



COUNTY OF MERCER
McDADE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
640 SOUTH BROAD STREET
P.O. BOX 8068
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08650-0068
(609) 989-6584
Fax: (609) 392-0488

JERLENE H. WORTHY, CLERK
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

LISA M. VENA
DEPUTY CLERK

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2019

THE WAR MEMORIAL

ONE WEST LAFAYETTE STREET

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES

The Clerk to the Board called the meeting to order on the above date at the War Memorial Building, One Lafayette Street, Trenton, New Jersey, at 6:05 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Kelvin Ganges, Chief of Staff, County of Mercer.

Following the Invocation, the Clerk to the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag.

The National Anthem was led by Freeholder Samuel Frisby.

The Clerk to the Board announced in accordance with the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, {Chapter 231, 1975}, Notice of this meeting had been mailed to the Trentonian, Trenton Times and Princeton Packet Newspapers, as well as having been posted in the Administration Building and Courthouse at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

At this time, Chair Walter called for a moment of silence for Mercer County residents Sarah Sally Grossman, Detective Pablo Santiago and Lola Woodson.

SWEARING IN OF FREEHOLDERS ELECT

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER ANN M. CANNON.

The Oath of Office was then administered by Arthur Sypek, Esq., former Mercer County Counsel, County of Mercer.

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER PASQUALE "PAT" COLAVITA, JR.

The Oath of Office was then administered by Gregory Puliti former Mayor of Lawrence Township.

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR.

The Oath of Office was then administered by Congresswoman Bonnie Coleman Watson, U.S. Rep for New Jersey 12th District.

Congresswoman Coleman Watson thanked Mercer County for their leadership. She wished everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year.

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER NINA D. MELKER.

The Oath of Office was then administered by Mayor Janice S. Mironov of East Windsor Township.

At this time the Clerk to the Board called the Roll Call of the 2019 Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Ann M. Cannon

John A. Cimino

Pasquale "Pat" Colavita

Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.

Andrew R. Koontz

Nina D. Melker

Lucylle R.S. Walter

As the next order of business, the Clerk announced that nominations were in order for Chair of the Board for 2019.

Freeholder Melker placed in nomination, the name of Freeholder John A. Cimino for Chair of the Board. Freeholder Walter seconded the nomination.

The Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she proceeded to call for the vote.

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF FREEHOLDER JOHN A. CIMINO TO
SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2019**

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

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

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Freeholder Cimino by the Honorable Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly.

Assemblyman Coughlin stated he was thankful for the willingness to serve the people. He noted that he was honored to serve the residents of Mercer County.

Chair Cimino then called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2019.

Freeholder Colavita placed in nomination, the name of Freeholder Andrew R. Koontz, to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2019. Freeholder Cimino seconded the nomination.

The Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she called for the vote.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF ANDREW R. KOONTZ TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2019

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

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

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Freeholder Koontz by Mayor Reed Gusciora, Esq., City of Trenton.

Freeholder Chair Cimino asked the Clerk to the Board if there was any further business to come before the Board. The Clerk advised that there were ten{10} Resolutions required to be adopted at this meeting.

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Colavita that:

“RESOLUTIONS NO.’S 1 THROUGH 10
ON THE AGENDA, **BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE IN BLOCK

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

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

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

- NO. 2019- 1 BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS ESTABLISHES MEETING DATES FOR CONFERENCE AND FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2016

- NO. 2019- 2 APPOINTMENT OF ANN M. CANNON AS DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2016

- NO. 2019- 3 APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. CIMINO AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD, OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2016

- NO. 2019- 4 ADOPTION OF RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF MERCER COUNTY FOR 2016

- NO. 2019- 5 COUNTY OF MERCER - TEMPORARY BUDGET 2016

- NO. 2019- 6 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR ALL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NJ

- NO. 2019-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE FROM TIME TO TIME OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AUTHORIZED BY VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

NO. 2019 - 8 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR NOTES TO BE ISSUED UNDER VARIOUS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS HERETOFORE ADOPTED UNDER THE LOCAL BOND LAW AND THE LOCAL BUDGET LAW

NO. 2019-9 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT DAVIS AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

NO. 2019-10 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL W. HERBERT, ESQ, AS COUNSEL TO THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

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

Chair Cimino then proceeded to announce the Freeholder Board's Standing Committees for 2019, as follows:

Budget and Fiscal Affairs	-	Chair	-	Nina D. Melker
		Member	-	Andrew R. Koontz
Economic Growth	-	Chair	-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
		Member	-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
Inter-Governmental Relations	-	Chair	-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita
		Member	-	Ann M. Cannon
Health and Human Services	-	Chair	-	Ann M. Cannon
		Member	-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
Planning	-	Chair	-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
		Member	-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita
Organization, Rules and Procedures	-	Chair	-	Andrew R. Koontz
		Member	-	Nina D. Melker

At this time, Chair Cimino called on County Executive Brian M. Hughes to make remarks.

County Executive Hughes wished everyone a happy New Year. He thanked the Freeholder Board for their great leadership and thanked Mercer County Democratic Chair Mayor Mironov for working hard to get the vote out. He indicated that working together with the Freeholder Board, he would continue to make Mercer County a better place for the residents. He thanked his Chief of Staff, Kelvin Ganges, his Department Directors, and all County employees for their hard work and dedication. Lastly, he expressed his excitement about the future of Mercer County.

Freeholder Chair Cimino welcomed everyone to the 2019 Reorganization meeting. He said he looked forward to an exceptional year serving Mercer County. He thanked Freeholder Water for her guidance as past Chair and the Freeholder Board for their dedication and support. He praised the Clerk to Board Office for their hard work. Also, he thanked the Labor Unions for their support. He thanked his wife and family for their commitment. Lastly, he recognized all elected officials present this evening.

Freeholder Melker said it was a privilege to be a Freeholder. She thanked her family, Freeholder Board and Mayor Mironov for their support. She promised to continue to serve Mercer County residents.

Freeholder Colavita thanked his family and spoke briefly about the lesson of opportunity.

Freeholder Frisby thanked his family, his pastor, his aide, and former aide. He said he was proud to be a Freeholder and that he loves the diversity in Mercer County. He said he witnessed a diverse group sworn-in to Congress. Lastly, he said he looked forward to the upcoming year and thanked the County for approving the Set-Aside Ordinance, which would establish qualified women, veteran-owned or small businesses.

Freeholder Cannon thanked her aide Eric Puliti and her family. She thanked the residents of Mercer County and the Freeholder Board for their support, dedication, and transparency.

Freeholder Walter thanked her aide Rebecca Clayton and Research Director Rob Davis for working diligently. She thanked the Clerk to the Board staff for their hard work.

Freeholder Koontz said he felt great serving Mercer County with civility. He thanked his aide, Freeholder Walter for her leadership, and the Freeholder Board for their support. Also, he acknowledged Mayor Reed Gusciora, Esq., who influenced him to get involved with politics by working on his campaign.

Chair Cimino thanked County Executive Hughes for his leadership and looked forward to working with the administration throughout the year. He wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

At this time, the members of the Board presented outgoing Chair Freeholder Walter with a plaque in recognition for her leadership as Chair of the Board in 2018.

The Benediction was delivered by Chief of Staff Kelvin Ganges, County of Mercer.

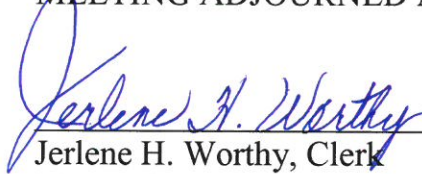
A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Freeholder Carabelli, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, which motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.



Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk
Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Chosen Freeholders