

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

September 18, 2018

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Holt announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 02, 2018, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Hunterdon County Vocational Educational Board, known as Polytech.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the Hunterdon County Table of Organization and the creation of a Solid Waste Division and a Human Resources Department; as well as the relocation of Economic Development.

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RESOLUTION

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMENTS FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD

Freeholder King recognized Hunterdon County Planning Director, Barbara Vogel and asked if she would introduce her new employee.

Mrs. Vogel introduced Robert "Bob" Hornby her new Agricultural Resource Specialist 2; he started on August 27, 2018. Bob is a Delaware Township resident who lives three doors from where he grew up. He is a graduate of the Hunts School in Cornell.

Mr. King welcomed Mr. Hornby to the County team.

Deputy Director Lagay reported she will be attending the reopening of the Clawson House in Ringoes, New Jersey on September 22, 2018. In addition to being a recently renovated, historic building, is East Amwell Township originally applied to the County's Historic Preservation Grant in 2011 and since that time, the County has contributed \$205,800 towards its preservation.

Ms. Lagay reported there is a summit taking place this Friday, September 21, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., at the Route 12 County Complex, sponsored by the Partnership for Health and the New Jersey Health Initiative. This involves schools, businesses, the County and various sources for the wellbeing and Health of the entire County.

Ms. Lagay introduced Karen Demarco, the County's Health Officer and Epidemiologist who is present this evening with Jennifer O'Sullivan, a County employee, who the Board would like to acknowledge for her extraordinary work she's been doing in the County's Health Services Division.

Ms. Demarco thanked the Board for the invitation to attend this evening's meeting. She introduced Jennifer O'Sullivan, a Public Health Investigator. Within the last month, Ms. O'Sullivan has displayed leadership in two areas to protect the land and environment of Hunterdon County. During her very first shift as Duty Officer for the Hunterdon County Hazardous Materials Unit, she responded to the Frenchtown fire incident on August 13, 2018. This fire caused evacuations of residents and damaged local businesses; there were 14 responding fire agencies, Jennifer served as the subject matter expert for hazardous materials to keep those responding agencies safe. Jennifer also served as a liaison with the

Department of Environmental Protection throughout the event and provided on-scene support.

Ms. Demarco stated this past weekend Ms. O'Sullivan led a team of 75 volunteers and 5 community agencies in a little cleanup along the Delaware River. This project is funded through Clean Communities, a grant provided from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. In that cleanup, approximately 40 bags of trash, 22 bags of recyclables and other large items that did not fit in garbage bags were removed from the banks of the Delaware River.

Ms. Demarco feels an acknowledgement of your commitment to the Health Services Division mission of creating a healthy community for residents to live, work and play, the Health Division recognizes Ms. O'Sullivan.

Ms. O'Sullivan stated she was working with other great teams at the event who are all working towards a common goal. She did not take all the credit because everyone assisted in a common goal.

Ms. Lagay presented Ms. O'Sullivan with a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, all the residents of the County and employees of the County, your contribution is hereby acknowledged and we all thank you.

Director Holt thanked Ms. O'Sullivan for all her efforts during the past two events and wishes her much success in all her future endeavors.

Frenchtown Mayor, Brad Myhre, informed the Board that Jennifer did a great job. She also assisted Frenchtown earlier in the day during an oil spill.

Freeholder Lanza welcomed Mr. Hornby to the County's Planning Board; he had the privilege of working with his father for many years, on Main Street in Flemington.

Mr. Lanza reported on the passing of a former Raritan Valley Community College Trustee, who represented the County, Dr. Catherine Hebson McVicker. He and Freeholder Lagay attended her memorial service. Dr. McVicker was one of the most intelligent people you could ever meet; there was never a dead spot in a conversation and she was always helpful to the Freeholder Board and will have a lasting legacy at RVCC. She used all her spare time to enhance the lives of those who desired to better themselves through education in Hunterdon County. Dr. McVicker has a life well lived and did not waste a moment of her life. It was a privilege to know her.

Mr. Lanza recognized Sheriff Brown, who is a celebrity, who was invited to the Whitehouse to be consulted regarding immigration and security. The Sheriff may have caught flak from people about going but whoever the President is, when one of your own is tapped to go and give advice – you give it. Mr. Lanza stated he is proud of Sheriff Brown of going to Washington to give his opinions because of his life in law enforcement, he has valuable information.

Director Holt stated that Sheriff Brown was one of only forty-four Sheriffs nationwide that was invited to Washington, D.C. Sheriff Brown's input was clearing important. He echoed what Freeholder Lanza just said. Sheriff Brown has a lifetime of experience to provide such information.

Director Holt thanked Sheriff Brown for representing Hunterdon County so well.

Freeholder Van Doren reported that he and Sheriff Brown had the pleasure this past weekend of riding the Black River and Western Railroad during their dedication. The train went from Ringoes Station to the Bowen Station which was dedicated. A hardworking group of volunteers put a lot of sweat equity into restoring and keeping the railroad running with the ultimate goal to get a line back to Lambertville. They are a little less than four miles from doing that. This project has hopes of furthering economic development, as well as a lot of community activities and community organizations can take part.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Stan Prater, JCP&L Representative, informed the Board he was present as a follow-up to a conversation he had with Director Holt; stating Director Holt wrote to JCP&L's president regarding their reliability plus program and he had requested a meeting be held to discuss what specifically JCP&L plans to do in Hunterdon County. Mr. Prater will schedule a date to meet with Director Holt and any other Freeholder who wants to join in the meeting, to lay out a plan for Hunterdon County.

Director Holt explained the objective is to follow up on the storm activity of last March, JCP&L did put forth a plan of close to 4,000 individual items that will be addressed in terms of infrastructure and enhancements. He is asking now for an update on how that might impact Hunterdon County – with specifics. Director Holt would like to publicize the meeting and feels this would be a positive step in terms of infrastructure reinforcement in Hunterdon County.

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R8-05111, with Weatherproof Technologies, Inc., for Roof Replacement to Building #3 - Route 31 Complex, for the Buildings and Maintenance Division, in the amount of \$285,497.43.

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

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #R8-05142, with Jesco, Inc., for a 2018 Excavator and associated equipment, for Vehicle Services, in the amount of \$176,833.05.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement, using County Quote #0063-2018, for Medical Director Services, through the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant, to the Hunterdon Medical Center, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a development easement acquisition, from Alice Miller, on Block 9, Lot 10 and Block 10, Lot 74, in Alexandria Township, estimated 65.79 acres; (SADC - \$303,949.80; County - \$101,316.20; Township - \$101,316.20), total amount of \$506,583.

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

Mr. King moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Amendment #4, to a Notice of Grant and Agreement Award between the United States Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service, the State Agriculture Development Committee, the County of Hunterdon, and Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT).

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

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."

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 18, 2018.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of August 21, 2018 and the executive session minutes of September 04, 2018.

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

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Chiu appointed a full time, Bridge Repairer 1, Bridge Division, Public Works Department. (transfer).

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Walter Carey appointed full-time, Laborer, Roads Division, Public Works Department.

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RESOLUTION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids for leasing and maintenance of Golf Carts, for the Parks and Recreation Division.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2017-21, for Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 604, in Delaware Township, to Reivax Contracting, increase of \$67,397.20.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing modification #1, to an Agreement (Quote 0096-2016), with SSP Architectural Group, Inc., for professional Architectural/Engineering consulting services, for the Hunterdon County Justice Center Exterior Renovations, increase of \$27,800, changing the not to exceed figure to \$62,600.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing modification #1, to an Agreement with KBD Associates, LLC, to provide additional Health Officer Services to include management of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant, the Health Division program expansion and additional personnel and fiscal management, increase of \$6,800, changing the not to exceed figure to \$68,000.

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

GRANTS

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a 2019 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse contract, with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in the amount of \$225,753 (state funds) and a County Match of \$29,776.

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

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application with New Jersey Transit Corporation, under the "2019 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act", for elderly and disabled transportation, in the amount of \$346,318.

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

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with New Jersey Transit to apply to the U.S. Department of Transportation for aid in financing administration. The County's local share under the grant shall be \$210,768.50.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Milford Merchants Association, asking permission to close a portion of County Route 519, on Sunday, October 28, 2018, for their annual Halloween Parade, from approximately 1:00 p.m. for around 15 minutes. 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, MR. HOLT.

A letter was received from Christopher and Karen Neuwirth, requesting permission to have a memorial tree and plaque placed at Hunterdon County Arboretum. It was noted that the County's POSAC Committee has reviewed and recommends this request to the Board. Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this request is coordinated through the County's Parks and Recreation Division.

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

Correspondence was received from the Samuel Fleming House Museum and Gardens, request to use the historic Court House on Friday, November 30, 2018, to hold their annual Tricky Tray fundraiser. Would like access to set up starting at 9:00 a.m. and use the facility through 10:00 p.m. Also, asking permission to have the fee waived as they are a non-profit. 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, MR. HOLT.

A letter was received from the Delaware Valley Regional High School Cheer Booster, request permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the intersection of County Route 519 and Bridge Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lanza 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. LANZA, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT.

Correspondence was received from the Township of Delaware, requesting to close a portion of County Route 604, on Saturday, October 06, 2018, at the Delaware Township Municipal Building parking area (570 Rosemont-Ringoes Road and County Route 604), from approximately 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in order to hold a block party. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders did not have any further reports.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public.

Tim Barlow, Police Chief for Tewksbury Township came before the Board regarding communications needs due to the topography of the Township with the valleys and mountains. He provided the Board with a map of the current towers and expressed a need for more towers in the area. Chief Barlow informed the Board he had sent a recent a letter expressing the concerns of the Police Chief's Association and providing suggestions to the County and confirmed he did receive an email from George F. Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services.

Chief Wagner agreed there is a challenge in the Tewksbury area due to the mountains. He briefly went through what the County has been trying to do over the past decade to elevate the issues in that area and noted a new tower is currently being installed.

Director Holt agreed the County's 9-1-1 Center has been going 40 years and the County needs to invest in the 9-1-1 Center, as well as the infrastructure which is necessary for the communications throughout the County. There is no priority greater than the safety of Hunterdon's residents and the safety of those that provide protection to them.

Director Holt is aware that Chief Wagner responded back to Chief Barlow; stating he talked with Chief Wagner talked about this. There is capital money in place to continue this process and it won't stop.

Director Holt stated the commitment of the Board is as sites and towers are identified that will enhance the County's 9-1-1 System, then the funding will be put in place to make it happen. The Freeholders are not experts in this but the Chief Barlow and other responders are, so the Freeholders look for guidance and direction from you in cooperation with the County to say how to enhance the system, how to invest in it and how to do it in a way to manage it through budgets and at the same time, try to make progress in moving forward.

Director Holt advised Chief Barlow he has the commitment of the Freeholder Board and the commitment of the County to find solutions, and as that is done, to property finance and fund them.

Director Holt thanked Chief Barlow for taking the time to come to tonight's meeting and to continue to be a part this communication, and stated the County through Chief Wagner will continue to find the right locations for towers. The biggest issue the County is having is the land acquisition in the norther section of the County. This Board is here to work with Chief Barlow and to get this done right.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board