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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF MAY 14, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Chair Koontz called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. on May 14, 2020 through Cisco Webex Video Conferencing.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Clerk to the Board:

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

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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.

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Koontz asked to have a moment of silence for Philomena Radice Povia, mother of former Freeholder Research Director JoAnn Povia.

He recognized the front-line health care workers and all of the emergency responders who served to protect everyone throughout the crisis.

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

Dr. Robin R. Karf, resident of Princeton, New Jersey, asked for clarification on the communication from Lillian L. Nazzaro, County Administrator, regarding Freeholder Questions for May 12, 2020 Informal Agenda Meeting.

Dr. Karf commented that she would like to understand more clearly on what the plans of the expansion projects of 2020 would be. She requested a status report on the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) for 2020.

Ms. Nazzaro specified that Dr. Karf would have to make an OPRA request for information. Dr. Karf stated that she had not been able to receive any responses to her OPRA requests.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, explained that the County Offices are not fully staffed and that there are many unanswered OPRA requests due to the Executive Orders from the Governor during this unprecedented time.

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Donald Wilcox, member of Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management (BRRAM), asked for a list of current major projects at the airport. Chair Koontz answered that the main project at the airport that had been on the Freeholder Board's Agenda for a number of years was the replacement of the current terminal.

Mr. Wilcox asked if the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) was ongoing. Chair Koontz confirmed that the RPZ was ongoing.

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Wendy Sturgeon, resident of Hamilton Township, thanked the County Executive and Freeholder Board on keeping the County informed and updated about the Coronavirus.

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Dr. Debra L. Baseman, asked for clarification on the Passenger Facility Fees and the 10 million dollars in the Capital Budget for the Air Traffic Control Tower.

David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, explained that the Passenger Facility Fees are used for a list of items including the construction of a terminal, with the exception of the areas that were rented out to a third party, such as an airline or concessionaire. He commented that at the current time they did not have Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding to build an air traffic control tower. He added that the County proposed the air traffic control tower in the Capital Budget which can often take many years to get started.

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Glenn Reitmeier, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, mentioned that he believed it was risky and irresponsible to proceed with any airport expansion plan at this time. He strongly recommended that the Freeholder Board consider freezing all airport expansion plans at this time.

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Suzanna McGee, resident of Ewing, New Jersey, ask that her comments and questions be read into the record. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

Chair Koontz mentioned that he forwarded Ms. McGee's questions to Lillian L. Nazzaro, County Administrator, for answers. Ms. Nazzaro commented that she would send the answers directly to Ms. McGee and Chairman Koontz via email.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Department of Purchasing, dated April 30, 2020. RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 2, 2020.

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A communication was received from the Department of Purchasing, dated April 30, 2020. RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 9, 2020

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A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated May 12, 2020. RE: Freeholder Questions for May 12, 2020 Informal Agenda Meeting.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Add the following proposed Resolution to the Agenda:

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Walter, that:

AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY **“BE ADDED”**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Ms. Nazzaro explained that the aforementioned Resolution was the second amendment to the budget which eliminates new hires, vacancies and promotions, as a result of the decrease in revenues, due to COVID.

Mr. Miller commented that the best force of action at this time was to lower the County's revenue expectations by scaling back on funding for vacancies, new hires and promotions. He stated that he anticipated a reduction of 5 million dollars overall of revenue for the year.

Freeholder Cimino questioned what would happen if the anticipated reduction of 5 million dollars increased substantially. Mr. Miller explained that he would look in other areas to reduce expenses.

Freeholder Cannon asked if it were possible to receive an update once a month on the Budget. Mr. Miller agreed to provide a monthly update on revenues and appropriations.

Freeholder Frisby asked if government grant funding would potentially be cut in some of the social services areas. Mr. Miller replied that so far there had not been any cuts for government grant funding.

Freeholder Walter asked if there was pending legislation regarding the constitutional officers preserving the capital expenditures. He stated that there was no legislation currently on constitutional officers' capital. However, he commented that there was pending legislation of what was currently called COVID bonds. He explained that bond revenue losses that was currently not permitted by the state statute, would give towns the flexibility to handle revenue losses. Freeholder Walter stated for the record that she did not believe bonding out was beneficial for most towns.

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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 3, RESOLUTIONS NO. 5 THROUGH 7, AND RESOLUTIONS NO. 9 THROUGH 17 ON THE AGENDA "BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK"

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

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

**NO. 2020-248** AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

**NO. 2020-249** AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

**NO. 2020-250** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH NEW HOPE INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, FOR THE PROVISION OF A 48-HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC). PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. NO STATE OR COUNTY FUNDS

- NO. 2020-251** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROJECT. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-252** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDS (GRANT AWARD NO. 2020-05235-0219-00). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT: \$76,667.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-253** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) NON-DISCRETIONARY (ND) COVID19 CARES ACT FUNDS. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$145,752.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-254** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS APPROVES THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$7,500.00 TO THE TRENTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST ACCOUNT ("CLETA" – FORFEITURE) FUNDS TO CONDUCT A YOUTH SPORTS AND MENTORING PROGRAM. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2020 TO APRIL 30, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL YEARS

- NO. 2020-255** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSHIFT, LLC FOR THE GRAYKEY SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL. PERIOD: JUNE 14, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 13, 2021. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00
- NO. 2020-256** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR THE CARES ACT GRANT FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION APPROXIMATE GRANT AMOUNT: \$4,550,905.00
- NO. 2020-257** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AMOUNT: \$608,916.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020
- NO. 2020-258** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM (SECTION 5311) UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. FTA SECTION 5311 FUNDS: \$65,241.00; NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FUNDS: \$32,621.00; COUNTY OF MERCER MATCHING FUNDS: \$32,620.00. TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$130,482.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

**NO. 2020-259** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH X-RAY IMAGING, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE TO THE X-RAY SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,115.00

**NO. 2020-260** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FEBRUARY 28, 2020 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE REPAIR OF PUMPING SYSTEMS, ELECTRIC MOTORS, AND WATER WELL INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND DRILLING FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$280,000.00. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022 (**AB2020-15**)

**NO. 2020-261** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 5, 2020 TO GABRIELLI KENWORTH OF NJ, LLC FOR ONE (1) 2021 OR NEWER KENWORTH MODEL T370 4X2 STANDARD DAY CAB WITH ROLLBACK TOW BODY WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY MOTOR POOL DEPARTMENT AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: MARCH 31, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$154,827.19 (**CK09MERCER2020-11**)

**NO. 2020-262** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY

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

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



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

**NO. 2020-263** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AT HAMILTON, INC. FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. AMOUNT BASED ON FEE PER SERVICE: \$271,839.43. PERIOD: MAY 23, 2020 THROUGH MAY 22, 2021 (CC2017-01B)

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

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

**NO. 2020-264** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH MERCADIEN, P.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT OF BOOKS, ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF MERCER COUNTY FY 2019. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,600.00

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

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**ON-GOING BUSINESS**

Freeholder Walter asked for an update on the scanners to count the vote by mail ballots. Ms. Nazzaro explained that the plan was to go forward with the purchase of 3 additional scanners which brings the total of 5 scanners.

Freeholder asked if 5 scanners would be sufficient. Ms. Nazzaro confirmed that 5 scanners would be sufficient for the primary election, but she was unsure what to expect for the general election.

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Freeholder Cimino asked if overtime expenses were reimbursed from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Ms. Nazzaro confirmed that any overtime expenses as a result of COVID were covered by FEMA and that the tests were also covered by FEMA.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Melker asked for an update on information regarding the County's reopening committee.

Ms. Nazzaro clarified that the Administration did not have a firm date on when the County would reopen. She stated that the Administration created a Post COVID Task Force in which they met twice a week to address issues. She added that the goal of the task force was to return employees and eventually the public back into the County building in the safest way possible with social distancing guidelines.

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Freeholder Koontz thanked the County Department of Transportation & Infrastructure and Engineering Department for their diligence in getting the Alexander Road Bridge Project completed throughout the pandemic. He mentioned that he expects to see the two lanes that were temporarily created on Washington Road 571 leading out of Princeton to be reduced to one lane considering that Alexander Road would reopen.

Ms. Nazzaro commented that she would direct his comments to the respective departments.

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Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, mentioned that the YWCA Princeton's Tribute to Women Awards Dinner, had been postponed to be held virtually on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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Freeholder Cimino thanked Ms. Nazzaro on the update regarding the reopening of the County. He recommended that the County should look into a work from home policy for employees who have children who are not in school or do not have access to daycare due to COVID. Ms. Nazzaro acknowledged that his concern had been considered and discussed.

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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.**

Dr. Debra L. Baseman asked for further clarification on the passenger facility fees. Mr. Miller explained that the passenger facility fees were added to the purchase of an airline ticket, which is then distributive to the airport. He added that the airport was able to use the passenger facility charge for preapproved items that the FAA has authorized. He concluded that the intent of the passenger facility charge was to have the passenger pay for the capital cost related to the airport.

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Glenn Reitmeier, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, expressed that he believed it was inappropriate for the County to depend on future growth in airport revenue. **(See Schedule B, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Cimino 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**

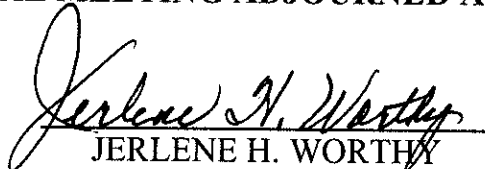
**Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.**

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

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

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**FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 PM**

  
JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

# "Schedule A"

Dear Mercer County Freeholders,

I hope you and your family are well.

Yesterday evening, during the public comment section of the Mercer County Freeholders' Agenda Meeting, I asked two questions and neither of those questions was answered. I was then muted and was unable to ask for further clarification. To avoid this unfortunate situation, I am asking my questions in writing.

Furthermore, it is my understanding, questions can be put to the Board of Freeholders before public meetings. And those questions may be directed to the Chairperson, **Andrew Koontz**, and so, as stated on your Website, I am submitting questions directly to him.

I asked about the document labeled "Explanatory Statement Budget Message – Structural Budget Imbalances." In this document are listed 9 "Line Items." The first 6 Line Items are categorized under "Revenues at Risk." Since this document was generated before the Pandemic, it appears that there is greater reason to come to the conclusion that these items cannot be fully or even partially funded.

**Question 1:** What steps are the Mercer County Freeholders taking to review funding sources considering reduced revenue sources in all or almost all areas listed in this document?

My other questions were regarding Resolution 10 - brought up at the meeting last night. It was stated that the Resolutions would be posted to your Website, but I am unable to locate them on your Website.

**Question 2:** Do the monies being promised by the FAA to fund the operating costs of the Trenton-Mercer Airport cover all expenditures to run the airport? If not, what expenses in running the airport are paid for by County taxes?

**Question 3:** If the FAA is unable to fund this promised grant, will the taxpayers of Mercer County be responsible for any short falls in this funding scheme? As we know the airline industry is looking at industry wide bankruptcies. The funding revenues generated by the sale of tickets, by Frontier Airlines, are severely reduced - by some estimates 95%. Going forward industry leaders are stating that ticket sales for all airlines will take years to move back to previous projections.

As you and the Mercer County Freeholders continue to push for an expansion of the Trenton-Mercer Airport, you must see that these actions are no longer fiscally responsible.

Suzanna McGee

# "Schedule B"

Dear Freeholder Koontz,

I was caller 14 at this evening's Freeholders meeting. Following is a transcript of my comment, which I request that you add to the public record

Freeholders should consider the impact of COVID19 on the airport expansion plans and immediately freeze all plans and work. With the prospect of greatly reduced air travel in the future, investing taxpayer money in an airport expansion would be an unwise and irresponsible use of taxpayer money, at a time when funds are needed to cover critical public services. Clearly the air traffic growth projections that justify the expansion plan can no longer be relied upon in the aftermath if covid19. Note that earlier this week the ceo of Boeing predicted that at least one major US airline was likely to go out of business because of the precipitous drop in air travel. Freeholders should immediately freeze all airport expansion plans.

Thank you

Glenn Reitmeier  
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**SUNSHINE LAW**

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## **DISCUSSION**

Freeholder Frisby made reference to a correspondence from Lillian L. Nazzaro, County Administrator. Freeholder Frisby recognized that the Governor Phil Murphy had given leeway to municipalities for when they collect taxes. He asked if any of the municipalities inquired about extending the deadline to pay the County, given that the municipalities' taxes would be delayed.

Ms. Nazzaro explained that the Governor has changed some deadlines for the municipalities but has not changed the deadlines for the County. She added that the County did not receive requests from any municipalities asking for an extension.

Freeholder Cimino commented that he believed some of the municipalities have reached out and tried to understand if the County was willing to potentially take some of the impact on them. He suggested that there be a collaboration and conversation that can help mitigate the impact on the municipalities. Freeholder Frisby concurred.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Three (3) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 14, 2020.

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

Sixteen (16) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 14, 2020.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing the Amendment to the 2020 Approved Budget of the County of Mercer, New Jersey. She asked David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, to provide a quick overview of the aforementioned Resolution.

Mr. Miller explained that the proposed Resolution essentially eliminates the tax increase that was proposed in the original Budget. He stated that the tax levy was roughly \$30,000 dollars below from the previous year. He added that there was a half million dollar cut in the Capital Improvement Program as a result of the changes that were made through the Budget Process to the Capital Funds for 2020.



Freeholder Koontz thanked the Freeholder Board for their participation in what was a very difficult budget process under the circumstances.

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Freeholder Melker made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to “exercise an option to extend” the Competitive Contract with Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital at Hamilton, Inc., for occupational health services for the County of Mercer. She asked that the proposed Resolution be held out for a separate vote because she served as the Vice-Chair on the Board of Trustees for RWJ Hamilton.

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Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Service Contract with Mercadien, P.C., Certified Public Accountants for the annual audit of books, accounts and financial transactions of Mercer County FY 2019. She announced that her office did not receive a contract.

Freeholder Frisby asked that the aforementioned Resolution be pulled for a separate vote because the Principal of the Mercadien, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Warren Broudy, was on his board at the YMCA of Trenton.

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Ms. Worthy made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Proprietary Hardware and Software Agreement with Grayshift, LLC for the Graykey Software License Renewal. She stated that her office did not receive an original contract.

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Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Cares Act Grant for federal assistance for the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She thanked the Administration for the response which explained the purpose of the Grant was for operational uses.

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Chair Koontz made reference to the proposed Resolution designating the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Mercer County. He announced that there would be a presentation at the next set of meetings for ALS Awareness.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Cimino discussed a correspondence that was received through the Freeholder's Office regarding an initiative in the Hamilton area about reentry programs.

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Ms. Worthy asked if the Freeholders could have a moment of silence on Thursday's Meeting for former Freeholder Research Director, Joann Povia's mother who passed away.

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Freeholder Walter suggested that the Freeholder Board recognize the graduates of Mercer County Community College.

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Freeholder Melker asked if the Administration could share information about the reopening committee that was formed on behalf of the County. Ms. Nazzaro commented that she would prepare information for Thursday's meeting.

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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.**

Dr. Robin R. Karf, resident of Princeton, New Jersey, asked what changes the Freeholder Board made to accommodate the expense of the pandemic regarding the 2020 Budget. She asked when the public would expect a response to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request. She questioned how the public could obtain copies of the Agenda and Resolutions prior to the meeting.

Freeholder Koontz explained that the Agenda would be available after the meeting. He commented that it was difficult to assess the impact of COVID during the Budget Process. However, he stated that the Freeholder Board tried to reduce expenses where they could, which resulted in a 2 million dollar cut to the Budget. He concluded that they anticipate revenues to be an issue but they were monitoring them as time went on.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, commented on his office was trying to address the unanswered OPRA requests as soon as possible. He added that responding to the OPRA requests were difficult because the County facilities are not fully operational due to the pandemic.

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Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc., expressed her concern regarding the environmental impact of the Trenton-Mercer Airport expansion. She asked that the Freeholder Board be explicit in explaining any business that pertains to the airport.

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Suzanna McGee, resident of Ewing, New Jersey, asked that if in the event that the Federal Government was unable to fund the grants to the airport, would the residents of Mercer County be financially responsible for the grant to run the airport. The Freeholder Board explained that the residents of Mercer County would not be responsible for the grant.

Ms. McGee expressed her concerns regarding the document titled "Explanatory Statement, Budget Message – Structural Budget Imbalances". She asked how the County was addressing their continued support and expansion of the airport when the document identified a number of the items as revenue at risk. Mr. Miller explained that the aforementioned document was prepared long before COVID was a national emergency. He added that the document did not estimate what would happen if there was a pandemic.

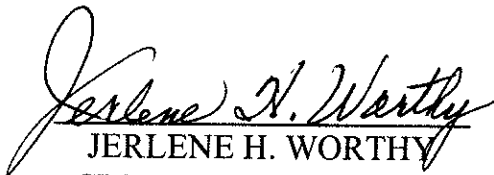
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Kip Cherry, resident of Princeton, New Jersey, commented on how critical it was for Mercer County to order four or five optical scanners to count the vote by mail ballots for the upcoming primary election. Ms. Nazzaro confirmed that the Administration was meeting regularly once a week with the Board of Elections, Superintendent of Elections and the County Clerk's Office. She concluded that everything was taken care of.

Glenn Reitmeier, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, asked the Freeholder Board to consider an agenda item to discuss the impact of COVID on the projections that underlie the economics of the airport expansion plan due to the potential future of greatly restricted travel. He added that it would be wise at this time to consider the liability of taxpayer's investment in airport expansion given the current situation.

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**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 PM**

  
JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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