

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 05, 2019

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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 07, 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."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Ms. Soloway moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

See Page 02/05/18-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss two appointments to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

See Page 02/05/18-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a pending retirement in Human Services.

See Page 02/05/18-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss posting for a full time Account Clerk.

See Page 02/05/18-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the potential opioid cost recovery litigation.

See Page 02/05/18-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a potential contract for energy services.

See Page 02/05/18-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a provider services amendment for Meals on Wheels.

See Page 02/05/18-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property in Clinton Township.

See Page 02/05/18-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of the Delaney Parcel in Readington Township.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m., recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

NEW PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS

Director Lagay stated the Board met in executive session to discuss certain matters that the state's open public meetings law permits to be discussed in private, because of the confidential or sensitive nature of those discussions. The general nature of those matters were publicly announced by the County Counsel prior to the Board moving into executive session, at 4:30 p.m., as has been the practice here for many years.

Director Lagay advised in an effort to ensure greater transparency, with the agreement of my colleagues, I would like to establish a new protocol that the Counsel should announce the general nature of the executive session matters again at the start of the public meeting. The Board agreed.

Director Lagay asked County Counsel to again state the discussions that took place in Executive Session.

Shana L. Taylor, County Counsel, reported the Freeholder Board discussed in Executive Session under the personnel exception, were two proposed appointments to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; a pending employee retirement and a posting of a backfill in the Department of Human Services – a Rice Notice was given to the individual and did not request the discussion take place in public. Under the Legal exception, there was a discussion of a proposal from a law firm regarding opioid cost recovery litigation; a discussion regarding the terms for a proposed contract for energy services; and a discussion regarding a proposed amendment to a provider service agreement for Meals on Wheels. Under the Land exception, there was discussion regarding a proposed acquisition in Readington Township and a proposed acquisition of land in Clinton Township.

FREEHOLDERS REPORTS

Freeholder Soloway reported the Health Department has announced that Radon Kits available to residents for free on a first come basis. They were provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. All homeowners should take advantage of this opportunity from the County's Health Department and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Mrs. Soloway reported the County will be holding its first propane tank collection on Saturday, February 23, 2019; a Hazardous Waste Clean Up Collection day on March 09, 2019; and an Electronic Waste Clean Up Collection day on March 23, 2019.

Freeholder Lanza stated on Friday, February 01, 2019, PBS39 Bethlehem aired a story about something that is being done here, in Hunterdon County to enhance school safety. This Freeholder Board has recently, after learning of this technology from the County Prosecutor's Office, entered into a contract for CRG Collaborative Response Graphic. This is a technology which allows mapping out Hunterdon's schools and other public buildings like a battleship board. Currently, without this technology, 911 people and people in public buildings are rifling through books the size of catalogs when communicating with Emergency Services people and it takes time and it's confusing when communicating with police and other first responders in an attempt to get to an emergency situation. Mr. Lanza explained this technology creates a grid by mapping everything out, creates a common language and a common vision for everyone responding to an emergency scene. This battleship type of mapping, it increases response times and can save lives.

Mr. Lanza further stated that considering how useful this technology is, it is inexpensive. In fact, all Hunterdon County's schools are participating in this and it shows what a great idea it is; how successful it is and this Board owed a debt of gratitude to the County Prosecutor's Office for finding this technology.

Mr. Lanza stated the County Prosecutor, Tony Kearns, built an infrastructure amongst the schools from his pursuit of combatting the opioid crisis; there was a receptive audience for the acceptance of this type of technology. If you go to PBS39 Bethlehem's website, about 724 left, there is a story and it's a great story.

Mr. Lanza stated there were some comments in public regarding the parking area the County has in Flemington; the mayor had made some comments about there being some discussion with the Freeholders regarding potentially transferring that property to Flemington Borough in connection with the redevelopment of Main Street. That is nothing more than a reiteration of what was already announced at a meeting in October 2018 and Director Holt made those comments and stated that the parking lot is something that the County might be interested in contributing in some way towards this project. That offer was made to the previous mayor and the offer was actually made to the Borough of Flemington. In the event that both sides can come together, then this Board will consider this moving forward with in the future.

Director Lagay reported over the last year, there has been much said on the South County Branch of the Library and the first month's report is noteworthy: in January 2018 there were 3,576 items that circulated in the old location; the library has been moved into the town of Ringoes, which was praised by the residents and their Council. As of January 2019, there has been an increase of items moved, at 4,359; that is a 21% increase. This was a well-made decision and it is very appreciated; the Library staff wrote the Freeholder Board, because they are hearing from residents and how much the residents appreciate the Library's new location.

Director Lagay stated when she spoke at the Board's reorganization meeting, on what is important in terms of the year. Effective, efficient management of the County's resources has been engaged throughout by the Board of Freeholders but it is interesting to her and the County is looking at what the private sector calls "enterprise resource management". The County is looking at how it is managing its resources; how they are being examined, evaluated and how they are being managed to be most cost efficient and effective. One of the ways the County has already implemented this, is through the County's Facilities Committee and it has been meeting for a couple of years; very effectively staff members from various departments have been brought together with their knowledge and expertise to assist in this process and to look at the future. The County just retrofitted the light fixtures at the 911 Communications Center to save money, by looking at the workload efficiency of this and retrofitted 200 light fixtures. The County has received first rebate for the project which was \$4,326. When the County first when out to Reverse Auction for Energy, the County saved \$300,000 in two years. The County roughly figures to save around \$7,000 a year for the lightbulbs at the 911 Center. The next area to be reviewed is the Grand Jury lot off of Park Avenue by the Justice Center.

Director Lagay thanked Justin Tibbetts, Director of Buildings and Maintenance and the County's Facility Committee; it's a highly functioning team that comes together twice a month to look at and review the County's buildings to determine what is needed now and in the future.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Director Lagay recognized the Superintendent of Polytech, Dr. Kim Metz, who is here this evening with several of her students, recognizing Career and Technical month to be February 2019.

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

See Page 02/05/19-3A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring February, 2019, as Career and Technical month in Hunterdon.

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

Director Lagay recognized the following Polytech Students: Irma Gracia-Lazo – graduate of Polytech's Adult & Continuing Education program, who is now enrolled in the vocational school districts' Skin Care Licensing program; Mollie Zimm – a student enrolled in Polytech's Animal Science 1 course; Estelle Yeung – a student enrolled in the Biomedical Sciences Academy; Maya Sorhage – a student with Computer Animation II and president of the National Art Honor Society; Ashley Gibbons – a student of Animal Science and Ann Thorton, owner of MSI Plumbing & Remodeling who is this year Business Partner of the Year.

Director Lagay stated the Career and Technical Education programs are a link for the rigorous academics and the technical knowledge of the real world experiences. Students and parents are encouraged to learn more about careers and Hunterdon County employers are encouraged to become active partners.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-3B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Brandon Kopp, Boy Scouts of America, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Eagle Scout Kopp explained to the Board what went into his Eagle Scout project of clearing trails for the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation System and the number of hours it took to complete his project. He created a trail system behind the County's Arboretum in the Furnas Section of the Park System.

Ms. Soloway moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-3C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing William Moyer, Boy Scouts of America, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Eagle Scout Moyer informed the Board that he built benches and painted the lobby of the Flemington Food Pantry.

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

See Page 02/05/19-3D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Zachary Kovach, Boy Scouts of America, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Eagle Scout Kovach advised his Eagle Scout project was to create a riverside beautification in the Town of Clinton involving planting butterfly host plants, trees and shrubs; the result was a pocket park along the South Branch of the Raritan River.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-3E

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Scott Grimes, Boy Scouts of America, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

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

See Page 02/05/19-3F

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Jeffrey Staudt, Boy Scouts of America, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, said when Counsel read off the items for executive session, they were done very quickly. Is there anyway the public could receive a sheet of what was talked about.

County Counsel Taylor explained there is a full list of what is discussed in the minutes of the Freeholder Board and she is reading from her notes.

Ms. Sachau questioned the issue of memberships and training listed in the Claims Register. She asked if PALMA is the professional outdoor media association. Director Lagay stated it wasn't.

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Ms. Soloway moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-4A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the transfer of Real Property Interest from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation to the Tewksbury Land Trust, for Block 28, Lot 27, in Tewksbury Township.

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

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

See Page 02/05/19-4B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving the addition of the American Capital property to the Hunterdon County Parks System; and approving a Management and Maintenance Agreement with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.

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

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

See Page 02/05/19-4C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving the addition of the Reilly/Ahlemeyer property to the County Parks System; and approving a Management and Maintenance Agreement with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority and Bethlehem Township.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Mathews, Director of Public Works came before the Board to explained a modification with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, for Interstate 78/Exit 15/County Route 513 Interchange Improvements, in Union Township.

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

See Page 02/05/19-4D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving modification #2, to the agreement (2011-DT-BLA-311, with the NJDOT, Local Aid & Economic Development Division, for I-78, Exit 15/County Route 513 Interchange Improvements, in Union Township, increase of \$277,391 (\$50,246 County portion); and to extend the agreement September 2020.

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

Correspondence was received from the First Presbyterian Church of Amwell, requesting a hardship for a road opening application to open County Route 514, for gas hook up. The Road Opening application was to be submitted by the utility company but failed to do so. After a brief discussion, Mr. Van Doren moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided all paperwork is filled out and submitted to the County's Public Works Department.

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

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 02/05/19-4E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Support a constitutional amendment ensuring 9-1-1 fees paid by the public are used for their intended purpose, to support county and local 9-1-1 centers.

Freeholder Lanza reported he has been talking about this for some time and stated as most people know, the state and the politicians in Trenton, cannot be trusted and they cannot be trusted in spending money even when it is directed for a specific purpose. Residents pay \$0.90 every month on every phone line you own, whether it's a landline or a cell phone, which is to be collected and rededicated towards the support of local and County 911 Centers across the state. The state collects roughly \$122 million a year from this telephone tax; of that \$94 million, roughly 77% is diverted for expenses that have nothing to do with 911 Centers, their construction, their maintenance or anything else. In fact, in the past year, Hunterdon County received Zero from this telephone tax, yet this County still has a responsibility to maintain and upgrade our 911 Center and this year Hunterdon County spent \$675,000 on our facility because it is our job to keep people safe.

Mr. Lanza stated it's a shame that a constitutional amendment is needed to keep legislator's hands off this money because people in Hunterdon County are paying for the maintenance and end up with double taxation; both on the phones and on the use of property tax money which should not have to be used. Money should be coming from this fund and the only way to guarantee that money comes from this fund is if there is a constitutional amendment to keep other politicians hands off this money, so it is used for its indented purpose.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Kevin Davis, County Administrator, reported on insurance stating that the County's Property Casualty Insurance bill for 2019 will be \$1.731 million. This is an increase below 2% to the County. Over a two year period, because Hunterdon saw a \$1.8 million/2% decrease versus two year ago.

Mr. Davis stated the County's belongs to PAIC (Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund); their budget for 2019 is \$6,083,279; that increase is slightly less than 2% also for the year.

Mr. David reported the biggest increase factor is Workers Compensation but now because a lot of people get hurt but because payrolls go up which causes Workers Compensation figures to go up.

CONSENT AGENDA

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."

The regular session minutes for January 22, 2019 are not ready and will be placed on the February 19, 2019 agenda for Freeholder consideration.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 05, 2019.

See Page 02/05/19-5A CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded a motion to approve the executive session minutes of January 22, 2019.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded these:

See Page 02/05/19-5B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Piazza, Division Head, Social Services Division, salary adjustment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CWA Supervisory Agreement.

See Page 02/05/19-5C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Keith Fleming, Equipment Operator, Roads Division, Public Works Department, granted a temporary retroactive salary adjustment in accordance with the CWA collective bargaining agreement, for temporarily filling the role of Road Repairer Supervisor.

See Page 02/05/19-5D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kenneth Sutphen, Equipment Operator, Roads Division, Public Works Department, granted a temporary retroactive salary adjustment in accordance with the CWA collective bargaining agreement, for temporarily filling the role of General Supervisor.

See Page 02/05/19-5E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Storm appointed full time Principal Librarian, County Library.

See Page 02/05/19-5F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joan Sabo appointed full time, Principal Library Assistant, County Library.

See Page 02/05/19-5G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Pamela Dean appointed full time, Library Assistant, County Library.

See Page 02/05/19-5H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Susan Fink, Librarian, reduction of hours (requested).

See Page 02/05/19-5I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Anclien appointed full time Road Repairer 1, Public Works Department; salary adjustment in accordance with the CWA contract.

See Page 02/05/19-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Magali Rodriguez appointed full time Keyboarding Clerk 2, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

See Page 02/05/19-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sean Lelie appointed full time, unclassified Administrative Assistant, Board of Elections.

See Page 02/05/19-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Accepting a donation of a 2008 Wells Cargo Utility Trailer, from UL Field Engineering Services, LLC to the Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center, for training purposes.

See Page 02/05/19-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Plans and Specifications for the Route 12 County Complex Public Water Service, in the Township of Raritan, and directing the County Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for this project.

See Page 02/05/19-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications for the Painting of County Bridges: E-233, Cider Mill Road, East Amwell Township; G-63, School Street, Glen Gardner Borough; H-91, Javes Road, Holland Township; K-153, Kingwood-Locktown Road, Kingwood Township; T-22, Hollow Brook Road, Tewksbury Township T-73 Meadow Lane, Tewksbury Township With Alternates E-239, Manners Road, East Amwell Township; E-240, Hammer Road, East Amwell Township; R-24, Mill Road, Readington Township and directing the County Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for this project.

See Page 02/05/19-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Final Payment for County Bid #2017-21, for the Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to County Route 604, in Delaware Township, to Reivax Contracting Corp., in the amount of \$43,689.20.

See Page 02/05/19-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Kevin Schwartz to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA).

See Page 02/05/19-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Nancy Dixon to the Mental Health Board.

See Page 02/05/19-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Thomas Valasek to the Library Commission.

See Page 02/05/19-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subcontract for the FY2019 Subregional Transportation Planning Program, with the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., in the amount of \$88,762.50. (\$71,010.00-Federal/NJTPA; County Match-\$17,752.50).

See Page 02/05/19-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a public purpose lease agreement with a non-profit entity, Hunterdon Football Club, to use Deer Path Park for soccer.

See Page 02/05/19-6L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the solicitation of bids to "Furnish and Deliver Maintenance and Repair Materials", for the Divisions of Roads and Bridges.

See Page 02/05/19-6M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Assignment of Agreement for Refuse Disposal Services and Recycling Services for various County Buildings, from Premier Disposal Inc. to Republic Services of New Jersey LLC.

See Page 02/05/19-6N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Flemington Raritan Regional School District Board of Education, establishing procedures in an emergency event requiring the evacuation of students from the school.

See Page 02/05/19-6O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a discharge of mortgage for Francia Reyes; mortgage paid in full.

See Page 02/05/19-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Somerset County for the Housing of Hunterdon's juveniles.

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

GRANTS

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

See Page 02/05/19-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Subgrant Award with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$310,648.00. (Federal-\$187,426; County Match-\$123,222).

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for Grant Reimbursement Program for the Voting Machine Pilot Program, through the New Jersey Division of Elections, in the amount up to \$70,000.

Beth Thompson, Executive Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Elections, informed the Board that the State Division of Elections has been awarded \$10.2 million; part of the breakout is for Voting Equipment, ADA upgrades and cybersecurity. Since Hunterdon County has less than 150,000 registered voters; Hunterdon can be reimbursed up to \$70,000. Ms. Thompson stated Hunterdon County has not yet chosen a machine, but this is the get permission to expand and do a pilot program, so that voters can see what is required now by law – when you vote there will be a paper produced backup that stays inside the machine. That law has been in the books for any new equipment purchased. The current voting machines are from 1986 and they are kept well oiled; they work well but eventually, since the new Governor has decided that Elections are a part of his main agenda, he has been moving through his agenda and part of that will be to make sure machines are upgraded in a timely manner.

Ms. Thompson said given this opportunity, her office will be able to purchase a certain amount; about six voting machines and they can be used at any election area, and bring it to the public. That information will be given to the State Division of Elections and an audit is done. In the future, her office will be moving forward in getting ADA grants, permanent ADA accessibility to all of Hunterdon's polling places. This is just the first grant to be offered. She is currently working with Frenchtown Borough to upgrade ramps. In the future, she will come forward as grants are offered and if they fit Hunterdon County.

Ms. Thompson is looking to get the voting machines in before the Primary, because this year the primary will be smaller scale, and she looks forward to bringing this to the small Borough of Flemington; everyone will be trained on the new machines by the vendor. Her objective is to make sure Hunterdon's voters, no matter machines is chosen, will have a smooth transition and no issues in voting.

Ms. Thompson stated a trade show is being offered through the Election Official Association and the Association of County Clerk, on March 07, 2019, at the War Memorial Buildings in Trenton, New Jersey. The Freeholders will be receiving an invitation through the New Jersey Association of Counties, and Ms. Thompson would like at least one or two Freeholders to be present so you can see the technology available.

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

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

See Page 02/05/19-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a New Jersey Job Access/Reverse Commute with New Jersey Transit (NJT), for transportation needs, in the amount of \$120,000- NJT grant funds and a County match of \$120,000.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

See Page 02/05/19-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant for the State/Community Partnership (SCP) Program Service Funds, SCP Program Management Funds and Family Court Services Funds, from the Juvenile Justice Commission, in the amount of in the amount of \$283,709.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Hunterdon County Bar Association, requesting permission to commemorate "Law Day" on May 09, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., with a presentation themed: "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society", at the historic Court House, as well a waiver of the facility use fee. Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway 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. LANZA, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY.

A request was received from the Happy Tails Rescue, requesting to close a portion of County Road 627, in Holland Township, to hold a 5K charity race, on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., for approximately one hour. Ms. Soloway 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) MS. SOLOWAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY.

Correspondence was received from the East Amwell Township Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting permission to purchase gas and diesel from the County Garage for their fire and command vehicles. Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded a motion granting permission provided this request is coordinated through the County's Division of Vehicle Services and the Department of Public Works.

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

FREEHOLDERS' REPORTS

Director Lagay stated when she sought election on the Freeholder Board with John Lanza, six years ago she did so with a series of goals in mind, that she wished to see accomplished. The goals were informed by many decades of work in the private sector, including nine years as the CEO of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce. She hoped to see good business practices applied to County government. She is proud to say working with her colleagues over the last five years most of those goals have been achieved.

Director Lagay believes it is now time to allow other individuals to step forward with their vision and approach to governing, so she is announcing she will not be a candidate for re-election for Freeholder for 2019. This announcement is being made now, so that the County Republican party has sufficient time to move forward with the candidate selection process.

Director Lagay stated this tonight is not a resignation announcement, she has the rest of 2019, and she's put enough coins in the jukebox to be on the dance floor all the way to December 31, 2019. She plans to help coordinate moving the Board's ambitious schedule forward; there is plenty to do in 2019. Should the next Freeholder Board decide she can be of help, she will be around and can be counted on. Director Lagay thanked the Board for their support.

Freeholder Lanza said he and Director Lagay ran together and have worked together for the past six years, he's notice there is something in short supply in most people and politicians; it is something he noticed in Ms. Lagay right away – you are someone who is not only capable of being trusted but is trusted and is completely trust worthy. You have been since day one, and the same applies now.

Mr. Lanza said there is not much said positively about people in politics and a lot of times, that is deserved; however, the time he and Ms. Lagay have been able to serve together on this Board, every nice thing, everybody is going to say about her is completely deserved. He wished Ms. Lagay the best and stated he has been very spoiled in his short time in politics because they have been together the whole time. There was one race when they were underdogs and the win was exhilarating and there were three more races where they were underdogs; exhilaration is overrated.

Mr. Lanza stated he could not have served the past two terms with a better person, a better partner, someone whose input and hard work, honesty and determination he values. That is something that is felt throughout this County; anyone who has ever dealt with Ms. Lagay, either on this dais or off it, knows whenever you said something you meant it and that your word is your bond; and you can always be trusted with whatever you say. That is something very few people can have said about them; having spent six years as an elected official.

Director Lagay stated she would support her previous running mate in any way she can in the forthcoming election.

Freeholder Soloway reiterated Mr. Lanza's feelings. She and Director Lagay just started working together and feel's that Director Lagay has been a great mentor and she's looking forward to working together this year. Ms. Soloway wished Director Lagay all the best.

Freeholder Van Doren echoed what has been said. Director Lagay has brought the County far. In his service in municipal government, he's watched her and worked with her as the CEO of the Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce; and then the Freeholder Board. Mr. Van Doren feels this is a tremendous loss to the County that you will be leaving; it will be a hard void to fill, because of the business acumen you brought to the County.

Director Lagay thanked everyone.

Freeholder Holt stated there are still eleven months to go; there is a lot on the agenda, so stop yacking and get down to business. We will congratulate you when it is time but for now, you have to guide this Board through 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau asked if the meetings of the Facilities Committee open to the public.

Director Lagay stated it is not an open public meeting, it is an organizational, roll up your sleeves meeting.

Ms. Sachau questioned the lights and outdoor lighting, she would recommend the lights shine down rather than lighting up the sky.

Ms. Sachau asked the Board to consider solar panels on new construction.

Ms. Sachau stated plastic pollution is a major problem in the world, in this County and everywhere else. Plastic is gathering in streams, rivers and oceans and asked if the County could stop buying bottled water.

Ms. Sachau asked about the policy of the Board on wildlife and how it is being killed. It bothers her and other people.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board