

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 20, 2019

"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 15, 2019, 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."

PRESENT: Ms. Lagay, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss personnel issues.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

FREEHOLDERS REPORTS

Freeholder Van Doren: "Some of the infrastructure projects I have reported on here at previous meetings are now coming to conclusion. County Bridge L-12 on Hill Road in Lebanon Township which was closed in April due to a stone arch collapse was opened last week, as I noted it would be in an earlier report. The Public Works Department received a very nice email from a citizen who appreciated the great work done to restore the arch by the County's Bridge unit. I wish to extend my thanks to the team that worked on the bridge repair project. I am advised that the work on Culvert T-51, on Fox Hill Road in Tewksbury which began in June is nearly complete, with the road re-opening sometime this week. And again, our county crews are working on this project. And good news for those who travel on Route 523 between Delaware and Stockton, the resurfacing on over 3.5 miles of that roadway by the contractor DeSantis Construction, which also re-started in April, is now complete. Meanwhile, in the world of infrastructure improvements, it seems when one is completed another starts. As I announced at the last meeting, County Culvert X-6, located on Mine Road in the Borough High Bridge, closed on Monday, August 19th, and is expected to be closed for 14 weeks. The detour is posted on the County's website. Later on, the agenda there will be consideration of a bond ordinance to provide funding for several road and bridge projects that are receiving funding from outside sources. I will reserve my comments on that agenda item until that time."

Freeholder Lanza: "Thank you, Director. The Penn East Pipeline has now resubmitted for land use development permits that have previously been rejected without prejudice by the DEP for incompleteness. Now those applications are complete, and they are back before the DEP. And if anyone who has been here through these meetings over the years, can recall this freeholders board in 2014 passed a resolution without opposition opposing this project for hosted reasons and those reasons haven't changed. However, we do have a turnover on our board of 40% of our memberships since that time, and again there is a new application that is before the DEP, which will precipitate a comment period of at least thirty days. I think it is appropriate that at some point within that period or as we have been told by our environmental consultant that that period might be

extended out to ninety days simply because of the size and scope and importance of this project that this board ought be heard on its input on this project because a couple of things have not changed since we passed our resolution opposing this pipeline in 2014. What has not changed is this pipeline disturbs a 53 acre well service area in Holland township, that has done nothing to address that. And in addition, there are over 2,000 acres of conservation usements that the public has paid millions of dollars for, that are necessarily destroyed by the encroachment of this development through that area. So, I would simply reiterate my own personal opposition to this project, and I would request that the director would bring up in one of the subsequent meetings during the comment period, a discussion for this board to present its opinion to the DEP as to this project. I don't foresee a whole lot of difference between the previous position this board has been and what it will be, but I think our two new members, newer members deserve an opportunity to be heard. And the county ought to be able to stand up and be counted amongst those commenting on this application. Which again I would restate that I personally oppose."

Freeholder Soloway: "I want to make the public aware of one of the critical, citizen-based program organized by the County Health Department - the Medical Reserve Corps. The Reserve Corps is a team of residents, both medically-trained and non-medical volunteers, who assist the Health Department in Public Health Preparedness activities. The reserve Corps is an important trained additional force available during a true health emergency or crisis. Reserve Corps volunteers have participated with the Health Department and the Emergency Management team in mass medication distribution drills, trainings, and other emergency preparedness exercises throughout the year. A series of training programs are provided by the Health Department monthly, and upcoming sessions include Outbreak Investigation, Stop the Bleed Training, Environmental Health and Safety, Psychological First Aid, and Opioid and Narcan training. Community groups and residents who are interested in participating with and/or gaining emergency training are invited to learn more about the Medical Reserve Corps by contacting the Health Department for more information or to attend a training session. There are several training opportunities scheduled for September and October. September, by the way, is Emergency Preparedness Month, and I expect we will have a further discussion on that subject at the next meeting."

Freeholder Lagay: "This year is the final year of the contract the County has with First Transit to operate the Link bus system and new bids needed to be sought. One of the key recommendations of the advisory Transportation Task Force which was formed earlier in the year was to seek a new contract through the state's authorized competitive contract process to try to ensure that the best performer is chosen. The potential contractors were required to submit their responses to the proposal on August 2nd. Three contractors responded. As part of the competitive contracting law, an evaluation committee was established to review the proposals. It is in the County's interest to establish a contract with the vendor who is most reliable and at a reasonable cost. I anticipate a recommendation coming from the evaluation committee on or before the end of the month. The new contract will be in place on January 1, 2020."

CONCORD ENERGY SERVICES PRESENTATION

See Page 8/20/19-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, All-In Fixed Price for Voluntary OPT-IN Enhanced Renewable Energy Price put forth by the lowest bidder MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, Bid #2019-12

Moved: Ms. Soloway

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

Roll Call (Ayes): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, All-In Fixed Price for Voluntary OPT-IN Enhanced Renewable Energy Price put forth by MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, voluntarily commit to higher percentage of power coming from renewable sources, Bid #2019-12

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lanza, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Ms. Lagay

Freeholder Lanza: "I'll start off. I think what you have, a situation where we have two options that are so close in price, they both save the county money, they both save our partners in the municipality's money. One of them is much more environmentally friendly than the other one is. Yet I think the difference in savings over the course of the years is about 2,200 bucks. And in my point of view, this is one thing that we see in our civil discourse all this disparity between conservatives and liberals, people fighting with each other over what's right what's wrong, but here is one of these things that I think unites everybody where you have an opportunity to save money and to do something that everybody can agree is a good thing. If you can use 43% renewal energy as opposed to 23% and pay almost the same price for it, you will most certainly go for using more renewable energy. Its better, I don't think that anybody could argue that that's a bad thing that we are using more renewable energy and in fact, by the time this contract expires that the state is going to require that we are using 48% renewable energy in the next, here we are already at 43 we are not only at compliance, we are using almost double the amount of renewable energy in this mix under this contract while still saving county tax payers significate amounts of money. I think this is a winner all around for everybody and so it would be my suggestion and my vote that we take the green option. It is almost exactly the same in price and its better for the environment. Why wouldn't we do that?"

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

(Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda)

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Aidan Beardsley on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

FINANCE, Janet R. Previte, CFO

See Page 8/20/19-2A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2019 County Budget, for the FY19 Clean Communities grant in the amount of \$85,929.99.

Moved: Ms. Soloway

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

Roll Call (Ayes): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-2B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2019 County Budget, for the 2019-2020 PHILEP grant for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$269,673.00.

Moved: Ms. Soloway

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

Roll Call (Ayes): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-2C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the Dedication by Rider for the Statewide Respite Program cost shares as required by N.J.S.A. 30:4F-7 ET SEQ.

Moved: Ms. Soloway

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

Roll Call (Ayes): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-2D ORDINANCE

Bond Ordinance 2019-05, providing for various roadway and bridge improvements, by and in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$3,200,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,040,000 bonds or notes of the County to finance part of the costs thereof.

Freeholder Van Doren Comments – “I wish to thank Ms. Previte for her always succinct summary of the ordinance and for her cooperation in moving this matter forward in an expeditious manner. This ordinance, as I understand it, will provide funding for county projects that are in line to also receive state funding, including transportation trust fund monies. The two road projects, 513 in Alexandria and 628 in Lebanon, have a total cost of \$6.65 million. The funds authorized by this ordinance provides the additional funding needed to move the projects forward. Supporting this effort, the County will be able to recoup over 60% of these costs with \$4,056,898 of transportation trust fund monies earmarked for Hunterdon County. The ordinance also provides sufficient additional authorization for a major bridge project, bridge RT 16 in Readington, which will cost \$8,300,000, for which the County will recoup about 50% of the cost through grant funds. The additional authorization for bridge L-6 in Lebanon Township provides for the total cost of \$2,263,675, of which \$1.5 million will be recouped through grants. The Department of Engineering and Public Works’ ability to successfully gain these kinds of grant funds, plays a key role in the County’s ability to avoid debt financing for major infrastructure projects. I encourage the Department to keep up the good work.”

PURCHASING, Ray E. Rule, QPA

See Page 8/20/19-2E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving award of County Bid 2019-11, for the exterior renovation of the Hunterdon County Justice Complex to Askari Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$623,572.00.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Ms. Soloway

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis

CONSENT AGENDA

“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.”

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lanza, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Ms. Lagay

RESOLVED, motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 20, 2019.

RESOLVED, Approval of the regular and executive session meeting minutes of July 16, 2019.

See Page 8/20/19-3A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the submission of the Lebanon Borough Municipal Chapter of the Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by the Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use.

See Page 8/20/19-3B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the submission of the Lebanon Township Municipal

Chapter of the Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by the Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use.

See Page 8/20/19-3C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Jeannine Gorman as a member to the Human Services Advisory Council, with a term to be effective immediately through September 30, 2022.

See Page 8/20/19-3D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Corinne Rusnock as a member to the Hunterdon County Alliance Steering Subcommittee, of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA), with a term to be effective immediately through September 30, 2021.

See Page 8/20/19-3E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the reallocation of 2018 closeout funds from the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP), in the amount of \$1,137.39, which will be reallocated to the 2019 operating budget for third party contract services and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign this budget modification.

See Page 8/20/19-4A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the promotion of Arlyn Nicholson to the title of Supervising Family Service Worker, in the Division of Social Services, of the Department of Humans Services.

See Page 8/20/19-4B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Brock Rodenbough to the provisional title of Road Repairer 2, in the Division of Roads, of the Department of Public Works.

See Page 8/20/19-4C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Curt Blomquist to the provisional tile of Equipment Operator, in the Division of Bridges, of the Department of Public Works.

See Page 8/20/19-4D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Daniel Voorhees to the provisional title of Family Service Worker, in the Division of Social Services, of the Department of Human Services.

See Page 8/20/19-4E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Garrett Dunlap to the provisional title of Senior Bridge Repairer, in the Division of Bridges, of the Department of Public Works.

See Page 8/20/19-4F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Gregory Szwec to the title of Supervising Family Service Worker, in the Division of Social Services, of the Department of Human Services.

See Page 8/20/19-4G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Jennifer Fuhri to the provisional title of Keyboarding Clerk 3, in the Division of Roads, of the Department of Public Works.

See Page 8/20/19-4H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Joseph Grande to the provisional title of Principal Engineering Aide, in the Division of Engineering, of the Department of Public Works.

See Page 8/20/19-4I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Robin Krog to the title of Supervising Family Service Worker, in the Division of Social Services, of the Department of Human Services.

See Page 8/20/19-4J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Stephanie Muscatel to the provisional title of Clerk 4, in the Division of Social Services, of the Department of Human Services.

See Page 8/20/19-5A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the promotion of Joseph Chiu to the provisional title of Senior Bridge Repairer, in the Division of Bridges, of the Department of Public Works.

GRANTS

See Page 8/20/19-5B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Division of Engineering to file a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the replacement of Hunterdon County Bridge L-6, located on the Fairview Avenue (County Route 513) over the tributary of the South Branch Raritan River in the Township of Lebanon, and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign any documents associated with this grant application.

Moved: Ms. Soloway

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

Roll Call (Ayes): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-5C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Division of Engineering to file a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the replacement of Bridge A-45, Milford Frenchtown Road (County Route 619), located over Harihokake Creek in Alexandria Township, and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign any documents associated with this grant application.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Ms. Soloway

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-5D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Division of Engineering to file a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the rehabilitation of Bridge R-24, Mill Road over Rockaway Creek in Readington Township, and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign any documents associated with this grant application.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-5E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office to file a grant renewal with the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), SANE/SART Program offered by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in the total program amount of \$117,894 (federal grant funds: \$72,000; county matching funds: \$45,894), and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign all documentation associated with this grant application.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Ms. Soloway

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

See Page 8/20/19-6A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office to file an Operation Helping Hand Grant (Subaward No. OHH-10-2019) application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the total program amount of \$100,000 (federal grant funds: \$100,000; county matching funds: \$0), and authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign all documentation associated with this grant application.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Ms. Soloway

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Lagay

CORRESPONDENCE

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kathryn Erwin, a Sales Manager with Forefront Power noted that Forefront Power will be attempting to conduct three solar power projects in Hunterdon County upon approval by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Ms. Erwin noted that she was in attendance at the Freeholder Meeting as part of the company's efforts to introduce themselves to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – no additional executive session.

The Board Adjourned at 6:19 PM on a motion by Freeholder Van Doren which was seconded by Freeholder Lanza and carried by voice vote.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION
ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the County is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Legal:

- Potential contract with MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC

Personnel:

- Appointment to the Human Services Advisory Council and LACADA.
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.
 4. The Board of Chosen Freeholders will return to Regular Session and may take further action.
 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Hunterdon, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a meeting held on August 20, 2019.

| ROLL CALL | MOVED | SECONDED | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Suzanne Lagay, Director | | | X | | | |
| John E. Lanza, Deputy Director | X | | X | | | |
| J. Matthew Holt, Freeholder | | | X | | | |
| Susan J. Soloway, Freeholder | | X | X | | | |
| Shaun C. Van Doren, Freeholder | | | X | | | |

ADOPTED: August 20, 2019

Brad Myhre, CLERK