

# AGENDA

## HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TELECONFERENCE MEETING

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**March 31, 2020**

**Dial-In Number:** 720-399-1558 or 877-658-5107

**Passcode:** 403752

I. **5:30 p.m. CONVENE:** "This special 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 26, 2020, 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."

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

IV. **FREEHOLDER REPORTS**

V. **COVID-19 ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES**

01. RESOLUTION - Directing all Hunterdon County Department and Division Heads to review FY20 budget requests to identify potential reductions in discretionary spending.
02. RESOLUTION - Authorizing a temporary appropriation to address ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency response.
03. RESOLUTION - Authorizing an amendment to the Hunterdon County Economic Development Grant Program.
04. RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Hunterdon County Purchasing Agent to work in consultation with the County CFO to seek and acquire needed resources to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency.
05. RESOLUTION - Expressing the support of the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board for Governor Murphy to sign bipartisan Assembly Bill No. 3841, which extends the State Income Tax and Corporate Business Tax to match any extension of the federal government's tax filing deadline.
06. RESOLUTION - Expressing the support of the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board for Governor Murphy to sign bipartisan

Assembly Bill No. 3846, which creates "Temporary Lost Wage Unemployment Program;" allows persons to claim for lost wages due to coronavirus disease 2019, and employers to pay wages to workers ordered under quarantine by licensed healthcare practitioner; appropriates \$20,000,000.

07. RESOLUTION - Expressing the support of the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board for Governor Murphy to sign bipartisan Assembly Bill No. 3856, which makes a FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for healthcare and residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.

08. RESOLUTION - Expressing the support of the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board for Governor Murphy to sign bipartisan Assembly Bill No. 3857, which makes a FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$15 million for grants to food banks.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

VII. **ADJOURN**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION  
#2020 – 243**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus has been designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a global pandemic and has resulted in a public health emergency across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been positive COVID-19 testing results in the County of Hunterdon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders are fully committed to the health and wellbeing of county residents which includes ensuring that county departments on the front line of combating the virus have the necessary resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that substantial costs will be incurred by local governments responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, ongoing social distancing policies aimed at slowing the spread of the virus and flattening the curve will result in ongoing, temporary closures of countless businesses and accompanying layoffs associated with these business closures; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an expected reduction in the projected collection of certain fees and revenues by the Hunterdon County CFO; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hunterdon will need to reallocate resources to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, that all County Department Heads be directed to review their FY 20 annual budget submissions to identify any potentially nonessential budget requests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County Department Heads are required submit a plan identifying potential budgetary reductions to the Hunterdon County CFO by Friday, April 10, 2020.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Shaun C. Van Doren, Director						
Susan J. Soloway, Deputy Director						
John E. Lanza, Freeholder						
J. Matthew Holt, Freeholder						
Zachary T. Rich, Freeholder						

**ADOPTED** March 31, 2020

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**Brad Myhre, CLERK**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION  
2020 – 244  
2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with New Jersey Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, a Temporary Budget was adopted for 2020 by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders on January 06, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hunterdon is expected to enter into contracts, commitments, or payments prior to the adoption of the 2020 County budget related to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Temporary Budget does not adequately provide for the aforesaid purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, states that the Governing Body may, by resolution adopted by two-thirds vote of the full membership, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the 2020 Temporary Budget appropriations are increased to the amounts shown on the attached pages in accordance with the provision of New Jersey Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

<b>HUNTERDON COUNTY</b>	
<b>TEMPORARY BUDGET 2020</b>	
	<b>2020</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
BD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS O/E	\$ 100,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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RESOLUTION (AMENDED)  
#2020 – 245**

**WHEREAS**, an immediate priority of the county in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is to create and expand tools that positively impact the economy of the county and it’s 26 municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the county’s economic development strategy includes working with local Hunterdon municipalities and non-profit business associations to develop programs and initiatives that support joint economic development goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the county remains committed to partnering and supporting municipal partners as these programs are developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic development office has determined that county contributions to these municipal projects and non-profit business associations are a catalyst to these projects being initiated and completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it has also been determined that an annual grant program in support of these initiatives will help provide for consistent annual program development in conjunction with Hunterdon municipalities and non-profit business associations;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon hereby authorizes the expansion of the annual Economic Development Grant Program to now include as eligible all county non-profit business associations, in addition to county municipalities, for the purposes of providing the resources needed to bolster the local economy in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and partnering with county communities towards the joint achievement of common economic development goals

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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**RESOLUTION  
#2020 – 246**

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, are fully committed to ensuring that County Departments and Divisions on the front line of combating the COVID-19 public health emergency have the needed resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeholder Board understands that the purchases will need to be made on an ongoing basis to acquire the necessary personal protective equipment, testing kits, emergency management tools, and healthcare equipment as part of the ongoing battle against the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Purchasing Agent is tasked with acquiring goods and services for the County in accordance with all New Jersey purchasing laws and regulations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders calls upon the Hunterdon County Purchasing Agent to work in consultation with the Hunterdon County CFO to seek out and acquire the needed resources to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency in accordance with the emergency purchasing rules that have been issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

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**WHEREAS**, to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus, federal, state, and local officials have implemented social distancing policies in accordance with guidelines put forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to social distancing guidelines, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has also instituted a series of executive orders aimed at addressing the spread of COVID-19 including Executive Order No. 107, which has closed many non-essential businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the closures of non-essential businesses have negatively impacted the finances of individual and businesses alike through no fault of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board understand the necessary actions taken by Governor Murphy to combat the spread of COVID-19, but also believes that now more than ever nontraditional economic relief measures must be undertaken to help those who have been impacted by the virus; and

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