

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**October 16, 2018**

\*At approximately 4:30 p.m., the Board of Chosen Freeholders recognized Hunterdon's Veterans with a ceremony to hang the KIA flag, signed by numerous veterans on the third floor of the Main Street County Complex.

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: MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. LANZA.**

**ABSENT: MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN (came into the meeting at 5:30 p.m.).**

## **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Deputy Director Lagay 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 October 12, 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 Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 10/16/18-1A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss hiring a Mechanic in Vehicle Services.

**See Page 10/16/18-1B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss hiring a Temporary (Keyboarding Clerk I), for Rutgers' Cooperative Extension.

**See Page 10/16/18-1C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of the Denton property, in Lebanon Township.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT: MR. HOLT.**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD**

Freeholder King reminded those in attendance that the Parks and Recreation Division is sponsoring "Touch a Truck" on Saturday, November 03, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at Deer Path Park. It is a program for young and the not so young will enjoy. Last year 2,000 people attended this event.

Mr. King reported yesterday, the Hunterdon Opioid Task Force met for the first time; at the same time the National Association of Counties put together a webinar regarding the legislative update with respect to the Comprehensive Opioid Respond package for County Priorities to be held this Friday, October 19, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. eastern time. Congress approved a sweeping legislative package recently, the bill HR6, entitled: Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act helps counties address the additional crisis in various communities and is soon expected to be signed into law. Mr. King encouraged the appropriate County staff to attend the webinar.

Mr. King stated the County had an opportunity today to spend a little time with some veterans at the KIA Flag unveiling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Main Street County Complex.

Mr. King reported on an article in Sunday's Star Ledger regarding the County's overtime spending in New Jersey; Hunterdon County is listed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 21 counties as a total percentage of payroll but it also has to do with Hunterdon's payroll being very small. There are unknown demands on Emergency Services/Communications and Public Works Departments because of snow, ice storms and other storms. Mr. King explained regarding the total overtime spending Hunterdon County had the lowest dollar amount; making Hunterdon County 21 out of 21. He's very proud of Hunterdon's employees do and is able to do on a shoestring budget. Hunterdon County is used as an example throughout the state for its effective management.

Freeholder Lanza stated the Lanza family will attend the "Touch a Truck" event on November 03, 2018.

Mr. Lanza reported Hunterdon County's Communications Unit and the County's Emergency Management team continue to demonstrate that their training, experience, and dedication are invaluable both at the County and in other areas around the nation that face disasters and crisis. The Communications' Division Head, Jim Curry, recently testified before Congress, its subcommittee on Communications and Technology, regarding solutions to strengthen US Public Safety Communications; which Mr. Curry discussed the cost of maintaining the County's 9-1-1 Center; the lack of funding that results from the diversion or misappropriation, of Telephone Fees that are supposed to be dedicated to the 9-1-1 costs and Hunterdon's support of Congressman Lance's legislation to stop that misappropriation of funds that should be dedicated to 9-1-1 centers. Hunterdon County adopted a resolution supporting HR 64824, was read into the Congressional Record. During Mr. Curry's testimony a Texas Congressman gave credit, once again, to Hunterdon's 9-1-1 Center and the Kingwood Township Rescue Squad for assisting in the Kingwood Texas/Kingwood New Jersey Rescue during Hurricane Harvey last year.

Mr. Lanza stated this Board and all of Hunterdon County are most proud to have Mr. Curry's long experience in law enforcement and knowledge of public safety issues recognized by the US Congress.

Mr. Lanza noted two of Hunterdon's staff members who serve as instructors at the County's Emergency Services Training Center are presently providing reciprocal service with the highly regarded New Jersey OEM Urban Search and Rescue Team - the New Jersey Task Force One, in Florida, following the aftermath of the terrible destruction caused by Hurricane Michael. Emergency Services Training Instructors, Tom Hoffman - a Hunterdon County OEM Volunteer, who is a paramedic at the Hunterdon Medical Center and John Phelan, a New Jersey State Trooper, are assisting in the search and rescue operation. It is an unfortunate and gruesome but necessary task. There are no costs to the County for their Task One Force service. This Board is grateful for their willingness to assist their fellow man in Florida and for their service to the County and this Country as a whole. Good job all around by Hunterdon's Public Safety personnel.

Freeholder Van Doren reported that the County's Shade Tree Commission discussed at their last meeting, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has confirmed the sighting of the Spotted Lantern Fly in Hunterdon County. To prevent the spread of this pest, these sightings have led to the quarantine of Warren, Mercer and Hunterdon counties. Businesses and the general public in the quarantine area are required to obtain and fill out a New Jersey Checklist before moving any items listed on the checklist outside the quarantine area. The public can find this checklist on the County's website through the Department of Public Works and at the Shade Tree Commission site. The checklist also serves to inform the public about the "Spotted Lantern Fly" including how to identify all life stages of the insect and minimize or eliminate its movement. The pest feeds on 70 different plant species, including fruit trees, ornamental trees, vegetables and birds; and vines including agricultural crops like grapes. The Lantern Fly's egg masses are present in autumn and winter months and do a very good job of blending in with their surroundings. If found, property owners can treat the Spotted Lantern Fly by removing egg masses and tree banding between the months of October and July. Insecticides can be used from mid-May through August. Mr. Van Doren recalls reading that this affects Evergreen Trees and Christmas Trees. It is important for people to look at their trees before bringing them into the house.

Deputy Director Lagay reported Director Holt is in a national leadership position with his company and what you see here twice a month is a meeting of the Freeholder Board presence but what is behind the scene is that each Freeholder is a liaison to a whole division and spends many hours with them in terms of meetings, coaching sessions, and communication between the administration and those departments. It really is endless meetings, with the leadership team. Deputy Director Lagay has sat with Director Holt at least twice, the end of last week and over the weekend, in terms of preparation for this meeting.

Deputy Director Lagay reminded those present that the South County Branch of the Library will be having its Grand Opening, this Saturday, on October 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The address is 1108 Old York Road in Ringoes, New Jersey, East Amwell Township. This is located right near the post office. This is open to the public; there is tremendous excitement in the Town of Ringoes to welcome the Library Branch back. All necessary procedures and books have been set up and the Library is ready to be opened.

Deputy Director Lagay advised the Health Services Division has advised that October 21 to 27, 2018, is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Recently the levels of lead have been alternated, which are damaging to children; not only do parents not know that but lots of schools and maybe some of the general doctors are not aware. The County's Health Services Division is taking the lead in letting organizations know that children under 6 years old are particularly vulnerable. The County's Health Division has launched a massive education program with posters, materials and talks about the dangers and sources of lead poisoning. They are talking with contractors and building inspectors, and everyone they think might touch this subject matter. Hunterdon County has many old houses and when people start to renovate, this might not be something they think about.

Deputy Director Lagay advised, as Freeholder King just stated, back on April 16, 2018, which was Patriots Day, Hunterdon County raised the KIA (Killed in Action) Flag in front of the historic Court House. Subsequent to that, the County made sure its municipalities had that flag, free of charge, so every municipality could fly the KIA Flag as a remembrance. The veterans in attendance on April 16<sup>th</sup> signed a copy of the KIA Flag, which was framed and hung this afternoon at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Main Street County Complex and is on display in the Administrative Suite. No one can repay the loss of life and contribution made by our veterans killed in action; we can remember them. Hunterdon County is grateful to the veterans for their service.

## **FINANCE**

Janet R. Previte, County Financial Officer came before the Board to present the 2017 County Audit, stating it was a clean audit. She pointed out which sections the Board must read, as required by law.

Mrs. Previte reported this is the second clean audit the County has had in a row. That is only possible when the Freeholder Board sets the bar high and when all Department and Division Heads are going in the same direction. This year's audit has been a collective effort. She feels the County's Purchasing Agent, Ray Rule, needs credit for keeping the Purchasing side encumbered.

Mrs. Previte explained the audit starts in February, with the auditors visiting the Constitutional Offices of the Sheriff, Surrogate, County Clerk, Prosecutor, Engineering, Open Space and Farm Preservation, Parks and Recreation, Library and other offices. The auditors start gathering data; assembling questions and doing test runs. That culminates in September after all pieces of the audit are completed including the County current fund, capital, trust accounts have been fully audited but grants are different which include the departments of Human Services and the Division of Housing and Social Services, which do heaving spending and grant administration. The auditors then compile this information into a single audit which the County files with the Federal Clearing House for Audits. That is an opportunity for all the grantors and their agencies to confirm the County is in firm compliance with all grant spending.

Mrs. Previte stated her office is looking forward to starting this process again in four months.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/16/18-3A** **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Acknowledging compliance with the Division of Local Government Services, for the 2017 County Audit and authorizing the execution of the Group Affidavit.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders executed the "Group Affidavit" stating compliance which will be sent to the Division of Local Government Services, by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Denise B. Doolan, on behalf of the County.

Mr. King stated that audits require the cooperation of everyone, across the board, to make an audit successful. At crunch time, all eyes are pointed at one office, the Finance Office, and Mrs. Previte's Office has managed to do a great job. The Board appreciates the hard work.

Mr. Lanza advised when he and Deputy Director Lanza came to this office, it was during Mr. King's first year, things were blowing up in the Finance Department and it was discovered that the County was making payments for health insurance premiums for dead people. When he and Ms. Lagay came into office, they were not sure what they were working with. It was through the phenomenal work of Mrs. Previte, who had her baptism by fire in this organization, and we are all better for it. It is difficult to explain to anyone how much work and time and effort when into taking what she was given when she was brought into the office compared to what it has turned out to be. Mr. Lanza thanked Mrs. Previte and concurred with the Board's comments.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

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

**See Page 10/16/18-3B** **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Raritan Valley Community College on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

Jacki Belin, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Raritan Valley Community Collee, accepted this recognition proclamation for RVCC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She thanked the Board for its generosity.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/16/18-3C** **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Declaring October, 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the County.

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

Karen D. Carbonello, Executive Director, Safe in Hunterdon thanked the Board for their support and recognition. She also thanked Mary Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk who donates fees for the marriages she performs to Safe in Hunterdon, which touch the lives of many in need.

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

**See Page 10/16/18-3D** **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Barrett Robert Reep, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**See Page 10/16/18-3E** **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Preston Robert Reep, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Johnnie Raymond Sargenti, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Ryan Anthony Sargenti, Boy Scout Troop 199, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, came before the Board concerning conferences and memberships listed on today's Claims' Register; as well as payments to Kemper Sports Management for the golf course.

Ms. Sachau advised the Board she has concerns over the Benefits Package listed on the agenda.

Joe Lenio, Clinton Township resident, informed the Board of his concerns regarding the County's parks.

First concern is at Echo Hill Park, he goes there quite a bit with his grandkids. The pond is full of algae and is in bad shape, almost completely covered. The weeds are usually very high but not now because of the Fall. He suggested putting in two fountains, such as is behind the Arboretum, which keeps the water moving.

Mr. Lenio informed the Board that he knew Hermia and Bob Lechner, who donated the Echo Hill to the County, because he's lived there over 50 years. His wife served with Hermia in Clinton Township on the Board. Hermia and Bob Lechner took good care of the property.

Mr. Lenio advised his second concern is the Furnace property on Stanton Mountain Road/Lebanon Road. The front of the property should be cleaned up; plus Hunterdon's sign is almost falling down. The property looks terrible from the road.

Mr. Lenio stated the County Prosecutor's Office has property next to his where he lives, on Route 31. That A Frame building is falling apart – there is mildew and mold developing on the side of the building and the paint is peeling off the building.

Mr. Lenio feels the parks are beautiful especially Echo Hill and the pond should be taken care of.

Deputy Director Lagay informed Mr. Lenio she will get back to him regarding the parks and the structure.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Marc Saluk, Economic Development Director updated the Board on two new initiatives stemming from the economic development effort; with the first being the I-78/US22 Coalition. The Coalition is composed of leadership of all the Hunterdon communities across these two corridors, stretching from Bloomsbury Borough to Readington Township. This was formed because of a response to an uptick of interest across the Route 78/Route 22 Corridor by companies and other entities looking to do projects. The Unicom and Exxon projects will only serve as a catalyst ensuring that this trend continues.

Mr. Saluk explained about a year ago, he received many inquiries from companies looking to do projects along that corridor. His initial thought was to create a scenario when interested parties can address the group collectively and the collective interests, in addition to individual communities' interest could all be discussed. The group now meets monthly to jointly address current opportunities and challenges; learn about issues facing their colleagues and other communities; and to hear collective input. The effort is still evolving so there will be subsequent reports as further direction is established by the membership. Initial efforts have gone very well and the group is extremely enthusiastic about working with each other. A preliminary agenda will be laid out for 2019.

Mr. Saluk feels this is the first move towards regionalizing aspects of this economic development initiative and he hopes this can occur in other areas of Hunterdon County should the communities in those areas agrees there is a mutual benefit to doing so. The River Towns could be a good example should there be a common interest there. This will be explored as the Route 78/Route 22 Coalition continues to evolve.

Mr. Saluk advised the Board that no official decisions are made during the Route 78/Route 22 Coalition meetings and nothing agreed upon there represents a commitment or binding obligation by any given community. The group is merely there to share ideas and be informed on opportunities. All decision making still rests with the township communities and borough councils of each municipality.

Mr. Saluk informed the Board that regarding the Economic Development Grant program, a procedural review project is occurring in Clinton Township, has attracted interest from other Hunterdon municipalities looking to potentially partner with the County on economic development projects. In response to this, his office is looking to formalize this partnering process for 2019. His office is currently developing and will shortly be proposing that the Freeholders approve a Hunterdon County Grant Program to support municipalities' projects where the effort is consistent with the County and that town's joint economic development goals. Mr. Saluk hopes to have the program proposal before the Board at the November 07, 2018 meeting for approval.

Deputy Director Lagay stated Mr. Saluk has done a good job with ground work that people are now coming to him for information to participate. She thanked Mr. Saluk for his efforts and encouraged him to keep moving forward.

Mr. Saluk thanked the community leaders for their interest.

#### **FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 10/16/18-5A** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee, a Cooperative Assistance Open Space Grant application, with Bethlehem Township, towards the purchase of the CRC Mine Rd property, estimated 97 acres, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

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

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

**See Page 10/16/18-5B** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee, a Non-Profit Open Space Grant Application, with the Hunterdon Land Trust, towards the purchase of the CRC Mine Rd property, estimated 97 acres, in the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00.

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

Mr. Millette informed the Board after this purchase takes place, the property will be deeded to the County, in order to add an additional 97 acres to the County's Tower Hill Preserve.

#### **PURCHASING**

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

**See Page 10/16/18-5C** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #R8-05924, using State Contract A-88679, with EB Fence, for Chain Link Fence and Installation at the Mt. Airy Garage, for Public Works Department, amount of \$39,282.32.

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

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

**See Page 10/16/18-5D** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #R8-05984, using Cooperative #65MCESCCPS, with Direct Flooring, for flooring replacement in the Social Services Waiting and Interview Rooms, for the Buildings and Maintenance Division, in the amount of \$39,252.69.

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

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

**See Page 10/16/18-5E** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of Quote #0067-2018, for engineering and design services for a Communications Tower at the Jugtown Preserve property, in Bethlehem Twp., to V-COMM LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$71,225.

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

Mr. Lanza feels this action today, reflects continued communications improvements, specifically \$71,225.00, for the engineering studies for the construction of another tower to expand and improve Hunterdon County's system. The improvement continues to demonstrate the County's financial commitment even though the 9-1-1 fees keep getting misappropriated by the State of New Jersey. Hunterdon County keeps pushing on and improving Hunterdon's Communications' System.

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

**See Page 10/16/18-5F** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of a professional engineering services agreement, RFP #0056-2018, inspection and construction administration - Reconstruction of County Route 519, at Warren Glen Hill, in the Township of Holland, to M-Tec Construction Services LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$791,709.57.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Tom Mathews, Public Works Director, came before the Board to provide an update on various County road and bridge projects.

### **Roads:**

- The annual maintenance contract for Chip Sealing (Surface Treatment) and Resurfacing Roads for 2018 is almost complete; with one parking lot remaining to be done and that is the Mount Airy (South County) Garage. St. Paul's Church parking area and Wescott Drive was completed this week.
- County Route 523 from Delaware Township to Stockton Borough, the project is scheduled to begin October 29, 2018. This year inlet repairs will be done as long as the weather allows but there is a pending winter shut down, with the milling and paving to be done the Spring of 2019.

### **Bridges:**

- Bridge L-25-W, on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County and in Mansfield Township, Warren County; has been dismantled and the County has to keep it for five years to see if anyone wants it. The abutment and wing wall has been completed on the Warren County side and the Hunterdon County side is being constructed currently.
- 2018 Painting of various bridges, is being done, with 5 out of the 7 structures are substantially complete; the contractor is working on P-159 in Frenchtown and the remaining bridge is T-106 in Tewksbury Township.

### **In House Projects:**

- County Bridge D-488, on Old Mill Road, in Delaware Township is being done in-house; the Truss repairs will start this week and will last approximately 3 weeks but it will be done under traffic with no closure.
- Culvert R-11, on Halls Mill Road, in Readington Township, which was damaged by a motor vehicle accident; repairs are being made to the Deck fascia and guiderail and it should be completed this week.
- Today, Bridge G-63, the Pony Pratt Bridge, in Glen Gardner Borough; was closed for repairs. This was a one day closure.
- On Friday, October 12, 2018 the County opened the Pine Hill Bridge which had been closed for a couple months; the stone masonry was been repaired and it was also repaved.
- Snow Fence will start going up shortly.
- Since the Department of Public Works does deer pickup, over half of the deer picked up in New Jersey, is picked up in the next four weeks. Recommended everyone slow down during the evening hours.

### **Hardship Road Opening Requests**

A hardship request was received from Ryan King, of Readington Township, asking for a road opening application, at 4 Oldwick Road. Mr. Mathews explained this request came in a year ago, this is on County Route 523; this denial was because the road was resurfaced before a gas opening could be done. The permit was submitted the week the road was resurfaced. This is a 4x2 opening in the road but it does meet the moratorium of not opening the road for 5 years. The property owner is looking to convert from oil to gas. This is on the same side of the road but in the roadway.

Mr. King understands the need for a five year moratorium and the need for restricting these types of things. His biggest concern about these types of things is that the repairs are never up to par/standard to the rest of the road.

Mr. Mathews stated the road is never going to be what it was prior to cutting into it; which is why there is a moratorium on the road.

Mr. Mathews stated the other hardship request is from Abdul Dawlatzai, of East Amwell Township, asking for a road opening application hardship, at 70 Old York Road on County Route 514, which was Chip Sealed this year. This is a new house and the property owner is looking to put heat in the house. A trench would have to be cut across the road, since the line is on the other side of the road. Since this was a Chip Seal and not a new road, there is a three year moratorium.

After further discussion, Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to the hardship requests from Ryan King at 4 Oldwick Road and Abdul Dawlatzai of 70 Oldwick Road, for Road Opening Permits.

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

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kevin Davis, County Administrator informed the Board that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has announced that on Saturday, October 20, 2018, anglers of all ages can try freshwater fishing in New Jersey without having to purchase a fishing license. This is the state's second free fishing day of 2018. Many rivers and streams have recently been stocked with trout by the Division of Fish and Wildlife; including the South Branch River and the Musconetcong River. A complete list of trout stocked waters and trout fishing facts is available on the County's Parks and Recreation website or at NJFishandWildlife.com.

Mr. Davis reported that the Superintendent of Schools office will be moved to the Route 12 County Complex in November, 2018. This will result in buildings at 6 and 8 Court Street being vacant. The County will at a later date determine how to dispose of the property.

Mr. Davis congratulated the County's CFO, Janet Previte, for a great job on the audit.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Director Lagay 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."

Items held at this time:

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 16, 2018.

**See Page 10/16/18-7A**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of October 02, 2018.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 10/16/18-7B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Paul Approvato appointed unclassified Acting Deputy Chief of Detectives, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 10/16/18-7C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Bryan Stem appointed unclassified, full time Assistant Road Supervisor, Public Works Department.

**See Page 10/16/18-7D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Garrett Dunlap appointed full time Bridge Repairer, (CDL Class A certification), Road Division, Public Works Department.

**See Page 10/16/18-7E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Dawn Faltings appointed permanent, full time Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

**See Page 10/16/18-7F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Daniel Wyckoff appointed permanent, full time Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Services Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

**See Page 10/16/18-7G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Sabrina Herron appointed provisional, full time Registered Environmental Health Specialist Trainee, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 10/16/18-7H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jennifer O'Sullivan appointed provisional, full time Senior Public Health Investigator, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 10/16/18-7I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Gregory Vaccarino appointed provisional, full time Senior Public Health Investigator, Health Services Division, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

**See Page 10/16/18-7J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Memorializing previously approved changes to County Policy #2005-03, for Fringe Benefits for Constitutional Officers, Department Heads, Unclassified Employees and Non-Contractual Employees.

**See Page 10/16/18-7K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Calling on State and Federal Agencies to allocate resources to combat Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

**See Page 10/16/18-7L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #1, Final, for County Bid #2018-08, for the 2018 Application of Traffic Stripes on various County Road, with Traffic Lines, Inc., in the decreased amount of \$43,280.10.

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

**GRANTS**

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

**See Page 10/16/18-8A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant agreement with the NJ State Council of the Arts, for the 2019 Cultural & Heritage Commission’s Local Arts Program, amount of \$66,464; (State-\$45,000; County Match-\$21,464).

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

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

**See Page 10/16/18-8B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an amended County Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Contract #19-532-ADA-0, in the amount of \$210,512.00, with a County match of \$25,966.00, for 2019.

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

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

**See Page 10/16/18-8C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application for Senior, Disability and Veterans Services for funding through the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, for cultural trips and activities, grant request amount \$7,000 and a County Match of \$14,000.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Milford Fire Company, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, October 20, 2018 (Rain Date: October 27, 2018), from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at County Route 519 (Frenchtown Road), in front of the public school; and County Route 519 (Water Street), in front of the Fire House. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County’s Department of Public Works.

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

An email was received from Raymond Campeau, requesting permission to again use certain Hunterdon County roads around the Round Valley Reservoir, as part of a bike course for the 12th Annual JerseyMan multi-sport event, on Sunday, May 19, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. 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, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY.  
(ABSENT) MR. HOLT.**

A request was received from Flemington Borough, asking permission to use the historic Court House on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., for an open house with the Courthouse Square developer. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County’s Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

There were no further reports or comments from the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Deputy Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Sachau questioned the number of acres for today’s Farmland matter, costing \$400,000 and why the property is valuable to Hunterdon County.

Bill Millette of the County’s Planning Services Division, responded by stating the property is 97 acres and the \$400,000 grant the County is being given is 50% of the purchase price. The benefit of the property is that it contains headwaters of a C-1 stream that feeds into the Musconetcong River.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board**