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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

MINUTES

Chair Cimino called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on September 26, 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, Melker, Walter and Cimino
Absent- Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Cimino 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Wong – President of Mercer County Community College

Chair Cimino introduced Dr. Jianping Wang. She was present tonight to give the Board an update on Mercer County Community College (MCCC).

Dr. Wang was pleased to announce that currently student enrollment was approximately 7,000 students. She explained that was on both campuses; West Windsor and the James Kearney campus located in downtown Trenton. Dr. Wang was excited to announce that many students' whose families made \$65,000 a year or less were now eligible for free community college tuition. Dr. Wang was pleased that every student in need of financial assistance was being helped by this initiative. She went on to discuss the many new and exciting programs that MCCC has to offer its students. One program was located right here in the City of Trenton and Dr. Wang explained that MCCC signed a twenty year lease to house a health and wellness education center. She said that this center would provide low or no cost dental services to urban children and families all the while allowing students to learn in the newly added dental hygiene program. Dr. Wang also discussed the Dress for Success program, which would be eligible to both men and women; helping them draft resumes and provide clothing for individuals who had potential job interviews. She went on to discuss the programs created to help Government employees get their degrees. Dr. Wang explained the partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOLE) would assist employees finish their degrees by allowing them to take the necessary courses. She explained that the numerous initiatives occurring at MCCC were to the benefit of the students and she was extremely happy with the progress.

The Freeholder Board collectively thanked Dr. Wang for all of her hard work and dedication to the students and staff at MCCC.

Mr. Terry West – 2020 Census

Mr. Terry West, a resident of the City of Trenton, addressed the Board. He explained that he was involved in the Mercer County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee; which began meeting twice a month since June 2019. Mr. West was pleased that many residents from the local community have committed to helping with the 2020 Census. He discussed all of the different municipalities in Mercer County who he has touched base with and who are eager to participate in the process. Mr. West mentioned that the 2020 Census kick-off will be February 12th, President Lincoln's birthday; and will be held at the new Trenton Central High School.

He was adamant about the importance of the census and the funding that it provides to the residents of Mercer County. Mr. West said many municipalities were underfunded due to the lack of census information available. He mentioned that the City of Trenton, Hamilton and Ewing were the most vulnerable areas due to many residents not filling out their information and completing previous years' census.

Freeholder Walter asked how the local libraries were going to be utilized.

Mr. West explained that each resident would receive a postcard with an identifier on it and allow registration to be completed online. He mentioned that residents could also call in if internet capabilities were not available. Mr. West stated that questionnaires were left at different libraries and local businesses offered their help to residents who need assistance when filling out the census. He explained that the Polish and Ukrainian Churches have offered residents of the community assistance in filling out their information as well. Mr. West added that a Grant of \$450,000.00 has been offered to the County and will assist in the effort of purchasing used tablets permitting more services to residents when completing the census.

Freeholder Walter was concerned mostly with the senior citizens in the area. She explained that her mother no longer accepts phone calls because she is hard of hearing. Freeholder Walter also mentioned the lack of internet accessibility when completing the census online. She asked Mr. West if he had any ideas in place to counteract this issue.

Mr. West said volunteers would help the process along tremendously. He also mentioned that Ms. Jennifer Jones-Hamilton, who was the representative from the Census Bureau, would be able to hire local residents to assist in the process and guide the senior citizens through the entire process.

Freeholder Colavita said that three Mercer County municipalities were vulnerable; he asked how Mr. West would combat the residents and their fears when filling out the census.

Mr. West reiterated that this was the main purpose of the Complete Count Committee. He said local businesses have offered safe places for undocumented residents to go and fill out the census. Mr. West said it was important to make residents feel safe, but was aware it would be difficult getting people engaged in the process.

The Freeholder Board collectively thanked Mr. West for all of his efforts and volunteering his time to the 2020 Census. They applauded him for doing such a phenomenal job.

Mr. West also wanted to update the Board regarding the Mercer Cemetery at Trenton. He informed the Board that he was able to bring county facilities and the SLAP Program to help clean up the cemetery. Mr. West noted how neglected the area was and spoke of falling trees and broken monuments making the area almost impossible to walk through. He mentioned the County recently creating the Mercer County Cemetery Board and how they partnered with the City of Trenton. Mr. West was pleased to announce that the volunteers removed six of the largest and most destructive dead trees as well as crushed headstones. He noted that the gates to the cemetery could now be opened and the grass was cut and debris was removed. Mr. West explained this was tremendous progress and they were able to inventory all of the individuals buried within the cemetery. He also spoke of an initiative involving PSE&G, where they would install 20 Victorian style light posts and a Grant with the Historical Society of Trenton which would provide fencing around the cemetery.

The Board was extremely pleased with all of the progress and thanked Mr. West for taking on this task.

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

The following residents were present this evening to voice their concerns regarding the Award of Negotiated Contract to Rohrer Enterprises, Inc., for two freightliner or equivalent buses, 37000 LB GVWR Chassis, Front Engine; 47 Passenger for Inmate Transportation for the Mercer County Correction Center in an amount not to exceed: \$357,780.00.

Mr. Kamam Kujichagulia, a resident of the City of Trenton, addressed the Board. He discussed his strong opposition to the County purchasing a larger passenger van for transporting inmates from the Mercer County Correction Center (MCCC). He was adamant about the cost and felt that if there was discussion about possibly closing the MCCC, then that purchase was unnecessary. Mr. Kujichagulia felt the Board should put funding into programs for children in the City of Trenton or drug and alcohol prevention education. He felt the residents of the City of Trenton were slighted and that issued needed to be addressed.

Ms. Lydia Thornton, a resident of the City of Trenton, addressed the Board. She questioned proposed Resolution R-7, which was a proposed Resolution executing a Competitive Contract with The Rescue Mission of Trenton for the provision of a Cooperative Sober Living Residence for Mercer County. Ms. Thornton asked if this residence was for men only.

Freeholder Walter commented that the residence would house only four men.

Ms. Thornton went on to discuss her opposition to the purchase of the inmate passenger van as well. She spoke about the inmate population declining due to bail reform and felt this was a needless purchase.

Mr. Howard Schulz, a resident of Hamilton, felt the purchase of two vans were excessive as well. He was also concerned with the possibility of the jail closing and the unnecessary expenditure.

Ms. Lillian Nazzaro, Deputy County Counsel, explained that the inmates need to be transported regardless if the MCCC is in full operating order or not. She explained these vehicles are equipped with safety measures necessary to assist the Correction Officers in safer transport to court appearances and other necessary travel. Ms. Nazzaro reiterated that these buses would also be used if the jail eventually closed because inmate transportation would still occur. She said the purchase was necessary because the vehicles presently used were older and not well equipped for the corrections' officers' or inmates.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Diane Guterrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation, dated July 26, 2019, RE: FY 2020 County Aid Program Allotment from the New Jersey Transportation Fund.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated September 11, 2019, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of September 9, 2019.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated September 12, 2019, RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated September 26, 2019, RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of September 24, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Freeholder Walter, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-25, ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

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

NO. 2019-424 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE CITY OF TRENTON AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR THE PROVISION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$31,609.25

- NO. 2019-425** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS COUNTY OF MERCER 2019 OPERATION HELPING HANDS GRANT PROGRAM. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$100,000.00
- NO. 2019-426** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS COUNTY OF MERCER 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE (EMAA) GRANT FUNDS FOR AMOUNT: \$55,000.00
- NO. 2019-427** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR A 2017 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY, TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT: \$2,365,900.00
- NO. 2019-428** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 469, (ENGINEER TECHNICAL STAFF) AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER (5) YEAR CONTRACT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
- NO. 2019-429** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF A COOPERATIVE SOBER LIVING RESIDENCE (CSLR) FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING IN RECOVERY. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$104,669.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2019-430** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. AMOUNT: \$31,609.25 (CITY MATCH FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-431** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A CONTRACT WITH PROACT, INC., TO PROVIDE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGEMENT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$8,000,000.00 (RFP2018-01)
- NO. 2019-432** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CO-SPONSORSHIP GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR THE DIVISION OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE TO ADMINISTER THE 53RD ANNUAL STATEWIDE SENIOR CITIZEN ART SHOW. GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,000.00; PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020
- NO. 2019-433** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS MERCER COUNTY RESCUE SQUADS TO PROVIDE LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES. TOTAL: \$24,000.00

NO. 2019-434 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, LABORATORIES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (LINCS) GRANT PHLP20LNC009). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: \$286,244.00 (STATE FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2019-435 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-226, ADOPTED MAY 7, 2017 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROJECT CHANGE NOTICE (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH VESTA SOLUTIONS (F/K/A AIRBUS DS COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWER UPGRADES TO THE P25 RADIO SYSTEM – AMEND RESOLUTION TO DECREASE THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT BY \$30,198.24. REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT: \$887,010.76 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD

NO. 2019-436 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE ALL SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM/FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER (SART/FNE) PROGRAM THROUGH THE VICTIMES OF CRIME ACT VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$114,948.00 (FEDERAL \$91,958.00; COUNTY MATCH: \$22,990.00) PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. GRANT NO: VS-35B-17

- NO. 2019-437** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH PRINCETON INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES DBA AS INLINGUA FOR TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$80,000.00
- NO. 2019-438** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH J&J COURT TRANSCRIBERS, INC., FOR TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$80,000.00
- NO. 2019-439** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF KEVIN M. WOLFE, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SURROGATE'S OFFICE WITH DIFFICULT AND UNCOMMON SURROGATE COURT SUBMISSIONS AND TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE SURROGATE'S OFFICE HANDLING OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE PART CALENDAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$69,000.00; PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2019-440** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, LLC FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT FOR AUTO RENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT OF THE GROSS REVENUE DERIVED FROM AIRPORT RENTALS OR MINIMUM ANNUAL GUARANTEED REVENUE OF \$212,012.00 PER YEAR; MINIMUM FIXED BASE RENTAL FEE FOR COUNTER AND PARKING SPACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,174.00) PERIOD: NOVEMBER 7, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2020 (AB2017-27)
- NO. 2019-441** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR ALL COUNTY AGENCIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020
- NO. 2019-442** AWARD OF NEGOTIATED CONTRACT TO ROHRER ENTERPRISES INC., FOR TWO FREIGHTLINER OR EQUIVALENT BUSES, 37000 LB GVWR CHASSIS, FRONT ENGINE; 47 PASSENGER FOR INMATE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER TO BE EQUIPPED WITH WATCH GUARD DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM OR EQUIVALENT. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$357,780.00. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 (AB2019-21N)
- NO. 2019-443** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 19, 2019 TO C.J. HESSE, INC., FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TAXIWAY F FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$4,349,095.15 (BASE BID \$4,022,695.15; BID ALTERNATE: \$326,400.00) TERM: 120 WORKING DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (AB2019-32)

- NO. 2019-444** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 11, 2019 TO TEC ELEVATOR INC., FOR ELEVATOR AND CHAIR LIFT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$183,000.00. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021. (AB2019-34)
- NO. 2019-445** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 11, 2019 TO C.J. HESSE, INC., FOR THE SCOTCH ROAD OVERFLOW PARKING LOT FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$6,246,268.59. TERM: TO BE COMPLETED 120 DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED. (AB2019-30)
- NO. 2019-446** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED AUGUST 27, 2019 TO SYMPHONY DIAGNOSTICS SERVICES NO. 1, LLC DBA MOBILEX USA FOR MOBILE RADIOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$90,410.00. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (AB2019-38B)
- NO. 2019-447** REAPPOINTMENTS OF SCOTT ELLIS, LAURIE EMDE AND KRISTINE WALSH TO THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BOARD
- NO. 2019-448** REAPPOINTMENTS OF PAUL PENNA AND SAMUEL M. RUBINO TO THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

Absent – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Ordinance Introduction, seconded by Freeholder Colavita:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON LAWRENCE STATION ROAD (CR 608), TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

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

Absent – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

Freeholder Walter offered the following Ordinance Introduction, seconded by Freeholder Cannon:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PLAN OF THE OPTIONAL COUNTY CHARTER LAW (N.J.S.A. 40:41A-ET SEQ.)

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

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

Absent – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

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

The following residents were present this evening to discuss the Mercer County Special Services School District (MCSSSD) and the on-going contract negotiations.

Ms. Maureen Welsh, a resident of Hamilton, addressed the Board. She said she was concerned with the lack of members on the MCSSSD Board. Ms. Welsh explained that there was a shortage and in recent months a meeting was cancelled because they did not have a quorum. She felt this was unacceptable. Ms. Welsh also spoke about the on-going contract negotiations and the lack of communication. She discussed the fact that many teachers have been working without a contract for over two years and the mounting frustration because of it. Ms. Welsh felt that the teachers of MCSSSD deserved a fair and equitable contract.

Ms. Eileen Pascanni, a resident of Pennsylvania, addressed the Board. She stated that she too was a teacher at the MCSSSD and discussed her concerns with working without a contract. Ms Pascanni urged the Board to assist in reaching a fair outcome.

ADJOURNMENT

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

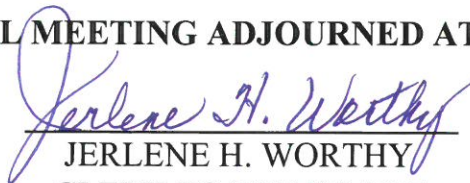
VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM



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INFORMAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Cimino called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. on September 24, 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, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Cimino

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nine (9) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of September 26, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-five (25) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of September 26, 2019.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute Agreements with various Mercer County Rescue Squads to provide life support services. She asked the Administration if all of the rescue squads received their funding.

Mr. David Miller, County Treasurer, said that all funds should have been disbursed.

Mr. Andrew Mair, County Administrator, explained that the only town that might have a question of eligibility was Princeton, because their squad is mixed.

Freeholder Cannon added that Squad 2 in East Windsor was back in good standing and should be eligible for funding.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing a Professional Service Contract (awarded through a Non-Fair and Open Process) with Princeton Institute of Languages dba as Inlingua for Transcription Services for the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. She asked the Administration why they were able to bid this service as a Non-Fair and Open Process.

Mr. Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, responded that this firm had the confidentiality and legal expertise regarding the specific services involving the Prosecutor's Office.

Freeholder Koontz made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing Award of Negotiated Contract to Rohrer Enterprises, Inc., for two freightliner or equivalent buses, 37000 LB GVWR Chasis, Front Engine, 47 Passenger for inmate transportation for the Mercer County Correction Center to be equipped with watch guard digital in-car video system or equivalent. Total Amount not to exceed: \$357,780.00. Period: September 23, 2019 through September 22, 2020 (AB2019-21N). He asked if the Administration had the ability to terminate the contract within sixty (60) days without penalty.

Mr. Adezio concurred.

Mr. Miller added that the purchase of these two (2) vehicles was previously considered by the Administration. He said the County would purchase these vehicles regardless of the Agreement with Hudson County to house Mercer County inmates.

Freeholder Walter said the back-up material stated funds were available in the 2019 and 2020 budgets. She felt that information was incorrect.

Mr. Miller explained the funds for this purchase was allotted in the 2018 Capital Budget.

Freeholder Frisby asked what the current capacity of the passenger vehicle was.

Mr. Miller answered that there were 37 seats available.

Mr. Charles Ellis, Warden at the Mercer County Correction Center said the new vehicles could potentially hold 42 inmates, but the vans are retrofitted to accommodate the inmates.

Freeholder Frisby stated the new vehicles would then provide ten (10) more seats.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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2. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PLAN OF THE OPTIONAL COUNTY CHARTER LAW (N.J.S.A. 40:41A-ET SEQ.)

Freeholder Walter discussed numerous changes to the proposed Ordinance regarding the Administrative Code. She spoke about two different items that were listed, but currently not in use. One item was an Airport Advisory Board and the other made reference to the Duck Island Commission. Freeholder Walter mentioned that currently the Duck Island Commission does not exist. She questioned why those items were still listed in the Administrative Code if the County does not use them presently.

Mr. Adezio explained that this was an on-going process and he was hoping the Freeholder Board would review the code and provide recommendations.

Freeholder Walter mentioned that the process was tedious and felt that this was a duty of County Counsel. She was adamant about removing certain items that were no longer valid and/or creating Boards that would serve a purpose presently, such as the Airport Advisory Board.

Freeholder Koontz suggested the Board be provided with deletions and additions to the Administrative Code ensuring correctness throughout the reviewing process.

Mr. Adezio said he would bring these concerns back to the vendor, who was revising the Administrative Code. He explained that he would bring a revised copy before the Board with their corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon spoke of attending the ribbon cutting that occurred at the new extension services building. She talked about the improved working conditions and how beautiful the new building was.

Freeholder Walter mentioned that she and Freeholder Melker recently visited the Hudson County jail. She spoke about touring the facility and saw the section where Mercer County inmates would possibly be housed. She was pleased with the accommodations; and spoke of the numerous programs available to assist inmates such as an in-house drug program.

Freeholder Melker mentioned an email that she received from West Windsor Township discussing the possibility of a single use plastic bag exchange. She said they were looking for the Freeholders' support on this issue.

Mr. Michael Herbert, Esq., Board Counsel, replied that this was preempted by State Statute and then vetoed by the Governor. He stated the issue violated the state taxing provisions and this matter should be dealt with on the State level.

Freeholder Koontz added that the Administration has been doing a wonderful job through social media urging residents to utilize reusable bags. He was concerned with recycling and throwing everything into one bin. Freeholder Koontz felt that sort separation needed to be re-implemented to ensure people recycled properly.

PUBLIC SECTION

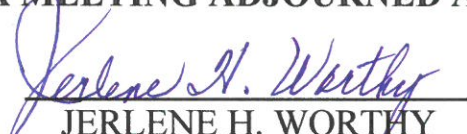
At this time, Chair Cimino invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

Suzanna McGee, a resident of Hamilton, addressed the Freeholder Board with her concern regarding complaints at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She said she recently filed an OPRA request and has not received information on the matter. Ms. McGee was requesting voicemail complaints that were deleted by staff of the Trenton- Mercer airport. She asked if there were any new guidelines set in place as to how this matter should be handled in the future.

County Administrator Mair replied that a request was made to Deputy Administrator, Aaron T. Watson, and the Administration was aware of the matter.

Chair Cimino felt that the Freeholders' should also be made aware of the new process. He was hopeful the Administration would figure out a solution.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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