

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

June 05, 2018

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, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, 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

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a Salary increase for the Confidential Aide in the Administrator's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a Salary increase for the Paralegal in County Counsel's Office.

See Page 06/05/18-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a promotion of a part time Park Naturalist position to a full time position.

See Page 06/05/18-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a Senior Building Maintenance Repairer promotion.

See Page 06/05/18-1E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a Senior Park Ranger promotion.

See Page 06/05/18-1F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a promotion of a Mechanic's Helper to a full time Mechanic, in Vehicle Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss backfilling the Road Superintendent position.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss backfilling Assistant Road Superintendent position.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request for a part time position for the Cultural & Heritage Commission.

See Page 06/05/18-1J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request to backfill a Senior Account Clerk position in the Finance Department.

See Page 06/05/18-1K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request a backfill the Social Services Division Head.

See Page 06/05/18-1L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the South County Branch Library negotiations.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:38 p.m., recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Hunterdon/Warren Purple Heart Association

Kevin Cahalan, USMC, Commander Hunterdon/Warren Purple Heart Association and Chris Solbano, Hunterdon County Bulldogs, came before the Board to present the Freeholders with a KIA (Killed in Action) flag which was signed by all the veterans who attended the County's KIA flag raising, which was held on Patriots Day.

COMMENTS FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD

Freeholder Lanza asked to pull a resolution from the Consent Agent supporting School Bus Seat Belt Safety.

Freeholder Lanza reported on the requirements of S-233, which would require a three point lap seat belt on school buses, similar to what is already required in a regular vehicle. Freeholder Lanza noted that the passage of this legislation is of tremendous importance due to the amount of young school children that are transported by bus each day. The tragic events of the recent bus accidents in Bergen County are a stark reminder that this legislation is needed as soon as possible. The bill is currently stranded in the Senate Education Committee, where it has sat for the last four years. Freeholder Lanza asked his fellow Board members to join him in urging the State Legislature to pass this bill swiftly. Freeholder Lanza encouraged the public to urge their local legislators to do the same.

Freeholder Van Doren echoed Freeholder Lanza's comments, as well as noting that the Legislature priorities are wrong. They are more concerned about things like changing the title of Freeholder to County Commissioner, rather than something as important as protecting the safety of school children.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports Senate Bill S-233, School Bus Seat Belt Safety Law.

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

Director Matthew Holt noted that the June 19, 2018 Freeholder meeting will be held at the East Amwell municipal building.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Dr. Kimberly Metz, Superintendent of Hunterdon County Polytech, came before the Board to introduce several PolyTech students. Madison Trevaskiss, Rosa Castaldo, Meadow Jacobson, and Alyssa DeBiasio were present on behalf of the FCCLA program. Shay Fleming and Samantha Gervasi were present on behalf of the FFA program. Matthew Donahue, Evvy Anna Catanzareti, Hailey Gettel, Matthew Brandner, Jay Melicharek, John Spies, Katelyn Rudko, and Danielle Coluccio were present on behalf of the SkillsUSA Championship.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 06/05/19-2B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Hunterdon County Polytech Students who participated in the SkillsUSA Championship.

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

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

See Page 06/05/19-2C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Hunterdon County Polytech Students in the FFA program.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 06/05/19-2D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Hunterdon County Polytech Students in the FCCLA program.

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

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

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Chabad of Hunterdon County's Teen Network "CTEEN", accomplishments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, questioned the Board regarding the claims for the golf course and membership fees; as well as using private property for open space.

Director Holt thanked the County's Chief Financial Officer, Janet R. Previte, for reducing the County's budget in 2018. He recognized her hard work; along with her staff and the Budget Committee.

Stan Prater, JCP&L representative, reported a follow-up on the May 4, 2018 Board of Public Utilities meeting. Mr. Prater noted several property owners who brought up issues at that meeting which have since been resolved. Mr. Prater noted that on March 6th he spoke with Freeholder Holt and agreed that there would not be a presence by JCP&L at the Freeholder meetings until after the BPU hearing. John Anderson, JCP&L representative, attended the April 17th Freeholder meeting. Mr. Prater and Mr. Anderson met with Director Holt on May 1. JCP&L will continue to look for opportunities to meet with local officials and coordinate response. On June 9, 2018 an annual OEM review exercise will be held at the offices of Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management. Mr. Prater invited all Freeholders, Administrator Davis and Chief of Staff George Wagner to attend.

FINANCE

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 06/05/19-3A

BOND ORDINANCE No. 2018-01

INTRODUCTION, BOND ODINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATING \$14,225,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,547,970 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY. Public Hearing to be held on June 19, 2018.

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

Freeholder Van Doren noted two significant items in the ordinance, bridge restoration and roadwork, totaling close to \$11 million dollars. The bridge projects, of which there are eight, and replacements of various arches. Bridge maintenance is vital, too often in the media there are reports of bridge failures. This is money well spent.

Director Holt noted that the public hearings for all ordinances on this evening's agenda will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the East Amwell municipal building.

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

See Page 06/05/19-3B

CAPITAL ORDINANCE No. 2018-01

INTRODUCTION, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF LANDS/PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND PROJECTS; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,477,900 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND. Public Hearing to be held on June 19, 2018.

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 06/05/19-3C

CAPITAL ORDINANCE No. 2018-02

INTRODUCTION, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND APPROPRIATING \$2,478,200 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

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

Director Holt thanked Janet Previte for another job well done. Director Holt thanked her team as well.

Director Holt noted that the pay as you go policy has been in effect for at least the last three years on capital improvements, as a protection of the taxpayers and cost savings on interest. The process is a good one, as it forces the county to prioritize the capital improvement projects as they are needed.

Director Holt noted again that the public hearings on these ordinances will be on June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 06/05/18-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-06, to Furnish and Deliver Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, to Allied Oil LLC, for Vehicle Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,475,001.00.

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

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

See Page 06/05/18-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Professional Services Agreement, with Cherry Weber & Associates, for professional engineering design services, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge A-45, in Alexandria Township, in an amount not to exceed \$182,264.00.

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

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 06/05/18-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space grant, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with Raritan Township, for the Francavilla property, Block 43, Lot 2, Raritan Township, in an amount not to exceed \$128,535.00.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 06/05/18-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Open Space grant with the D&R Greenway, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, for the Francavilla property, Block 43, Lot 2, Raritan Township, in an amount not to exceed \$85,690.00.

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

Freeholder John King commented on the 42 acres of open space that serves as a strategic link to bring together other county open space properties. Freeholder King recognized Open Space advisory council members Amy Greene and John Bell in the audience. Ms. Greene reported on other properties that the County and Raritan Township have collaborated on. It is an exceptional forest and she invites everyone to take a hike on the property after the closing.

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

See Page 06/05/18-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant with Frenchtown Borough, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, for debt service for the Frenchtown Greenbelt/Nishasackwick Watershed acquisition, in an amount not to exceed \$12,766.62.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 06/05/18-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement and grant with the Student Conservation Association to perform trail construction and maintenance within the County Park System, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

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

See Page 06/05/18-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application to the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding program for the Grochowicz North Property, Block 46, Lot 2 - Bethlehem Township; Block 1, Lot 1.01 - Glen Gardner Borough; and Block 11, Lots 1, 2, & 2.2 - Hampton Borough.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kevin Davis, County Administrator reported on Public Alliance Insurance Company audit of the 2017 fund year. There were no concerns found with the fund, nor were there comments or

recommendations. The fund's audit is submitted to the State Department of Banking and Insurance, the regulatory agency that oversees PAIC's activities.

Mr. Davis advised the Board on the sale of the Transfer Station. The appraisal is proving to be complicated; and there is a need for a specialty firm. The plan is to be able to bid in July. There are two firms that have submitted proposals at this time, neither in New Jersey, and it is the wish to hold out for a firm within the state.

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."

The executive session minutes of May 15, 2018 were held at this time.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated June 05, 2018.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion to approve the special and executive session minutes of May 08, 2018, the regular session minutes of May 15, 2018, and the special session minutes of May 29, 2018.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the executive session minutes of May 15, 2018.

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

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

See Page 06/05/18-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Tamburro appointed permanent, full time Communications Technician, Communications' Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 06/05/18-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Janis R. Clark appointed permanent, full time, Public Health Nurse, Public Safety and Health Services Dept.

See Page 06/05/18-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Long appointed provisional Assistant Administrative Supervisor of Family Services, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 06/05/18-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lucy M. Kucharski appointed seasonal Summer Nature Camp Assistant, Parks and Recreation Division, Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Dept.

See Page 06/05/18-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Reed A. Montemurro appointed seasonal Summer Nature Camp Counselor, Parks and Recreation Division, Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Dept.

See Page 06/05/18-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert O'Brien appointed seasonal Summer Nature Camp Counselor, Parks and Recreation Division, Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Dept.

See Page 06/05/18-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Anastasia Furnari appointed seasonal Summer Nature Camp Counselor, Parks and Recreation Division, Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Dept.

See Page 06/05/18-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Jefferson appointed seasonal Laborer, Buildings and Maintenance Division, Department of Administrative Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jarrod Siegel appointed seasonal Inspector, Mosquito Extermination, Division of Vector Control, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Wayne Crans appointed seasonal Inspector, Mosquito Extermination, Division of Vector Control, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Donnelly appointed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 06/05/18-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jake Moore appointed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

See Page 06/05/18-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a rate of compensation for as needed instructor work, at the Emergency Services Training Center, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, David Lukac appointed per-diem, Level 2 Fire Instructor, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Sorrentino appointed per-diem, Level 2 Fire Instructor, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher J. Szymanski appointed per-diem, Level 2 Fire Instructor, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Giuseppe M. Palmieri appointed per-diem, Level 2 Fire Instructor, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 06/05/18-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2017-12, for the 2017 Painting of Bridges F-87, L-140, R-124 and T-35-S, to the G. Meyer Group, Inc., in the decreased amount of \$21.00.

See Page 06/05/18-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for County Bid #2017-12, for the 2017 Painting of Bridges F-87, L-140, R-124 and T-35-S, to the G. Meyer Group, Inc., in the amount of \$41,449.

See Page 06/05/18-6L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an FTA Section 5310, Transfer of Title Agreement, for vehicle #16-1708, for the Human Services Department.

See Page 06/05/18-6M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the request for a withdrawal of the lowest bid proposal due to a clerical cost mistake, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-23.3, for County Bid #2018-07, Replacement of Hunterdon County Bridge L-25-W.

See Page 06/05/18-6N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Hunterdon Symphony, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on June 28, 2018, in the amount of \$3,000.

See Page 06/05/18-6O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Citigrass, Noah Chase, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on July 05, 2018, in the amount of \$1,500.

See Page 06/05/18-6P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Hunterdon Harmonizers, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on July 12, 2018, in the amount of \$3,000.

See Page 06/05/18-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Slippery When Wet, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on July 19, 2018, in the amount of \$2,500.

See Page 06/05/18-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Best of the Eagles, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on July 26, 2018, in the amount of \$3,500.

See Page 06/05/18-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Captain Jack Billy Joel Tribute Band, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on August 02, 2018, in the amount of \$3,000.

See Page 06/05/18-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the Frontiers (Damon Marks LLC), for a Music Under the Stars concert, on August 09, 2018, in the amount of \$2,500.

See Page 06/05/18-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with The Morrystones, for a Music Under the Stars concert, on August 16, 2018, in the amount of \$3,000.

See Page 06/05/18-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a letter of engagement to provide Information Securities Services ("ISS") for the County of Hunterdon.

See Page 06/05/18-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Matt Holt, member and Barbara Maginn Vogel as an alternate member to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA).

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

GRANTS

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

See Page 06/05/18-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program, (LIHEAP), to administrator the program through the County's Welfare Agency, for the period 10/1/17 through 09/30/18, in the amount of \$1,302.

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

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

See Page 06/05/18-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for the Universal Service Fund, to process requests for client inquiries for the LIHEAP program and to encode the FAMIS document of each applicant for Heating Living Arrangement, for the period 7/1/17 through 6/30/18, in the amount of \$832.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Good News Home for Women, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, during their 15th Annual Harvest Festival and Craft Fair, on Saturday, September 08, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the intersection of County Route 523 and River Road. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A letter was received from the Kingwood Rescue Squad, asking permission to hold a Coin Toss, on September 8 and 9, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on County Road 519 at two locations north and south of the intersection at US Route 12, in Baptistown. Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A request was received from The National Psoriasis Foundation, asking to use County roads around Unionville Vineyards (Ringoos) for a cycling event on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder King reported that the Department of Park recently participated in the National Trails Day and ran a canoe trip down the south branch Raritan River, which collects a variety of litter in the river. They should be commended for continuing these programs which keep the rivers clean.

Freeholder King also noted the additional access to parking at the South County Park. The Hunterdon County 4-H also contributed to this project.

Freeholder Lagay reported on the Hackathon which will take place on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce is also a great support of this event which is drawing out the large technology resources within the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt again opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau questioned when the meetings will be placed on the website. Ms. Sauchau also noted that the many Commissions within the County should place their meeting dates on the bulletin boards around the county buildings.

Ms. Sachau spoke regarding taxes in New Jersey. The taxes should be going down as opposed to staying level.

Director Holt stated that the challenge in the state of New Jersey has always been that the state is dependent on property taxes as a major source of revenue. On average, property tax revenue in other states is around twenty to thirty percent. New Jersey is much higher and it is the number one challenge in the state.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Dana A. Gootman, Deputy Clerk of the Board