

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
March 19, 2019

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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 March 14, 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, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. VAN DOREN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA Labor negotiations.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an interim Department Head for the Department of Human Services.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 5:01 p.m., recessed at 5:08 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shana Taylor, County Counsel, was asked to report on the items from Executive Session. Ms. Taylor noted that there was a discussion regarding CWA Labor negotiations and a discussion on an interim Department Head for the Department of Human Services.

FREEHOLDERS REPORTS

Director Suzanne Lagay invited the Freeholder Board members to deliver reports to the public.

Freeholder Susan Soloway reported on The County Department of Human Services upcoming events.

The County Senior Center is sponsoring the Grandparent Series on April 5, 12, 26 and May 3rd at 12:30 pm each day. This is a four part lecture series is designed for seniors interested in learning about the challenges that their grand children or even great grand children are facing today. Registration is required, but there is no charge. Attendees are not required to attend all four lectures. The lectures include the impact of social media, secrets kids keep, the Prosecutor's Office presentation on pills to heroin, and a lecture on suicide prevention.

The Medical Center's Senior Health Coalition is holding a Caregiver Appreciation and Senior Resource Event at the Hunterdon Medical Center on April 27th, 11 am to 2:30 pm. The program is designed to allow caregivers a respite from caring for their loved one who may be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or other physical or mental limitations and to provide resources. The County Division of Seniors, Disabilities & Veterans Services will have a resource table during

Deputy Director Lanza asked if the decisions about the education of our Hunterdon County school children are being affected by political payback in Trenton, and that the data can speak for itself.

Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay noted comments from the last meeting with regards to the most recent performance by JCP&L in response to power outages. As a result, a representative of the company has reached out to me to discuss actions the utility is taking to improve service in Hunterdon County. Much of what is proposed requires approval by the Board of Public Utilities and is pending. Director Lagay appreciates the response and the acknowledgement that improvements need to be made. The County will continue to monitor the company's progress and report to the public.

Director Lagay noted that on the agenda under consent, the Board will consider extending the First Transit contract for Link paratransit services to the end of the year. The contract is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019. The extension will be to December 31, 2019. The County will be moving forward with a request for proposal to seek competitive responses from interested contractors in the near future.

Director Lagay noted the Transportation Task Force that was formed at the beginning of this year is in the process of examining the Link program and determining how best to evaluate responses for service in procuring a new contract and that extending the existing contract will provide the time necessary for the Task Force to do its work.

Director Lagay noted the upcoming "Makers Day" at the North County Library on Saturday, March 23rd and encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Opposing Governor Murphy's Local Education Aid Cuts.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

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

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing James Woods, Troop 186, on attainment of the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan Prader, the area representative for Jersey Central Power and Light, provided a two week overview, particularly the windstorm and the 2,400 effected customers who experienced a loss in power.

Barbara Sauchau, Raritan Township, noted the various preserved farms on the agenda and expressed her desire to see the County preserve more organic farms.

Councilman Robert White, Milford Borough, reported on the Strike Out Hunger softball tournament, to be held on May 4th at Case field at Reigel Ridge in Milford. The efforts support the local food pantries.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Federal Change Order #2, with the State Department of Transportation, for Interstate 78/Pittstown Road (Exit 15) Interchange Improvements (County Route 513), in Union Township, increase of \$277,391 and time extension through September 30, 2020.

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

There was a discussion of the road opening permit moratorium. It was agreed that the five year moratorium would be lowered to three years and that a policy would be put in place on an upcoming agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Davis reported on the New Jersey State Police's training exercises at the Historic Courthouse earlier in the day. They are visiting different historic sites throughout New Jersey and the County was pleased to host the State Troopers in Hunterdon. Deputy Director Lanza had an opportunity to extend a welcome on behalf of the County.

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."

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approval of the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated March 19, 2019.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approval of the regular and executive session minutes of March 5, 2019.

See Page 3/19/19-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carrie Fellows appointed full time, unclassified Director, Department of Planning and Land Use.

See Page 3/19/19-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, John Mulligan transferred to full time, Sheriff's Investigator, Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paige Wernoch appointed permanent, full time Assistant Buyer, Purchasing Division, Finance Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Long, Social Services Division Director, rolling in of longevity, as per the AFSCME agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Theresa Cleary Knight, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Coordinator, in the Hunterdon County Prosecutors Office.

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement for the resurfacing of County Routes 513 and 628, in Alexandria, Franklin and Lebanon Townships, and the Borough of Glen Gardner.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids to Furnish and Deliver a 2020 or Newer International Model #HV507 SFA-4x2 Municipal Dumps and Associated Equipment or approved Equivalent.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a time extension to Bid #2016-01, for the operation of the County Transportation System, with First Transit, Inc., through December 31, 2019.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Performance, per Request for Proposal #0032-2018, allocating \$212,985, (\$70,995 per year), to Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, for the Congregate Nutrition program.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign a letter, which names Assured Partners as the Broker of Record for the County's Underground Tank Policy.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christi Bruzzi appointed as a part time, per diem Instructor in the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disability and Veterans Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Hardship request received from Bryan Rae, requesting permission to open County Route 641, to allow for natural gas hookup.

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

GRANTS

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) grant renewal, anticipated award of \$26,000, for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

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

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Victims of Crime Act subgrant award for the SANE/SART program, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$115,165, (\$72,000-Federal funds; \$43,165-County Match).

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



Brad Myhre, Acting Clerk of the Board

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