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BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Chair Koontz called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. on January 23, 2020 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, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz  
Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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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.

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

There were no comments.

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**2020 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS**

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, presented the 2020 State of the County Address to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. (See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

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Chair Koontz mentioned that the following dignitaries were in attendance of the meeting:

- Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson, 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Mayor of Ewing Township, Bert H. Steinmann
- Mayor of East Windsor Township, Janice S. Mironov
- Hamilton Councilman Anthony Carabelli Jr.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Formal Meeting of September 12, 2019  
Formal Meeting of October 22, 2019

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

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

Formal Meeting of September 26, 2019

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 2. Absent - 1.**

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Melker and Walter

Abstain – Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

A communication was received from the Department of Purchasing, dated January 6, 2020. RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of December 30, 2019.

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A communication was received from the Mayor W. Reed Gusciora, City of Trenton, dated January 17, 2020. RE: Assunpink Creek Daylighting Project, Request to support City's Efforts to Preserve County's South Broad Street Bridge's Historic Perspective.

Freeholder Frisby asked if the Mercer County Planning Department was guiding the Assunpink Creek Daylighting Project in terms of the appearance of initial rendering and what was currently in the works.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, stated that the Bridge Engineer and the Engineer has been involved in the meetings with the City of Trenton and the State of New Jersey, regarding the Bridge. She continued that the State of New Jersey has undertaken the design and construction with federal funds. She concluded that due to the monies coming from the federal government, the State was involved with the design and construction of the bridge.

Freeholder Frisby expressed his concern regarding the County's lack of influence in the design and construction of the bridge.

Freeholder Walter suggested having a State representative attend a meeting to expound on the project.

Freeholder Cimino asked if the County were given the initial opportunity to accept the federal funds to take control of the project.

Freeholder Walter expressed her concerns regarding the safety hazards that would become the County's problem, when the bridge was completed. She asked if there would be a vote from the Freeholder Board to accept the project. Ms. Nazzaro stated that she would get more information.

Freeholder Walter asked what would happen if the Board decided to vote that they were not in favor of the project. Ms. Nazzaro commented that she would follow up and get clarification on the matter.

Freeholder Koontz mentioned that he was interested to see if there was any action that the Freeholder Board took in regards to aforementioned project in the past.

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A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated January 21, 2020. RE: Executive Order 13888 "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement".

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A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated January 21, 2020. RE: Freeholder Questions.

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A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated January 21, 2020. RE: Questions from Freeholder Koontz.

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A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated January 23, 2020. RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of January 21, 2020.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Cimino, that:  
**RESOLUTIONS NO. 1 THROUGH 40, ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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

**NO. 2020-40** COUNTY OF MERCER 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

**NO. 2020-41** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD  
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
CWA LOCAL 1032 (SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS)  
AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR A THREE (3)  
YEAR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER  
31, 2021

**NO. 2020-42** 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 SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
TREATMENT SERVICES – OUTPATIENT (OP) AND  
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT (IOP). PERIOD: JANUARY 1,  
2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT:  
\$95,000.00 (JJC-STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2020-43** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH FREEDOM HOUSE, INC., - DIANE'S HOUSE FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. AMOUNT: \$90,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-44** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HELPING ARMS, INC., FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WITHIN THE INMATE COMMUNITY REENTRY PROGRAM (ICRP). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. AMOUNT: \$48,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-45** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF AN EVENING REPORTING CENTER PROGRAM FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT: \$80,000.00 (\$53,500.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$26,500.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])
- NO. 2020-46** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH LIFE TIES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT: \$60,500.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2020-47** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MERCER COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-48** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF GREATER MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES - MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CASE MANAGEMENT AND STABILIZATION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT: \$135,300.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-49** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHN O. WILSON HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, INC., FOR A MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SITE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$16,476.00 (\$8,238.00 COUNTY FUNDS PER YEAR)
- NO. 2020-50** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 2, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$12,000.00

- NO. 2020-51** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AWARD OF A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH DONNA E. HUNTER FOR THE PROVISION OF REGISTERED DIETITIAN SERVICES - MENU PLANNING AND ANALYSIS, NUTRITION EDUCATION, AND NUTRITION COUNSELING. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$45,360.00 (TITLE III C1 FEDERAL FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-52** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR DATA PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF A CLOUD-BASE SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION OFFICE. PERIOD: JANUARY 10, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2023
- NO. 2020-53** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE 2019 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT-EMPG/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE-(EMAA) SUBAWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. FEDERAL AWARD: \$55,000.00; COUNTY IN-KIND MATCH: \$55,000.00; TOTAL AWARD: \$110,000.00 PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020
- NO. 2020-54** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COVERING THE USF GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH HEATING AND ELECTRICAL COSTS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$275,213.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. (FEDERAL FUNDS \$275,213 - NO COUNTY FUNDS)



- NO. 2020-55** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM YEAR 2019 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (LWD), THE MERCER COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB), AND THE OFFICE OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (MCOTES). AMOUNT: \$5,686,552.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 (PURSUANT TO U.S. DOL AND N.J. LWD GUIDELINES WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021) (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-56** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT PROGRAM FUNDING AND EXECUTE SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM DOCUMENTS AND THE COUNTY TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TRENTON AND HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENTS. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$131,756.00 (\$131,756.00 FEDERAL; \$0.00 COUNTY MATCH)
- NO. 2020-57** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT, VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AMOUNT: \$972,138.00 (\$584,372.00 FEDERAL; \$387,766.00 COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. (GRANT NO: V-11-17)

- NO. 2020-58** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSHIFT, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,075.00
- NO. 2020-59** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO SELL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND KERR RIDGE ASSOCIATES, A NEW JERSEY PARTNERSHIP AND KERR RIDGE FARM, LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL EASEMENTS, A PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT AND ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ON THE KERR FARM, KNOWN AS BLOCK 95, LOT 3 AND BLOCK 98, LOT 15 LOCATED IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$4,510,000.00
- NO. 2020-60** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WITH KATHLEEN WOLFF FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 32, LOT 10, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR. TOTAL COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$415,000.00
- NO. 2020-61** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE RIGGENBACH PROPERTY, KNOWN AS BLOCK 31, LOT 21 IN EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$121,540.00

- NO. 2020-62** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE BENNET PROPERTY, KNOWN AS BLOCK 32, PART OF LOT 13.01, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$96,000.00
- NO. 2020-63** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY F (CONSTRUCT) AND RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY F LIGHTING (CONSTRUCT) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. NJDOT GRANT AMOUNT: \$221,843.00; COUNTY OF MERCER AMOUNT: \$222,843.00. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$444,686.00
- NO. 2020-64** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NV5, INC. TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY (GWB). TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$429,113.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 15, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021
- NO. 2020-65** 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 CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY F (CONSTRUCT) AND RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY F LIGHTING (CONSTRUCT) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 15, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$410,215.00

- NO. 2020-66** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52, ADOPTED JANUARY 24, 2019 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH IH ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 441.4 (STRUCTURE #11D4104), CARRYING LOWER FERRY ROAD OVER SHABAKUNK CREEK, EWING TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$12,240.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$182,240.00"
- NO. 2020-67** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH IMPACT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING CAMERAS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,537.00
- NO. 2020-68** REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED NOVEMBER 15, 2019 FOR THE REBID OF A WATER TANK REPLACEMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. ALL BIDS EXCEED THE COST ESTIMATE (**AB2019-40B**)
- NO. 2020-69** REJECTION OF BID FROM DIVINE PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES, INC., FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR 1440 PARKSIDE AVENUE, EWING, NEW JERSEY, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS (**AB2019-53**)

- NO. 2020-70** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR COUNTY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00. PERIOD: DECEMBER 31, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021(**CK09MERCER2018-37**)
- NO. 2020-71** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 14, 2019 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR GOLF COURSE, PARK MAINTENANCE MATERIALS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM AS AN OPEN-END CONTRACT. AMOUNT: \$379,700.00. PERIOD FROM JANUARY 31, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2021 (**CK09MERCER2019-29**)
- NO. 2020-72** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 26, 2019 TO S & C FACILITY SERVICES, LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT 1589 LAMBERTON ROAD (PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE) AND 1 JOHNSTON AVENUE (VOTING WAREHOUSE). AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$64,987.00 (\$54,587.00 FOR 1589 LAMBERTON ROAD AND \$10,400.00 FOR 1 JOHNSTON AVENUE) PERIOD: JANUARY 13, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2022 (**AB2019-49**)
- NO. 2020-73** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 21, 2019 TO SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY INC., FOR NURSERY SUPPLIES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000.00. PERIOD: DECEMBER 25, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2021 (CK09MERCER2019-25)
- NO. 2020-74** REAPPOINTMENT OF MERCER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL AND ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALS

- NO. 2020-75**           MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES JANUARY AS RADON AWARENESS MONTH
- NO. 2020-76**           MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTS THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO CONTINUE WELCOMING REFUGEES WHO ARE FLEEING HARM AND SEEKING SAFETY
- NO. 2020-77**           COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A DESIGN PHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION D/B/A AMTRAK FOR THE DESIGN OF LINCOLN AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. ESTIMATED COST: \$241,340.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-78**           COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE (E.U.S) CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH TOMAHAWK STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND TRAINING IN THREAT DE-ESCALATION/IDENTIFICATION THROUGH TOMAHAWK STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS BASIC CLOSE QUARTERS CLEARING (CQC) METHODOICAL CLEARANCE COURSE. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,348.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

**NO. 2020-79** RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$49,057,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020, OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS

**ADOPTED: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.**  
Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz  
Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Freeholder Walter commented that she and some of the Freeholders attended the Mercer County Police Academy commencement held in the gymnasium at Mercer County Community College.

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Freeholder Cannon announced that New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) will be holding their Annual Reorganization Meeting & Swearing-In, where Freeholder Cimino would be sworn in as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

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**ON-GOING BUSINESS**

Terry West, Mercer County Community Affairs, gave an update on the 2020 Census. He stated that there was a 2020 Census Kick-off event in the auditorium of Trenton Central High School on February 12<sup>th</sup>. He added that there would be a meeting with various advocates and organizations that represent people with disabilities.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Cimino asked to have a Double Meeting on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to be able to attend the YWCA Princeton's Tribute to Women Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. He announced that Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, will be one of the 2020 Tribute to Women Honorees.

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Chair Koontz commented that he began to plan the on-the-road meetings and was interested in having one in Hamilton Township and perhaps Hopewell Township.

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Ms. Worthy announced that County Clerk, Paula Sollami Covello, Esq., would like to attend a meeting to share her five-year plan with the Freeholder Board.

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Freeholder Frisby stated that Trenton launched the What I Need (WIN) application that would give resources for food, transportation, job opportunities, shelter, etc.

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

**At this time, Chair Koontz invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.**

**There were no comments.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION**

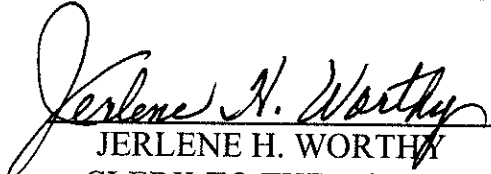
**Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.**

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

Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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**FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM**

  
JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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**State of the County Address**  
**Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes, Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020**

Freeholder Chair Andrew Koontz and members of the Board, I am pleased to deliver to you the 2020 State of the County.

I am also pleased to report that the state of our Great County is strong and healthy as we begin a new year, a new decade, and a new term for this administration.

I thank everyone for being here tonight. I would especially like to thank my Chief of Staff, Kelly Ganges, who has been with me every step of the way.

I am eager to finish projects we have begun, and to identify new initiatives that provide the best government to our constituents in the most cost-effective manner possible.

One of the most significant projects under way is the replacement of our passenger terminal at Trenton-Mercer Airport with a much-needed modern facility. The Environmental Assessment for the proposed new terminal – which is being done at the direction of, and in full compliance with, the Federal Aviation Administration – is still under review by the FAA. We believe we have met their requirements thus far, and their response is overdue. I am eager to see this project move forward, but until we hear from the FAA, we are in a holding pattern.

Enhancing our airport to meet the needs of today's travelers strengthens the regional economy and overall transportation network, which are part of Mercer's appeal as a desirable place to live and work. First-rate educational opportunities, exciting cultural offerings and a vibrant business community are other key ingredients that help produce a high quality of life in our Capital County.

A second ongoing project is the consolidation plan for our Correction Center. The plan that was approved by this board last October will save Mercer taxpayers \$12 million while preserving the job of every single officer. My administration, along with this board, worked extremely hard to satisfy the needs of each and every stakeholder. We stand by our commitment to bring this plan to fruition.

This administration has kept a commitment to excellence in all areas of County government, from economic development to human services to transportation & infrastructure and more. But two areas I would like to focus on tonight that are vital to our well-being and personal growth are open space and recreation, which we have always prioritized and have worked hard to provide.

I am proud of the fact that we have been involved in preserving more than 6,300 acres since I became County Executive. Freeholders, you have before you tonight, a resolution to purchase the development rights of almost 400 acres – Kerr Farm – one of the largest farm parcels available to us. In 2019, our Planning Department provided grants resulting in four new preserved properties in Hamilton and Hopewell Township. For 2020, the

Open Space Board has approved grants for six more properties in our towns of Hopewell, Princeton, Robbinsville and East Windsor. All told, more than 20 percent of land in Mercer County is forever preserved.

When it comes to recreation, we want there to be a wide variety of options so there is something for everyone in every segment of our communities.

Since 2006, our Mercer at Play program has resulted in more than 30 recreational projects across every one of our towns by using County capital funds matched by outside contributions. Some towns have completed projects under Mercer at Play 2, and in 2019 the Freeholder Board approved grant agreements for recreation projects in Ewing, Lawrence, Princeton, Trenton, and West Windsor, plus a joint effort by East Windsor and Hightstown. From a monetary standpoint, the return on our investment in Mercer at Play has been good. From a quality-of-life standpoint, I believe the return on our investment will be much greater.

We have continued to build and upgrade recreational facilities in our excellent park system. Among the many new offerings this past year were an award-winning bike-share program; overnight camping at Mercer County Park; and a trail-riding program that provides a low-cost first exposure to horses and horseback riding.

Looking ahead, the Park Commission is developing a new passive recreation park at the junction of Hamilton, Robbinsville, and West Windsor. The draft Master Plan calls for the creation of 64 acres of native meadows and 34 acres of reforested land within the 279-acre property.

We are excited about a potential future park facility that is a little farther off. Anyone who has encountered the dump trucks on Route 29 is aware of the Moores Station Quarry site at Pleasantville Road in Hopewell Township, adjacent to the Baldpate Mountain Preserve.

In anticipation of its future management of the site, when the current lease to Trap Rock Industries concludes in 2023, the Park Commission and County Planning Department are beginning a process to retain a qualified landscape architect consultant to aid in developing a Master Plan for the site. The Master Plan would identify potential options for the restoration and redevelopment of the property as a park, while considering the site's engineering constraints, sensitive environmental areas, township regulations, and the County's goals and budget. It is the County's goal to eventually integrate the quarry property into our Baldpate Mountain Management Plan. This is a project you will be hearing more about as it progresses.

As important as it is to preserve open space and create recreational amenities for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors, it is just as important that we protect those investments by being good stewards of our land.

Stewardship of county-owned properties is an ongoing cooperative effort of the Park Commission and Planning Department. Here are just a few examples of that effort from the past year:

- The stewardship team partnered with Ewing Township to complete two environmentally friendly lawn-to-meadow conversions in 2019, one at the Ewing Senior and Community Center and the other at Village on the Green, a neighborhood in Ewing.
- The County completed two projects on open space properties in the Crosswicks Creek area, as well as one lawn-to-meadow conversion at Roebbling Park in Hamilton. These projects restored 13 acres of County land into habitat for native wildlife.
- A total of 4,200 native trees and shrubs were planted as part of two riparian restoration projects in Hopewell Township. Once established, these plantings will reduce erosion, mitigate flooding, filter contaminants from water, and supply food for native wildlife and pollinators.
- The first urban pollinator pocket -- with hundreds of grasses, flowers and ferns -- was installed in South Riverwalk Park, as part of the first Trenton River Days Fair.

And I would like to point out that stewardship is a communitywide endeavor: A total of 2,756 volunteer hours were dedicated to stewardship efforts in 2019. Thank you to the many citizens and community groups that have taken part.

On a different topic, I want to reiterate that I recognize the need to have secure and reliable voting machines that have a voter-verified paper trail. This continues to be a top priority for this administration, and with the Freeholder Board's support, we will make the necessary investment to have new machines in place as soon as possible.

One more thing I want to emphasize tonight is the importance of participating in the upcoming 2020 census. The census helps determine the amount of federal funding our County receives and helps us plan for the future. Obtaining a complete and accurate count is crucial.

We have been working for the past year to engage our communities in the Census, so our constituents are prepared to respond. Complete Count Committees have been set up, and we recently received a \$164,000 state grant to help us reach hard-to-count populations such as non-native English speakers, homeless persons, college students, veterans, and others.

The impact of the Census is enormous. It is incumbent upon all of us to help spread the word.

Thank you for your time tonight. I am proud to be County Executive of the Greatest County. I look forward to working with this board to continue moving this County forward and improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors. Thank you.



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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**INFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Chair Koontz called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. on January 21, 2020 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 Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz  
Absent – Freeholder Colavita

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

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**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.

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## **PRESENTATION**

At this time, Chair Koontz announced that Zechen (Peter) Wei, a senior at Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science, was in attendance to receive recognition for breaking the Guinness World Record for the fastest quadcopter ascent to 100 meters, with a record time of 2.732 seconds. The Freeholder Board congratulated him and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

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Chair Koontz announced that Sergeant Jeremy Stewart from the Mercer County Sheriff Office was in attendance to discuss the purpose of the Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (E.U.S) Contract with Tomahawk Strategic Solutions. Sgt. Stewart explained that the Contract would address the concerns regarding de-escalation tactics that was expressed during the procurement process for the armored vehicle. He added that the entire team would attend the training course.

Chair Koontz asked if other companies provide similar services. Sgt. Stewart described that other companies provide a host of tactical services, but he has not seen a company that had the philosophy and experience of Tomahawk Strategic Solutions.

Freeholder Cimino thanked Sgt. Stewart for listening to the Freeholder Board's previous concerns regarding the armored vehicle.

Freeholder Walter asked how many times the armored vehicle was utilized. Sgt. Stewart answered that the vehicle was utilized twice, once in Princeton and another in Ewing Township. Freeholder Walter asked if he felt the utilization of the vehicle were appropriate for the two instances. Sgt. Stewart agreed that having the vehicle on scene was entirely appropriate and expressed that trying to accomplish the jobs without the vehicle would have put them at a significant disadvantage.

Chair Koontz thanked Sgt. Stewart for attending the meeting to explain the details of the Contract.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 23, 2020.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the Communication from the Purchasing Department, regarding the Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of December 30, 2019. She expressed her concern about the wide range of bid responses in terms of cost. She asked to have clarification as to why the wide range occurred.

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Freeholder Frisby made reference to the Communication from the Mayor W. Reed Gusciora, City of Trenton, regarding the Assunpink Creek Daylighting Project. He expressed his concerns about how the original rendering looked nothing like what was currently there and what was being proposed. He added that no one would be able to utilize the current space because of the way it was developed and designed. He suggested that there needs to be communicate with the Department of Transportation regarding the end product and what was expected for the City of Trenton with this particular project.

Chair Koontz stated that he believed there would be a Resolution to come before the Freeholder Board at some point for approval.

Paul Adezio, County Counsel suggested that the aforementioned communication be shared with the Mercer County Department of Transportation.

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Chair Koontz made reference to the Communication from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, regarding the Executive Order 13888 "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement". He thanked the Administration for drafting the letter, which represented the proposed Resolution on the Agenda. He asked to adopt language into the Resolution that illustrates the support of the County Executive.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Forty (40) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 23, 2020.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing the County of Mercer 2020 Temporary Budget Additional Appropriations. She asked for an update on the Temporary Budget. David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer expressed that the Temporary Budget represented up to 50% of salary and wages of last year and it would move all contracted services and utilities to 100% of last year. He added that it would also put the money in the budget for the flags for the Veterans Center.

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Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to reconstruct Taxiway F (Construct) and Reconstruct Taxiway F Lighting (Construct) Project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She highlighted that the project was part of a 4-million-dollar project and that there were various projects that come before the Freeholder Board almost every set of meetings. She asked why the County was not bundling projects to hit the 5-million-dollar threshold to qualify for a Project Labor Agreement.

Chair Koontz emphasized that the County seemed to be responding to a grant application, where the grantee is setting the specifics as to what they would grant funds for. He asked how flexible would the grantee be in terms of what projects they would fund.

Freeholder Walter explained that she was told that a Project Labor Agreement was possible. She added that it did not matter if it was grant, because if they were expending money on a project and it was the projected expense, then that is what would get them to the 5-million-dollar threshold. She recommended a thorough review on the possibilities of a Project Labor Agreement. Freeholder Cimino concurred.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, stated that she would get back to them with an answer.

Vice-Chair Frisby concurred with Freeholder Walter. He added that he would hope there was an opportunity for small or minority-owned businesses in the County to get a chance at these types of projects, considering the adoption of the Set-Aside Ordinance.

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Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute an Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with IH Engineers to provide preliminary engineering design services for Mercer County Bridge No. 441.4, Carrying Lower Ferry Road over Shabakunk Creek, Ewing Township, County of Mercer. She asked if bridge projects can be done through a Project Labor Agreement. Ms. Nazzaro answered that she would look into it.



Freeholder Cimino made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with (awarded through a fair and open process) Urban Engineers, Inc., to provide construction administration, management and inspection to reconstruct Taxiway F (Construct) and Reconstruct Taxiway F Lighting (Construct) Project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. He commented that he understood that Urban Engineers, Inc. had been doing a lot of the preliminary assessment for the terminal project. However, he mentioned that there were a lot of qualified engineering companies that could potentially provide the aforementioned services. He added that he did not understand why the County continuously used one engineering firm for consecutive projects.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Freeholder Koontz thanked Michael Herbert, Jr., Board Counsel, for the communication that followed up on the plastic bag ban law. Mr. Herbert stated that Camden County had passed an Ordinance that bans plastic bags at various County-owned facilities and events. However, he stated that there were some preemption issues with passing a plastic bag ban law.

Freeholder Koontz asked if it were possible to see an Ordinance drafted. He asked for the Administration to take a look at the impact on potentially passing an Ordinance for the ban of plastic straws, bags and Styrofoam.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Frisby commented that he had the opportunity to visit Trenton Central High School, where the Smith Family Foundation recently announced that they were going to be doing a \$40,000 dollar scholarship for a high school student from Trenton Central High School each year. He expressed that he was really proud of the work they were doing to impact the entire County.

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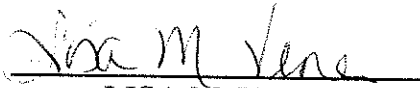
**PUBLIC SECTION**

**At this time, Chair Koontz invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.**

**There were no comments.**

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**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 PM**



**LISA M. VENA  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD**

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