

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 06, 2018

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

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

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 SESSIONS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 02/06/18-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Library Director Backfill.

See Page 02/06/18-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Supervisory Vacancy in Public Works.

See Page 02/06/18-1C RESOLUTION

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

See Page 02/06/18-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a retirement in Solid Waste and Recycling Services.

See Page 02/06/18-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Prosecutor's Office FOP 186 side bar agreement.

See Page 02/06/18-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a Payroll Service Provider for Finance.

See Page 02/06/18-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss contractual negotiations regarding easement at Drag Strip property.

See Page 02/06/18-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Assistant Buyer backfill.

See Page 02/06/18-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of a Division within the Human Services Department.

See Page 02/06/18-1J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on the Solid Waste and Recycling Division.

See Page 02/06/18-1K RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an update on CWA contract negotiations.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:18 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, noted checks on the Claims Register to Kemper Sports for the Heron Glen golf course management, in an approximate amount of \$105,000.

Director Holt reported in response, that the current Freeholder Board reduced the County's Budget by almost \$12 million dollars. The County is debt-free and Hunterdon County's residents benefit from those facts. Director Holt stated that Heron Glen Golf Course exceeds the cost to the County in revenue each year and that is worth noting publicly.

POLYTECH

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-2A

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING, Declaring February 2018 as Career and Technical Month in Hunterdon County.

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

Dr. Kim Metz, PolyTech Superintendent, Hunterdon County Vocational School District, known as Polytech, was accompanied by the following students: Kayleigh Nix, an Animal Science student, Alyssa Carbo, an Animal Science student, Brooke Phillips, a Biomedical Science Academy student, Cynthia Dailey, a Graphic Arts Instructor, Zach Blackwell, a Graphic Arts student, Dylan Doremus, a Graphic Arts student, and Jackson Ruthe, a Graphic Arts student. Each student introduced themselves to the Board and explained the career course they wish to take following their education at Hunterdon County PolyTech. They also distributed buttons to the Board Members and other county employees seated in front of the dais.

Director Holt read from the proclamation: "The Hunterdon County Vocational School District provides a wide range of career and technical education programs for more than 1,400 secondary and adult students annually who reside in Hunterdon County, expanding their individual opportunities and meeting the current and future workforce needs of Hunterdon County employers; and the recent accomplishments by the district and its' students include three new full-time academies in Computer Science and Software Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, and Environmental Sustainability and Engineering; and a new share-time program in Heavy Equipment Operators Program."

Director Holt wished all the students success in their future endeavors and congratulated them on their achievements.

PURCHASING

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

See Page 02/06/18-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2017-26, for Janitorial Services for various County Buildings, to ACB Services, in an amount not to exceed \$253,341.60.

Director Holt noted that the County has realized significant savings due to the outsourcing of cleaning services; stating that In-house cleaning services once cost the County close to \$900,000. Cleaning services were outsourced several years ago and the cost of these services have remained consistent with the figure the Board is approving tonight; in fact, this year's contract is \$5,000 less than last years' cleaning services contract.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-2C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Gary Hazard for having served as a member representative for Hunterdon County on the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

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

Director Holt noted Mr. Hazard's many accomplishments as a member of the Raritan Township Committee, to which he is returning, prior to his time as a member of the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees, representing Hunterdon County. He also, noted the accomplishments of Raritan Valley Community College, particularly during the recession of 2008 in which the college allowed students to integrate credits with traditional universities and allow them to enjoy cost-savings by opting for community college rather than traditional.

Director Holt stated Hunterdon County is served by those who see the importance of volunteering their expertise and time, on behalf of the County and its residents.

Director Holt thanked Mr. Hazard for his excellent representation and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

Mr. King commented on the privilege of serving with Mr. Hazard on the Raritan Township Committee, and those in the Township who are fortunate to have him back in that role. Mr. King Stated that Mr. Hazard served as Vice Chair of the RVCC Board of Trustees at one time and represented Hunterdon County well in that role.

Mr. Hazard remarked on the good fortune of the opportunity to serve, and to speak at RVCC's graduation as the Vice Chairman. He is a big believer in the opportunity to receive a quality education inexpensively, and spoke of his father who was a young father working as a butcher while attending Union County Community College.

Mr. Hazard thanked the Freeholders for their support while he served on RVCC's Board of Trustees.

Eagle Scouts

Director Holt recognized the Eagle Scouts in attendance today and noted he read somewhere that only about four percent of Boy Scouts ever attain the designation of Eagle Scout. That statistic is remarkable to him and he congratulated these young men on their prestigious accomplishment. These Eagle Scout projects are immensely important to the public; sometimes these improvements are unable to be accomplished due to budgetary restrictions, whether it be for a public or religious entity. These young men are to be commended for their hard work in not only raising money for their projects, but designing the projects, getting approvals and volunteers to get the projects done but we have to understand, these Eagle projects will bring a benefit for many years to come.

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

See Page 02/06/18-3A PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Stephen Cheney, Boy Scout Troop 62, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

Stephen informed the Board that the Eagle Scout project involved the restoration of the Oak Grove Schoolhouse back to 1854 by erecting a flagpole and flying a 31 star flag. He also installed a paver stone walkway and dedication plaque.

See Page 02/06/18-3B PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Brendan Antrosiglio, Boy Scout Troop 187, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

Brendan was unable to attend tonight's meeting but his proclamation will be delivered to him.

Director Holt reported that Brendan's project involved demolishing a staircase at the Holland Bible Church, in the Township of Holland. He also made a Biblical Planter to improve the entrance to the Church and painted a wheelchair ramp next to the Planter Box. Brendan's project will benefit the Holland Bible Church for many years to come.

See Page 02/06/18-3C PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing John McDowell, Boy Scout Troop 187, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

John advised his Eagle Scout project involved the construction of a wooden enclosure for the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church for its dumpster and recycling cans, which included a double gate door and the installation of a brick platform.

See Page 02/06/18-3D PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing John Patrick Tynan, Boy Scout Troop 187, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

John advised his project involved the collection of unused prescription glasses to be donated to the non-profit organization, VOSH (Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity). He created 12 drop boxes to collect the eyeglasses and placed them at various locations. After collecting the glasses, they are shipped to VOSH. Once a year, VOSH travels to the Dominican Republic to provide eye exams and glasses to those that need them. This project will benefit VOSH and those in needed of prescription eyeglasses in the Dominican Republic. He collected over one thousand unused glasses.

See Page 02/06/18-3E PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Patrick McCarthy, Boy Scout Troop 187, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

Patrick stated his project involved the removal of 20 year old neglected landscaping and install new plants, shrubs and mulch to beautify the entrance to the Milford Public Library. Patrick donated all unused donations to the Library to purchase new media.

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

The Board recognized Michael Coppola. Michael received his Eagle Scout proclamation on August 1, 2017. Michael's stated his project involved the design and installation of a 120' sidewalk and landscaping at St. Edward the Confessor Church Parish Center, located in Milford, New Jersey.

Director Holt explained the reason he wanted the scouts to attend tonight's meeting was to get a picture of them for the County's website to continue to publicize the great work the Scouting Community does in Hunterdon County.

County Administrator, Kevin Davis, stated at tonight's meeting are some Boy Scouts who are working on citizenship in the community and one requirement is to attend a meeting like this and get a copy of the agenda. Another requirement is to ask a question of an elected official. The question asked to the Board is: "In your role, in the capacity of Freeholder, what action drove you or brought you to that position?" further stating the members of the Freeholder board volunteer so much of their time giving up time that could be spent with their families.

Director Holt asked each his colleagues to give a brief answer. He started with the newest Freeholder, Shaun Van Doren who has been on the Board only a month and a half but comes with a lengthy number of years serving as a municipal official.

Mr. Van Doren has had the opportunity to serve as a municipal elected official for twenty-one years and sought the opportunity to continue that public service advising his father instilled this in his four children; always stating you should give back to your community.

Mr. Lanza reported he notice too many of his family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances were moving out of Hunterdon County and moving out of New Jersey. He wanted to see what he could do to help change the environment so people would make the decision to stay.

Mr. King explained he was interested in serving the community.

Director Holt advised he started by serving on a school board about twenty-five years ago; was appointed to a position and decided to run for council in the Town of Clinton and even though he lost two elections in a row, he ended up being appointed to fill a council member position for someone who had passed away; and then spent ten years on the Council. When he was no longer on the Council, he wife told him to run for something to get him out of the house; that was thirteen years ago and he is still here, fulfilling his desire to serve the public.

Director Holt explained while we do this as elected officials for the community but it is the people who commit to make it great. While it is hard work, if you put the energy and effort it, everybody can make a difference.

Director Holt stated these young scouts are making a difference in their communities. Tonight they have seen what being part of a scouting team can accomplish. This Board appreciates all the scouts for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. He invited them back anytime.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

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

CULTURAL and HERITAGE COMMISSION

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

See Page 02/06/18-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving, upon the recommendation of the Cultural and Heritage Commission, the administration of the New Jersey Historical Commission County History Partnership Program grant funds for 2018, in the amount of \$22,490. (CHPP Grant - \$17,490; C&H - \$5,000).

Representatives from the Hunterdon County Historical Society, the Lambertville Historical Society and the Readington Museum were in attendance and thanked the Board for supporting their organizations through the approval of the 2018 re-grants.

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

Director Holt said as a Board, the members hope to accomplish recognizing the challenges the County faces and recognize what the County has in terms of economics but in this room is a core of people who love the County and love living and working here. The historic of Hunterdon County is so rich and it isn't just County history; it is the history of each individual town; individual buildings and individual activities. The fact that everyone is taking all their volunteer time and ensuring that isn't lost is extremely valuable and that is the reason why contributions like this make sense.

Director Holt thanked Carrie Fellows, Executive Director, of the Cultural and Heritage Commission for all her work and being part of this valuable saving of history.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Director Holt noted before the Board is a resolution for a Dedication by Rider for the Division of Economic Development. It is important, in terms of when this Board first started talking about Economic Development and where the County was going. The implementation of the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) required there be the establishment of an operation to direct and oversee the drive forward the basic overarching strategy of enhancing the economy of Hunterdon County. Initially that strategy required the County's support; however, the longer range goal has always been to have the Economic Development Program become a public/private partnership with significant private funding. In looking at the achievement of the goal, the Freeholder Board has taken the first step of moving the program out of the total government

funding level by establishing a policy that creates the opportunity and encourages private investment in the Economic Development operation and that is done by setting a policy for the administration of what is called a Dedication by Rider. There are business/community interests who understand the need for coordination and the need for leadership in implementing the CEDS and they are willing to contribute financially towards that success. Any contributions received can be put to use in support of Economic Development programming now, therefore lessening the County's budget expenditures in moving forward. There are strict guidelines and limits, when accepting private donations, to ensure ethical conduct and the avoidance of any conflict of interest. The establishment of this policy is a significant step on the road to moving Economic Development operations from being exclusively County funded to a public/private partnership format that has proven to be effective in other counties.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adopting Dedication by Rider policy for the Division of Economic Development.

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

COUNTY SHERIFF

Hunterdon County Sheriff, Fred Brown came before the Board to report on the Alcotest Shared Service.

Sheriff Brown stated at Director Holt's swearing in, he mentioned the importance of shared services and he is here tonight to advise the Board of the Shared Services initiative his office has undertaken along with the Hunterdon County Chiefs of Police. The Hunterdon County Chiefs of Police Association has funded two new Alcotest machines which test drivers that may be intoxicated. It has been arranged to locate these machines at the Hunterdon County Justice Center. Local officers will be able to transport suspected drunk drivers to a central location at the Justice Center for testing. Sheriff Brown reported that in 2017 the State of New Jersey directed the Alcotest machine currently utilized for testing drivers would need to be replaced.

Sheriff Brown stated having a central booking for DUI will eliminate the need for municipalities and the New Jersey State Police to purchase the new required equipment which can cost in excess of \$25,000 each.

Sheriff Brown stated the Hunterdon County Chiefs of Police are paying for the machines, so there will be no expense to the County and the machines will be available to all local and state police departments within the County. The machines can be used as a primary test or backup test.

Sheriff Brown thanked Justice Tibbetts, Hunterdon County Director of the Division of Buildings and Maintenance on arranging to have a workstation placed in the Justice Center. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor assisted in getting approval from Judge Cicchone to do this.

Sheriff Brown reported that County Corrections Officers will be available to secure the individual determined to be intoxicated until someone picks them up; this will allow local police offices to get their officers back out on the road where they are needed.

Mr. Lanza thanked the Sheriff and the Prosecutor for putting this together. He reported he is a municipal prosecutor for four municipalities and two have their own police departments. Each of those municipalities will be saving money by not having to purchase hardware; plus there is ongoing maintenance of the hardware. This is a fantastic idea so the municipalities do not have to shoulder the costs. In addition, it will be centrally located.

Sheriff Brown stated since new machines are not available yet; there are two police departments donating machines to the County.

Director Holt stated the County appreciates Sheriff Brown's hard work and the Hunterdon County Police Chiefs Association in working together on this shared service which will provide an immeasurable cost savings to all taxpayers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

PACE/Jiff

Kevin Davis, County Administrator reported he attended the PACE/JIFF reorganization meeting today where he was elected to the Executive Committee; and then elected Vice Chairman. Cynthia Edge, the Lambertville Municipal Clerk, is the Chairperson of the JIFF. There was an opportunity to look at the financials for the JIFF and they are in excellent shape with a healthy surplus.

NJDEP permits

Mr. Davis advised a notice has been received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approving Hunterdon County's basic industrial stormwater permit for the Transfer Station in addition to the permit for Solid Waste. So Hunterdon County is in compliance with NJDEP rules and regulations. The permit is valid until January 31, 2023.

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."

Check #18931 was held at this time.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 06, 2018, minus Check #18931.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve Check #18931 in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 06, 2018.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of January 16, 2018.

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

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

See Page 02/06/18-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adjusting salaries for employees covered under the FOP 94 Union Contract.

See Page 02/06/18-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Hesham A. Ebrahim appointed full-time, unclassified Financial Assistant, Finance Department.

See Page 02/06/18-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Andrew Ward appointed full time Laborer, Division of Roads, Department of Public Works.

See Page 02/06/18-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Theresa Cleary-Knight, SART (Sexual Assault Resource Team) Coordinator, County Prosecutor's Office, salary adjustment.

See Page 02/06/18-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kathleen Hynes, Principal Account Clerk, Finance Division, Human Services Department, salary adjustment in accordance with CWA Bargaining Agreement.

See Page 02/06/18-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Suzanne Sollner-Figler, Laborer, Division of Parks and Recreation, Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Department, salary adjustment.

See Page 02/06/18-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Gloss appointed full-time Laborer, Division of Roads, Public Works Department.

See Page 02/06/18-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Schultz appointed the County's 911 Coordinator, Division of Communications, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 02/06/18-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alyssa Myrnyj appointed full-time, unclassified, Victim Witness Advocate, Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

See Page 02/06/18-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an extension of the Internship of Mary Evers, County Administrator's Office, January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018.

See Page 02/06/18-6L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a temporary salary adjustment for Scott Carver, Equipment Operator, Road Division, Public Works Department, in accordance with the CWA Agreement, for temporarily filling the Supervising Road Repairer role.

See Page 02/06/18-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Jersey Central Power and Light, for the installation of electric distribution facilities, in the amount of \$11,579.72.

See Page 02/06/18-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to County Policy #99-2, Costs and Expenses Reimbursed by County.

See Page 02/06/18-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #3, for Bid #2016-17, for the 2017 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County Roads, with Top Line Construction, decrease of \$69,603.06.

See Page 02/06/18-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids to Furnish and Deliver Maintenance and Repair Materials for the Division of Roads and Bridges, for the Department of Public Works.

See Page 02/06/18-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional agreement for Government Accounting Services, to PM Consultants, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

See Page 02/06/18-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments/reappointments to various County Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils.

See Page 02/06/18-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments/reappointments to the Professional Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

See Page 02/06/18-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments to the New Jersey Association of Counties.

See Page 02/06/18-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an appointment to the National Association of Counties.

See Page 02/06/18-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Revising the Freeholder Appointments and Liasonsships.

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

GRANTS

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

See Page 02/06/18-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subgrant Award with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, accepting funds for the (SANE/SART) project, in the amount of \$122,955. (Federal Funds - \$76,792; County Match - \$46,163).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-7L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a revision of a grant agreement with the State Department of Environmental Protection, to fund a project designating the County Planning Board to use its resources to develop and complete the County Wastewater Management Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

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

See Page 02/06/18-7M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the FTA Section 5311 grant, Operating Assistance Agreement for 2018, in the amount of \$308,670; (FTA Section 5311 - \$154,335; County Match - \$154,335).

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

(ABSENT) MS. LAGAY.

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

See Page 02/06/18-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subcontract for the 2018 Subregional Transportation Planning Program, with the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., in the amount of \$88,762.50. (Federal Highway and Transportation Authority: \$71,010; County Match: \$17,752.50).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation, for the 2018 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act funding, in the amount of \$332,284.

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

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

See Page 02/06/18-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract with the State Department of Human Services, for Transportation Block Grant Funds, for LINK Services for TANF consumers, in the amount of \$33,768.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/06/18-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract with the State Department of Human Services, for the provision of transportation services for the elderly, disabled, low-income and general public, in the amount of \$124,434; and a Public Donor Agreement with the County Department of Human Services, to provide donated resources to fulfill the Social Services Block Grant, in the amount of \$31,109.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Hunterdon County School Nurses Association, requesting permission to have the insurance waived for use of a County meeting room. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission stating this has been done in the past for this organization.

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

Correspondence was received from the Hunterdon Watercolor Society, requesting permission to have the insurance waived for use of a County meeting room. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission stating this has been done in the past for this organization.

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

An email was received from the People First of Hunterdon County, requesting a waiver of insurance for use of a County meeting room at the Route 12 County Complex. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission stating this has been done in the past for this organization.

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

Correspondence was received from the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on April 21 and 22, 2018 and on October 27 and 28, 2018, on County Route 523 in front of the Squad building, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided this is coordinated through the County's Division of Buildings and Maintenance. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided these events are coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Raritan Valley Community College study

Mr. King advised Raritan Valley Community College has recently conducted an economic study of their impact on the college in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties. There are some noteworthy and surprising results from the study. The study reveals that in the years 2015 and 2016 that RVCC, its students added \$366 million dollars of income to the two counties. That is 1% shy of the total gross regional product of the two counties. There is data that confirms that the public investment in RVCC benefits students, taxpayers, businesses and society as a whole. He is very proud of the educational performance of RVCC.

Mr. King recommended the County make this report available to the residents through the Hunterdon County website.

Mary H, Melfi, New Jersey Association of Counties Presidency

Mr. Lanza congratulated Hunterdon County Clerk, Mary H. Melfi, on assuming the presidency of the New Jersey Association of Counties, as the second Hunterdon representative to take that presidency in three years.

Public Works

Mr. Van Doren reported he is the liaison to Public Works and even though he did not choose a career in meteorology, he must report that the County is expecting snow and ice tomorrow; however the Hunterdon County Public Works Department has already applied, today, 8,350 gallons of brine on 170 miles of County roads during normal working. The concentration of salt to water is such that today's treatment took less one full County dump truck load of salt to treat all 170 miles. The County has seen the benefits of the brine as it relates to roadway conditions during inclement weather and hopes to expand its use in the future.

Apiary Standards – New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Mr. Van Doren stated those who attended the last Freeholders' Meeting, there was a very thorough public discussion and received a great education on bees and beekeeping. This Board took a stand opposing the Department of Agriculture Regulations regarding beekeeping asking that more work be done to find a common ground between beekeeping hobbyists and their neighbors. He is happy to report that Hunterdon County was not alone; the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders also adopted a resolution opposing those regulations.

Raritan Valley Community College Search Committee and Board of Trustees

Director Holt advised as part of tonight's Consent Agenda, the Board completed the additional member of the Raritan Valley Community College Search Committee. It is important to note that the RVCC Trustee Board is responsible for planning and policy making for RVCC. The Trustees have a very important role in ensuring the best academic standards and facilities that are a place for students and a continuation of RVCC as the recognized best Community College in New Jersey. Trustees have a critical assignment in representing Hunterdon County's interest. State law requires the naming of a Trustee Search Committee that will consider those interested in servicing as a college trustee and they make a recommendation to the Freeholder Director who then seeks consent from the balance of the Board. Presently there are two vacancies for Hunterdon County representatives on the RVCC Board of Trustees, including the resignation of Gary Hazard who was honored tonight as he was recently sworn in as a member of the Raritan Township Committee.

Director Holt is bringing this out, as a member of the press is sitting here and this is an opportunity for any member of the public, who may have an interest in serving the community, as a representative for the County of Hunterdon on the RVCC Board of Trustees, to submit a letter of interest to the County Administrator. This provides an opportunity for the County to seek the finest and best in the County to represent Hunterdon.

Director Holt stated in any given year there are a number of Committees, Board, Councils and Commissions that require all types of expertise. The County is never not without vacancies and is always seeking good people. If there is ever an interest in what is available, just reach out to the Freeholders Office for the Clerk of the Board or Deputy Clerk or the County Administrator's Office.

Veterans – New Jersey State Income Tax Exemption

Director Holt held up a notice which can be found on the Counties bulletin boards in all the County's buildings, announcing the Board of Freeholders along with County Clerk Mary Melfi and the Veterans' Group has joined forces; it is designed to put forth a public information campaign to make sure that all veterans are aware they are eligible for a new \$3,000 exemption when filing their New Jersey State Income Tax form for 2017.

Director Holt stated service to our nation has always demanded sacrifice. Hunterdon County believes this tax exception is an appropriate way to honor and thank those who have made that sacrifice. Hunterdon wants to make sure that every veteran knows they are eligible for this and know they deserve this and it is a significant tax break. More information will be coming out as well as a publicity campaign and there is information for the press to assist in getting the word out to every veteran.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau stated people are still leaving Hunterdon County because of taxes. She understands Hunterdon County is holding the line on taxes. There was a newspaper article that compared counties in New Jersey in how much they asked residents for taxes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board