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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on February 8, 2018, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

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

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

The Deputy 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.

2018 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET ADDRESS

County Executive Brian M. Hughes presented the Freeholder Board with the 2018 budget message. County Executive Hughes stated that since he has been County Executive the budget proposals have been marked by austerity and balance, and this year again represents the Administration's efforts to provide the best possible government to taxpayers in Mercer County. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

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

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Freeholder Cannon, seconded by Freeholder Frisby, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved:

Formal Meeting of September 14, 2017

Formal Meeting of September 28, 2017

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes -6. Nays - 0. Abstain – 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

On the motion of Freeholder Koontz, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of October 19, 2017

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes -5. Nays - 0. Abstain – 1. Absent - 1.

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

Abstain – Freeholder Frisby

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated January 29, 2018, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of January 8, 2018.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated January 29, 2018, RE: Minutes and RFQ/Bid Results for the Week of January 29, 2018.

A communication was received from Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, County of Monmouth, dated January 29, 2018, Re: Resolution opposing the legalization of Recreational Marijuana Use.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated February 8, 2018, RE: Questions from the Freeholder Meeting of January 23, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

Chair Walter called for a Motion to add the following proposed Resolutions to the Agenda.

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

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A
CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

And,

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF
THE 2018 BUDGET **“ADDED TO THE AGENDA”**

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes -6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

The Deputy 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 Cannon, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-22, ON THE AGENDA BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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- NO. 2018-72** INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF THE 2018 BUDGET
- NO. 2018-73** RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:45.14)
- NO. 2018-74** RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS
- NO. 2018-75** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM, INC., TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO INCOME-ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF PRINCETON. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR). AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 (\$55,000.00 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDING AND \$45,000.00 MERCER COUNTY DIRECT FUNDING)

- NO. 2018-76** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM, INC., TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO INCOME-ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF PRINCETON. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR). AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 (\$55,000.00 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDING AND \$45,000.00 MERCER COUNTY DIRECT FUNDING)
- NO. 2018-77** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE MEDI-COOL SUMMER COOLING PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$23,637.00 (\$13,443.00 [PEER GROUPING FUNDS]; \$5,464.00 [COUNTY FUNDS] AND \$4,730.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2018-78** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR FOR THE USE OF THE EAST WINDSOR SENIOR CENTER FOR A MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SITE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$13,000.00 (\$6,500.00 PER YEAR) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-79** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHN O. WILSON HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, INC., FOR A MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SITE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$15,060.00 (\$7,530.00 PER YEAR) (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2018-80** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE HOMELESS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (NJDHS), DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (DFD) FOR THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$999,717.00 (\$502,337.00 [SSH FUNDS]; \$179,468.00 [SSBG FUNDS]; \$131,592.00 [TANF FUNDS]; AND \$186,320.00 [ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ICM FUNDS]). (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-81** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO BIOTERRORISM, OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS AND EMERGENCIES FUNDED BY LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS GRANT (LINCS). PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-82** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT RENEWAL AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF HIV, STD, AND TB SERVICES (EPID18TAC006) FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CLINICAL AND NURSE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$158,078.00 (\$93,590.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$64,488.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2018-83** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE AGREEMENT (E.U.S.) WITH THE PRINCETON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PLAN, MARKET, COORDINATE AND EXECUTE THE 2018 MERCER COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$12,500.00. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2018
- NO. 2018-84** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY TREASURER AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY PROGRAM DOCUMENTS WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND DISBURSE PAYMENTS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FUND (LEOTEF) PROGRAM. SUBAWARD NO. LEOTEF-11-17 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 (JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018) AMOUNT: \$16,236.00. NO COUNTY MATCH
- NO. 2018-85** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, FRIENDS OF HOPEWELL VALLEY OPEN SPACE AND THE NEW JERSEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MOUNT ROSE PRESERVE, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST: \$0.00
- NO. 2018-86** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH MARBRO, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NO. 543.7, CARTER ROAD OVER SHIPETAUKIN CREEK, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY INCREASE: \$130,781.27 (+6.48%) (STATE FUNDS: \$124,311.29 – COUNTY FUNDS: \$6,469.98) REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$2,147,898.27

- NO. 2018-87** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A RETAINING WALL ALONG 3500 SOUTH BROAD STREET (CR 524), TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON. NO COUNTY COST.
- NO. 2018-88** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS WITH BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND TESTING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$575,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (RFP2017-05)
- NO. 2018-89** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES THE CONTINUATION OF THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM WITH MERCER COUNTY AS THE LEAD AGENCY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. (#CK09MERCER)
- NO. 2018-90** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 28, 2017 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR COUNTY SYSTEMS AND FACILITY REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) YEARS BASED ON THE INDEX RATE. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$720,000.00 (CK09MERCER2017-16)

- NO. 2018-91** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 30, 2017 TO J. FLETCHER CREAMER AND SON, FOR ON CALL SERVICES FOR INSTALLATION, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF GUIDERAIL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: DECEMBER 25, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2018 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$2,114,725.00 (AB2017-34)
- NO. 2018-92** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 30, 2017 TO TELEQUEST COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES INC., FOR TELECOM CABLE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$82,000.00. PERIOD: DECEMBER 11, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2019 (CK09MERCER2017-20)
- NO. 2018-93** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COMMEMORATES FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PAST AND CURRENT HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS
- NO. 2018-94** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES FEBRUARY 2018 AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Ayes -6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND ADOPTIONS

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF 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

The Deputy Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated January 23, 2018, 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 Deputy 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 close the public hearing.

Freeholder Cannon moved, **“To Close the Public Hearing”**, seconded by Freeholder Frisby.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes -6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

Freeholder Koontz offered the following Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Frisby:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR 2015 OF THE MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE, MERCER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR, MERCER COUNTY CLERK, MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF, MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE, MERCER COUNTY FREEHOLDER CHAIR, AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -1.

Ayes – Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon requested a moment of silence for longtime friend and colleague Mr. Carl West. She spoke of her fond memories of him and was grateful for his company while he was employed by Mercer County.

Freeholder Walter spoke of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and their proposal to ban fracking in the watershed. She explained that if the DRBC approved the proposal, it would prohibit drilling in the Delaware. She was hopeful that newly elected Governor Phil Murphy would work together with the DRBC to ensure this outcome.

Freeholder Walter also discussed lead prevention and neighboring counties efforts to remediate this issue. She spoke of heavier testing measures and federal grants to ensure children's health and safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Frisby stated that he and Freeholder Cimino were present today at Trenton-Mercer Airport where Frontier Airlines announced four new non-stop destinations. He stated the new flights will now stop in Myrtle Beach and Charleston South Carolina, Jacksonville Florida and Nashville Tennessee.

At this time, Chair Walter invited members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda. The following two Ewing residents and members of Mercer Quiet Skies addressed the Board. They discussed their ongoing concerns with the Trenton-Mercer Airport, such as flight patterns, noise violations, and a number of other issues.

Robert Britton
Anne Chmielecki

ADJOURNMENT

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

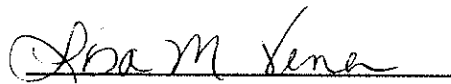
VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:58 PM



LISA M. VENA

DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

2018 Budget Address
Brian M. Hughes, County Executive
Mercer County, New Jersey
Presented before the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Thursday, February 8, 2018

Chairman Walter, members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

It is my great pleasure to appear before this board to discuss the 2018 Mercer County proposed budget. This document represents our effort to provide the best possible government to our constituents in the most cost-effective manner to the taxpayer.

The budget process is not limited to a few weeks of the year. It is a thoughtful, long-term process that takes into account our past and what we predict for the future. Each of my budget proposals has been generated with cooperation from our Department Directors and Constitutional Officers, and I thank them for being here tonight. I would also like to thank Deputy Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Dave Miller, who year after year, looks out for every penny.

Last month, I reported that the State of our great County is strong and healthy. I'm pleased to report the economic health of Mercer County continues to grow.

For the fourth consecutive year we have seen a slight uptick in ratable growth, and Mercer's unemployment rate today is 3.6 percent -- tied for the 6th lowest in the state. While the increase in ratables is encouraging, we are still about \$4 billion below where we were at our peak in 2009, when the county ratable base had a value of about \$48.5 billion.

Tonight I present to you a proposed operating budget for 2018 in the amount of \$328.9 million that is under the state-mandated cap. For this year's budget plan, I am recommending we utilize \$13.4 million of our surplus, leaving a \$14.7 million balance.

This is a healthy balance and along with providing cash flow for unforeseen circumstances, it gives investors confidence that we are able to meet our obligations.

Of this total budget, \$269 million will be collected locally through property tax. The 2018 property tax rate is estimated to be 60 cents per \$100 of assessed value, or one penny more than last year.

More than 50 percent of the proposed budget will go toward law enforcement, including the Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office, Police Academy and Corrections. There are no substantive changes in any areas of this budget, but we do not have the benefit of some one-time revenues that were used in last year's budget but are not available this year.

I am proud to say that we continue to adhere to fiscal policies that are austere and responsible, while serving the needs of our constituents.

County government can have a positive impact on the lives of our residents, and I remain adamant that we not turn our back on the very people who rely on our services.

For example, there may not be a more pressing issue today than the opioid addiction epidemic that is ravaging communities across the nation and throughout New Jersey – including, as we’ve seen firsthand, Mercer County.

And our Human Services Department is deeply involved in the effort to address that crisis. The county’s Office on Addiction Services has awarded \$62,500 on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programming to two local treatment agencies, giving individuals access to medication to assist in their recovery process. In order to treat individuals with opioid-use disorders, it is critical to expand access to evidence-based treatment such as MAT, which combines the use of medication with counseling.

The Office on Addiction Services has also allocated \$60,000 specific to prevention education. These funds will target the Trenton and Hamilton communities, two municipalities with a high rate of Narcan deployments. As our Freeholder Board knows – having been trained in its administration – Narcan is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. Additionally, these prevention funds will target educating parents throughout the community on the opioid crisis.

With the continued increase in opioid-use disorders, obstacles to treatment often include isolation, lack of transportation, and, very often, homelessness. With a recent 5 percent rise in young adults utilizing the emergency shelter system, we suspect this is directly related to the rampant opioid epidemic.

As a direct result, Human Services has a special initiative providing clinical case management services on site at the local shelter, including screening for substance-use disorders, allocating \$100,000 to this project.

The Office on Addiction Services will assist in the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey’s “Knock Out Opioid Abuse” town hall meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at The College of New Jersey. This event will help make the public aware of the current conditions of the opioid crisis, treatment options and strategies for prevention, and bring together community resources at the county level.

Together, this board and my administration have established a County government that is transparent, responsive and efficient, one that ensures that services are offered in a manner that is reliable and honest.

Thank for your time tonight, and I look forward to working with you over the next several months to produce a compassionate and fiscally responsible budget that best serves the citizens of Mercer County.



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on February 6, 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, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Verrelli and Walter

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

SUNSHINE LAW

The Deputy 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, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There were no comments.

MINUTES

1. Formal Meeting of September 14, 2017
2. Formal Meeting of September 28, 2017
3. Formal Meeting of October 19, 2017

COMMUNICATIONS

Four (4) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 8, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-three (23) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 8, 2018.

Freeholder Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Lease Agreement with the John O. Wilson Hamilton Neighborhood Service Center, Inc., for a Mercer County Senior Citizen Congregate Meal Program Site. He asked the Administration if Hamilton Township had to provide a concurring Resolution authorizing said Lease Agreement.

Mr. Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, replied that since the Township did not own the center, a Resolution was not necessary.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final with Marbro, Inc., for the construction of Bridge No. 543.7, Carter Road over Shipetaukin Creek, Lawrence Township, Mercer County. She explained that while reviewing the back-up information, she requested a change in the language. Freeholder Walter informed the Board that \$124,000.00 of the \$130,000.00 increase was due to Governor Chris Christie shutting down governmental operations. She wanted the record to show that Mercer County was not responsible for the increase in funding.

Freeholder Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing an Agreement with the Township of Hamilton regarding the construction and maintenance of a retaining wall along 3500 South Broad Street (CR 524), Township of Hamilton. Freeholder Cimino asked if sidewalks were contiguous to the area where the retaining wall was to be built. He asked the Administration to provide the Board with a drawing or map to see if it would connect to other sidewalks.

County Administrator Mair stated that he would provide that information to the Board. He also explained that the area was set to be paved subsequent to the construction of the retaining wall.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing the continuation of the Mercer County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System with Mercer County as the lead agency. She asked the Administration to provide the Board with a list of all consultants that provide environmental services to Mercer County and if they have more than one contract to provide that as well.

County Administrator Mair said he would provide the Board with that information.

Freeholder Walter asked the Board for a moment to discuss two very important Resolutions set to be on the Formal Agenda. She was referring to the Resolutions recognizing February as Black History Month and American Heart Month. She explained that African American women and Latina women were more likely to die due to heart disease. Freeholder Walter stated that heart disease was a completely preventable disease, but often affects minorities due to their lack of access to healthcare.

Freeholder Frisby added that Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJ) said that studies were done calculating life expectancy and their correlation to zip codes. He commented that the average person living in the City of Trenton was 64 and in Princeton the average age was 78. Freeholder Frisby explained that much of this has to deal with the ability to get the correct care as well as the toxicity levels in food. He said this is a nationwide concern in almost every urban area.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND ADOPTIONS

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF 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

1. The Deputy Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes dated January 23, 2018, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications; therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.
2. The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute and all requirements have been complied with.
3. The Chair of the Board announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.
4. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
5. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter reminded the Administration that she had requested a list of open seats on all Mercer County Boards and Commissions.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Ms. Terry Kiriluk, a member of Mercer Quiet Skies and also a Ewing resident, addressed the Board. Ms. Kiriluk was present tonight to discuss her many concerns regarding the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She spoke of an article that she read in the Ewing Observer that outlined expansion of runways, use of office space, and other airport related projects. Ms. Kiriluk asked the Board if the article had any merit.

The Freeholder Board responded that they were unaware of many of the statements made in the article. They also expressed their concerns as to where this information derived from.

County Administrator Mair replied that he too was unfamiliar with the article and its contents.

The Freeholder Board collectively responded that Ms. Kiriluk should contact the Trenton-Mercer Airport to clarify these claims and to get the correct information.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 PM



LISA M. VENA

DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD