

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont-Ringoes Road
Sergeantsville, New Jersey 08557
September 19, 2017

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:45 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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 September 11, 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:

See Page 9/19/17-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to Human Services Advisory Council, Scott Cohen.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services Advisory Council, Regina Hlasney.

See Page 9/19/17-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on interviews for a Parks and Recreation Division Head.

See Page 9/19/17-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a litigation update on the Justice Center Capstone.

See Page 9/19/17-1E RESOLUTION

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

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:46 p.m., recessed at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

Delaware Township Mayor Charlie Harmen, on behalf of the Township and Council, welcomed the Board and thanked them for choosing Delaware Township as a location for their traveling meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-1F PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring September 24, 2017 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day and to support the meritorious works of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Parkway Run and Walk and the Saint Baldrick's Foundation.

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

Linda Schwathammer, of the St. Baldrick's Foundation, reported on the head-shaving event at the Sergeantsville Fire House the coming Saturday. This event is in remembrance of her granddaughter. The Foundation is making strides, raising \$228,000 over the past five years. The FDA has approved only two new drugs in twenty years for children and the National Health Institute only dedicates 4% of its budget to child cancer research, so it is imperative to bring awareness to childhood cancer.

Tracy Wright reported on the Run & Walk that supports the Children's Hospital pediatric cancer department. She encouraged everyone to participate. They have raised \$127,000 over the last ten years.

Director Lanza encouraged everyone to participate or donate to this worthy cause.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Borough of Frenchtown on its 150th Birthday.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lanza reopened the meeting to public comment.

Jeff Barnes, Delaware Township resident, advised he is against the speed limit reduction of Route 604 that was adopted by the Freeholder Board last year and encouraged the Board to revisit the speed limit on this road. No one adheres to the limit and it is not enforced.

Debbie King, Delaware Township resident reported she resides on Route 523, purchasing the property approximately five years ago; there is a discharge of storm water from the road onto her property, which is causing soil erosion and trees to fall down and other serious damage. She has spoken with Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works, about possible engineering remedies during the repaving of the road. It was suggested that an existing easement from a neighbor could be used to divert the water. The neighbor agreed; however, the Department of Public Works has now stated they are unable to do that. Ms. King has retained an attorney and that attorney is prepared to file a notice of claim.

Director Lanza directed Ms. King to have her attorney contact the County's attorney and a response will be issued.

Mr. Kline, Delaware Township resident, commended the Freeholders for approving the Heron Glen clubhouse. He believes that those not in support of the venture will be surprised by the amount of income that the new building will bring.

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-15, for Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Days, with Clean Venture Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$73,500.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-18, to Furnish and Deliver Snow and Ice Control Materials for Roads and Bridges – Calcium Chloride Solution, with Setcon Industries, in the amount of \$29,600.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-18, to Furnish and Deliver Snow and Ice Control Materials for Roads and Bridges – Rock Salt, with Morton Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$461,790.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-20, for Resurfacing of County Route 627 in the Township of Holland, with Glen G. Hale, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$703,096.26.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-21, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements for County Route 604 in the Township of Delaware, with Reivax Contracting Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,879,705.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-14, for Electronics Recycling Program, with Electronics Recyclers International, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Roads:

- County Route 523-Dvoor Circle to Sergeantsville, Raritan and Delaware Townships, Drainage and curbing are complete; Driveway apron construction is being done now.
- County Route 579-Route 12 to Quakertown, Raritan, Franklin and Delaware Townships, Project was substantially completed on August 17, 2017, Punch list items remain and are anticipated to be completed this month.
- County Route 604 from County Route 523 to County Route 519, Delaware Township, Project to begin this fall, anticipated completion in the Spring 2018.
- County Route 627 from Church Road to Warren County Line, Holland Township, Project to begin and be completed this fall.
- Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program (Chip Seal) Various Townships, Project began August 21, 2017: County Route 519 from County Route 513 to Route 12 in the process of being chip sealed and County Route 617 from County Route 612 to Flemington is in the process of being milled and paved.

Bridges:

- Scour Countermeasure Project, Scour countermeasures for 17 county bridges, 12 out of the scheduled 17 bridges have been completed; currently working on Q-21 located in Raritan Township on Capner Street.
- County Culvert R-58, Pulaski Road Readington Township, is a total replacement, construction began July 31, 2017 however it has been delayed due to required utility relocations, anticipate completion this fall.
- County Bridge D-329, Pine Hill Road, Delaware Township, County forces are being done to the make Masonry Repairs and repainting, the project began August 21, 2017 and is anticipated to be reopened by October 2, 2017.
- County Bridge FC-80, River Road, Clinton and Franklin Townships, County forces will be making repairs to the collapsed stone masonry wall repairs; tentative start date is September 25, 2017.
- County Bridge T-19-S, County Route 512, Tewksbury Township, County forces will be making repairs to the backwall and open grid deck.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Kevin Davis reported that the Parks and Open Space Committee intend to place an arch at the entrance of the Columbia Trail in High Bridge. The arch is being donated by Custom Alloy and will be presented at the 275th anniversary of Taylor Wharton in mid-October.

Administrator Davis attended the Flemington Community Partnership meeting the previous evening. It was a well-attended event and highlighted some plans for the community. Also presented was a high quality video on Flemington that can be viewed on their website.

OPEN SPACE

Bill Millette, Planning Board, provided an update on the Wescott House process between Delaware Township and the County of Hunterdon. The Wescott House is a historic one-room school house in Delaware Township. In February 2017, Delaware Township requested that the property be transferred to the Township for the Historical Society who was interested in refurbishing the property for educational programs. In March, the Freeholder Board approved a

resolution to go forth with the process. Since the property was purchased with Green Acres funds, it triggered two different statutes and a process with the State that ran from May until September when the public hearing took place. After ninety days have passed, the County can officially sign the deed over to the Township.

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."

Item Held: Check #158803.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 19, 2017, absent Check #158803.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 05, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve Check #158803, in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 19, 2017.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cindy Mundy transferred from Senior Services to the Division of Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Mike Turri transferred from the Division of Bridges to the Division of Roads within the Department of Public Works.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kyle Herda appointed full time, unclassified Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 9/19/17-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Keith Fleming, Equipment Operator, Division of Roads, Public Works Department, salary adjustment.

See Page 9/19/17-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Antonio Creagh appointed full time, Public Health Investigator, Health Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 9/19/17-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edwin Blas appointed full time, Corrections Officer, Sheriff's Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jaime Abramo appointed full time, Electrician, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Administrative Services Department.

See Page 9/19/17-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Linda Rifino, Senior Clerk Transcriber, Emergency Management Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a temporary salary adjustment for Kenneth Sutphen, Equipment Operator, Division of Roads, Department of Public Works, for filling the role of Supervising Road Repairer, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with CWA Local 1036.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Somerset County for Juvenile Home Detention Services, at a per diem rate of \$50.00 per client, for 2017.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Contract Modification #1, for County Quote #0098-2015, for Professional Engineering Design Services for the Reconstruction of County Bridge C-32, in Clinton Township, with Malick & Scherer, P.C., in the amount of \$7,000.

See Page 9/19/17-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a paper Performance Bond, #9208233, to Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, in the amount of \$53,288.13.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Renewal for the Title IV-D Reimbursement Agreement, with the New Jersey Division of Family Development, for the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$297,755.00, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Musacchio appointed full time, Detective, Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse renewal application, with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in the amount of \$213,671.00 in state funds and a County Match if \$26,638.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 9/19/17-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant agreement with the Delaware Valley Regional Alliance, represented by Alexandria Township, in the amount of \$20,777.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant agreement with the South Hunterdon Regional Alliance, represented by West Amwell, in the amount of \$16,108.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant agreement with the Voorhees Regional Alliance, represented by Tewksbury Township, in the amount of \$22,852.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity, requesting permission to use roads around Christie Hoffman Park, (County Routes 512, 517 and Farmersville Road), on Saturday, October 21, 2017, for a fundraiser. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A request was received from the East Amwell Township School PTO, asking permission to close the intersection of Wertsville Road and Rocktown Road, on Saturday, October 7, 2017, between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for a 5K Color Run. 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, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

Correspondence was received from the Hunterdon County Library, requesting on behalf of the Friends of the Library for the fees to be waived to use the Grange Building at the South County Park during the April 11, 2018 to May 02, 2018 Book Sale, as was done in previous years. Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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

A request was received from the Fairmount Fire Company, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the intersection of County Routes 512/513, in Tewksbury Township. 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, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA.
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Binding Arbitration Law Sunset

Freeholder King reported that New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Association of Counties is holding a press conference on Friday, September 22, 2017 regarding the 2% cap on binding arbitration that will sunset at the end of this year. Mr. King will be participating in that event as a speaker.

Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Event

Freeholder Lagay reported on the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame event she attended last week, saying the event highlighted multi-generational family businesses throughout Hunterdon County.

PennEast Pipeline

Director Lanza reported on the PennEast pipeline issue, which is of particular concern to the residents from Delaware Township. This issue is of concern to the Freeholder Board because of the eminent domain abuse and the disturbance to preservation easements. IN late June, The NJDEP rejected the request of PennEast for a 60-day extension for address deficiencies in the water permit application. Director Lanza asked his colleagues for their support in sending a letter of thanks for the Commissioner for their careful oversight.

County Budget

Director Lanza reported on the County Budget advising that because of the work on the part of the Hunterdon County staff, the County has taken \$110,000 less from the residents of Delaware Township.

Delaware Township

Director Lanza thanked the Delaware Township Committee and Mayor Charlie Herman; as well as the residents for their hospitality in hosting the Freeholder Board meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Lanza opened the meeting to the public.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lanza adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana A. Gootman, Deputy Clerk