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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019

MINUTES

Vice-Chair Koontz called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on January 10, 2019, 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, Colavita, Koontz, Melker and Walter
Absent – Freeholders Cimino and (Frisby who arrived at 6:03 PM)

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Vice-Chair Koontz 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.

Freeholder Ann M. Cannon requested a moment of silence for Ms. Leby Jones who passed away recently. She commented that Ms. Jones was an Essex County Freeholder and served as an Irvington Councilwoman for twenty years.

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

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Debra L. Lynch, Clerk of the Board, Morris County, dated December 13, 2018, RE: Resolution No. 18, Supporting the New Jersey State Library to continue funding and providing delivery service to public libraries and their respective residents at the present levels.

A communication was received from James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board, Union County, dated December 11, 2018, RE: Resolution No. 2018-967 urging the United States Congress to support gun control measures.

A communication was received from Kim J. Macellaro, RMC, Ewing Township Clerk, dated December 24, 2018, RE: Resolution #18R-210, endorsing the concept of building 180 new miles of Circuit Trail to complete 500 miles of trails in the greater Philadelphia region by 2025.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated December 19, 2018, RE: Minutes and Proposal Results for the Week of November 12, 2018.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated December 19, 2018, RE: Minutes and Proposal Results for the Week of November 26, 2018.

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A communication was received from Brian M Hughes, County Executive, dated December 7, 2018, RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Thomas Clark, Regional Manager NJ Transit, dated January 7, 2019, RE: Princeton Branch Service (Dinky).

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 10, 2019, RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of January 9, 2019.

Freeholder Walter thanked the Administration for their response to her question regarding the Safe Housing Program. She said that she still had some concerns and would like more information regarding the program as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS

Vice-Chair Koontz informed the Board that Ms. Carol Golden was resigning from her position as a member of the Mercer County Community College Board of Trustees. He noted that the Resolution would have to be removed from the Agenda.

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to “Remove from the Agenda” the following proposed Resolution.

Freeholder Colavita moved, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROL GOLDEN AS A MEMBER OF THE
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
“BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Freeholder Cimino

With the exception of Resolutions No. 15 and 20, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Freeholder Frisby moved, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-14, R-16 THROUGH R-19, AND RESOLUTION NO. 21 ON THE AGENDA “**BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Freeholder Cimino

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Walter:

NO. 2019-11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH FREEDOM HOUSE, INC., FOR MALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$20,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2019-12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MERCER ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SYSTEM PLANNING SERVICES IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR). AMOUNT: \$139,600,00 (\$69,800.00 PER YEAR - \$50,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$19,800.00 [CITY OF TRENTON COC FUNDING PER YEAR])

- NO. 2019-13** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH NEW HOPE INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF MALE AND FEMALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$28,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-14** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$559,994.00 (\$279,997.00 PER YEAR - \$207,997.00 [ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$72,000.00 [PEER GROUPING FUNDS PER YEAR])
- NO. 2019-15** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF THE MERCER COUNTY CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE AND FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROJECT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$280,000.00 (\$140,000.00 PER YEAR - \$51,000.00 [FEDERAL TITLE III-B FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$50,000.00 [FEDERAL TITLE III-E FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$12,500.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$12,500.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$26,500.00 [PEER GROUPING FUNDS PER YEAR])

- NO. 2019-16** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF THE SAFE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$100,108.00 (\$50,054.00 PER YEAR - \$45,504.00 [SAFE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$4,550.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS PER YEAR]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-17** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2019 MERCER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, (PROVISION OF PUBLIC LAW 1989, CHAPTER 51). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$925,081.00 (\$819,788.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$105,293.00 [COUNTY MATCH])
- NO. 2019-18** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION (#2019-05235-0373) TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$69,222.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2019-19** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE A GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY, FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$83,384.00 (\$67,508.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$15,876.00 [COUNTY MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2019-20** RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2018-523, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2018 – SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2019 MERCER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, (PROVISION OF PUBLIC LAW 1989, CHAPTER 51). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$1,002,331.00 (\$881,588.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$120,743.00 [COUNTY MATCH])
- NO. 2019-21** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (NJDOLWD) FOR THE USE OF SPACE BY THE MERCER COUNTY OFFICE OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER) AT STATION PLAZA 4; PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019. TOTAL: \$353,301.03 (FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2019-22** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH KRONICK RESOLUTIONS TO REPRESENT MERCER COUNTY WITH EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS) PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019
- NO. 2019-23** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ACCEPTS THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE DETENTION OF MERCER COUNTY JUVENILES AT THE UNION COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2019. "TERMINATE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT UNDER THE TERMS THAT THE COUNTY OF UNION IS UNABLE TO SATISFY THE OBLIGATION OF THE AGREEMENT." TERMINATION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2019
- NO. 2019-24** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE "SWIFTREACH" EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SERVICE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021
- NO. 2019-25** ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT WORK FOR JAK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION T/A DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADA COMPLIANT CONCRETE CURB RAMPS, CURBS AND ISLANDS ALONG VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

- NO. 2019-26** 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: \$625,000.00; PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 (RFP2018-05)
- NO. 2019-27** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH URBAN ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAXIWAY D TO TAXIWAY G CONNECTOR PROJECT DESIGN AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 21, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20, 2019. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$364,000.00
- NO. 2019-28** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (REMOVE OBSTRUCTIONS-RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE) AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 10, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$133,000.00
- NO. 2019-29** REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES J. SCHULZ, JR., TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

Absent – Freeholder Cimino

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Frisby:

NO. 2019-30 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF VALLEY ROAD TRUSS, BRIDGE NO. 211.4, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY INCREASE TO CONTRACT: \$82,819.33 (5.79%) REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,510,962.93

ADOPTED:

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

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

Abstain - Freeholder Walter

Absent- Freeholder Cimino

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

NO. 2019-31 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-708, ADOPTED DECEMBER 11, 2014 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 4) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC., RELATED TO THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE & OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$15,000.00 (+3.8%). REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$410,000.00

Freeholder Walter felt the additional costs requested by C & S Engineers were unwarranted. She said the lack of understanding was a failure on their behalf and the County should not be liable to pay the additional funds.

ADOPTED:

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

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

Nays- Freeholder Walter

Absent – Freeholder Cimino

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, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Melker, and Walter

Absent – Freeholder Cimino

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2019

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Cimino called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on January 8, 2019, 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, Koontz, Melker and Walter
Absent – Freeholder Frisby (Arrived at 6:32 PM)

Chair Cimino 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.

Freeholder Cannon requested a moment of silence for Michelle C. Vuocolo, who was employed by the Mercer County Board of Social Services and for Ms. Delores Baker's brother, Mr. Kenneth Kelley.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ten (10) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 10, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-One (21) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 10, 2019.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Mercer County Board of Social Services for the provision of the Safe Housing and Transportation Project.

She explained that this program allows for vendors to enter into senior citizens homes and perform basic home repairs. Freeholder Walter asked if the people providing the work are required to have background checks completed.

Mr. David Miller, Deputy County Administrator explained that these services are up to the homeowner and vendors are not subject to background checks.

Freeholder Walter commented that she would want any person performing work on behalf of the County to have background checks completed.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Kronick Resolutions to represent Mercer County with Employee Disciplinary Hearings and Investigations. She mentioned that many local firms specialize in this sort of work and asked why they were not considered before a Jersey City firm.

Mr. Miller responded that Mr. Kronick has worked with the County of Mercer previously and it was a positive experience. He mentioned that Mr. Kronick was also formerly employed with the firm of Genova Burns whom the County also has had an exemplary relationship with.

Chair Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing the early termination of the Shared Service Agreement with the County of Union for the detention of Mercer County Juveniles at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center.

He asked the Administration if they were working with any other counties to house Mercer County juveniles.

Mr. Miller responded that Burlington County and Union County were alternate County facilities used to house juveniles. He added that the State of New Jersey requires two Counties and that presently the Administration was in discussion with Ocean County since Union County was no longer a viable option.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc., to provide additional consulting services and conduct an Environmental Assessment at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She was concerned with the increased amount of funding for the contract.

Freeholder Walter felt that the Freeholders' original concerns were not heard by C & S Engineers and because of this the County should not be responsible for the additional costs.

Chair Cimino suggested additional information be provided to the Board for the additional expenditures and requested an itemized list of all components. He also questioned if C & S Engineers have offices located in New Jersey and if the County has to pay for any travel expenses.

Mr. Miller responded that he would forward that information to the Board at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Koontz mentioned that a few years ago a group of Hightstown High School students attended a Freeholder Meeting to discuss a bill that regarded unsolved civil rights cases from the 1950s and 1960s. He informed the Board that the bill was introduced and subsequently passed into law on January 8th, 2019. Freeholder Koontz was extremely proud of the students who made this bill happen and applauded them for all of their hard work.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter discussed the upcoming census and asked if Administration had any plans to do campaign billboards encouraging residents to complete the census forms. She stated that investing in the census will have greater payoff in the long run.

Chair Cimino asked if the Freeholders could do something collectively to help spread the word.

Mr. Miller stated that he would ask Mr. Mair, County Administrator, for further instruction on the matter.

Chair Cimino asked if the County had any plans for the billboard located on the New Jersey Turnpike. He said the billboard would be a great way to advertise different things pertaining to County business.

Mr. Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, responded that there were significant issues raised by the Department of Transportation to raise the current height of the billboard over the sound barrier.

He explained that there are on-going discussions with the Robbinsville Board of Education and so he did not have any definitive answers.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

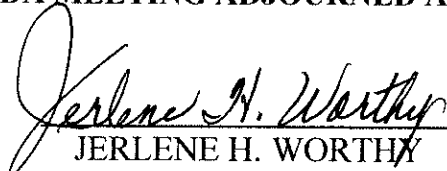
Ms. Ellen Coyote, a Hamilton resident, addressed the Board. She discussed the ongoing issues with deer hunting throughout Mercer County Park. Ms. Coyote expressed her concerns of public safety and killing wildlife. She attended meetings at the Park Commission and was looking for further direction.

Chair Cimino explained that the Executive Director of the Park Commission was Aaron T. Watson and he would be more informed to answer her concerns regarding the deer hunt.

Freeholder Walter explained that the hunt is setup with the public's safety first and foremost. She stated that the hunters are located in treetop stands and can oversee the deer from above. Freeholder Walter added that the deer are an on-going issue to residents and they have got to be eradicated.

Ms. Coyote thanked the Freeholder Board for their time.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:57 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD