans Recognition certificates and medals to Robert Trimmer, Andrew Suhovic and Bill Warner. These veterans were unable to attend the ceremony at the Fairgrounds a few weeks prior, and the Freeholders wishes to recognize these men in public.

Director Lanza noted that it is a joyful and thrilling experience to be able to honor these men.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Division Head, Marc Saluk came before the Board to discuss the Clinton Town-Clinton Township procedural review pilot project.

Mr. Saluk stated a main concern about a sustainable future for Hunterdon County is often cited to be a reputation for having municipalities with unnecessarily protracted, onerous, and costly development procedures. This concern is cited in the county's 2014 CEDS report and continues to be expressed by the NJ real estate and development community.

Initial discussions with municipal leaders in 2016 led to the conclusion that a pilot effort with a small amount of communities was the best approach to begin to address this concern. Through the exploration process, Clinton and Clinton Township became obvious partners for the county and are excited about participation.

The Procedural Review pilot project is proposed to be executed as follows: Freeholder Board Approval of the concept. An RFP authorized requesting a professional planner (or firm) submit a plan to examine policies, procedures, and ordinances in each town, then make recommendations to better align those items to support the economic development goals of the participating entities. Similar action approved to seek a land use Attorney to provide legal advice on the project on as needed basis. The projected completion date: estimated to be June of 2018. One of the deliverables will also be a 'best practices' and/or 'tool kit' making transferable the main recommendations from the project so that they can be brought to other municipalities in Hunterdon for discussion and consideration.

Funding for the initiative is available in the Economic Development Division budget. The participating municipalities will have significant 'skin in the game' through their willingness to be the first communities engaged with the county in this pilot effort and by being a financial partner.

At this time, the partnership of Clinton, Clinton Twp., and the Hunterdon County Planning Department philosophically agree on an approach to this project and are poised to move forward.

Mr. Saluk has reviewed the plan with Freeholders Suzanne Lagay and Matt Holt, the liaisons to Economic Development, and they are supportive of the concept.

Estimated costs are to be between \$30 – 50,000. The current proposal is for these costs to be divided among multiple phases across two budgets, 2017 and 2018. The two participating municipalities of Clinton and Clinton Township would combine to fund approximately 20 – 25% of the project and the county would fund the balance.

Mayor Higgins of Clinton Township and Mayor Kovach of Clinton Town were present to express their support and excitement for the project. Mayor Kovach would like to see this project implemented as quickly as possible, as the town's Master Plan is due early next year.

Freeholder Lagay added that this is a subject near and dear to her heart. After several years of working on CEDs, she applauds this initiative between these two towns. The situation may not be unique to Hunterdon County but we know there is room for expansion and there is cause to look at it. This three way partnership between two municipalities and the County will result in best practices, shared learning, and a growing body of deliberate policies and procedures. Ms. Lagay applauds the mayors and Marc Saluk for arranging the pilot program.

Freeholder Holt stated that in the past, the County was reactive to population and tourism issues. The County has an opportunity to be proactive and protect what is so great about Hunterdon. The goal is to continue to make Hunterdon County a place where people want to live, work and play. The County needs to take action in order to achieve these ends. Mr. Holt is very happy that these two towns are stepping forward and he believes this is going to start a trend.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Clinton Town - Clinton Township procedural review pilot project and authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to put forth a Request for Proposals for a Professional Planner.

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

In 2014, The Hunterdon County CEDS identified increasing the visitors to the county as a primary objective. The initial economic development structure indicates that the freeholders agreed with this position, making a tourism committee a main piece of the early CEDS structure.

As the economic development model began to move forward in 2016 however, it became clear that the division was not staffed appropriately to implement a comprehensive and sustainable tourism initiative through a committee of busy volunteers. Discussion with those in the local industry indicated relief with

that conclusion and broad support for a more long-term structure to be researched and implemented.

After extensive conversation with neighboring counties, state agencies, and others with ties to local tourism efforts, it was concluded that the first step in this process would be a comprehensive analysis and report on local tourism from The Lloyd D. Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality, and Tourism at Stockton University.

The institute and their staff were universally identified as a perfect place to begin work on this matter. After securing participation of appropriate local partners (The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and Delaware River Towns Chamber & Visitor's Bureau (DRT)), the economic development division orchestrated a series of meetings with Stockton that resulted in a 3-phase proposal to move forward with this local partnership towards the development of tourism solutions.

The promotion of tourism assets within the Highlands Council's territory is consistent with the Council's mission, and, therefore, the Council's staff have agreed in concept to 100% funding for the Stockton research project on a reimbursable basis, following each phase's completion. A letter from the council on this matter is provided.

The Hunterdon County Tourism Research Initiative is proposed to be executed as follows: Freeholder Board Approval of the concept at the September 5, 2017 meeting. At the meeting, the following will be requested - Authorization to sign a letter of Intent with Stockton University. Following this, the University will draft a contract for the County to approve; then authorization to move forward with a grant application with the Highlands Council to fund the project. Finally, Project-related contracts from both Stockton and The Highlands will be brought to the Freeholder Board for approval during the current calendar year. Phase 1 of Stockton's Scope of Work will commence in 2017 and projected completion date: estimated to be December, 2018 Funds are available in the Economic Development Budget to cover phase 1 in calendar 2017. At this time, the partnership of The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, Delaware River Towns, and the Hunterdon County Planning Department philosophically agree on an approach to this project and are poised to move forward.

Estimated costs are to be \$45,000, which will be broken down by phase at a cost of \$15,000 per phase. Following payment for each phase, the County will apply for 100% reimbursement from The Highlands Council.

Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Christopher Phelan spoke in support of the study and applauded Mr. Saluk for his outreach to the community. There is a lot of momentum behind this and it is critical for the goals of the County. David Morgan, Executive Director of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce echoed Mr. Phelan's comments and thanked the Freeholder Board, particularly Director Lanza, for their support of this project.

Ms. Lagay commented that when she and Mr. Holt started touring the County during the CEDs study, it was determined that tourism is the "sleeping giant" of the area. This study will provide a blueprint and solid material to work with.

Mr. King commended Marc Saluk for identifying those issues that are beneficial to the County as a whole. Mr. King believes Mr. Saluk has done a tremendous job in his position thus far.

Mr. Holt briefly stated that tourism is an economic driver, one that drives the housing and business economy and tourism is also the vehicle in which Hunterdon County is introduced to those outside of it.

Director Lanza echoed the comments of his colleagues and also commended Marc Saluk on the job he has done so far. Both of the resolutions that are being voted on tonight are needed and send strong messages to those who invest in Hunterdon County.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing Hunterdon County to apply for funding from the New Jersey Highlands Council to prepare a Hunterdon County Tourism Research Initiative.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion authorizing the County Administrator to move forward in arranging a contract with Stockton University for the Board's consideration.

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

COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Frederick Brown announced that the County would hold a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Historic Courthouse Steps on Tuesday, September 11th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Sheriff Brown encouraged the public to attend to pay tribute to those who lost their lives.

Sheriff Brown also reminded the public that there is a shredding event taking place on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Director Lanza thanked Sheriff Brown for organizing the County's 9/11 event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Kevin Davis reported on a Work Place Anti-Harassment Training coming up. This will train supervisors with the proper protocol when dealing with a harassment complaint. In 2016, the EEOC (which is a federal agency) resolved 171 suits, totaling \$52,000,000. It is in the best interest of the County to provide this training to its employees.

Mr. Davis advised the Board that 46 acres near Diamond Nation which owned by NJDOT. The property was purchased for post-construction on the Route 31 by-pass. There may be an opportunity here for recreational use, so it is interest of the County to work with the municipality. There needs to first be a determination if the property is deemed surplus by the NJDOT.

FINANCE

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the cancellation of certain Bond and Capital Ordinances and authorizing the transfer of the funded balance of such ordinances to Capital Surplus, in the amount of \$200,983.40; and to cancel the unfunded debt authorization in the amount of \$1,312,629.21.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 9/5/17-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for Area Plan Grant (mid-year for 2017), in the amount of \$254,240.

See Page 9/5/17-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Hazardous Mitigation: Emergency Radio Tower Generator Project, in the amount of \$19,791.

See Page 9/5/17-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for Family Court Services, 2017 Juvenile Justice Grant, in the amount of \$95,615.

See Page 9/5/17-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), in the amount of \$1,695.

See Page 9/5/17-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program for 2018, in the amount of \$71,010.

See Page 9/5/17-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in the amount of \$269,673.

See Page 9/5/17-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Transportation TBG, modification/extension, in the amount of \$16,884.

See Page 9/5/17-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for Social Services for the Homeless, in the amount of \$64,422.

See Page 9/5/17-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$500.

See Page 9/5/17-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2017 County Budget, for the Sexual Assault Nurse Team (SART), in the amount of \$72,000.

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

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator, brought the Board up to date on various County projects and Facilities:

1. Emergency Services Training Center, Burn building design complete, preparing cost estimate.
2. Generators – Rt. 12 Bldg 1, Rt. 12 Library, Mt. Airy & Everittstown Garages, Completing grant documents for reimbursement.
3. Everittstown Garage Salt Building Renovations and Addition, Rebid project.
4. Parks – Heron Glen New Building, Building framed, trusses ordered, rough plumbing being installed, electrical to start.
5. Mt. Airy and Lebanon Fuel Tanks, Lebanon Garage complete, Mt. Airy Quotes will be on 9/19/17 agenda for approval.
6. Justice Center – Criminal Justice Reform Renovations, Phase 3 construction will start in two weeks.
7. Justice Center Exterior Renovations, Project bidding the week of September 11.
8. Park Dept Gazebo Renovations – Flemington, Construction to start week of September 18
9. Rt. 31 HVAC Bldgs 2 & 3, Bids received and being evaluated.
10. Historic Courthouse Renovations, Preparing RFP for consultants.

FOR DISCUSSION

County Ordinance No. 2017-01, Vendor Parking Fees at the South County Park.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-6B

COUNTY ORDINANCE #2017-01

INTRODUCTION, County Ordinance #2017-01, to amend Vendor Parking Fees at the South County Park, with a Public Hearing to be held on October 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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 at this time: Checks #158741 and Check #18701.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 05, 2017, absent checks #158741 and #18701.

See Page 9/5/17-6C

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 the regular and executive session minutes of August 01, 2017 and the Special Meeting minutes of August 22, 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 9/5/17-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Craig Kollmer appointed provisional, full time Senior Bridge Construction Worker, Division of Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rob McElroy appointed provisional, full-time Senior Bridge Construction Worker, Division of Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Curtis Bloomquist appointed provisional, full-time Senior Bridge Construction Worker, Division of Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, George Becker appointed part-time, unclassified, Prosecutor's Agent, Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

See Page 9/5/17-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kristin Redmond appointed full-time, unclassified, Assistant Prosecutor, in the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

See Page 9/5/17-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew S. Ah Kao appointed full-time, unclassified, Assistant Prosecutor, in the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

See Page 9/5/17-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Conner full-time, Laborer, Division of Roads, Department of Public Works, amending start date.

See Page 9/5/17-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joshua Burk, Equipment Operator, Roads Division, Public Works Department, be given a base salary increase in accordance with the CWA Local 1036 agreement.

See Page 9/5/17-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Powell appointed full time, Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety and Health Services

See Page 9/5/17-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas Nor, full time, Mechanics' Helper, Division of Vehicle Services, given a temporary salary adjustment, in accordance with the CWA agreement.

See Page 9/5/17-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Confirming the action of the County Administrator appointing William Spencer as a full-time Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Biel appointed full-time Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, David F. Ingraham appointed part-time Security Guard, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department.

See Page 9/5/17-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Confirming the action of the County Administrator appointing Jarrod Gaskill as a full-time Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 9/5/17-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marcella Rosso appointed full time, Social Worker, Social Services Division, Department of Human Services.

See Page 9/5/17-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving compensation to Denise Childers, Supervising Program Development Specialist, in accordance with the CWA Local 1026 agreement.

See Page 9/5/17-7L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Raymond E. Rule, in accordance with the CWA Local 1026 agreement.

See Page 9/5/17-7M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the reappointment of Violet T. Kocsis, to the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board.

See Page 9/5/17-7N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the appointment of Richard Horoschak as to the Human Services Advisory Council.

See Page 9/5/17-7O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the sale of a surplus plow, to the Readington Township Department of Public Works, for the amount of \$1,000.

See Page 9/5/17-7P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT) volunteer agreements with Det. Geoffrey Benz, Robert Brobst, Sgt. Harry Bugal Jr., Jim Burns, Sgt. Jeffrey Glennon, Scott Iglay, Ptl. Timothy McGuire, Cpl. Phil Seabeck, Edward Skillman, Brian Sutherland and Christopher Vallat.

See Page 9/5/17-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Addendum #1, to the State Aid Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases, extending the grant.

See Page 9/5/17-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the extinguishment of three (3) Site Easements from Helen Weeast, for Block 14, Lot 13, in Alexandria Township, due to a merger of the lots rendering the Site Easements unnecessary.

See Page 9/5/17-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of property in fee simple, in connection with the Replacement of County Route 519 at Warren Glen Hill, Block 1, Lots 1.01 and 1.02, from Warren Glen Investments, in the amount of \$10,600.

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

GRANTS

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a revision to the Special Projects Grant awards for 2017, as recommended by the Cultural & Heritage Commission, correcting the awardees, in the amount of \$22,500.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with the State Department of Environmental Protection to fund the Hunterdon County Planning Board project: "The Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan", in the amount of \$100,000, in pass-through federal funding and to execute any amendments which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Holt moved Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-8F

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring September 2017 as Suicide Prevention Month in Hunterdon County.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/5/17-8G

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hunterdon County.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Jennifer Price, Mwenje Ridgebacks, requesting permission to park approximately 10-12 self-contained large RVs and/or travel trailers (one night only), at the rear of the South County Park grounds, during a dog show event taking place from September 23 and 24, 2017. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this is coordinated with the County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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

A letter was received from the Flemington Community Partnership, requesting permission to use the historic Court House Steps, the rear of the building for a hospitality suite, access to rest rooms, permission to hang banners and use of electric outlet on Friday, September 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., to hold the Central Jersey Jazz Festival. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Cultural and Heritage

Commission and the Sheriff's Office.

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

An email was received from Anne Hercek, requesting permission to use the historic Court House steps on Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., for their 2017 Rosary Rally. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Sheriff's Office.

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

Correspondence was received from the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to use the South County Park on Saturday, June 02, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., for the 2018 Community Day. Also requesting assistance from County resources for auxiliary lighting, digital sign board, cones, barricades, portable radios and support of the Parks and Recreation and Buildings and Maintenance staff; as well as the County Sheriff's Officers to assist with traffic entering and exiting the event. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt 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. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA.
(ABSENT) MR. WALTON.**

A request was received from the Tewksbury Rescue Squad, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss on Sunday, September 17, 2017, between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Lamington Road and the light of County Route 517, in Oldwick. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this 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.**

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Hunterdon County Communications Hurricane Harvey

Mr. King reported on the tremendous story out of Kingwood Township and the 9-1-1 Communications Center where a citizen in Kingwood, Texas, was trapped in an attic during Hurricane Harvey without a phone; that person emailed what they thought was the Kingwood Texas Emergency Services, but in fact sent the email to Kingwood Township in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The first responder who received that email forwarded it to the County's 9-1-1 Center and they were able to coordinate assistance with the first responders in Texas. Those people who were trapped in the attic were ultimately rescued. Mr. King would like to see those communications technicians recognized at a future Freeholder Meeting. Mr. King commended Public Safety Director George F. Wagner as well.

Spruce Run Reservoir Discharge

Mr. King reported on a brown discharge that was reported in the Spruce Run reservoir on Sunday, July 30, 2017. The Communications Division sent someone from the County Health Department to inspect the issue and it was determined that the discharge was coming from the Glen Gardner Quarry. The NJDEP was contacted and took over the investigation. Mr. King commended the Communications Center for their quick action on this issue.

County Savings

Mr. Holt reported on a \$300,000 savings in electric costs due to a new contract entered into by the County. He commended Raymond E. Rule, for researching this for the County.

Mr. Holt noted a recent agreement with Express Scripts will provide the County with almost a half of million dollars in rebates on prescription drugs that have already been expensed out.

Mr. Holt noted the County's Human Resources Director Brad Myhre determined that there is a \$122,000 realization in retiree Medicare reimbursement costs.

Hurricane Harvey, 4-H Fair, Delaware Township meeting

Director Lanza congratulated Clinton Township councilman Tom Cachanowski on his recent appointment. Director Lanza sends his thoughts and condolences to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Director Lanza directed everyone to the County website where there are various websites that can be used to help the victims of Harvey. Director Lanza also commended the Communications Center for their work helping the citizens of Kingwood, Texas and noted the Channel 12 newscast on the story which is also on the Hunterdon County website. Director Lanza reported on the success of the 4-H Fair and the success of the Veterans Recognition Ceremony, as well as the honor of dedicating the fairgrounds in memory of Roger Everitt.

Director Lanza noted that the next Freeholder Meeting will take place in Delaware Township at the municipal building.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau commented that she has an issue with the Pilot Program that was passed earlier in the evening. Those plans should come from the ground up and not the top down. She believes that the citizens should have more of say in these sorts of programs. She also disagrees with the cost associated with the tourism study.

Mr. Holt advised the New Jersey State Tourism Departments budget is paltry and Hunterdon County needs to take the ball and run with it.

Ms. Lagay stated grassroots are involved in the process.

Mayor Higgins noted that this was brought to the council. Lawyers and architects are often the ones who have experience with these issues, particularly with ordinances and regulations. Citizens do not usually have enough knowledge of these laws for meaningful suggestions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lanza adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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