

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**May 01, 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. VAN DOREN, MR. KING.**

**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. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

**See Page 5/1/18-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Board.

**See Page 5/1/18-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

**See Page 5/1/18-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the Veterans Services position vacancy.

**See Page 5/1/18-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive a Planning Director Position update.

**See Page 5/1/18-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Board of Trustees.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into in Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In honor of retired Chief of Detectives of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office; as well as a Police Officer for Clinton, Samuel DeBella.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD**

Director Holt opened the meeting for to comments from the Freeholder Board.

Mr. King reported on the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation has chosen the Hunterdon County Park Rangers to receive the 2018 Robert E. Erikson's conservation award. This award is given to those with outstanding conservation efforts and a focus on habitat and wildlife management. Hunterdon County's Park Rangers demonstrate the dedication to conservation, specifically for through their efforts conducting the annual NWTFF Wounded Warriors Deer Hunt at Heron Glen Golf Course. The Rangers demonstrates their outstanding dedication and perseverance and assistance, which make this event an outstanding success. An awards banquet will be held on June 10, 2018. Freeholder King congratulated the Park Rangers on this accomplishment.

Deputy Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay reported on announcements from the Department of Human Services, Public Housing Agency that due to the large number of people seeking affordable housing, a lottery is being held June 11-29, 2018.

Ms. Lagay stated the Senior Dance Showcase on was held on April 30, 2018 and there were approximately forty dancers in the showcase. It was a lovely event. There was one dancer who was 94 years old and she participated in several events.

Ms. Lagay advised she recently participated in a workshop for Human Services Advisory Council which brings community agencies together. This workshop brought these agencies to the table to make them more effective as a leadership team. The workshop was very well received.

Ms. Lagay reported on various Polytechs' students who won big in the SkillsUSA competition in a variety of areas. They won sixteen (16) medals, in areas such as automotive, technology, cosmetology, and much more. Polytech always rates highly in these competitions. These young people are taught well, prepared well and compete well.

Freeholder Lanza reported on the annual ShadFest held in Lambertville City, over the past weekend. He reported there were no incidents at this event but that doesn't mean it was easy or that there wasn't a lot of planning to make this event happen and go smoothly. He commended the County's Department of Public Safety Director/Chief of Staff, George Wagner who shared the incident action plan for the County with him; which is 20 plus pages long. Mr. Lanza reported there were many people involved in this event and there is much collaboration with local law enforcement, fire service and emergency services personnel; as well as public officials, to ensure the event is safe. The level of planning that goes into this event is enormous and it was done amazingly.

Freeholder Van Doren reported on the Arbor Day event, held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Valley View School in Califon. He thanked County's Public Works Director, Tom Mathews and Bill Wild, Shade Tree Commissioner. He thanked Mr. Mathews for putting the program together and he thanked the Lebanon Township School District, for allowing this event take place.

Mr. Van Doren advised Take Your Child to Work Day was a success and congratulated those employees who took part in the event on April 26, 2018.

Mr. Van Doren reported the 200 Club is holding their Valor Merit awards tomorrow night recognizing several members of the New Jersey State Police that cover several Hunterdon County municipalities, along with several other police, fire and rescue squads.

Ms. Lagay advised the Clinton Town held an Arbor Day ceremony honoring Director Matt Holt and his wife, Megan Jones-Holt, for their dedication to their community. Children planted a tree, which was designated the "M&M Tree", performed a song and read a poem.

Director Holt informed those present that a Board of Public Utilities Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sergeantsville Fire Company, with respect to the back to back storms that took place in March and the widespread power outages that occurred. In 2012, the BPU made thirty-eight recommendations following Hurricane Sandy. The County is interested in the status of those recommendations. Director Holt recognized the efforts of the Public Safety Department and the Communications Center during the storms. Chief of Staff George Wagner will submit written public comment on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and the perspective of his workforce during the subsequent storms.

Director Holt reported on Heron Glen's revenue report, he received from the County's Financial Officer, Janet R. Previte. The 2017 revenues exceeded the expenditures in course operations. Revenue collections totaled \$2 million over the past fifteen years of operation.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 5/1/18-2A PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Hunterdon County Teachers selected to receive the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Award, on May 10, 2018.

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

Juan Torres, Superintendent of Schools accepted the proclamation on behalf of Hunterdon's Teachers being recognized. It was noted that the Clerk of the Board, Denise B. Doolan has provided a certificate to be given to each individual teacher, on behalf of the Board. Mr. Torres thanked the Board for this recognition.

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

**See Page 5/1/18-2B PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Rachael Czerna, Girl Scout Troop 81211, for attaining her Gold Award.

**See Page 5/1/18-2C PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Sarah Saccal, Girl Scout Troop 81211, for attaining her Gold Award.

**See Page 5/1/18-2D PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Sarah Koldy, Girl Scout Troop 80349, for attaining her Gold Award.

**See Page 5/1/18-2E PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Cecelia Kracht, Girl Scout Troop 80349, for attaining her Gold Award.

**See Page 5/1/18-2F PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Gwyneth Medea, Girl Scout Troop 80334, for attaining her Gold Award.

See Page 5/1/18-3A

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Shannon Powelson, Girl Scout Troop 80348, for attaining her Gold Award.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 5/1/18-3B

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Catherine Reischman, Girl Scout Troop 80521, on attaining her Gold Award.

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

Catherine Reischman spoke about the project she completed to earn her Gold Award, which involved collaborating with the nutrition staff of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County to develop a cookbook which emphasizes affordable, health and simple recipes. Catherine found that many people consume cheaper, less nutritious foods due to limited budgets and knowledge on how to prepare fresh foods. These cookbooks were distributed among a variety of organizations serving those in need, including America's Grow-a-Row, Farmers Against Hunger, the Foodlink, Pennel Mental Health Center and the Booker T. Washington Giving Garden.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Sheriff Fred Brown advised a second Shredding Event is scheduled at the Route 12 Complex, this Saturday. Past events have been such a success that this event is being moved to a larger location. This event is sponsored by the Freeholder Board, the County Clerk and his office.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, questioned if testing is done on property being considered for open space preservation before taking on the property.

Ms. Suchau asked about audio records for the Freeholders' meetings.

Ms. Sachau said the National Federation of Turkey Conservation uses the word conservation to avoid using the word hunting.

Catherine Allworthy thanked Ms. Lagay for her words tonight on the Senior Dance Showcase. She also thanked the Flemington Jewish Community Center for providing a venue for the event.

**PURCHASING**

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

See Page 5/1/18-3A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #R8-02370, Ballots for the 2018 Primary Election, with Sky Printing, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 5/1/18-3B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-01, for Proposed Exterior Renovations at the Existing Hunterdon County Justice Center, with Integrity Roofing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,990,680.00.

**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 5/1/18-3C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-04, to Furnish and Deliver Transit Concrete, with County Concrete Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$244,925.00.

**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 5/1/18-3D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing acquisition of a development easement from Robert Michisk, on Block 43, Lot 22; and Block 44, Lot 5, in Franklin Township; and Block 12, Lot 8, in Raritan Township, estimated 48 acres, (SADC - \$232,800; County - \$73,200; Franklin Twp. - \$66,338; Raritan Twp. - \$6,863); total amount of \$379,200.

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

Mr. King recognized this acquisition as another great job done by the County's Planning staff. The County's Agricultural Board should also be thanked because without their due diligence Hunterdon County would not have preservation on these properties. In addition, thanks should be given to the Franklin and Raritan Township Committees for their support in preserving this farm.

Mr. King reported that Hunterdon County is now at over 32,000 acres in preserved farmland, which is barely below Salem County. He hopes Hunterdon is able to surpass Salem.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Tadhgh Rainey, Health Services Director, came before the Board to provide an update on ticks. Last Fall his office found a tick not from North America which survived the winter. Mr. Rainey stated that the same tick was also found outside of Hunterdon. What his office knows is that this does not appear to be a human pest but rather a livestock/wildlife related. The ticks have disease related to them because they bite animals and can pick anything up. There will be work researching this but currently the tick has not been found on a human. Mr. Rainey feels the human risk is minimal and his office is concerned with the livestock issue. So far there is no evidence this is a livestock problem yet. It could be this tick will create hyper-population and will burn itself out; or it could start to become a problem. In going forward, there will be federal partners such as the US Department of Agriculture; the Center for Disease Control; along with state partners – the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection. Everyone is aware of the issue and everyone has a piece of the puzzle to solve. Mr. Rainey feels there will be recommendations coming out for livestock owners. His role is to help manage this from the public health perspective. To date, his office has assisted in providing surveillance and doing experiments on how to find the tick; ticks have been found in the County's mosquito traps. Weekly and monthly phone conversations are being held with various stakeholders on this issue.

Mr. Rainey informed the Board that this tick will probably be here in Hunterdon forever and his office will find a way to manage it; like is done with all other invasive insects.

Ms. Lagay thanked Mr. Rainey for today's presentation, stating Mr. Rainey is incredibly well versed and incredibly competent in sharing information and work across the country in networks in terms of his vectors and much more. This Board appreciates what he and his office does for the residents of Hunterdon County.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Marc Saluk reported to the Board on funding available from the New Jersey Highlands Council. Last year the Highlands started making an annual allocation of funds available to the economic development initiative, in part because they feel the goals are largely Highlands Compliant; the goal of creating a sustainable future through generation of high wages combined with very light footprint. Last year the Highlands funded the ongoing Hunterdon County Tourism Research Initiative, which is now entering Phase II. This year Hunterdon County is making application to Highlights to fund this initiative; which will assist in getting experts to analyze Hunterdon's ability to operate sustainable incubators, accelerate business incubators and items like that which would help the County's local innovators grow their ideas locally.

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

**See Page 5/1/18-4A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing an application for funding from the New Jersey Highlands Council to prepare a Hunterdon Innovation Network Research Initiative.

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

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kevin Davis, County Administrator, reported on the security challenges to business' and governments in the area of public facing internet systems; such as the one the County has. The County's Information Technology Division is ever vigilant in protecting the County's network and has implemented many recommendations which are included in the SHI Services Security Assessment Report in 2016. Another area in need of attention is Cyber Security Insurance; when there is a breach, if there is ever a breach, there are costs involved; such as helping people with Identity theft and such. Any entity where a breach occurs has to expend those costs. Hunterdon County is covered by insurance for some of those costs; presently the County has a \$10,000 deductible. The municipal excess liability joint insurance fund (MEL/JIF) provides insurance to protect the County in the event of a computer service breach. Recently the MEL/JIF offered an incentive to members to reduce the deductible on Cyber Risk Insurance if the member could provide certification of a certain high level of security. The current deductible was \$10,000 and the MEL established two tiers of \$7,500 and \$5,000 if you have the highest level of protection. The County's IT Division submitted certified information on its Cyber Security processes and have been found in compliance and have been designated by the MEL at the highest level dropping the County's deductible. Congratulations are due to the County's IT Division for their excellent work.

Mr. Davis informed the Board that he is here in the County one year today. He thanked the Board for his appointment. This Freeholder Board has built a tremendous staff – it's the highest level of people who have expertise, ability and dedication that he's ever worked with. Mr. Davis mentioned the third floor suite with Human Resources, Brad Myhre; County Counsel, Shana Taylor; and Chief of Staff, George Wagner; and all the departments.

Director Holt noted for Mr. Davis that sitting next to him is a tremendous Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board, who is here 3 years this week.

Director Holt feels there is a tremendous pride in Hunterdon County and if you don't have it when you start here; you find it quickly. Hunterdon's staff is so committed and it is infectious. Hunterdon County is an amazing place to have the opportunity to live and work and the Freeholders' job is to protect this.

### **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."

Item #8 was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 01, 2018.

**See Page 5/1/18-5A**

### **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of April 17, 2018.

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

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

**See Page 5/1/18-5B**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Michael J. Williams appointed full time, First Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 5/1/18-5C**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Elizabeth Schwartz appointed part time Disease Control Field Representative, Health Division, Public Safety Department.

**See Page 5/1/18-5D**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kristin Bonham appointed part-time Graduate Nurse, Health Division, Public Safety Department.

**See Page 5/1/18-5E**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement and release with Caitlin C. Koether.

**See Page 5/1/18-5F**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the rejection of the low bidder for County Bid #2018-01, for Proposed Exterior Renovations at the Existing Hunterdon County Justice Center, for failure to comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-16.

**See Page 5/1/18-5G**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the execution of Easements to Solar Farm, LLC and JCP&L for the installation and construction of above ground utility lines for the transmission of electric service across Block 49, Lot 20, in the Township of Franklin, in consideration for a twenty (20') foot wide Emergency Access Easement over and across Block 49, Lots 15 & 15.01, the construction of improvements to provide electrification to the Gun Range at the Drag Strip Property, and the sum of \$50,000.00.

**See Page 5/1/18-5H**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the appointment of Marc Saluk to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Board of Trustees.

**See Page 5/1/18-5I**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing Warren County to serve as lead agency for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Grant, for Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties, for 2018-2019, in the amount of \$49,800 (for Hunterdon County).

**See Page 5/1/18-5J**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider service agreement with Freedom House, Inc., for outpatient services, using RFP 0056-2017, for 2018/2019/2020, in an amount not to exceed \$25,251.

**See Page 5/1/18-5K**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with Millersville University for surveillance in connection with the County's Black Fly Control program, in the amount of \$10,450.

See Page 5/1/18-6A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kathy Fillingness appointed as a temporary employee in the Office of the County Clerk.

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

**GRANTS**

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

See Page 5/1/18-6B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant agreement with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to provide transportation services, to Hunterdon County Veterans, through The LINK transportation system, in the amount of \$15,000.

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

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

See Page 5/1/18-6C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Grant Amendment #18, to the Cooperative Agreement with the US Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Services, the NJ Conservation Foundation, and the State Agriculture Development Committee, for a time extension, for the purchase of agricultural easements, under the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 5/1/18-6C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant renewal application with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, (LINC), in the amount of \$269,673.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Readington Township, requesting to use a portion of County Route 523 during their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018, starting at 10:30 p.m. Also inviting the Freeholder Board to participate in the parade. 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, MS. LAGAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.**

A request was received from the East Whitehouse Fire Dept. Inc., requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, July 28, 2018 and Sunday, July 29, 2018, at the intersection of County Route 523 and Route 22. 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, MS. LAGAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.**

Correspondence was received from the High Bridge Emergency Squad, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, May 19, 2018 and Saturday, October 13, 2018, (rain dates May 20, 2018 and October 14, 2018). 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, MS. LAGAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. HOLT.**

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. Van Doren confirmed that the May 15, 2018 meeting will include the Junior Historian which is sponsored through the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Director Holt reported at the May 15, 2018 public session will begin at 5:00 p.m. to provide enough time to get through the regular business. There will also be a report from Stockton University on the County's tourism study. The Freeholders will move to the Historic Court House at 6:00 p.m. for the Junior Historians.

Mr. King remarked that Marc Saluk our Economic Development Director should be commended for the work he does for the future of Hunterdon County.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Catherine Allworthy informed the Board that last Saturday, Preservation New Jersey held their annual meeting in Hunterdon County's historic Court House. It was a panel discussion on heritage, tourism and youth – perfect together. She found interesting the handouts and provided the Board with a copy. Ms. Allworth read from the handout stating "Heritage Tourism is just good for business; New Jersey has a wealth of historic and cultural resources including museums, archeological sites,

agricultural and industrial buildings; theatres and residential neighborhoods. By saving these historic resources, you are investing in an ongoing successful enterprise whose ceiling is limitless.

Ms. Allworthy stated this area is not only historic for the Lindbergh trial but the whole area contains much history, which is eternal. There are people in this town who are experts in the field of restoration: including engineers and architects. This is also an area full of artists in all areas.

Director Holt stated the State does not take advantage of the tremendous tourism opportunities which exists for all the reasons stated by Ms. Allworthy. The state has a poultry budget; it is one – if you look at the state as a whole – there are multiply ways tourism impacts and tourism in Hunterdon County is a sleeping giant; it is something that can be historic; arts; cultural; the river towns; active recreation tourism; AgraTourism; and there is potential for economics.

Director Holt said he looks at this as a way to very positively to introduce Hunterdon County to the next generations, which should have the same rights we have had; which is to come here, live here and experience it and then be in charge of taking care of it. He feels that is what tourism does.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

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Dana A. Gootman  
Deputy Clerk of the Board