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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on January 25, 2018 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Clerk to the Board:

Present - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter
Absent - Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Formal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Chair Walter announced that a student from Steinert High School Government and Law Related Experiences (GALRE) class was in attendance of the meeting.

At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

Mark Williams of J.H. Williams Enterprise, Inc, located in Moorestown, New Jersey, expressed his concerns regarding the compensation with an open contract for a new baggage claim building at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, exchanged contact information with Mr. Williams to resolve the issue.

Robert Britton, Jr., of Mercer Quiet Skies, made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Upgrades in the Townships of Ewing, Lawrence, and the City of Trenton, County of Mercer. He asked where the traffic signal upgrades would be located. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, answered that the upgrades would be at North Olden Avenue and Arctic Parkway; North Olden Avenue and Princeton Avenue; and Princeton Avenue and Spruce Street.

Mr. Britton suggested that there should be upgrades at two additional intersections in Ewing Township, specifically, the intersections at West Upper Ferry Road, Grand Avenue and Bear Tavern Road. He continued that traffic signal upgrades should be also considered at Lower Ferry Road and Parkway Avenue due to the tremendous volume of traffic.

DISCUSSION

Chair Walter announced that only three municipalities, Trenton, Robbinsville and Princeton, opted in to the 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Douglas R. Cabana, Freeholder Director, Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, dated January 11, 2018. RE: Resolution supporting to make the 2% interest arbitration cap permanent.

A communication was received from Department of Purchasing, dated January 10, 2018. RE: Minutes and Bid/RFP Results for the week of December 11, 2017.

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A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated January 11, 2018. RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 23, 2018. RE: Questions from Freeholder Chair Walter.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 25, 2018. RE: Questions from the Freeholder Meeting of January 23, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Frisby, that:
RESOLUTIONS NO. 1 THROUGH 30, ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 2.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter.

Absent – Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

Freeholder Koontz offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Cimino:

NO. 2018-42 COUNTY OF MERCER 2018 TEMPORARY BUDGET
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

NO. 2018-43 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE
CONTRACT WITH WOMANSPACE, INC. FOR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES FOR
HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MERCER
COUNTY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2019 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND
FOR ONE YEAR). AMOUNT: \$212,586.00 (\$106,293.00
PER YEAR) (SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS
(SSH) FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2018-44 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE TO BIOTERRORISM, OUTBREAKS OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE, AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH
THREATS AND EMERGENCIES FUNDED BY LINC'S
(LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS GRANT). PERIOD:
SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020 (NO
COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2018-45 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE APPROVAL FOR MERCER COUNTY ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS (ITA), ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) CONTRACTS, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH AREA PARTNERS THROUGH FUNDS RECEIVED FROM N.J. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (NJ LWD) FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018 (PY 2018) AND PROGRAM YEAR 2019 (PY 2019). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2020; AND PURSUANT TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (US DOL) AND NJ LWD GUIDELINES WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. APPROXIMATE TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,800,000.00 (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2018-46 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE PROGRAM YEAR 2017 CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (LWD) AND MERCER COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB); AMOUNT: \$5,948,188.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018 (PURSUANT TO U.S. DOL AND N.J. LWD GUIDELINES WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019) (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2018-47 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION TO PROVIDE GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT TO HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MERCER COUNTY. AMOUNT: \$43,880.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

- NO. 2018-48** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH WEST JERSEY TITLE AGENCY OF SALEM CO., INC. FOR TITLE INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 30, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 29, 2018; WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ONE YEAR PERIODS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 **(RFP2017-04)**
- NO. 2018-49** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A "NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS") WITH KLEINFELDER EAST, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00
- NO. 2018-50** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 LOCAL BRIDGES FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM FOR COUNTY AID FOR STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGE NO. 216.6; WASHINGTON CROSSING-PENNINGTON ROAD (CR 546) OVER WOOLSEY'S CREEK, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, AND BRIDGE NO. 252.2 & 252.8; HOPEWELL-ROCKY HILL ROAD (CR 518) OVER A BRANCH OF BEDENS BROOK, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$3,247,660.00

- NO. 2018-51** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AMOUNT: \$585,188.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018
- NO. 2018-52** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM (SECTION 5311) UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED. FTA SECTION 5311 FUNDS: \$56,414.00; NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FUNDS: \$28,207.00; COUNTY OF MERCER MATCHING FUNDS: \$28,207.00. TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$112,828.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018
- NO. 2018-53** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (2018-DT-BLA-FEP-309) WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF EWING, LAWRENCE, AND THE CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER. STATE SHARE AMOUNT: \$653,100.00. CONTRACT EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 2022. PROJECT COMPLETION: SIXTY (60) CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (NJDOT JOB NO: 6502323)

- NO. 2018-54** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY G AND RELOCATION OF TAXIWAY D AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FUNDS: \$275,990.05, FIVE PERCENT (5%); COUNTY OF MERCER FUNDS \$330,363.91 TOTAL AMOUNT: \$606,353.96
- NO. 2018-55** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-433, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TO REHABILITATE TAXIWAY G AND RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO REFLECT A CORRECTED TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$6,063,531.96"
- NO. 2018-56** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT OF ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH STWB, RELINQUISHING ACCESS TO PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 2144 EAST STATE STREET, MERCER COUNTY, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A MONITORING WELL
- NO. 2018-57** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY AND THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR THE TRANSFER AND USE OF A 2017 FORD E-450 VEHICLE (ID# 16-1923) FOR USE BY MERCER COUNTY TRADE TRANSPORTATION (NO COUNTY COST)

- NO. 2018-58** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 TO STOUT'S CHARTER SERVICE, INC. FOR SHUTTLE SERVICE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: DECEMBER 16, 2017 TO DECEMBER 15, 2018 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 (HOURLY RATE \$175.00) **(AB2017-33)**
- NO. 2018-59** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED DECEMBER 5, 2017 TO MAVERICK BUILDING SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS LOCATED AT 1589 LAMBERTON ROAD AND 1 JOHNSTON AVENUE. TWO YEAR TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$52,936.00 (\$43,472.00 FOR 1589 LAMBERTON ROAD AND \$9,464.00 FOR 1 JOHNSTON AVENUE) PERIOD: DECEMBER 27, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 26, 2019 **(AB2017-28)**
- NO. 2018-60** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED DECEMBER 28, 2017 TO STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 211.4 VALLEY ROAD AND BEAR TAVERN ROAD TRUSS OVER MOORE'S CREEK LOCATED IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,428,243.60. TERM: 240 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED **(AB2017-37)**
- NO. 2018-61** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER ANN M. CANNON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- NO. 2018-62** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER JOHN A. CIMINO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

- NO. 2018-63** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER PASQUALE "PAT" COLAVITA, JR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- NO. 2018-64** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND THE MERCER COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS – BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2018-65** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER ANDREW KOONTZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2018-66** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER ANTHONY S. VERRELLI TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL – BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2018-67** APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER LUCYLLE R.S. WALTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2018-68** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES JANUARY AS RADON AWARENESS MONTH
- NO. 2018-69** APPOINTMENT OF PAUL R. ADEZIO AS MERCER COUNTY COUNSEL; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43; TERM: FEBRUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021

NO. 2018-70 APPOINTMENT OF PAUL R. ADEZIO AS MERCER COUNTY CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1ET SEQ.

NO. 2018-71 APPOINTMENT OF PAUL R. ADEZIO AS MERCER COUNTY ADJUSTER; N.J.S.A. 30:4-34

ADOPTED: Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 2.
Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter
Absent – Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND ADOPTIONS

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,858,400 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$15,537,980; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, announced that David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer requested that the Freeholder Board recess the Public Hearing and consider the Ordinance Adoption at the next Freeholder meeting on February 8th.

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated December 1, 2017, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications, and therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

The Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute, and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to recess the public hearing.

Freeholder Cimino moved, **“To Recess The Public Hearing”**, seconded by Freeholder Cannon.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 2.

Ayes – Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter stated that she attended a meeting in East Windsor Township, along with Freeholder Cannon. She added that Senator Linda R. Greenstein and Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson were in attendance at the meeting and that they requested a meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Commissioner to discuss the water situation in the City of Trenton.

As a result of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval of the PennEast Pipeline Project, Freeholder Koontz suggested a letter and a previous adopted Resolution be sent opposing the PennEast Pipeline project to the NJDEP to highlight their continued opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon announced that New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) will be having their Reorganization Meeting on January 26th, where Freeholder Cimino will be sworn in as the Secretary-Treasurer. She explained that a luncheon will follow the meeting at the Masonic Temple.

PUBLIC SECTION

At this time, Chair Colavita invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.

Robert Britton, Jr., of Mercer Quiet Skies questioned when the meeting with the NJDEP Commissioner would take place that was referenced earlier. Chair Walter said that she was unsure.

Arthur R. Sypek, Jr., County Counsel, announced that it would be the last Freeholder Meeting he attends as County Counsel, considering his retirement. He thanked the various boards who selected him years ago as Freeholder Counsel and subsequently to be County Counsel. He expressed that he is pleased with the selection of Paul Adezio to follow as County Counsel and Lillian Nazzaro as Deputy County Counsel. Mr. Sypek presented the Freeholder Board with a framed photograph of former New Jersey Governor, Richard J. Hughes, who addressed the Board of Chosen Freeholder in the 1960s.

The Freeholder Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Sypek's years of dedication and service to Mercer County.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Koontz and seconded by Freeholder Cimino, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 2.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:49 PM



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. on January 23, 2018 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Clerk to the Board:

Present – Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Verrelli, and Walter
Absent – Freeholder Cimino

Chair Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW

The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Informal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

At this time, Freeholder Koontz asked to have a moment of silence for Paul Sigmund, former Mercer County Freeholder, and Carl West, former Executive Director of Mercer County Office on Aging.

2018 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, presented the 2018 State of the County Address to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

Chair Walter mentioned that the following dignitaries were in attendance of the meeting:

- Paula Sollami-Covello, Mercer County Clerk
 - Former West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh
 - West Windsor Councilwoman Ayesha Krishnan
 - West Windsor Mayor Hemant Marathe
 - Former West Windsor Councilman Kamal Khanna
 - Diane Gerofsky, Mercer County Surrogate
 - Former Hopewell Township Mayor & Committee Member Vanessa Sandom
 - Hopewell Township Deputy Mayor Julie Blake
 - Hopewell Township Committee Member Kristin McLaughlin
 - Hopewell Township Committee Member
 - Joanne Palmucci, Chairwoman, Board of Elections
 - Hopewell Township Committee Member Michael Ruger
 - Former Mercer County Sheriff Gil Lugossy
 - Peter Crowley, President & CEO, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce
 - Retired Superior Court Judge Hon. Maria Marinari Sypek
 - Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Trenton City Councilwoman & Mercer County Democratic Chair
 - John A. Kemler, Mercer County Sheriff
 - Hamilton Township Council President Anthony P. Carabelli, Jr.
 - Hamilton Township Council Vice President Jeffrey Martin
 - Raissa L. Walker, Trenton Democratic Committee Chair & Mercer County Personnel Director
 - John P. Thurber, Vice President for Public Affairs, Thomas Edison State University
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COMMUNICATIONS

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 25, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

Thirty (30) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 25, 2018.

Chair Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing the County of Mercer 2018 Temporary Budget Additional Appropriations. She asked why the County is exceeding the Contract amount for the Medical Examiners Office. David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, explained that he would change the Temporary Budget to reflect the accurate dollar amount.

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, declared that she did not receive agreements for the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Service Contract (awarded through a fair and open process) with West Jersey Title Agency of Salem Co., Inc. for Title Insurance Services for the County of Mercer.

Chair Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement (awarded through a “non-fair and open process”) with Kleinfelder East, Inc., for engineering services associated with environmental compliance at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She asked whether the County is planning to hire or use consultants, given the retirement of the Environmental Specialist. She also questioned if the position would be eliminated in the Budget. Mr. Miller clarified that the County would generally use a combination of both an Environmental Specialist and an outside consultant. He stated that he would get additional information for Thursday’s meeting.

Freeholder Frisby made reference to the proposed Resolution recognizing January as Radon Awareness Month. He asked if there are any Radon Assistance Programs for the expensive process of Radon remediation. Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, stated that he was unsure if public programs were available, but was certain that the County does not offer assistance.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,858,400 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$15,537,980; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Walter asked when the Budget would be expected to appear to the Board. Mr. Miller explained that he has not received official confirmation as of yet.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Frisby asked if Hamilton Township decided to participate in the 2020 Local Update of Census Operation (LUCA). Mr. Mair confirmed that he was not notified of any of the townships changing their original positions.

Chair Walter asked if it were possible to receive a bi-monthly report on the status of the Census, to assure we obtain the accurate count in Mercer County. Mr. Mair stated that he will discuss the request with the Planning Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon mentioned that the Mercer County Municipal Alliance is hosting their annual Dinner at Mercer Oaks on January 24th.

Chair Walter asked the Administration on updates or plans regarding the PennEast Pipeline Project.

Freeholder Frisby mentioned that the Mercer County STEM Academy would be holding their annual competition. He explained that they asked for the Freeholder Board support and attendance to distribute the Certificates.

Chair Walter discussed the Assembly Bill No. 542, which requires schools to maintain supply of opioid antidotes and permits emergency administration of opioid antidote by school nurse or trained employee. She recommended that the Freeholder Board arrange a support resolution for the bill.

PUBLIC SECTION

At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.

Anne Chmielewski of Mercer Quiet Sky's, expressed her concerns regarding the houses, trees and flight patterns of the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She voiced her concern regarding the impact of Trenton-Mercer Airport on her neighborhood property assessment.

Ms. Chmielewski mentioned her uncertainties regarding the continued problems at the Trenton Water Works.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:14 PM



**JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD**

Mercer County State of the County Address
Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018

Freeholder Chair Lucylle Walter and members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to deliver to you the 2018 State of the County.

In September, when Amazon announced it was seeking a location to host its second headquarters, we began to review properties with potential. Some people thought that was crazy. Why Mercer County?

But the more I thought about it, the more it made sense. Why not share with Amazon what we've always known -- that Mercer County truly has it all! I am pleased to report that the state of our Great County is healthy and tonight I will touch upon just a few of the services we provide -- stories that don't make headlines, but that our residents rely on every day.

Helping us to meet your needs are the more than 1,700 full and part-time employees, who are reliable and dependable. Under the leadership of Chief of Staff Kelly Ganges and my Directors, I thank all who perform their duties with distinction. Let's give them a round of applause.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize my good friend and longtime County Counsel Arthur Sypek. Art and I go back many years... Art is retiring effective next week. Let's give him a great round of applause.

Among the programs and services that many rely on are those provided by the Board of Social Services. That Board, in partnership with Mercer County Human Services, has met several unique challenges while enriching the lives of our citizens. For example, many American citizens had to evacuate their homes as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria last summer. The Board of Social Service provided cash, housing and food assistance to more than 70 families forced from their homes and relocated to Mercer County. In fact, the benefits for those still suffering have been extended to January 31, 2018.

Another vital county service is our TRADE buses, which provide transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities. I'd like to tell you about just ONE of our clients, a woman named Keisha, who is visually impaired.

Keisha takes TRADE each day to her job in Ewing. She leaves her home in Jersey City at 6:30 a.m. and vanpools to Trenton. TRADE then picks her up downtown and transports her to an office in Ewing. Keisha says without TRADE, she could not get to work and would be forced to give up her independence. Getting to work is something many of us take for granted, but for folks like Keisha it is a major undertaking, and TRADE has been her lifeline.

When it comes to problem solving in government, we believe in the team approach. Mercer has been recognized nationally for radically reducing homelessness.

This 70 percent reduction was achieved with a host of players from the local, county, state and federal levels. Today, I am pleased to announce that every chronically homeless person we identified in 2016 had a place to call home by 2017. That is a track record we aim to keep, and I look forward to the day when anyone who needs shelter has a home. I thank our Department of Human Services, Board of Social Services, the Mercer Alliance and so many others for this milestone achievement!

Under the leadership of Sheriff Jack Kemler, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office continues its longstanding history of working to keep our county safe. Although the work they do is often gratifying, it can also be dangerous.

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On the morning of May 10, 2017, three Mercer County Sheriff's Officers were met with gunfire while serving an arrest warrant. All three officers sustained gunshot injuries at the scene. Tragically, in the hail of gunfire, an innocent bystander was killed. On that harrowing day each officer displayed bravery and heroism and should be commended for their actions.

They are:

Detective William Perez, Detective Joseph Tuccillo and Detective Steven Niederer

Detectives, we are so proud of you. I ask you to stand for a well-deserved round of applause.

As I said earlier, our application to Amazon was based on our confidence that Mercer County has all the ingredients that create prosperity. Among our greatest assets is our park system. Under the leadership of Deputy Administrator Aaron T. Watson, our park commission is expanding and diversifying its programming, and as a result is seeing more visitors than ever. I believe there are too many children in this county that have not been introduced to our unique park system, and it is my goal – and one I share with the Park Commission -- to continue to build a park complex where every single citizen of this county feels included.

Passive nature programs are equally important.

I'm proud of the fact that we have been involved in preserving more than 5,400 acres along with improving and maintaining our 10,000 acres of county parklands. Preserving and protecting this precious resource is only the beginning. We must also be good stewards of our land.

That is why we recently created the position of Land Steward through our Park Commission, a position funded by the County Open Space Trust Fund and supported by Mercer County residents. Moving forward, we are developing management plans to care for our habitats, such as combating the Emerald Ash Borer; restoring grasslands at Mercer Meadows and managing destructive deer overpopulation. Stewardship is a communitywide endeavor and we welcome citizen and community group participation.

During his campaign, new Governor Phil Murphy vowed to invest in infrastructure statewide. Today I look forward to working with our new governor to help him fulfill that promise right here in Mercer County. One of our greatest challenges is dealing with an aging infrastructure. The County is looking to build four or five bridges this year and six more in 2019. Not only will these projects improve safety for motorists and pedestrians, they are an important source of trade jobs.

The Mercer County Courthouse Annex renovations project is well under way and is scheduled to be substantially complete this summer. The two-year project signifies a near-complete gut of this obsolete building and is an important source of jobs, employing 200 union construction workers. A potential new project under the MCLA, the renovation of the old courthouse, could employ 250 more workers.

While construction is under way at the courthouse, we've cut ribbons on several gratifying projects at our community college, which has been a source of trade jobs, and is preparing our next generation for the workforce.

Everyone in Mercer County should take pride in our community college, which under the leadership of its president, Dr. Wang, is helping build the foundation for the high-tech economy of the future by forging relationships with the business community and continuing to invest in downtown Trenton.

The college is providing new career opportunities through partnerships with more than a half-dozen local businesses, giving students the option to "earn while they learn." Just this year, the first graduate of the Security

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Systems Technology program was hired immediately after earning his degree – at a starting salary of \$55,000 a year. The college has conceptualized the establishment of an Arts, Culture, and Education District surrounding its campus in downtown Trenton. In addition to an art gallery and fashion design studio, the district will include a Health and Wellness Education Center, a new fashion warehouse, and the renovation and reopening of the North Broad Street Theatre.

And in West Windsor, the college plans to break ground this year on an addition to the Fine Arts building, with major funding from Mercer County. This expansion will serve as home for the new University Center, where five partner universities will offer bachelor degree programs on the West Windsor Campus.

These innovative projects will build on a foundation of education for jobs and workforce development to advance earning, promote investment, and move the Mercer County economy forward.

Last spring, the college concluded a year-long celebration of its 50 years of service to the community. This year, the Mercer County Technical Schools are celebrating the same impressive milestone. Like the community college, Mercer's Technical School District is preparing young adults to be the workforce of the future.

Both institutions have soared to heights that we couldn't have imagined 20 years ago, let alone 50. It's an exciting time for education in Mercer County, and I'm thrilled that we're able to offer students at all levels such tremendous opportunities to learn and to prosper.

If the sky is the limit for the young adults attending our schools, so it is with Trenton-Mercer Airport.

At Trenton-Mercer Airport, we're in the final stages of an all-encompassing Master Plan update, a process that involved airport users and the public. As you know, for the past several years we've been charting a path toward an improved Trenton-Mercer Airport terminal, and we plan to advance the process once the Master Plan has been completed. And please keep in mind that there are no proposals to lengthen either of the two runways at TTN or expand the airfield.

In the meantime, commercial flights at Trenton-Mercer continue to be very popular, and we're doing our best to help the airlines manage the huge demand. This past November, we saw a 36 percent increase in passenger traffic over last year. Our carriers are constantly evaluating their routes and tweaking them as they deem necessary. Frontier Airlines recently announced that beginning in April, they will offer more direct routes to multiple Western cities. These will be same-plane, one-stop flights, but passengers will not have to deplane. New routes will be announced shortly.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I know that we face many hurdles. But governing is never easy. It requires embracing challenges and overcoming obstacles, and I'm confident we will continue to move forward no matter how formidable those obstacles may seem. This administration is dynamic and changeable, and this year we will see a number of long-time directors retire and move on. But no matter the changes, Mercer County can expect top-notch service by hard-working, dignified employees. I also believe that Mercer County and its residents will benefit from change at the state level too, where our new governor has vowed to make New Jersey a state of equity and inclusion.

As I've said many times, there is no greater calling that we as citizens can answer than the calling of public service. But we must be willing to stay committed to the causes we believe in, and to do the hard work that we know is necessary to get things done. I hope you'll join me in making that commitment, and welcome the exciting possibilities ahead.

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