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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF MAY 24, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on May 24, 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, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Verrelli, and Walter

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Freeholder Koontz asked the Board for a moment of silence for the late James Floyd, Sr., 1st African American Mayor of Princeton Township. He spoke of Mr. Floyd as being compassionate and strong and considered him a close friend. Freeholder Koontz asked the Board to remember Mr. Floyd.

Freeholder Frisby asked the Board for a moment of silence for the late Sam McCoy, a resident of Hamilton. Freeholder Frisby said that Mr. McCoy was recently honored at the National Congress of Black Women's luncheon. He remarked how Mr. McCoy did a tremendous amount of work in the City of Trenton. Freeholder Frisby said Mr. McCoy was powerful in and around the community and embodied and exemplified what a strong man should be. Freeholder Frisby asked the Board to remember Mr. McCoy.

Chair Walter spoke of the tragic shooting that occurred in Santa Fe Texas where 10 people were killed and 13 more injured at the hands of a fellow student. She said these events are happening all over the Country and nothing is being done to ensure it doesn't continue to happen. Chair Walter spoke of her cousin, Chris Hickson, who was killed in the Parkland Florida shooting. She spoke about his loss and her need to see a change so these events don't continue to happen.

PRESENTATION

Ethan Block – “Our Lives”

Ethan Block, a Hopewell resident and student at Hopewell Central Valley High School, addressed the Board. He discussed his thoughts and feelings on the recent gun violence occurring in schools across the nation. Mr. Block spoke of the fear he often feels when walking into school wondering if something horrible was going to occur. He talked about the “Our Lives” movement and described how young people were participating in different ways to institute change. Mr. Block said that young students across the Country were diligently working to bring awareness to gun laws and trying to get the attention of those in power to help make a change. He added that New Jersey was one of the states that has some of the most restrictive gun laws in our Country and hoped other states would follow in our footsteps.

Chair Walter thanked Mr. Block and his fellow students for taking action and bringing this matter to the forefront. She said many adults have also requested that our legislative officials take a look at different ways to protect our students. Chair Walter explained that Mr. Block and fellow students have a unique opportunity to bring about the change that is necessary and thanked them for being proactive about the cause.

Freeholder Koontz added that he and many of his fellow colleagues are teachers or former teachers. He spoke about the same nerve wracking feelings Mr. Block experiences when walking into school. Freeholder Koontz felt it is very disruptive to students to have to experience drills and figure out ways to secure a high school. Freeholder Koontz spoke of the vulnerable places within a school and explained they are hard to safely secure. He talked about an incident that occurred in his film class where students were popping balloons. Freeholder Koontz explained that the loud banging noise would never be worrisome about twenty years ago, but now everyone must be cognizant of those things. He encouraged Mr. Block to keep making his voice be heard and push adults to take action. Freeholder Koontz was hopeful that together change can be achieved for our Country.

Freeholder Cannon said she spoke to Mr. Block and many other students and she has heard their concerns loud and clear. She asked that young people keep moving forward and don't give up. Freeholder Cannon thanked Mrs. Block for raising such a mature young man.

Freeholder Frisby added that his wife was on the Executive Team of Moms Demand Action. He stated that they are working hard to keep movement throughout the community and address the legislators. Freeholder Frisby added that June 1st, 2018 was gun violence awareness day and suggested the Board draft Resolution supporting the movement.

Freeholder Colavita said he was a retired teacher of fourteen years and when he was teaching the only thing he was concerned with were fire drills. He added that he and Freeholder Cannon went to Lawrence High School when they held the national walk out and spoke with many of the students and staff. The feeling of solidarity was outstanding. He applauded Mr. Block and the other students for making history and trying to change the future.

Freeholder Cimino added that he does not know what it is like to be a young person today, but he understood the feeling of fear. He spoke of dropping his own children off to school and wondering if he would receive a phone call like so many parents have had to endure. Freeholder Cimino understood the urgency of change and thanked Mr. Block for remaining steadfast and doing his part.

Freeholder Verrelli spoke of hearing Mr. Block speak at another event and was shocked that he was only high school sophomore. Freeholder Verrelli commented that Mr. Block was wise beyond his years and he was proud to be a Hopewell Valley resident along with Mr. Block. He commented that more communities across the Country needed additional young men and women like him. Freeholder Verrelli thanked Mr. Block and said he was a part in reshaping our Nation's future.

Chair Walter shared with the Board an excerpt from her grandfather's diary during World War II in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Shirley K. Turner, Senator, 15th District, dated April 30, 2018, RE: Resolution No. 2018-126 expressing support for the following Bills: A2757/S2374, requires background checks for private gun sales, A2759/S2245, prohibits possession of armor piercing ammunition, and A2761/S102, reducing maximum capacity of ammunition magazines to 10 rounds; exempts firearms with .22 caliber tubular magazines from 10 round limitation.

A communication was received from Betty Vasil, Clerk of the Board, County of Ocean, dated May 4, 2018, RE: Resolution opposing proposed legislation to allow counties to adopt the name of "County Commissioner" replacing the name "County Freeholder".

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated May 1, 2018, RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Freeholder Colavita moved, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-27, ON THE AGENDA BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -0.

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

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

NO. 2018-235 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR FOOD SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER AND NUTRITION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

NO. 2018-236 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 PROVISION OF PREVENTION SERVICES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING A SHORT-TERM HOUSING CRISIS. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$10,000.00 (SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS [SSH] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2018-237** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR RAPID REHOUSING SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED (OR AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$165,056.50 (\$71,896.50 – COUNTY FUNDS (\$93,160.00 – ESTIMATED SSH FUNDS (\$28,000.00 – CASE MANAGER SALARY/FRINGE/ICR) – (\$65,160.00 PREVENTION FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-238** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MERCER COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ADDICTION FOR THE TRENTON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029. AMOUNT: \$158,046.25 (\$126,437.00 [DRUG EDUCATION DEMAND REDUCTION (DEDR) FUNDS] AND \$31,609.25 [CITY OF TRENTON CASH MATCH FUNDS]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-239** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$22,104.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2018-240** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$435,401.00 (DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION [D.E.D.R]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-241** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ROYAL PRINTING SERVICE FOR BALLOT PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK. TOTAL: \$532,110.00. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 30, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. (CC2018-01)
- NO. 2018-242** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC., FOR THE WINEDS SYSTEM AND FOR ELECTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, MERCER COUNTY OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: MARCH 15, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019. (WINEDS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE YEAR ONE: \$25,200.00 – WINEDS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE YEAR TWO: \$25,200.00 TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,400.00.

- NO. 2018-243** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE FIRM OF RIKER DANZIG SCHERER HYLAND PERRETTI, LLP, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION INVESTIGATION AND SERVICES RELATED TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY V. KEVIN B. BANNON, IND. NO. 17-10-185. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,000.00. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019. (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-244** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM – PROGRAM YEAR 2018. AMOUNT: APPROXIMATELY \$593,390.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019
- NO. 2018-245** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. AMOUNT: \$55,269.00 (\$41,450.00 STATE; \$13,819.00 COUNTY MATCH). PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2019. GRANT NO: VAWA-41-17

- NO. 2018-246** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH GREENMAN PEDERSEN, INC., TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 140.9 (STRUCTURE #1100-055), CARRYING LINCOLN AVENUE (C.R. 626) OVER THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR RAIL LINE, AN INACTIVE RAIL YARD AND ASSUNPINK CREEK, CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER. TERM: UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$1,497,226.21
- NO. 2018-247** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BI-COUNTY BRIDGE 760.4 (4-B-92), GROVERS MILL ROAD OVER THE MILLSTONE RIVER (124B092/1107604), WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY AND PLAINSBORO TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY
- NO. 2018-248** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE 2018 ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES APPLICABLE TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S (FTA'S) SECTION 5310 AND SECTION 5311 GRANT PROGRAMS, ADMINISTERED BY NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
- NO. 2018-249** 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# 16-1987) BY MERCER COUNTY TRADE TRANSPORTATION (NO COUNTY COST)

- NO. 2018-250** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2018-53, ADOPTED JANUARY 25, 2018 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (2018-DT-BLA-FEP-309) WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF EWING, LAWRENCE, AND THE CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AMOUNT BY \$158,854.00 [STATE SHARE]. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$811,954.00 (NJDOT JOB NO. 6502323)
- NO. 2018-251** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-240, ADOPTED MAY 25, 2017 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC., RELATED TO THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY H, B AND F PHASE III CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT" – ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT REMAINS: \$385,000.00
- NO. 2018-252** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 9, 2018 TO EDWARD H. CRAY, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS AND UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: 60 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED: TOTAL AMOUNT: \$811,953.05 (AB2018-17)

- NO. 2018-253** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 10, 2018 TO JJ PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC., D/B/A PRO-TEC FIRE SERVICES FOR AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING AND AIRPORT OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMOUNT: \$1,912,713.00 (BASED UPON FAR INDEX B) PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2020 WITH TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND BASED UPON THE INDEX RATE. (AB2018-16)
- NO. 2018-254** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 13, 2018 TO SCARPATI, INC., FOR SCRAP METAL REMOVAL FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: APRIL 30, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2020. MERCER COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE 83% OF REVENUE, PER GROSS TON, BASED UPON THE RATE ESTABLISHED ON THE FIRST DATE POSTED EACH MONTH BY THE AMERICAN METAL MARKET (CK09MERCER2018-08)
- NO. 2018-255** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 27, 2018 TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 140.6 ON SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE OVER ASSUNPINK CREEK IN MERCER COUNTY. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$2,189,338.00. PERIOD: 270 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED: (AB2018-06)
- NO. 2018-256** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES MAY 2018 AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2018-257** APPOINTMENT OF AMBER FORRESTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

- NO. 2018-258** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-613, ADOPTED DECEMBER 19, 2017 AND APPROVAL BY THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE RESOLUTION BETWEEN CWA 1032 SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO CORRECT THE TWO YEAR PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018"
- NO. 2018-259** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON AND THE PRINCETON SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER, INC., FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SITE. PERIOD; MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$5,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-260** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE COUNTIES TO ADOPT THE NAME "COUNTY COMMISSIONER" REPLACING THE NAME "COUNTY FREEHOLDER"
- NO. 2018-261** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OPPOSES NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER'S PROPOSED TWELVE PERCENT RATE INCREASE

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Ayes -7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent – 0.

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLARKSVILLE ROAD AND MEADOW ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

The Deputy Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated May 9, 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 Colavita moved, “**To Close the Public Hearing**”, seconded by Freeholder Koontz.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -0.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-4

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLARKSVILLE ROAD AND MEADOW ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -0.

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

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

Mr. Kamal Kujichagulia of the Nubian News was present tonight to discuss the proposed Ordinance establishing a Qualified Minority, Women, Veteran-Owned, or Small Business Set-Aside Program for the County of Mercer. He spoke of traveling around Mercer County and driving past certain work-sites and not seeing any minority workers. Mr. Kujichagulia asked if Mercer County had a contract compliance officer because he felt that private contractors should be in compliance with the civil rights act. He asked the Freeholder Board to rectify this matter by adopting the proposed Ordinance and contracting a compliance officer because he believed minorities should have the same rights as white workers throughout the County.

Chair Walter spoke of the Mercer County Park Commission's recent appointment of a woman to their Board. She discussed that the appointee, Ms. Amber Forrester, wanted to work the other commission members to ensure the parks were accessible to everyone in the County. Chair Walter added that the proposed Ordinance does have a part dealing with compliance and reporting those findings. She said the Administration was diligently working on introducing the proposed Ordinance at the next set of Freeholder meetings.

Freeholder Frisby added that this is an area of concern for him as well. He was glad to see the Administration working toward introducing this Ordinance. Freeholder Frisby spoke of many instances where contracts or jobs were not tracked through compliance officers and was happy to see the County doing something to change that.

Freeholder Verrelli understood Mr. Kujichagulia's concerns and wanted to speak to a local construction site. He said the re-building of Trenton Central High School's job site has certain numbers of positions that need to be filled by minorities. Freeholder Verrelli added that he was willing to speak to certain organizations or trade schools to see what their policies are. He explained that there are many trades that need young men and women but people need to apply and learn a trade. Freeholder Verrelli said this was something the County needed to work on and was pleased to see the Administration taking this step.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Colavita spoke about an event he attended last evening that the County held at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). He said that the event was to educate the public regarding the on-going opioid crisis. Freeholder Colavita felt that Mercer County residents have a right to be concerned because this crisis is getting worse. He spoke of heroin being laced with fentanyl and saying one usage could result in death.

Freeholder Frisby added that majority of the cases occur in areas where economic challenges are present. He explained that he tries to combat kids in his own neighborhood from buying or selling drugs. Freeholder Frisby explained that this is matter that is killing young people across the Country.

ADJOURNMENT

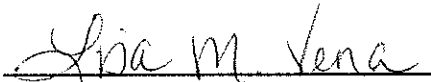
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Cannon and seconded by Freeholder Colavita, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -0.

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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM



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DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD



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INFORMAL MEETING OF MAY 22, 2018

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on May 22, 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 Deputy Clerk to the Board:

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

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.

APPOINTMENT

Chair Walter asked that the Freeholder Board turn their attention to the County Executive who was present tonight.

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, addressed the Board and stated that Ms. Amber Forrester was his nomination to serve as a member of the Mercer County Park Commission Board. He commented that Ms. Forrester's background exemplifies community service and praised her ability to give back to the community. County Executive Hughes felt that Ms. Forrester would make an impact on the Mercer County Park system and was delighted to have her here tonight for the appointment.

Ms. Amber Forrester, a resident of Hopewell, addressed the Board and explained that she did not have many words prepared, but was happy to answer any questions the Board had. She spoke of moving back to Mercer County in 2016 to raise her family and explained how excited she was for the opportunity to work within the Park Commission. Ms. Forrester stated that she looked forward to working with Mr. Aaron T. Watson, Executive Director of the Park Commission and was sure they could make Mercer County parks accessible to all residents of Mercer County.

The Board was pleased with Ms. Forrester's nomination and was happy to have her on board. They spoke of Ms. Forrester's father, Judge Lee Forrester, and the fond memories they had of him while working in Mercer County. The Freeholder Board welcomed Ms. Forrester to the Park Commission.

Deputy Administrator Aaron T. Watson, said he was delighted to have Ms. Forrester as a member of the Park Commission and looked forward to working with her in the future.

2018 HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CONSUMER BOWL

At this time, Chair Walter asked Freeholder Koontz to introduce the 2018 Hightstown High School Consumer Bowl Team.

Freeholder Koontz introduced his colleague Mr. Dave Teleposky who also teaches at Hightstown High School. Mr. Teleposky stated that he currently teaches business and computer classes and has also been involved in the Consumer Bowl since 2008. He explained that in 2015 Hightstown High School won the County Championship and last year they won the entire State Championship.

Freeholder Koontz presented Mr. Teleposky and one student who was present, Mr. Rishab Solanski, with a proclamation for winning the County Championship.

County Executive Hughes congratulated the team and stated he was pleased to attend the Consumer Bowl once again. He said all of the teams performed extremely well and had another successful year.

The following students were not in attendance at the meeting.

Sree Chinta	Steven Cohen
Jasman Singh	Maanas Manoj

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

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Three (3) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 24, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-seven (27) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 24, 2018.

Mr. Michael Herbert, Esq., noted for the record that he would not be participating in any discussion regarding two proposed Resolutions with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. Mr. Herbert explained that he serves as a member of the Board.

Freeholder Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Service Contract (awarded through a Non-Fair and Open Process) with the Firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti, LLP, to provide legal services regarding the Mercer County Park Commission Investigation and services related to State of New Jersey V. Kevin B. Bannon, Ind. No. 17-10-185. He said it was his understanding that the County had hired this firm to represent potential employees but questioned if the County was still representing Mr. Bannon in this matter.

Mr. Paul Adezio, County Counsel, replied that the County no longer represents Mr. Bannon in this matter. He explained that the Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti, LLP was hired in the likely event that the State Attorney General's Office or Council would have County employees testify in a trial. He explained the trial date was set for some time in 2019.

County Administrator Mair stated that he would provide that information to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

County Administrator, Andrew Mair, requested the Board hold an Executive Session regarding real estate located on Lamberton Street. The Board discussed potential dates and agreed on holding the Executive Session on June 14, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Cimino discussed the situation regarding the Mercer County Park Commission and the Mercer County Italian-American Festival. He was extremely disappointed that there was not some sort of resolution that would be advantageous to both parties. The Mercer County Italian-American Festival has been moved to Burlington County after several disagreements over parking fees at Mercer County Park. Freeholder Cimino commented that the Mercer County Italian-American Festival was a family event that numerous Mercer County residents have thoroughly enjoyed. He expressed his concerns regarding this move and the effects it would have on Mercer County residents.

Mr. Mair replied that County Executive Brian M. Hughes has reached out to Mr. John Scarpati, President of the Mercer County Italian American Festival Association, regarding a resolution to this matter and Mr. Scarpati has declined to do so. Mr. Mair explained that the County Executive was more than willing to make some concessions regarding the event but he would need to have a conversation to do so.

Freeholder Cimino thanked the Administration for trying to rectify the situation but added that the County was given ample opportunity to discuss an end to the on-going disagreements between the County and the Mercer County Italian-American Festival.

Freeholder Walter added that she had a conversation with the Administration today and understood some of the Administration's concerns. She said the Mercer County Italian-American Festival has to be realistic when it comes to the size of the event and the numerous costs that are incurred. Freeholder Walter was adamant that volunteers should not be doing jobs that are the responsibility of the Park Commission and felt that should have never happened in the first place. She said that as the event grew the County accommodated the park and spent a lot of money on the upgrades. Freeholder Walter felt that the County should be flexible but remain steadfast with some of their valid concerns.

Freeholder Colavita found the entire situation extremely disheartening. He was especially somber because he had worked the event for the past 10 to 12 years and enjoyed the event tremendously.

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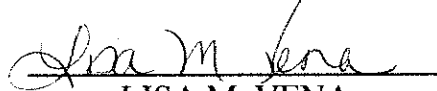
At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

Ms. Anne Chmielewski, a member of Mercer Quiet Skys and also a Ewing resident, addressed the Board. Ms. Chmielewski was present tonight to discuss the Trenton-Mercer Airport terminal expansion. She explained that she attended an event over the weekend in Pennington and spoke to many people regarding their concerns about the airport terminal expansion. Ms. Chmielewski stated that she had the concerned constituents sign a petition against the proposed expansion. Ms. Chmielewski asked the Board for an update regarding the Trenton-Mercer Airport Master Plan.

Freeholder Walter believed that the Master Plan was still under review by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). She explained there has been some communication back and forth between both the County and the FAA but the plan had not been released.

Ms. Chmielewski asked that the residents be informed when there was an approval because she wanted to be involved in the process. Ms. Chmielewski expressed the importance of open lines of communication.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 PM



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