

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder’s Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

September 03, 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 legal issues.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

FREEHOLDERS REPORTS

Mr. Holt reported that talks are continuing on a purchase agreement for the former Union Hotel in Flemington Borough. As part of this purchase, there will be money dedicated by the developer to a local historic project within the Borough of Flemington. The funds will be administered by the County of Hunterdon and will function as a historic grant program for a local project or projects.

Mr. Lanza reported on recent action by the New Jersey Legislature on the “Vote by Mail” law that was enacted in 2016. Mr. Lanza noted the work that was conducted by NJAC with the help of County Counsel Shana Taylor and County Counsel Mary Melfi to fight the unfunded mandate portion of the law. Mr. Lanza reported that this action contributed to the Legislature taking additional action on the law but at the end of the day, the New Jersey Legislature only provided \$2 million of the estimated \$5 million cost of the law to the various New Jersey counties.

Mr. Van Doren provided an update on various road and bridge work throughout the County. Among the items that Mr. Van Doren noted was the reopening of County Culvert T-51 located on Fox Hill Road in Tewksbury Township. Mr. Van Doren also noted that County Road 523 in Whitehouse Station between Route 22 and County Road 620 was being temporarily closed a chip seal project being completed by Black Rock Company.

Ms. Lagay: Congratulated the Buildings and Ground Division for receiving the “Safety Achievement Award.” Ms. Lagay also reported that the Tomato Festival hosted by Rutgers was wonderful and that she was really impressed by the Hunterdon County Health Department Booth. Ms. Lagay also noted that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 4th with the new superintendent of Polytech and the President of Raritan Valley Community College to encourage collaboration for the benefit of Hunterdon County and Somerset County students. Ms. Lagay also noted that she attended River Fest in Frenchtown, and that it was an extremely successful event.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Shayne Lorenzoni on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Moved: Mr. Holt

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Lucas Musto on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Brianna Izzi on representing the New Jersey State Quarter Horse Association at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress on October 20, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio.

Moved: Mr. Holt

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

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

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Sunday, September 29, 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Mr. Holt

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

FINANCE, Janet R. Previte, CFO

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. (Adoption)

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

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

Barbara Sachau of Raritan Township expressed her concern about the cost of various membership fees the County is paying. Ms. Sachau also noted that as a taxpayer, she appreciates Mr. Lanza drawing attention to the vote by mail requirements imposed by the State of New Jersey which they are not adequately funding and thus they are an unfunded mandate on local taxpayers.

Nick Corcodilos of Clinton, Township expressed his concern that the Freeholder Board is not posting audio recordings of their meetings on the County website. Mr. Corcodilos noted that he has copies of the audio recordings dating back to 2017 and he is now selling those audio files on his website exmayornick.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Marc Saluk

PRESENTATION- Economic Development Director Marc Saluk introduced Councilwoman Caroline Scutt from the Borough of Frenchtown, whom updated the Freeholder Board on the recent implementation of the Hunterdon County Economic Development Grant that was awarded to Frenchtown Borough. Ms. Scutt noted that the Borough used the grant funding to make updates to the Borough's land use ordinance included expanded business opportunities in the Borough's downtown. Ms. Scutt also noted that the public was engaged in the process in helping to determine what they wanted their community to look like. Ms. Scutt thanked the Freeholder Board for their support.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Mr. Van Doren

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

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RESOLUTION

Resolution supporting Flemington Borough's application to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's Opportunity Zone Challenge.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Second: Mr. Van Doren

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

OEM Update, Brayden Fahey

PROCLAMATION- Recognizing September as National Preparedness Month in Hunterdon County.

Moved: Mr. Holt

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

PURCHASING, Ray E. Rule, QPA

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RESOLUTION

Award of County Bid #2019-13 to Secton Industries in an amount not to exceed \$31,040.00 to furnish and deliver Calcium Chloride solution for snow and ice control for roads and bridges.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Second: Mr. Holt

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

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RESOLUTION

Award of County Bid #2019-14 to Newtech Recycling, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to conduct the Hunterdon County Electronics Recycling Program collection events in March, July and November of 2020.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Second: Mr. Holt

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

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RESOLUTION

Approving Requisition #R9-05426 to Sky Printing in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the purchase of ballots for the 2019 General Election.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Second: Mr. Van Doren

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

PENN EAST PIPELINE DISCUSSION

Mr. Lanza listed the many reasons why the Freeholder Board opposes the Penn East pipeline including potential damage to well service areas and the seizing of preserved open space for the pipeline's installation. Mr. Lanza said it was important to reiterate the Board's position given some of the changes on the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Van Doren noted that many of the issues raised in 2015 still issues today which include: disruption of preserved farmland and open space, potential environment segregation, and the overall quality of life in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Holt agreed with Mr. Lanza that it was important to refresh the Board's resolution of opposition and stated that his opposition of the proposed Penn East pipeline project has not changed.

Ms. Soloway noted that she is new to the Board, but is opposed to the pipeline, and has been opposing this since her days in local government. Ms. Soloway cited her concern about the disregard for taxpayer funded open space through the use of Eminent Domain. Offered to assist in help in anyway possible if need be.

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RESOLUTION

Opposing Penn East Pipeline's Fresh Water Wetlands Permit to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Second: Mr. Van Doren

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis

PRESENTATION – Diabetes Reversal Continuous Wellness Protocol.

A presentation on the MSRF Program was given by Dick Malgrin, Tom Wood, along with their consultant former U.S. Congressman Dick Zimmer. The MSRF Program is designed to reverse Type II diabetes through changes in individuals' diets. The group is

hoping to get the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) to consider implementing their program as a covered service which the presenters state pays for itself by reducing medication usage. The presenters requested a resolution of support from the Freeholders. The Board agreed to allow their health benefit broker to consider the matter prior to taking any additional action.

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

Second: Mr. Van Doren

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

RESOLVED, Approval of the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 03, 2019.

RESOLVED, Approval of the regular and executive session meeting minutes of August 06, 2019 and August 20, 2019.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Barbara Dunn-Tomasco to the title of Account Clerk in the Hunterdon County Department of Finance.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a temporary extension of the shared services agreement with the County of Somerset for jail services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Brenden Ryan to the title of Laborer 1, in the Division of Bridges of the Department of Public Works.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contractual salary adjustment for Charles Dickinson, County Corrections Officer, in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department in accordance with the FOP 94 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contractual salary adjustment for Edwin Blas, County Corrections Officer, in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department in accordance with the FOP 94 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contractual salary adjustment for Leigh Smith, County Corrections Officer, in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department in accordance with the FOP 94 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Cortney Frank to the title of Librarian 2, in the Hunterdon County Library.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Kyle Young to the title of Laborer 1, in the Division of Bridges of the Department of Public Works.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Linda Bush to the title of temporary, part-time, Keyboarding Clerk 1, in the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Lorena Batallas to the title of Account Clerk in the Department of Finance.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a Work First New Jersey Subcontract Award Agreement, with the County of Somerset in the amount of \$20,900.00 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Kody Eichlin as a part-time, Maintenance Repairer, in the Division of Buildings and Grounds of the Department of Administrative Services.

CORRESPONDENCE

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the use of the Historic County Courthouse by the Flemington Planning Board on September 3, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM and waiving of the rental fee.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a request by the Lambertville Historical Society to utilize a LINK Bus for the 2019 Autumn House Tour taking place on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Moved: Mr. Van Doren

Seconded: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application from the Califon First Aid Squad, Inc., to host a coin toss on Saturday, September 21st from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM along North Main Street (County Route 512) and Scheffer Court near County Route 513.

Moved: Mr. Lanza

Seconded: Mr. Holt

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Lanza: Commented on Mr. Co and explained how in previous meetings he ordered the tapes to be preserved, since 2017 when he became director of the Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jeri Severlic: property owner with five pipelines run through her yard. Noises coming from a pipeline, tried to get in contact with many people affiliated with the pipeline, when they were first placed under ground. It has been three years and she haven't received answers from anyone. Jeri is strongly opposing the pipeline and thanked the Board members for their opposing on the NJDEP Pipeline.

Mr. Lanza: Reassured that the Board will do everything they can to avoid the pipeline going through in the future.

Dekor: Owner of 40 Lambertville Headquarters Road in Delaware Township said Pipeline is ruining their preserved farmland, spoking their horses on their farm. 1500 feet is trenched, and 1500 feet is DHH. Mr. _____ is worried about all the dirt, rock, etc. that will be placed on their farm and they will not be able to continue their horse farm, which has been closed for the last four years, due to the pipeline now. Mentioned that the pipeline is increasing the PSI in the pipelines, creating a disaster waiting to happen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No additional Executive Session.

The Board Adjourned at 7:09 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:

- Discussion of health benefit alternatives with Hunterdon County's Health Benefits Consultant, Tony Mahon of Assured Partners.
 - Discussion of the jail contract with Hunterdon County.
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 September 03, 2019.

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

ADOPTED : September 03, 2019

Brad Myhre, CLERK