

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**September 04, 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: MS. LAGAY, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. VAN DOREN.**

**ABSENT: MR. HOLT.**

## **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 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 Mr. Lanza seconded these:

**See Page 09/04/18-1A RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in the Social Services Division.

**See Page 09/04/18-1B RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a backfill in Human Services of a Supervising Clerk Transcriber.

**See Page 09/04/18-1C RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the CWA Supervisors contract negotiations counteroffer.

**See Page 09/04/18-1D RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to receive an update with regard to the Milford Riverfront Park.

**See Page 09/04/18-1E RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a contract with Colonial Life Insurance.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m., recessed at 5:10 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**

Deputy Director Lagay advised that Director Holt is unable to be here this evening; he was called out of state but he sends his regards and regrets for not being here.

Freeholder King advised the Sea Cadets occupy the Lechner House at Echo Hill Preserve and in return, their participation and activities around Echo Hill are strong in the areas of upkeep and maintenance. The Sea Cadets train children to have a great deal of integrity and character. The Sea Cadets were gracious enough to present the colors at the County's Veterans' Recognition Ceremony during the opening events at the Hunterdon County Agricultural Fair on August 22, 2018. They were reverent and respectful as always.

Mr. King stated the Veterans' Ceremony was extraordinary. It was the last Veterans' Ceremony he will be able to participate in as a Freeholder, it was delightful to have the County's staff step up and do the amount of work that is necessary to support that; stating Chief of Staff, George F. Wagner puts in more time and efforts on that than most people can possibly understand. Mr. King gave his appreciation and kudos to all the staff that puts this event together on a volunteer basis.

Mr. King noted at the Veterans' Ceremony, the Freeholder Board was joined by Congressman Leonard Lance, Senators Doherty and Bateman, Assemblyman Peterson and all Hunterdon's Constitutional Officers: Surrogate Hoffman, County Clerk Melfi, Sheriff Brown and also present was Prosecutor Kearns. The ceremony itself is overwhelming once you start talking to the veterans individually. Mr. King stated it is a great idea to keep this process going to recognize Hunterdon's Veterans.

Deputy Director Lagay thanked Freeholder King for his dedication to Hunterdon's veterans and agreed the ceremony was moving. She was informed there were more than 200 people in attendance, including veterans.

Freeholder Lanza is pleased and relieved to report that a new requirement has become law in the State of New Jersey; School Buses must now have three point lap and shoulder seatbelts to protect our school children on buses. This new law is significant for Hunterdon County because most children travel to and from school on buses. He has repeatedly mentioned, in these meetings, that the new law affords kids on school buses the same protection that you get in your family car. The law also meets the recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board. Governor Murphy signed this legislation into law on August 25, 2018 – two months after the legislature gave final approval to the bill and after the bill sat unconsidered for four years. Better late than never and in the end, school children will be safer and that is what is most important.

Mr. Lanza advised there was a recent announcement that the New Jersey Gas Tax will now increase by 4.3 additional cents per gallon. This is after being hit for a 23cent per gallon increase two years ago; that brings the total in New Jersey to 41.4cents on every gallon pumped and it goes to Trenton. Apparently the 37 plus cents was not enough. The law says the state can raise the tax if not enough money come into the Transportation Trust Fund; the Governor shrugged his shoulders and said there was nothing he could do about it; yet, his treasurer conceded that Governor Christie's administration kept the gas tax flat last year in spite of their ability to raise it. To quote our Governor who is fond a turning a cliché' or two, it is what it is and we are going to make the best of it. It has been noted by the media that the Governor likes to lean on clichés as a verbal crutch so Freeholder Lanza stated the gas tax increase is salt rubbed into the wounds of the New Jersey Taxpayers, especially the Hunterdon County Taxpayers who rely on gasoline to fill their cars so they can commute to and from work because Hunterdon residents do not have adequate access to public transportation. This gasoline tax increase is a gift that keeps on giving and it gives the shaft to the people in Hunterdon County. This Board rallied against this before because Hunterdon County residents because of where we are and how poor this state's infrastructure is, is heavily reliant upon cars for transportation to and from work. Hunterdon residents get his disproportionately and it's a disgrace. Mr. Lanza stated we are told because motorists are purchasing less gas, the tax has to be raised.

Freeholder Van Doren echoed Deputy Director Lagay's words in thanking Freeholder King for all his work with the veterans. It was his first Hunterdon County Veteran's Ceremony and he was greatly moved; not only by the attendance but the number of medals the County gave out; looking at the families when their family member's name was called was amazing. Mr. Van Doren stated he received the honor of handing out the last medal to his first cousin, Jack Van Doren – that was a special honor. Mr. Van Doren gave his thanks to the County's staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Van Doren reported bridge and culvert work and interfere with traveling the County's roadways. All bridges and culverts in the County that are not the state's responsibility fall to the County. The County asks for the public's indulgence as maintaining bridge safety is, as has been previously stated before, an important function of Hunterdon County's Department of Public Works. There are several bridge and culvert projects presently taking place: being done in-house is County Culvert D-334 located on Pine Hill Road, in the Township of Delaware, which is 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from Locktown-Sergeantville Road and 2/10ths of a mile from Old Mill Road. The road at the culvert was closed to all traffic starting on July 16, 2018 and will be closed for approximately 12 weeks – a detour is posted. County crews are also repairing County Culvert Q-103 on River Road, in Raritan Township; 1.4 miles from Old Clinton Road and 2/10ths of a mile from State Highway 31. The road was closed to all traffic starting back on June 25, 2018 and will be closed for approximately 12 weeks and a detour is posted. Bridge T-73 on Meadow Lane in Tewksbury Township will be closed until the summer of 2019 as County crews work to bring it to a safe condition. The road is closed to all traffic and a detour is posted from Bissel Road to Rockaway Road. This is one of the last Truss Bridges in Tewksbury Township; unfortunately, those are the bridges lost the most because trucks do not abide by the posted weight limit. Inter-County Bridge L-25-W located on Point Mountain Road, 4/10ths of a mile from Route 57 and 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from the Musconetcong River Road in Lebanon Township and Mansfield Township in Warren County, is closed as construction commenced on August 22, 2018. A sign detour is in place – the bridge is expected to be closed until the end of March 2019.

Mr. Van Doren explained he is bringing up the bridges which are closed across the County because the Public Works Department is proactive in doing assessments and in doing the needed maintenance and repairs. While there is an inconvenience to the public, he turns everyone's attention to the tragedy which happened on August 14<sup>th</sup> with the bridge which collapsed in Genoa, Italy after repeated advisement that the bridge was in eminent danger of failing causing several lives to be lost as a result. This reminds us of the importance of the work that Hunterdon County undertakes to thoroughly and efficiently maintain our bridges.

Deputy Director Lagay stated it defies patience when bridges and culverts are closed and fortunately the Public Works Director, Tom Mathews, in his reports throughout the year reminds us of the work being done and everyone's need for patience and while some of the closures may seem extended that is what it takes to keep the County safe.

Deputy Director Lagay informed those present that Sheriff Brown will be holding Hunterdon County's annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony on this coming Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the steps of the historic Court House at 8:15 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Last year, the County had a sidewalk full of people. It is a very moving ceremony – it is not a long ceremony but it is something to feel good about. She has joined the Sheriff in his opinion that it is most important that America and Americans never forget 9/11. Most of us remember, to the moment, where we were when we heard the announcement of the twin towers doing down. That day will be focused on lives that were lost to the terrorist attacks and mostly focusing on the 16 residents of Hunterdon County who were lost.

Deputy Director Lagay reported Human Services will be having their annual public hearing regarding the seniors with disabilities or their advocates interested in being heard prior to the County's fiscal 2019 funding from the \$346,318 in Casino Revenues which Hunterdon County receives. The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Route 31 County Complex, in Human Services Main Conference Room, in Building #3.

Deputy Director Lagay advised the County's Public Health and Environmental Nurses were recently acknowledged for their role in identifying the E-Coli outbreak. Recently there was an E-Coli outbreak regarding lettuce grown around New Mexico but it was identified in Hunterdon County and the County's staff played a big role along with people at the Hunterdon Medical Center and they were featured on a recent NPR podcast.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 09/04/18-3A**

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness" month in Hunterdon County.

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

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

**See Page 09/04/18-3B**

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing National Preparedness Month as September 2018.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Gregory Ling, Lebanon Township resident, stated he would address the Board later in the meeting when he would have more time to talk regarding pesticide spraying.

#### **COUNTY CLERK, Mary H. Melfi**

##### **2019 Ident-a-Shred program**

County Clerk Melfi informed the Board that in 2017 through the County's June Ident-a-Shred program, the paper shredding program that the Sheriff, County Clerk and the Freeholder sponsor, 7.48 tons of paper or 14,960 pounds were processed; in 2018 during those same dates, the County processed 11.83 tons and 23,660 pounds. The program is exceedingly popular; stating her office gets on minimum two calls per week asking when the next Ident-a-Shred is taking place. There were problems this past April in the Borough of Flemington because of the traffic this caused but in working with Chief of State/Director of Public Safety, George F. Wagner and Sheriff Brown, the event was moved to the Route 12 County Complex where the County has all its other recycling programs and the program ran smoothly.

Ms. Melfi stated in talking with Chief Wagner, since this program is so popular and since it does give back to the County through recycling dollars, she would like to have six events next year at the Route 12 Complex location. She also thought this would be a great shared service and she reached out to Hunterdon's 26 municipalities to see if they would like to participate in this program. Ms. Melfi worked with County Counsel, Shana Taylor, and found approval is needed from the governing body, a site that the Sheriff and the vendor can assure that traffic will flow and they had to provide two volunteers or two employees. After applications came in and pending Freeholder approval, she agreed to accept Kingwood Township, Califon Borough and Franklin Township to participate in this as a shared service.

Ms. Melfi stated the shred events are \$600 each and she takes care of them out of her budget because she is the keeper of the records and nothing is more important than getting rid of personal records properly.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders directed Ms. Melfi to proceed in getting the shred program into other municipalities.

Freeholder King stated this is a great program which people enjoy and participate in.

#### **County Clerk's Office Update**

Ms. Melfi updated the Board on programs in her office; this year she worked with the High Bridge Class on a pilot summer search exploration camp for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Hughes from High Bridge 4<sup>th</sup> Grade helped develop a plan to pick students, the program got three, and they came the week of July 30, 2018 for camp and they were in the search room from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Sue and Faith in her office, took them through a whole project which was great.

Ms. Melfi stated now that her office has learned this lesson, the program will be expanded to try and include the entire County and weed it down to six students, and once the plans come in for 2019, she was hoping the Freeholder Board would like to be the judges on an essay to help pick out the six students for the next camp.

Ms. Melfi advised a Searching the Search Room Course will be held on September 22, 2018, for Realtors; she is working with the Hunterdon County Realtors Association and it will be specific to realtors such as deeds, easements and that type of thing; it isn't genealogy.

Ms. Melfi gave kudos to her staff as these two programs came from ideas from her staff. These are two good community programs.

Ms. Melfi informed the Board that in 2017, her office did 2,087 transactions and in 2018, for the same period of time her office did 1,363 but while that number is down, if you look at the dollars her office is at \$28,000 versus \$20,000 and part of that was the labor shift because union contracts have been settled and she monitors the hours each year, so if her office isn't active on a specific Saturday out of the year, she takes it out of the following year.

Ms. Melfi thanked the Board for the added hours in her office, the residents love them – a couple hours will be added so that the Search Room can be open – two Saturdays in the Fall will be added. Her office will be open on Saturday and Sunday before the Election, so people can have early voting. Last year 90 voters walked in on the Saturday before elections and on Sunday 87 voters walked in. Early voting is getting popular.

Ms. Melfi advised to date, comparing January through August, her office is up around \$46,000 in revenue. If her office stays on target and September through December stays flat with no increase, she will provide another \$240,000 for revenue but her project is around \$100,000.

Ms. Melfi reported in August, she attended a Table Top to Vote 2018 program in Monmouth County at their OEM Center; which was a national election cyber exercise. She, Beth Thompson and Bill Youells attended the exercise – this was a nationwide program and everyone was connected by phone, every state in the United States was included on this call. Table top exercises were done and then you had to discuss how you handle going dark. Ms. Melfi is very proud of Hunterdon County because our Information Technology Division is far ahead of the other counties. They asked questions on what each county does or what does the county do and Bill Youells raised his hand. She can recall four instances where Hunterdon was the only county doing some of the things that Homeland Security is looking for in the IT world. It was good to be a part of Hunterdon County.

Deputy Director Lagay stated that Hunterdon County has made great strides in security over the last 24 months.

Ms. Melfi told the Board while the Governor was helping you with the School Bus Seat Belts he was interfering with her elections. Governor Murphy signed into law at 6:47p.m., Law S-647, Chapter Law 2018 Chapter 72, on August 10, 2018 on Friday afternoon. Ms. Melfi stated she has been working on that Bill as Legislative Liaison from its inception. This bill states if anyone received a ballot in 2016 by mail, this law mandates that all those voters be converted into a Vote by Mail voter. She has to issue everyone ballots on September 22, 2018. It also states the County Clerk shall send a letter to everyone one of the voters giving them the option to opt out; if they don't opt out they have to be converted. The downside of the implementation is that the system cannot handle this – it has to be done manually. Her office and Election Staff (2 people) will have to reenter 8800 ballots and they will be mailed everywhere. People aren't going to be paying attention to this and they will get to the polls on Election Day only to be told they can't vote on the machine because they received a paper ballot; so they will get a provisional ballot. A lot of cases, voters will walk out of the polls because they will not vote provisionally. Ms. Melfi could not get this changed even after talking with the Governor's Office and while they understand the concerns – the bill was still signed.

Ms. Melfi this law also turns the voter registration into a vote by mail ballot. The only way to get paper ballots, early voting, vote by mail ballots (which are all the same) you have to vote for a specified election. After the Governor signed the bill, she finally got the other 20 County Clerks in the State to listen to her and they will be making a presentation to the New Jersey Association of Counties to try and get NJAC to do a state mandate/state pay.

#### **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

John Donnadio, Executive Director of NJAC came before the Board to provide update on NJAC's accomplishments, strategic goals and objectives. He thanked the Board for their support of NJAC and stated Freeholder King is the immediate past NJAC president and Hunterdon County Clerk, Mary Melfi is the current NJAC President.

Mr. Donnadio stated Hunterdon County's staff has been an incredible resource to him and to NJAC, which benefits counties across the state.

Mr. Donnadio reported on two upcoming events to be hosted by NJAC such as the County Administrator Certificate project which is a partnership through Rutgers, the State University. This is a comprehensive, two day course which teaches County Professionals at all levels. It will be held in November 2018.

Mr. Donnadio stated NJAC announced today the yearend summit, taking place on December 14, 2018, on Active Shooter Preparedness and 9-1-1 Systems and Telecommunications. Freeholder King and Chief Wagner have been very vocal at urging the State of New Jersey for the past decade to make sure the state makes the right payments for the 9-1-1 fees that are collected on everyone's bill. The State of New Jersey has diverted over \$130 Billion in 9-1-1 fees and portions of that are supposed to come back to County and Municipal Public Safety offices. Nothing has come back to the counties or municipalities in over a decade. NJAC has been very vocal on this and will continue to be proactive and keep the issue alive in the press.

Mr. Donnadio informed the Board that NJAC will continue to beat the drum on extending the 2% CAP on binding interest arbitration awards. He doesn't feel the general public understands the long term ramifications of allowing that 2% CAP on binding interest arbitration awards to sunset. This is \$1 Billion dollars in public safety salaries and wages which the Governor and Legislators failed to act on it in 2017. NJAC will not let this issue pass. Mr. Donnadio advised NJAC is also looking to get a state college or university to study the data on the 2% CAP. He feels Monmouth University will study this.

Mr. Donnadio advised NJAC is also looking at coming up with recommendations to streamline court facility operations and feels those recommendations will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Some of the recommendations are simple, allowing Counties to use Class 2 Special Law Enforcement Officers to provide security at court facilities. Counties that have Police Department, and there are only three in the state, are allowed to use Class 2 Police Officers which don't receive benefits or health or pension benefits, at a significant cost savings to taxpayers and without impacting the level of the service provided.

Mr. Donnadio said you hear a lot about shared services, but NJAC wants to look at regionalization of services, such as 9-1-1 services and public health services. Some counties are doing tax accessor services and Counties, because of the economy of scale can deliver these services more effectively and efficiently.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Daniel Bush, Parks and Recreation Director advised starting Monday, in conjunction with work with the Division of Buildings and Maintenance, trimming will take place at the Landsdown/Columbia Trail; the entire length. It is on the County's website and Facebook page; sections will be closed and the Rangers will be monitoring this for the safety of the public.

Mr. Bush presented to the Freeholder Board and the public of Hunterdon County, an American Bald Eagle which comes to Hunterdon from the Department of the Interior of the Fish and Wildlife Division. This is the unobtainable; you cannot get a bald eagle in this country unless you are a museum. His Division worked in conjunction with the Office of Congressman Leonard Lance, his staff and New Jersey Assemblyman Erik Peterson. Present this evening from his office are Maggie Convoy, Tom Shepherd and Cindy Mundy who assisted in obtain the eagle. This is nine plus months of work by everyone.

Mr. Bush stated this was done for an important purpose; in Hunterdon County there are eight nesting pairs of bald eagles that are registered with the State of New Jersey and he is aware of several additional. Bald Eagles are coming back in Hunterdon County and it's important for the public to understand why they need space and room to enhance the species and bring it back to the majestic nature that it should have. Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation is proud of this Eagle and will use her, for a program at the Arboretum to enhance the current Eagle Program. The program will bring in school children, adults and seniors to educate them as to what this means not only to our country but to an environment that Hunterdon County is; it is rural and open.

Mr. Bush informed the Board, he's thinking about having a contest for school children to name the Eagle.

### **PURCHASING**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

**See Page 09/04/18-5A**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-12, to Furnish and Deliver 89 Octane Unleaded Gasoline, to Riggins, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,731,990.00.

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

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

**See Page 09/04/18-5B**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-14, to Furnish and Deliver Snow and Ice Control Materials for Calcium Chloride Solution, for the Department of Public Works, to Setcon Industries, in an amount not to exceed \$31,520.00

**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 09/04/18-5C**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-14, to Furnish and Deliver Snow and Ice Control Materials for Rock Salt, with Morton Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$455,310.00.

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

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

**See Page 09/04/18-5D**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2018-16, for the Reconstruction of County Route 519 at Warren Glen Hill, to Grade Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$6,041,676.54.

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

Janet R. Previte, County Financial Officer, reported to the Board on the County's Snow and Ice Control purchases today for Rock Salt and Calcium Chloride. From a Budget standpoint, the County is spending

around \$770,000 a year, on average; including snowplows, blades, snow chemicals, snow fence, and such. That figure does not include what is being done in Buildings and Maintenance or in overtime, or in Capital on the heavy equipment. The County does have a trust that is considered for snow removal and after Superstorm Sandy it became for storm recovery as well. There is around \$730,000 in the trust currently, creating a one year cushion if the County was to have catastrophic weather events which exceeded the budget, so this could be used and not create an emergency appropriation.

Mrs. Previte stated when Purchasing presents the contracts for Rock Salt and Calcium Chloride, this is a huge shared service with the municipalities. When this is put out to bid, it enables 24 of the County's municipalities to also get the same discounted pricing. Ray Rule, our Purchasing Agent, has also added a clause to get small delivery pricing if needed.

Mrs. Previte stated in addition to snow and ice control chemicals, Mr. Rule also does a quote for snow fence through cooperative quotation, he asks if the vendor would extend the discounted pricing the County receives to the municipalities and often times they agree to do that.

Deputy Director Lagay thanked Mrs. Previte for the analysis and for the creative shared service.

### **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 09/04/18-6A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider services contract with Prevention Resources, Inc., to provide services known as Unifying Families, for a three year period at a cost of \$125,000, for the period of July 01, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

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

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

**See Page 09/04/18-6B**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider services contract with The ARC of Hunterdon County, for Family Support Case Management, in the amount of \$124,938, for the period of July 01, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kevin Davis, County Administrator reported the legislature recently passed a Bond proposal for schools, vocational and security at regular schools that was a \$1 billion bond issue. The Governor's Office stated it needs to go on the voters for Ballot Referendum. The Governor conditionally cut the bill to \$500 million much to the dismay of some of the school who thought they were going to get the money.

Mr. Davis is aware the vocational school community in Hunterdon County is very interested in this bill and it will now be on November, 2018's ballot. It requires public approval of the \$500 million loan. One of the reasons the Governor gave for cutting it, was that the State of New Jersey is \$33 billion in obligations.

### **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."

Item #3 held at this time and Item #18, was added.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 04, 2018.

**See Page 09/04/18-6C**

### **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the executive session minutes of August 21, 2018.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 09/04/18-6D**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Robert Hornby appointed provisional, full-time Agricultural Resources Specialist 2, Division of Planning, Department of Planning, Economic Development and Land Use.

**See Page 09/04/18-7A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Judith Buday appointed provisional, full-time Social Worker-Aging, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

**See Page 09/04/18-7B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Marcella Rosso appointed provisional, full-time Assistant County Adjuster, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

**See Page 09/04/18-7C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Designating Susan Nekola, Division Head of Social Work Services, as the County Adjuster in accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:4-34.

**See Page 09/04/18-7D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jac Allen-Lynn appointed full-time, Laborer, Division of Roads, Department of Public Works.

**See Page 09/04/18-7E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jeaneen Vega appointed part-time, temporary, Keyboarding Clerk 1, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 09/04/18-7F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Viera Barkoci appointed part-time, temporary, Keyboarding Clerk 1, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 09/04/18-7G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with Colonial Life Insurance.

**See Page 09/04/18-7H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a subcontract award agreement with the County of Somerset, for Work First New Jersey Funds for 2018, in the amount of \$20,990, to coordinate services for General Assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**See Page 09/04/18-7I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a revision to the resolution for competitive contracting with Axel Innovation LLC, for the Hunterdon County Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Study, for the Division of Economic Development.

**See Page 09/04/18-7J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the reconstitution of members of SWAC and rescinding the January 02, 2018 resolution.

**See Page 09/04/18-7K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Establishing a 5 ton weight limit on County Bridge K-87, on Milltown Road, in Kingwood Township.

**See Page 09/04/18-7L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving specifications for the resurfacing of County Route 513, in High Bridge Borough and Clinton Township.

**See Page 09/04/18-7M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an extension of the 2018 Title IV-D Reimbursement Agreement, for the Sheriff's Office, with the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, to November 30, 2018.

**See Page 09/04/18-7N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Lisa Long appointed unclassified, full time, Social Services Division Head, Department of Human Services.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Thomas Mathews, Director of Public Works, salary adjustment for performing two positions within the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

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

**GRANTS**

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

**See Page 09/04/18-8A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Hunterdon County Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan Update; authorizing the 2019 Funding Application and authorizing its transmittal to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, to access \$283,709 in state funds.

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

**SUPPORT – FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Freeholder Lanza reported that Congressman Lance is working with several other members of Congress from both parties on Legislation, HR-6424, that will give the Federal Communications Commission the authority to stop the diversion of telephone taxes from the 9-1-1 costs that it was intended to fund. Currently, every time you have a phone line you pay ninety cents per month that goes into a fund, purportedly to support 9-1-1 costs at the local level. New Jersey rakes in \$130 million a year from this telephone tax and the state diverts these funds to other uses. Hunterdon County has received nothing from this fund in the past twelve years. This is an outrage that must be corrected and this is yet another example of how the legislature trickles down taxes to property tax levels. The County has to take care of its 9-1-1 Facilities; Hunterdon just paid for over \$500,000 worth of upgrades and improvements as the County is not going to let its facilities become outdated. These are lifesaving facilities and lifesaving services provided to the County; yet the money collected from the telephone tax which Hunterdon County taxpayers pay winds up getting swallowed up elsewhere in the state and in turn, taxpayers are required to pay for these 9-1-1 upgrades with your property taxes.

Mr. Lanza applauds Congressman Lance on this legislation, he and his colleagues are pushing forward with the legislation to keep this money directed towards its intended purpose. It is important that here in Congressman Lance’s home County, where the first Countywide 9-1-1 Center in the state, that we go on record to support this bill.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 09/04/18-8B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Supporting the 9-1-1 Fee Integrity Act federal legislation.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Fairmount Fire Co., requesting permission to conduct a Coin Toss at the County Routes 512 and 517 intersection, in Tewksbury Township, on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County’s Department of Public Works.

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

An email was received from the East Amwell PTO, requesting permission to close a segment of Wertsville Road, between the intersection of Wertsville/Route 202 to the intersection at Rocktown Road, on Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for their Second Annual “5K Color Run.” (Rain Date: September 30, 2018). Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided the 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.**

Correspondence was received from High Bridge Borough, requesting permission to use a LINK bus on Thursday, September 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., during their "Business Recruitment Day" event, to highlight existing businesses and to feature properties available for sale or lease. Mr. King moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County’s Department of Human Services.

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

An email was received from the Flemington Borough Planning Board, requesting permission to use the historic Court House on September 25, 2018 and for an unspecified number of additional meetings in October, including October 01, 2018, regarding the Union Hotel Redevelopment area. Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion approving the use of the historic Court House on September 25, 2018 and October 01, 2018, as well as various other dates in the month of October, 2018, provided they are coordinated through the County’s Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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

### **FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

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

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Deputy Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

George Ling, Lebanon Township resident, came before the Board concerning his letter to the County dated April 16, 2018 regarding his concern over the use of herbicides. Hunterdon County does a lot of fabulous things and he feels it is the heart of the Garden State. There is no better soil than is here and no better place to grow a garden, a tree or flowers. Minus one thing that is the application of herbicides on the roadsides and in the parks. He confirmed the Board received his letter of April 16, 2018 which was sent to the County's email address, and he copied the County Clerk.

Mr. Ling explained his experience two weeks ago at Tetterown Park which was pleasant and this past Sunday, he noticed many yellow rings from a herbicide that was sprayed. He did not see any warnings or flags that this was sprayed. His advised his experience goes back 35 years and his expertise is called on by people in the industry.

Deputy Director Lagay thanked Mr. Ling for his letters and information.

After further information provided by Mr. Ling, County Administrator, Kevin Davis, asked the Clerk of the Board, Denise Doolan for copies of the email and letters from Mr. Ling and he will reach out to Mr. Ling as he finds this concerning. He feels more investigation needs to take place, as Mr. Ling has a degree of expertise and Mr. Davis would like to take advantage of that and offered to meeting with Mr. Ling, at his convenience.

Mr. Ling informed the Board that Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works has been very gracious to him and he's doing a great job.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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