

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 07, 2018

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. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Holt 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 02, 2018, 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. Lanza seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss personnel items for the following: **Health:** District Recycling Coordinator backfill; and **Human Resources:** Confidential Assistant backfill; and **Engineering:** Senior Engineer Promotion; and **GIS:** Additional of Software Development Specialist to the CWA Rank and File contract; and **Roads and Bridges Division:** two backfills; and **Public Works:** Supervising Bridge Supervisor title addition to the Supervisory Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a CWA Contract Modification, adding bilingual stipend in the Rank and File contract.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to discuss a lease with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m., recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMENTS FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD

Director Holt opened the meeting to his colleagues.

Freeholder King reported the seventh concert in the Parks and Recreation's Music Under the Stars series, will be held this Thursday evening; leaving two more concerts for the public to enjoy. There have been more than 3,500 people in attendance at the concerts held at Deer Path Park. Mr. King complimented the Parks and Recreation Division staff on their successful concert series.

Mr. King reported that the Sea Cadets assist with volunteering during parking at the concert series. The County provided access to a facility at Echo Hill Preserve in exchange for their volunteering at the County, as needed.

Mr. King stated that the Student Conservation Foundation project is kicking off sometime around August 10, 2018, when they will be working with the Parks and Recreation Division, on some County trail rehabilitation.

Mr. King advised tree removal will be done on the Columbia and Landsdown Trails in the near future, before the Fall kicks in.

Director Holt agreed with Mr. King that the Parks and Recreation staff should be complimented for all their hard work in promoting and obtain acts for the Music Under the Stars events. Also, those conducting traffic control do a wonderful job and can clear the parking area out in under 20 minutes.

Freeholder Lagay the County has a radio program once a month for an hour long; which appears on the Hunterdon Chamber Radio the first Thursday of the month. It is called "Your County at Work". The radio show is not political or about government per se but it is a human interest story about the behind the scenes people who provide all the services such as the County Surrogate, the Road Supervisor, the Weights and Measures Director, Public Health Officer, Vector Control individuals, the County Chief of Staff and Director of Public Safety and Health Services and the County Clerk.

Director Holt confirmed that Freeholder Lagay is the host of "Your County at Work".

Ms. Lagay advised in September the radio show will be hosing Beth Thompson, the Board of Elections Supervisor.

Freeholder Lanza stated on the weekend of July 27 to 29, 2018, County residents and visitor enjoyed two major events (1) Salsa Night in Flemington, hosted by the Flemington Community Partnership and the (2) Balloon Festival in Readington Township. There were large crowds and both venues brought a great amount of fun but behind the fun is the significant effort made by the County's Emergency Management Team in conjunction with local law enforcement and other emergency responders to ensure those having fun were also safe and secure.

Mr. Lanza stated that most people do not give any thought to the efforts made to ensure the protection of attendees and the preparation to plan for unforeseen events that may threaten the safety of the public at these gatherings. For each of these large crowd events the County's Office of Emergency Management prepares an Incident Action Plan – the Balloon had a 29 page Incident Action Plan for each day of the event; while Salsa Night was a more confined area which required a 16 page Incident Action Plan but still very detailed. All law enforcement and emergency response assignment were detailed for these plans including timing, weather, traffic, canine detection unit, roaming patrols and all aspects of providing protection are thoroughly specified in these documents and the unified command structure is outlined, as the briefing schedule and disaster planning. No stone is left unturned by the County's people.

Mr. Lanza advised because the President was nearby in Bedminster, New Jersey, the secret service was also a participant in the planning and oversight for the Balloon Festival; adding another layer of concern for security for our people. It is fortunate that both events went off without a significant problem. This doesn't just naturally happen; a debt is owed to the County's OEM team for their intense background work; along with the numerous men and women of the various law enforcement agencies and emergency responders who are onsite to ensure things go well. The same will be done during the County's 4-H Fair at the end of August.

Mr. Lanza stated that the parks and events are important for tourism in Hunterdon County and ensuring the safety of all participants and attendees is of paramount importance to having the most positive experience. Mr. Lanza thanked all involved in the effort.

Freeholder Van Doren reported on tonight's Consent Agenda are five resolutions approving road project change orders that decrease the final cost of those projects; saving the County of over \$567,000. These savings result from construction, inspection and oversight by the Engineering Division in the Department of Public Works; the County's Inspectors keep a close eye on contractors who have been awarded road and bridge project work ensuring that the proper amount of materials, labor and equipment are used to perform the County's high quality standards. There is great attention paid to detail. As a result, costs are held to the level necessary without waste. The Department's Inspectors and all involved in ensuring jobs are done right, on time and under budget are to be commended.

Mr. Van Doren reported a radio reporter is doing a nightly special this week about bridges and the sad state of bridges maintained by the state; which is this individual's opinion. Mr. Van Doren had a meeting previously, during a discussion on one of the Bond Ordinances the County adopted and he noted that bridge maintenance and safety is an appropriate and necessary role of County Government. Residents and visitors to the County should have a high degree of confidence when passing over the smallest culvert or the largest river span, that the County's bridges are safe. In support of that statement, the County Engineer has advised that in just the first six months of 2018, the Public Works Department has already performed safety and maintenance work on 16 bridges and 17 culverts throughout the County. The work includes masonry repairs, construction of concrete trusses, the removal of large tree and debris, and the repair of damaged guiderail along with other maintenance activities. The Public Works Department is vigilant in its inspection and oversight of the condition of various crossings throughout the County.

Mr. Van Doren stated as the Liaison to the Department of Public Works and Engineering, he will continue to bring a spotlight on the work the department does; while little known and underappreciated is vital for the safety of the public.

Director Holt stated at the end of the pledge of allegiance, he asked for a moment of silence and the reason we do that, is because we are honoring people to defend us each day on the streets; that are overseas defending us, and we are also honoring those individuals who had defended us and those who are no longer with us.

Director Holt noted that the opening ceremony for the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair at the Robert Everitt Fairgrounds, at the South County Park, will be at 4:00 p.m., on August 22, 2018, at the Main Stage. A large number of the County's Veterans will be honored and presented with a medal. Three World War II Veterans have advised they will be present at the event; one was born in 1918. The County has also invited back veterans who have already received their recognition medal so they can join with us, in honoring those people who have served not only Hunterdon County but our country and the freedom of all Americans.

Director Holt noted that Hunterdon County was built upon its Agriculture background. The 4-H gives us an opportunity to recognize Hunterdon's Agricultural History and to recognize that agriculture is as important today as it was; it is part of our economic system and culture. The 4-H Fair gives that community a chance to showcase and demonstrate the proficiency that still exists strongly in Hunterdon County.

Director Holt advised he is a former Hunterdon County 4-Her and it was a great opportunity to grow up in Hunterdon County and be a part of 4-H.

Director Holt reported that the BPU report has come out regarding the March storms, on July 25, 2018. The report cited some performance issues on behalf of the power utilities. There were some legitimate criticisms of the performance throughout the state of New Jersey. He is appreciative that the issues cited surrounding the company's communications to the residents.

Director Holt recognized George F. Wagner, the County's Director of Public Safety and Health Services, and the County's Chief of Staff, who attended the BPU Hearing where he ably shared Hunterdon County's concerns, that was held in Sergeantsville. Many of those concerns are addressed in this report.

Director Holt advised there was a similar report in 2012 after Superstorm Sandy – recommendations were made then and we see that in 2018, there is still room for improvement; some recommendations were carried forward and some were not; perhaps to the detriment of Hunterdon County's residences and businesses. Director Holt strongly believes it is now the responsibility of the BPU to ensure compliance by utility companies to monitor them to make sure they make positive steps in moving forward. But be assured, we in Hunterdon County will be watching to make sure that progress is made by the utility companies. Director Holt is thankful that BPU issued this report and that they listed recommendations and now it needs to be improved upon.

PROCLAMATION

Director Holt recalls twenty-five years ago, he and his wife were having a conversation with Richard and Sam Stothoff at the Copper Hill Country Club and the subject turned to how long you need to be in Hunterdon County in order to be considered "old time" Hunterdon County. Sam Stothoff told him at 25 years you are officially from Hunterdon County.

There is a resident in the back, Jeffrey Quick, who is a lifetime resident of Hunterdon County. Jeff retired on July 01, 2018 from Hunterdon County employment; he served the County for 34 years. Jeff began his career in the Road Division and has been a truck driver, equipment operator, Assistant Road Supervisor working his way to eventually become the County's Road Supervisor in the Division of Roads and Bridges, of the Department of Public Works and spent 14 years, from 2004 to 2018, in that position.

Director Holt confirmed for Jeff Quick that he has left a mark on Hunterdon County. While you may not realize it, but when you drive down Hunterdon's Roads and over its bridges; or if a storm hits, because there are people like Jeff and the people who work for him, who are responsible to get the traveling public back on safe and efficient roads. Thirty-Four years is a great legacy and Director Holt told Mr. Quick that his shoes will be hard to fill.

Director Holt congratulated Mr. Quick on his retirement and thank you for all the years you have worked for Hunterdon County and all the years you have spent in Hunterdon County.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Jeffrey A. Quick upon his retirement after working for the County of Hunterdon for 34 years.

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

Mr. Quick thanked the Board for its recognition.

RECOGNITION – NJAC SCHOLARSHIP

Presentation of NJAC/Investor's Bank Scholarship Awards to Giovanna Gallina and Morgan Taylor, Hunterdon County Polytech Students.

Director Holt recognized John Donnadio, Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of Counties and Mary H. Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk and the NJAC Director for 2018. He also recognized Freeholder King who is the two year past Director of NJAC.

Mr. Donnadio thanked the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their continued support of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

Mr. Donnadio thanked Investor's Bank and stated because of their continue generosity to the NJAC Foundation, they will top over \$300,000 in grant moneys given to County Technical School Graduates that are continuing their education in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Donnadio thanked Giovanna Gallina and Morgan Taylor who are both graduates of the Hunterdon County Polytech Academy, Hunterdon's vocation school.

County Clerk, Mary Melfi reported she met Morgan Taylor, who is the recipient of the 2018 Investor's Bank Scholarship when she was with the culinary program at Polytech. Morgan was part of Hunterdon's Polytech students who catered Ms. Melfi's swearing in ceremony at NJAC. County Clerk Melfi told Morgan if she ever decided to walk away from educating little children, she definitely has a skill with cooking and can go far.

Pictures were taken with the Freeholder Director, NJAC Director, NJAC President and Morgan Taylor, who will be attending Raritan Valley Community College in the Fall.

Mr. Melfi recognized Giovanna Gallina who will be attending The College of New Jersey come Fall; she has recently been entered into the Art Honor Society.

Pictures were taken with the Freeholder Director, NJAC Director, NJAC President and Giovanna Gallina.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Stan Prater, JCP&L Representative for Hunterdon County, reported JCP&L had filed with the Board of Public Utilities two weeks ago, a reliability plus program and it is not as result of the BPU findings, although a lot of things identified will address some of the findings in the report. The filing is to enhance reliability and resiliency in JCP&L's infrastructure. JCP&L is going to invest \$400 million over 4 years, in looking at improving overhead circuitry, substation reliability, distribution automation, and underground systems improvements. Some of this includes enhanced tree trimming – currently JCP&L is restricted to where it can trim, how far and how high trimming can be done. JCP&L is asking the BPU to give them more latitude in terms of tree trimming; they are looking at removing Ash Trees that are off right-of-way that could potentially damage JCP&L's Infrastructure, they will work with the homeowner to get approval to remove those trees; they are also looking at smart fusing/automating fusing/trip savers to be put on the circuitry. Mr. Prater explained this comes with a rate increase to residential customers who use about 765 kilowatts per month; its \$0.26 increase for the first 6 months and it escalates to \$1.89 for the four year period. Mr. Prater reported that there will be public hearings for the public and for officials.

Mr. Prater stated if this is approved, he will be meeting with each town in Hunterdon County as they all have been identified with improvements.

Mr. Van Doren confirmed with Mr. Prater that at the end of the four years, the \$1.89 sunsets for the homeowners.

Mr. Van Doren said in light of the tragedy which took place several weeks ago, with the PSE&G customer who had their power turned off and was on a ventilator, and unfortunately died. He asked what steps has JCP&L taken to make sure it doesn't happen to one of their customers.

Mr. Prater advised when he speaks at council meetings and to the mayors, he encourages them to make sure that residents who are on some type of life support equipment register with the company. JCP&L does a mailing to municipal OEM's twice a year (July and December); and on the list are names of everyone who has registered for life support. The municipal people are told if they know someone on life support they need to get them to register because JCP&L can do it for them. Mr. Prater explained the process to register for life support.

Director Holt and Mr. Van Doren asked Mr. Prater to provide him with the information to register with JCP&L for those on life support and it will be publicized on the County's website.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, explained she has medical needs and lives in East Amwell Township, where, in many cases, there is Depression Era Infrastructure. An example is on Cider Mill Road because if a wire goes down, it starts a fire. The people JCP&L bring in from out of state say they have never seen anything that old. East Amwell Township is a low population area/low priority community – people lose their electricity for days and weeks at a time in some areas of the Township. Whatever is necessary to improve the infrastructure has not been done in East Amwell. If the residents are going to be paying \$1.89 more to JCP&L for infrastructure improvements, she would like to live long enough to see it done in her township.

Ms. Gavigan would like to see some meaningful municipality by municipality plans to (A) inventory the aging poles and infrastructure and (B) JCP&L wants to hang "dark fibers" on poles but East Amwell's poles can support the weight of them. She asked the Freeholder Board to follow up on this and get the plans and inventory for the aging poles.

Ms. Gavigan advised she has sleep apnea so if the power is out and the machine goes off, she stops breathing about four times a night. JCP&L's registration process is cumbrous, onerous and for the people like the person who died – they are not in the position to go online or to go to their doctor to get forms filled out, they are just trying to stay alive. Working with the Freeholders and communities for some kind of meaningful outreach and education to senior groups, to get to the people who may be in need and their caregivers (such as the Hunterdon Medical Center) to make sure people have access to power during storms and outages.

Brad Myhre, Frenchtown Borough's Mayor, thanked Director Holt and the Freeholder Board for their support of Frenchtown's Transportation Alternatives Grant Application, which is on tonight's agenda. He introduced Caroline Scutt, a member of Frenchtown's Council. Thank you from the Borough.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce building will be discussed tonight to put the Economic Development Office in their building. She questioned the rent to be paid for this; plus the focus of taking a government official and putting them in a non-profit building. That could cause a lack of focus on the representation of the taxpayers.

Ms. Sachau advised that Hunterdon's retirees are leaving the state and going to another state to live because of the high taxes.

Director Holt advised those present that the rent to the Chamber of Commerce Foundation for office space for Economic Development will be zero.

PUBLIC WORKS Department/Requests for Road Opening Applications

Director Holt confirmed with Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works that the County received two requests for hardship to open a County Road to allow for the installation of natural gas.

Director Holt stated one request is to open County Route 512 (Main Street), in Califon Borough from Mario Orriols and the second is to open County Route 613 (Hillsborough Road), in Raritan Township from Virginia Vitalo.

Director Holt confirmed with County Counsel, Shana Taylor that these requests are to be taken separately. He explained there is a moratorium within the Public Works Department that when a road is paved, it cannot be opened for five years for any purpose. The Freeholder Board runs into occasions where there is an opportunity for a hardship case, to convert the house to gas because of failure of equipment and such. Those requests come to the Freeholder Board for a final determination because the Engineering Department abides by the moratorium. After discussing this with the County Engineer/Director of Public Works and the Liaison of Public Works, Mr. Van Doren, there was not an issue to opening the road other than the fact that there is a moratorium in place.

Mr. Mathews advised the Board that County Route 512, in Califon Borough was paved in 2015 and has six months left on the moratorium. He has no objection to the approval of this request.

Director Holt confirmed with the Clerk of the Board, Denise Doolan, that resolutions will be required and placed in the minutes for approval.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-5A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the approval of a road opening request, on an emergency basis, for the installation of a gas line service, on County Route 512, at 106 Main Street, in Califon Borough for Mario Orriols.

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

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-5B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the approval of a road opening request, on an emergency basis, for the installation of a gas line service, on County Route 613, at 4 Hillsborough Road, in Raritan Township, for Virginia Vitalo.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

Director Holt recognized Chris Phelan, Director of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, who is present this evening. There is an agreement before the Board to permit the location of the County Economic Development Division at the Chamber of Commerce building, Reading-Large House, 119 Main St, Flemington. This is a one year lease and contains a one year extension.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-5C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation for office space for the Hunterdon County Economic Development Office, at 117-119 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, at no cost to the County, for a one year period, and a one year extension.

Mr. King advised he has had discussions with other counties and all agree Hunterdon County's Economic Development structure is unique. They too are moving toward the public/private partnership. There are best management practices associated with this and this is the appropriate step for Hunterdon.

Mr. Lanza stated after hearing the comments said, this is the vision Hunterdon County has had all along; we are moving forward and this is a fantastic partnership because we have two of the biggest drivers of Economic Development on both the private and public sectors in Hunterdon County coming together, growing in the same direction. While there may have been concern before whether the public and non-profit sector were helping each other or not but with the leadership on both sides, with is a good relationship.

Mr. Lanza feels that the County's Economic Development Director, Marc Saluk has been a credit to the County organization. This also sends a symbolic message that the County is putting its Economic Development person with a non-profit with whom we are working with closely but we are putting him on Main Street in Flemington. This Freeholder Board is paying attention to the County Seat. This is another message that the Freeholders are serious about Economic Development and we are pushing it forward.

Mr. Phelan looks forward to the ongoing partnership and collaboration, in working together to strengthen Hunterdon County's economy.

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

FINANCE

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-5D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the cancellation of balances for Capital Ordinance 9-13 and authorizing the transfer of balance to Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$48,552.79.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2018 County Budget, for the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$500.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2018 County Budget, for the 2018-2019 Right to Know grant, in the amount of \$9,618.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R8-04303, using Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, for a 2018 John Deere 544K-11 Wheel Loader with attachments, with Jesco, Inc., for the Division of Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$173,061.93.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R8-04370, using State Contract #A-80902, for Tree Removal Services at the Landsdown and Columbia Trails, with Rich Tree Service, for the Division of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$55,969.75.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R8-04311, using Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, for a 2018 John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader, with Jesco, Inc., for the Division of Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$74,857.87.

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

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-11, for the Everittstown Garage Salt Storage Building Addition, to Park Lane Construction & Development Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$209,556.00.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-14, for the Electronics Recycling Program, with Electronics Recyclers International, New York, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 08/07/18-6H

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) MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kevin Davis, County Administrator informed the Board that after extensive help from County Counsel Taylor and Purchasing Agent Rule, that today the notice of bid was released for the Operation of the Transfer Station as it presently is operated for a period of five years. Additionally, the sale of the Transfer

Station and its assets sometime during that five year period to the highest bidder. This will appear in the newspaper this Thursday, August 09, 2019. He anticipated spirited bidding as there appears to be more interest than was originally thought.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Holt 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."

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 07, 2018.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of July 17, 2018.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edwin Blas, Corrections Officer, Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department, salary adjustment, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the FOP 29 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

See Page 08/07/18-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adam Johnson appointed provisional, full time Senior Maintenance Repairer, Building and Maintenance Division, Administrative Services Department.

See Page 08/07/18-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Fleming appointed provisional, full time General Road Supervisor, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

See Page 08/07/18-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Darlene Wene promoted provisional, full time Supervising Clerk Transcriber, Office of the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools.

See Page 08/07/18-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Raul D. Quintero appointed Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/07/18-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Teresa Faria-Little appointed Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 08/07/18-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Trevor Smith, Equipment Operator, Public Works Department, salary adjustment, in accordance with Article 10, Paragraph G, of the CWA Rank and File Agreement.

See Page 08/07/18-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Stull, Road Repairer 2, Public Works Department, salary adjustment, received CDL Class A certification, in accordance with Article 10, Paragraph J of the CWA Rank and File contract.

See Page 08/07/18-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Stull appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer 3, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

See Page 08/07/18-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Eric Johnson, Assistant County Engineer, Division of Engineering, of the Department of Public Works, salary adjustment in accordance with his employment agreement.

See Page 08/07/18-7L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Leslie Bailey appointed provisional, full time Senior Engineer, Engineering Division, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Deemer appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer 3, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bryan Manning appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer 3, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jason Lawrence appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer 2, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carl Ondrak appointed provisional, full time Senior Construction Worker, Division of Bridges, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paul Oceanak appointed provisional, full time Senior Construction Inspector, Division of Engineering, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Decker appointed provisional, full time Principal Engineering Aide, Division of Engineering, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Amanda Bourne appointed provisional, full time Human Services Specialist 3, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robin Krog appointed provisional, full time Human Services Specialist 3, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Aidan Beardsley appointed as a seasonal, as needed, Summer Nature Program Assistant, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Warren Schultz appointed provisional, full time Principal County Park Ranger, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

See Page 08/07/18-8K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nancy Dominiani appointed a member, to the Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services Advisory Council.

See Page 08/07/18-8L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the designation of Janet R. Previte, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as the Entity Administrator for the federal System for Award Management (SAM), for the County of Hunterdon.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2016-20, Scour Countermeasures at various Locations, to Grade Construction, decrease of \$45,177.48.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2016-20, for Scour Countermeasures at various locations, in various municipalities, to Grade Construction, in the amount of \$61,157.03.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2017-07, Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 523, in Delaware and Raritan Townships, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., decrease of \$163,964.11.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2017-07, Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 523, in Delaware and Raritan Townships, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., in the amount of \$46,093.66.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2017-08, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 579, in Franklin and Raritan Townships, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., decrease of \$274,473.69.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2017-08, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 579, in Franklin and Raritan Townships, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., in the amount of \$32,641.71.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2017-20, for Resurfacing of County Route 627, in Holland Township, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., decrease of \$51,956.11.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2017-20, for Resurfacing of County Route 627, in Holland Township, to Glen G. Hale, Inc., in the amount of \$13,022.90.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, County Bid #2017-24, Resurfacing of County Route 512 and County Route 513, in Franklin, Union and Tewksbury Townships, to Top Line Construction, decrease of \$32,308.50.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting High Bridge Borough's application for federal funding assistance through the New Jersey DOT Safe Routes to School Program for Sidewalk Improvements along portions of Bridge Street (CR 513) Central Avenue, Union Avenue and Hart Street.

See Page 08/07/18-9G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting Frenchtown Borough's application for federal funding assistance through NJDOT alternatives set aside program for streetscape improvements along County Route 513 (Race Street), in the Borough.

See Page 08/07/18-9H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the sale of surplus equipment from Parks and Recreation, through Gov.Deals; sale to run August 20 through August 31, 2018.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Van Doren moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the Reconstruction of County Route 519 Warren Glen Hill in the Township of Holland, and authorizing the Public Works Department to submit electronically through SAGE.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Lambertville Historical Society, requesting permission to again hire a LINK Bus, for their annual fundraiser, the Lambertville Autumn House Tour 2018, on Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this request is coordinated through the County's Human Services Department.

Mr. King reported that this is a great tour, that he has taken and it is worthwhile.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Van Doren reported three weeks ago the County Administrator and he met with Janet Previte, the County's Chief Financial Officer and Tom Mathews, the County's Roads and Bridges Director, to do a deep dive to educate him on all the bond ordinances which are open for all the County's road projects and allocations for same. Another one of those sessions will be held in the Fall to determine where the County may need funds and what could be cancel and send money back to surplus or the fund balance. Mr. Van Doren thanked Mr. Davis, Mrs. Previte and Mr. Mathews for taking the time to go through this process.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau questioned items on the Claims Register for Heron Glen from this meeting and the past couple of meetings which she missed. She feels golf is a hobby and they should be paying their own way not taxpayer money.

Mr. Lanza advised Heron Glen does pay its own way. What you do not see of the Claims Register is the revenue which outstrips the expenses annually between \$200,000 and \$300,000. It is disingenuous to complain about expenses at every meeting when you know that the revenues are not shown. The County's budget this year is \$87.7 million and it's down \$1 million from the year before. This Board is doing a good job holding expenses in check.

Ms. Gavigan congratulated the Freeholders for keeping the tax bills as low as you possibly can. She spoke with the Tax Collector yesterday about the bills and fortunately East Amwell Township and the County have held fast but School Taxes are up. She also thanked the State for cutting the local schools with 5%. She hopes the Freeholder Board is able to keep up holding down expense.

Mrs. Gavigan doesn't know if she's going to be able to be a resident for 25 years; she's currently at 23. She was in Ashville, North Carolina this past weekend and it's a nice place to live and there are a lot of attractions for leaving New Jersey. The Governor and the State Legislature need to look at ways to keep people in New Jersey.

Director Holt advised the County's Budget is not one person or one Board, it's a philosophy that is carried by all the individuals who work for Hunterdon County; they buy into this; they are committed and they understand this. The credit is a universal credit among 600+ employees in Hunterdon County that know this is important for all the reasons why we live in Hunterdon County.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board