



HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse

71 Main Street

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

March 1, 2022

4:30 p.m. CONVENE:

"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 05, 2022, 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 SESSION

5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Van Doren reported on the recent repairs that were completed on Bridge P-162 in Frenchtown, by Vollers Contracting. Bridge P-162 was damaged during Tropical Storm Ida. Repair work has also started on Bridge F-82 in Franklin Township, which also sustained damages from Tropical Storm Ida. The repair to Bridge F-82 is expected take about four to six weeks, weather permitting. The Engineering Division's 2021 Local Bridge Funding Needs submission has been approved by the State for two bridges in the County: Bridge FC-80 and Bridge WE-74. Commissioner Van Doren commented on the COVID-19 testing center in Flemington, and Mr. Van Doren noted that over 1,100 tests have been administered since February 3rd. Rapid and PCR tests are being offered at the testing site for County residents. The Department of Human Services advised that the Senior Center plans will be offering additional in person programs in March. Virtual classes are continuing to be offered which have been well received by participating seniors.

Commissioner Soloway shared a report on the County's support for the bipartisan S-1200, legislation, and noted the amount of support that other Counties since the last Commissioner meeting in February. Commissioner Soloway commented on her attendance at the Operation Jersey Cares Grand Opening in Raritan Township. Commissioner Soloway also reported on the "Go Red for Women" event that was held on February 17th and the information that was shared during the event by Dr. Andrey Espinoza, who is a cardiologist in Hunterdon County.

Commissioner Holt gave an update on the Hunterdon County Vocational School District new school project that is going to be constructed at the North Hunterdon High School Campus. The proposed project is funded at 75% through a state grant and the remaining 25% in needed funding from the County of Hunterdon. Commissioner Holt reported on the 2020 Audit, which

has been accepted following a desk review by the Division of Local Government Services. Commissioner Holt thanked the County CFO, Janet Previte, and the Finance Department for their work on this.

Deputy Director Rich reported on the re-appointments of members of the Library Commission and noted that the Library is recognizing Women's History Month through Library programs during the month of March. Deputy Director Rich, who serves as a County's representative to the Workforce Development Board, stated that the Skill Up Initiative is now offering a few online learning portals for residents which will provide exclusive badge-credentialing programs that can be used by both employers and job seekers. Mr. Rich also noted that a revision of the County's Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan has started, which was last updated in 2008. This plan update is required for continued participation in the State Agriculture Development Council's (SADC) County Planning Incentive Grant Program.

Director Lanza reported on the new legislative districts that were determined by the state re-apportionment Commission for the 2023 to 2031 elections. Director Lanza mailed a letter to the re-apportionment commission, that the Board of County Commissioners supported, that urged the commission to follow the Constitution and not divide Hunterdon County between several legislative districts. Director Lanza was given warnings from the Department of Information Technology Department on potential computer hacking from Russia and China, and other areas of the world that are known for sending malware and viruses to computer systems. The County continues to update its cyber security protocols, and the Department's IT Director, James McAlister reported that the IT team gives cyber security the highest priority and is continuously working to improve. Director Lanza thanked Commissioner Soloway for helping to organize the "Wear Red Day" to highlight heart health and also thanked Dr. Espinoza for the insightful information to maintain a heart healthy lifestyle. Director Lanza also extended his appreciation for the County Administrator's Executive Assistant, Ruthi Cass, for coordinating the event, along with other staff members who took the half hour lunch break to participate in the virtual event.

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

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

Andrew Roth, Readington Township – noted his support of resolution #2 under County Administrator but noted he opposes resolution #3 under the County Administrator. Mr. Roth noted he does not believe that it is necessary to lower the speed limit within the area of Route 523 that has been identified.

Nathaniel Roth, Readington Township – Son of Andrew Roth, believes that the speed limit does not need to be lowered for the whole road; 50 mph is safe in areas, but the intersection should be lowered. Mr. Roth mentioned that two township committee members voted against lowering the speed limit.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township – requested support for lymphedema research, and noted that March is Lymphedema Awareness Month. Ms. Sachau requested that there be a call-in number for the public to use at future meetings.

Claire Orgowski, Borough of Milford – thanked the Board for approving a resolution supporting legislation which would curb the emergency powers of the Governor.

SHERIFF UPDATE, Sheriff Fred Brown

Sheriff Brown reported on the Senate Bill S1207/A-750 that were re-introduced at the legislative session in Trenton. The bills will enforce a more severe level of punishment in some cases of fraud and the proposed legislation adds a level of protection for at-risk populations in the community. Sheriff Brown encouraged the Board to support this legislation for the protection of Hunterdon County residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, to the Borough of Flemington for revisions and additions to the Borough's Master Plan.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

GRANTS, Janet Previte, CFO

County Counsel Shana Taylor presented the grants before the Board on behalf of the County CFO, Janet Previte

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign and accept on behalf of the County, a Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$13,745.00, for the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services to apply for a Communications Access Services Grant, for the purpose of purchasing and installing equipment to make services and programs in the County accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza

PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving requisition #R2-01518 with Signal Electric Corporation for additional services required for the relocation of the generator at the North Branch County Library, in an amount not to exceed \$85,217.31.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Ms. Soloway

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis

Mr. Davis commented on the Shared Services Agreement that the County of Hunterdon and the County of Sussex shared ten years ago with a need for a licensed Health Officer, and that Hunterdon County is now able to return the services to Sussex County. The Agreement will be for a period of three months. The County's Health Officer, Karen DeMarco will provide licensed health officer services under this agreement.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing a shared services agreement between the County of Hunterdon and County of Sussex for the provision of Health Officer services.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza

Mr. Davis called upon two resolutions from the Township of Readington and that the Township has previously requested a reduction in the speed limit, which the Board approved. Mr. Davis requested paperwork from Readington regarding the enforcement history and traffic accidents at the intersection since the implemented lower speed limit.

AGENDA ITEM - Acknowledging a letter from the Township of Readington concerning the proposed Roundabout Study for County Route 523.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Ms. Soloway

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

AGENDA ITEM - Acknowledging a letter from the Township of Readington concerning a possible speed limit reduction on County Route 523.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Ms. Soloway

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

APPOINTMENTS

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving amended 2022 appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC).

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving the reappointment of John Giotis as a member to the Hunterdon County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA), for a three-year term to be effective immediately through March 31, 2024.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Ms. Soloway

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza

CONSENT AGENDA

"All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of County Commissioners 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."

Two items were separated and voted on

Check #9918 from the claims register and resolution #12

Check #9918

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Ms. Soloway

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lanza

ABSTAIN: Mr. Rich

AGENDA ITEM - Approval of the claims register dated March 01, 2022.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

RESOLUTION - Approving the executive session meeting minutes from February 01, 2022.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving the regular and executive session meeting minutes from February 15, 2022.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Sheriff to hire and regularly appoint Brandon Slatter as a Corrections Officer, in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Sheriff to hire and regularly appoint David Fernandez as a Corrections Officer in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Correcting salaries for several employees covered under the CWA 1036 Rank and File Bargaining Unit.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving a salary adjustment for Health Officer Karen DeMarco, for the additional duties for the duration of the shared services agreement with the County of Sussex.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving the hire and provisional appointment of Mandi Smith as a Family Service Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Sheriff to appoint Joseph Foster as a part-time Security Guard in the Office of the Hunterdon County Sheriff.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approving the hire and permanent appointment of Kathleen Horsch as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, a Memorandum of Agreement with CWA Local 1036, for the Supervisors Bargaining Agreement.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, Change Order 1 with Grade Construction, LLC., for increased well depth and extension of time for the project known as the Burn Building, in an amount not to exceed \$20,846.00.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Ms. Soloway, Mr. Lanza

ABSTAIN: Mr. Rich

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit competitive bids for leasing and maintenance of golf carts at the Hunterdon County Golf Course.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Hunterdon County Department of Health to apply for the Medical Reserve Corps COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip Award through the State of New Jersey, for the period of April 2022 through December 2022, in the amount of \$25,000.00, and for the Commissioner Director to sign any documents in conjunction with this grant application.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing an amendment to Resolution 2021-577, with MXI Environmental Services, LLC, to add an additional Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day, in the amount of \$57,400.00.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

CORRESPONDENCE

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife to stock trout at various Hunterdon County Park properties.

MOVED: Ms. Soloway

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Ms. Soloway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

David Owen, Readington Township – asked County Administrator Kevin Davis if he received the information on intersection updates. County Administrator Davis replied that he did not receive the paperwork yet. Mr. Owen updated the Board on the Readington Roundabout project and what they feel is needed for the time being till an agreement is reached. Mr. Owen is waiting on the 2020 – 2021 report for traffic and accidents. There is a new committee that is gathering regarding the Roundabout; citizens, police officers, and two committee members are members already and they will have their first meeting within the next two weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

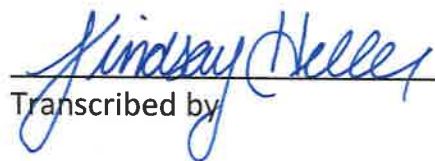
The Board reconvened at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Soloway, seconded by Commissioner Van Doren, and followed by a voice carry.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Van Doren, seconded by Commissioner Rich, and carried by voice vote.



Respectfully submitted



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**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 County Commissioners 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:

PERSONNEL:

- Continuation of remote work rotation
- Bill Youells Contract Agreement

LEGAL:

- Opioid Litigation
- Exit 15 Agreement
- Programmatic agreement between the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Readington roundabout project
- Proposed title additions to the CWA Rank & File and CWA Supervisory Agreements
- Vault Testing Agreement Extension
- PBA 188 Contract Update

I, Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, 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 County Commissioners at a meeting held on March 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John E. Lanza, Director			X			
Zachary T. Rich, Deputy Director	X		X			
J. Matthew Holt, Commissioner			X			
Susan J. Soloway, Commissioner		X	X			
Shaun C. Van Doren, Commissioner						X

ADOPTED March 15, 2022

Brad Myhre, CLERK