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> LISA M. VENA DEPUTY CLERK

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2020

MINUTES

Chair Koontz called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on June 11, 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, Me	elker, Walter and Koontz
The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.	
Chair Koontz led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to	the Flag.
The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Formal to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Pachaving been posted in both the County Administration Buildin forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.	Meeting had been mailed ket newspapers as well as

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

The following individuals discussed their concerns and asked to have their comments added into the record regarding the expansion of the terminal of the Trenton-Mercer Airport:

- Steve Nayowith, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania (See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dr. Robin R. Karf, resident of Princeton, New Jersey (See Schedule B, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc., (See Schedule C, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Jennifer Hirsh, M.D. (See Schedule D, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Richard Preston, Yardley, Pennsylvania (See Schedule E, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Glenn Reitmeier, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania (See Schedule F, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dorothea Malina, Pennington, New Jersey (See Schedule G, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Michael Drobac, Yardley, Pennsylvania, (See Schedule H, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Noemi de la Puente, Princeton, New Jersey (See Schedule I, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Melissa J. Phares, Princeton, New Jersey (See Schedule J, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

Donald Wilcox, member of Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management (BRRAM), expressed that with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it would be irresponsible for the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders to continue to expend the budget on the expansion of the Trenton-Mercer Airport. He asked the Freeholder Board to vote no to the Resolutions related to the Airport on the Agenda.

Judith Hoechner, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, commented that expanding the airport would increase noise levels, air pollution, and vibration disruption to the community. She added that the expansion would damage wildlife, wetlands and property values. She urged the Freeholder Board to vote no to all projects that continue to increase the throughput of the airport until they have conducted a full environmental impact study.

Dr. Debra Baseman, MD, mentioned the dangerous effects of the Ultrafine Particles (UFPs) from airplanes and the study on aviation exhaust.
Fran Picaroni, Yardley, Pennsylvania, stressed the uncertainty of what was going to happen to the airline industry due to the pandemic.
Ileen Blanton, Yardley, Pennsylvania, stated that she was adamantly against any further expansion of any kind until a complete, comprehensive and cumulative environmental impact study had been conducted on the airport
Patricia Fletcher, Ewing, New Jersey, stated that the airport projects should be delayed and it was not the time to be spending huge amounts of money on projects. She asked for copies of the noise complaints and information on the flight paths. Ms. Nazzaro stated that Ms. Fletcher would have to submit an OPRA request for the information.
Freeholders Frisby and Walter commented that they have requested both noise complaints and flight path information and have not received information.
Jeffrey Laurenti, resident of Trenton, New Jersey, asked to receive a copy of the revised Resolution supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement. He also expressed his support for the Great Western Bikeway. He asked the Freeholder Board to look at doing a study of the County routes going through Trenton to potentially adapt the streets for bicycle use.
Kamau Kujichagulia, The Nubian News Publisher, inquired about the minority business set-aside program. Chair Koontz mentioned that the Freeholder Board has requested information. Ms. Nazzaro confirmed that she planned on having David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and James Chambers, Jr., Coordinator of Business Outreach, give a presentation on the set-aside program at the next Freeholder Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated June 9, 2020. RE: Freeholder Questions for June 9, 2020 Meeting.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated June 10, 2020. RE: Freeholder Questions for June 11, 2020 Meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Koontz asked to have a moment of silence for Roz Warren, lifelong Princeton resident, former fire chief and beloved husband of community activist Kate Warren.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Table the following proposed Resolution from the Agenda until September 8, 2020:

Freeholder Walter moved, seconded by Freeholder Melker, that:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH VOLAIRE AVIATION, INC., TO PROVIDE AIRLINE AND AIRPORT MARKETING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$54,000.00 "BE TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, 2020"

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Nays - Freeholders Frisby and Koontz

Freeholder Walter explained that she had serious concerns about expending \$58,000.00 dollars to market an airport, when the owner of Frontier Airlines have stated that a quick turnaround was unlikely. She expressed that she was not trying to kill the contract, but instead delay it at a time when there was a better understanding of where the airlines were going. She decided by September 8, 2020 we should know if COVID would be around again and most importantly know if other airlines were going out of business.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, stated that the reason the airport needed Volaire Aviation, Inc., services, was to do the marketing and assist the County in understanding how to move forward. She explained that Volaire Aviation, Inc., studies the industry trends. She concluded that the money had already been budgeted and there was no additional money being expended.

Freeholder Frisby asked if Volaire Aviation, Inc., was looking for airlines that could potentially come in. He inquired if the company would show the County how to pivot if the market did not bounce back. Ms. Nazzaro stated that was correct.

Freeholder Walter stressed the uncertainty of how airlines were going to do and that by September the County should have a better idea.

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 Walter, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO'S. 1 THROUGH 9, NO'S. 12 AND 13, AND NO'S. 15 THROUGH 20 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

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

NO. 2020-277

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TO BORDEN PERLMAN SALISBURY AND KELLY FOR HULL PROTECTION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$4,970.00. TERM: APRIL 4, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2021

NO. 2020-278

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED 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: \$157,695.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2020-279

MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO **EXECUTE** AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S.) AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A "NON-AND **OPEN** PROCESS") WITH **FAIRVIEW INSURANCE** ASSOCIATES, AGENCY INC. PROVIDE **PHARMACY BENEFITS** CONSULTING SERVICES. PERIOD: APRIL 24, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2021, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2), ONE (1) YEAR TERMS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$39,960.00

NO. 2020-280

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND **GREATER MERCER** TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE OPERATION OF A SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE TO THE AMAZON WAREHOUSE IN ROBBINSVILLE. COUNTY MATCH NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 - FY 2020-2021, \$10,000.00 - FY 2021-2022).PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

NO. 2020-281

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO NJ TRANSIT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2021, ROUND 7, AND STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022, ROUND 8, FOR THE CONSOLIDATED JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM (NJ-JARC). TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT FOR SFY 2021 ROUND 7, \$492,276.00 (GRANT AMOUNT: NJ TRANSIT: \$246,138.00 - COUNTY MATCH: \$246,138.00). TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT FOR SFY 2022 ROUND 8: \$541,504.00 (GRANT **AMOUNT** NJTRANSIT: \$270,752.00 - COUNTY MATCH: \$270,752.00) TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,033,780.00. PERIOD: JULY 1. 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. (STATE FUNDS & COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2020-282

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION 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, OFFICE OF PROGRAMS, JUSTICE **BUREAU** OF **JUSTICE** ASSISTANCE TO **PARTICIPATE** WITH THE CORONAVIRUS **EMERGENCY** SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAM, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE. PERIOD: JANUARY 20, 2020 TO JANUARY 20, 2022. AMOUNT: \$58,008.00 (\$58,008.00 FEDERAL; \$0.00 COUNTY MATCH)

NO. 2020-283

MERCER COUNTY **BOARD** OF CHOSEN **FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT** TO NORTHERN RED, INC., FOR THREE CLOSE QUARTER COMBAT TRAINING SESSIONS FOR TWENTY-FOUR DETECTIVES FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 4, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2020. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$26,400.00

NO. 2020-284

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NONFAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CENTRAL JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT CLIENTS IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. AMOUNT: \$15,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2020-285

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A FEDERAL AID COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW **DEPARTMENT** JERSEY OF TRANSPORTATION. (NJDOT) FOR THE GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$429,113.00 (FEDERAL **AGREEMENT** AID NO. 20-DT-BLA-302) PERFORMANCE PERIOD: JUNE 11, 2020 THROUGH **DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NO. 2020-286

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO **EXECUTE** Α **PROPRIETARY** SERVICE OWNERSHIP AND SYSTEM AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) IMAGECAST CENTRAL CANNN DT-G2140 HIGHSPEED DOCUMENT SCANNERS, TWO (2) IMAGECAST® WORKSTATION DELL 5270, IBUTTON PROGRAMMING AND KEY, CABLES, ELECTION MANAGEMENT HARDWARE AND A PRORATED ADJUDICATION SOFTWARE AND SERVICES LICENSE FEE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$154,000.00. (MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S TRUST FUND ACCOUNT NO. 300214120531). PERIOD: JUNE 1. 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

NO. 2020-287

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES JUNE 2020 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY

NO. 2020-288

2020 LIBRARY BUDGET – TOTAL BUDGET – \$15,262,502 AND TAX LEVY - \$14,916,502

ADOPTED: Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 0. Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz

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

NO. 2020-289

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A **GRANT** APPLICATION WITH THE **FEDERAL** AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TO CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D TO G CONNECTOR (CONSTRUCTION) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION APPROXIMATE **GRANT** AMOUNT: \$4,100,000,00 (100%); COUNTY OF MERCER AMOUNT: \$0.00 (0%)

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

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

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

NO. 2020-290

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND **FINAL** WITH C.J. HESSE FOR THE REHABILITATION **OF TAXIWAY** "G" **AND** RECONSTRUCTION OF TAXIWAY "D" PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT **AMOUNT** \$873,350.86 (+18.19%). BYREVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$5,673,563.98 (FEDERAL AVIATION **ADMINISTRATION** (FAA) AMOUNT: \$640,718.24; NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) AMOUNT: \$16,733.62; COUNTY OF MERCER AMOUNT: \$215,899.00 (AB2017-21)

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

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Melker and Koontz Nays - Freeholder Walter Freeholder Cimino stated that he would like to understand how the Freeholder Board can potentially lower the threshold of the 20% or higher for when the Administration would come back to the Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Walter suggested to have the Administration come back to the Freeholders if the total project amount was 20% or \$200,000.00 dollars, which ever was less. She added that she would be voting against the Resolution because the Change Order created the process of building the alternate runway that she previously voted against.

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

NO. 2020-291 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTS THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

ADOPTED: Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 0. Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz

Freeholder Koontz read the Resolution into the Record.

Freehold Frisby stated that he submitted aforementioned Resolution for every black person in America, and for his children who may be fearful that they might run into the wrong police officer.

2020 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

Chair Koontz announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the Resolution to exceed the County Budget Appropriation Limit and to limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14). (Second Reading)

Chair Koontz asked if there were any questions or comments.

Dr. Debra L. Baseman asked for further clarification. David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, explained that it established that they are allowed to increase the CAP in accordance with the statute and it allowed them to bank unused portion of the CAP.

Chair Koontz called for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Resolution.

Freeholder Walter moved, "To Close The Public Hearing", seconded by Freeholder Cannon.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

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

NO. 2020-292 RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND TO LIMIT AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) (Second Reading)

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

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

Chair Koontz announced the reconvening of the Public Hearing on the Amendments to the 2020 Approved Budget of the County of Mercer, New Jersey (Second Reading).

Mr. Miller mentioned that the Amendment was created to reduce revenues and reduce certain expenditures in various departments.

Chair Koontz asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Amendment.

Freeholder Frisby moved, "To Close The Public Hearing", seconded by Freeholder Colavita.

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Ayes – 7. Na	ys - 0.	Abstain –	0. Absen	t-0.
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Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Melker, Walter and Koontz

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

NO. 2020-293 AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (Second Reading)

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

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

Chair Koontz announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the Amendments to the 2020 Approved Budget of the County of Mercer, New Jersey.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the Amendment represented the changes for the Mercer County Board of Social Services budget that was adopted June 10, 2020.

Chair Koontz asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Amendment.

Freeholder Walter moved, "To Close The Public Hearing", seconded by Freeholder Frisby.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Freeholder Colavita left the meeting

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

NO. 2020-294 AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

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

Chair Koontz announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the adoption of the 2020 Mercer County Budget as amended.

Mr. Miller commented that this was the final adoption of the 2020 Budget and that it had been approved by the State of New Jersey for adoption.

Chair Koontz highlighted that the Budget reflected cuts and reductions made by the Freeholder Board over the course of meetings held in March and April.

Chair Koontz asked if there were any questions or comments.

Dr. Debra Baseman inquired about the FAA grants being listed under bonds and notes in the Capital Budget and asked for clarification. Mr. Miller explained that the bonds and notes may or may not be authorized by the Board at some point and would ultimately be obligations of the County. However, he mentioned that the County did pay back an amount through passenger facility charges.

Debra Baseman questioned the projects listed in the Capital Budget that were not approved yet. Mr. Miller explained that the projects in the Capital Budget was a proposal and not fully funded items that would take place this year.

Anne Chmielewski stated that she believed the reduced traveling for commercial airlines, would lead taxpayers to cover the affiliated cost with the bonds.

Chair Koontz called for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2020 Mercer County Budget.

Freeholder Walter moved, "To Close The Public Hearing", seconded by Freeholder Frisby.

VOTE ON MOTION

Cannon:

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

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

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

NO. 2020-295 ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET AS AMENDED

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

Freeholder Walter offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder

NO. 2020-296 CANCELATION OF BALANCES IN THE 2020 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon thanked Chair Koontz for his leadership throughout the Budget Process. She mentioned that she would distribute a report and update from the Mercer County Board of Social Services.

Chair Koontz thanked the Freeholders on a job well done on the 2020 Budget Process.

Freeholder Walter thanked the Administration for the updates for the soft reopening of Mercer County facilities.
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, expressed her frustration with the Freeholders lack of concern for the citizens of the County by allowing the airport expansion to move forward.
Dr. Debra L. Baseman mentioned her concerns with the environmental health studies regarding severe human illnesses related to air pollution.
Patricia Fletcher, Ewing, New Jersey, highlighted that her taxes were increasing, while her quality of life was decreasing.
Anne Chmielewski commented that there needed to be an overall assessment of how the airport expansion would impact the environment and community.
Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc., mentioned that she appreciated Freeholder Walters courage in thinking independently about the recent airport Resolutions and acknowledging the critical negative impacts on residents (See Schedule C, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
George Spais, resident of Ewing, New Jersey, asked to have his comments and concerns added into the record regarding the expansion of the terminal of the Trenton-

Mercer Airport. (See Schedule K, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Walter 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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY

CLERK TO THE BOARD

Schedule A"

Dayon, Kyra

From:

Vena, Lisa

Sent:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:36 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Comments for Public Record

Follow Up Flag:

Flag for follow up

Flag Status:

Flagged

See below. Lisa

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:54 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: Comments for Public Record

Please include into public record.

Ty

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: Steve Nayo <stevenayo.psu@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:29 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew <akoontz@mercercounty.org>

Subject: Fwd: Comments for Public Record

Dear Chairman Koontz:

Please include my comments below in the Public Record for today's Freeholder meeting, June 11, 2020, and please acknowledge that you have received this.

Thank you.

Re: my Public Comment on Trenton-Mercer Airport; 6-11-20 Freeholders Meeting Dear Freeholders:

Thank you for this opportunity. In addition to reading my comments at this meeting, I will email these comments to Freeholder Koontz for inclusion in the public record.

Considering the significant impacts of ongoing airport development and increased flight operations on the local community, as well as both the current economic downturn -- with severely decreased air-travel demand -- and the uncertainty surrounding the numerous future impacts to air travel caused by COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic health and safety requirements, no further development or improvements should be approved or funded at Trenton-Mercer Airport. Because the extent and the duration of the domino effect of long-term economic impacts -- locally, statewide, nationally, and globally -- are yet to be experienced, or even known, it would be imprudent for the Freeholders to invest in a facility, and an industry, that faces so many economic challenges and unknowns. Instead, the Freeholders' priority should be to invest in efforts that will most benefit the greatest number of citizens of the county -- now and in the future.

In response to the pandemic, huge numbers of businesses immediately cut expense budgets -- primarily travelrelated expenses -- and converted to remote teleworking by employees. Based on the management communications from my employer and my wife's employer (55,000- and 50,000-employee corporations, respectively), many previous ways of thinking and working have changed, and the following changes are highly likely, going forward -- because they make good business sense -- even after the pandemic is no longer an ongoing crisis:

- 1. A large number of employees (perhaps the majority of employees) will remain teleworkers. This is a major change to business-as-usual and the old notion, or just unquestioned tradition by many firms, that employees need to work in an office. If an employee doesn't need to go into his or her local office to work effectively, then he or she doesn't need to travel to meetings in other offices to work effectively either. Our clients also are experiencing the same realizations. Therefore, the overall need for office-to-office or office-to-client air travel will diminish substantially.
- 2. As a result of the switch to having many employees primarily telework, our firms' corporate building footprints (hundreds of offices across the U.S. and internationally) will be analyzed and significantly reduced, to save money in leases, utilities, insurance, etc. In addition, the need to provide more physical separation between employees and provide other safeguards will reduce the number of employees per office at any one time, and thus make it less cost-effective to maintain that office space. And shared office facilities, such as break rooms, lavatories, elevators, lobbies, etc., will require more intense health safeguards, further adding costs, reducing efficiency, and bolstering the case for reducing office real estate and eliminating all but essential travel.
- 3. With our employers' successful cessation of all travel except for rare, critical instances (which required executive-level approval), and the realization that most of the previous travel was unnecessary for conducting business effectively -- and that it is much more cost- and time-efficient to minimize travel -- much of our previous travel will not resume post-pandemic.
- 4. The traveling public will consider the health risks posed by close contact in airports and airplanes, which will likely result in reduced leisure air travel over the long term.
- 5. The aviation industry -- both *airports* and *airlines* -- are needing to make significant changes to how they operate, and to their business models. The pandemic and post-pandemic changes that will be mandated at airports will come with real financial costs, ranging from requirements to modify (or build new) physical facilities (similar to, but more complicated than, changes our offices will require) to various administrative requirements and controls. The costs of those types of changes, and the potential reduction in the volume and/or density of travelers (or the need for increased physical facility space), will affect airports' and airlines' profitability.

I believe that our employers, both of which are large companies, are a good representative sample of what is happening across businesses in the U.S. and around the world. And you can read articles about similar changes at other companies. Consequently, approving any further development at Trenton-Mercer Airport, and particularly approving use of public funds for such efforts, would not be a prudent action.

The potential effects of the economic shutdown and reduced revenues on state and local budgets, and on the aviation industry, currently make further funding of airport development an unnecessarily risky bet, as the future of air travel is also unknown. Therefore, the County should be looking forward and prioritizing how and when it should spend public funds to best help its citizens, instead of authorizing an expenditure for a facility that could easily fall victim to the economic fallout and the sea-change — in air travel, the airline industry, and the overall hospitality industry — that looms ahead. For your citizens' sake, please take a long-term, prudent approach and consider the economic fallout yet to come — and be a fiscally responsible steward of public funds, instead of directing funds to a facility that, in the not-too-distant future may, in retrospect, only serve as a multimillion-dollar monument to short-sightedness. Thank you.

Steve Nayowith Yardley, Pennsylvania

"Schedule A"

Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule B"

From:

Worthy, Jerlene

Sent:

Friday, June 12, 2020 10:26 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Please Include my statement attached in minutes for June 11, 2020 meeting

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From: Vena, Lisa

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:53 PM

To: Dayon, Kyra

Cc: Worthy, Jerlene; Koontz, Andrew

Subject: FW: Please Include my statement attached in minutes for June 11, 2020 meeting

Please see message below. Lisa

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:51 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene **Cc:** Vena, Lisa

Subject: Fw: Please Include my statement attached in minutes for June 11, 2020 meeting

Please add attached statement into public record. thx

-mario

From: Robin Karpf < rkarpf64@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:27 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org

Subject: Please Include my statement attached in minutes for June 11, 2020 meeting

Dear Freeholder Koontz

I respectfully request that you include my written statement that I read tonight at the meeting, June 11, 2020.

Thank you. Robin Karpf, MD

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My husband and I have owned our properties at the corner of Cold Soil Road and Van Kirk Road for 36 years. We have raised our two children and worked in this area as physicians over these years. We have renovated a historic 200 year old farm house and My husband created beautiful gardens throughout our property and around our pond and we have spent years protecting the trees and wetland acres that we own as well.

Before the Pandemic and over the last year, we have been horrified by the increased number of low flying commercial and private jets that come over our home at all hours some are flying as low as 500-1000 ft.. The noise created by these low flying jets is so loud, we have to stop our conversation until they passed because you literally cannot hear the person standing next to you. The vibration shake the windows of our 200 year old house and wake us up at night. Our new grandchild is awakened from sleep at night and during needed daytime napping that is so important to his development.

With the improved and enlarged facilities proposed in the master plan of the Trenton Mercer Airport and recent approvals by the FAA for segmented development of runways and other projects, we know that the number of flights will increase, especially given that the number of flights before the pandemic have already exceeded the projections used to gain approval of the master plan for 2035. Our quality of life has significantly deteriorated. And our property value has declined and will likely plummet as these daily flights continue to increase.

We are good stewards of the wetlands and forest that we own. Our property sits at the headwaters of the Shiptauchen Creek and the amount of pollution emitted in a single landing and takeoff cycle of these passenger jets is simply astounding. The calculated emission data to a single A-320 aircraft landing/take-off cycle which includes: starting decent, landing, taxing, take-off and climbing and is as follows:

6,900 lbs of carbon dioxide
20 lbs of nitrogen oxides
38 lbs of carbon monoxide
2 lbs of sulfur dioxide
1 lb of methane
8 lbs of other hydrocarbon pollutants.

I use to maintain an organic vegetable garden and we have planted a small peach orchard and have fig and apple trees as well. I can no longer in good conscious be certain that our produce is organic and free from these toxins. We are fearful of the longterm health impact to our family.

I have been attending your meetings for many months and am disheartened that our concerns and comments have not been addressed or heard by many of you. In fact,

"Schedule B"

many of our questions have been skirted and we have been instructed to file OPRAs to which we have gotten inadequate and evasive responses. I thought we lived in a Democracy, but clearly the administrative staff, their consultants and the FAA are in control of the Airport. I do not believe that most of you understand or care about the cumulative impact of your decisions on the health and welfare of our great community. If you did, you would be asking more questions regarding the resolutions and process coming before you. I understand that it is complicated and takes a huge amount of time to read and digest the pages and volumes of material produced by the consultants and the FAA, and they make it all sound so well done. Many of the citizens attending these meetings regularly have read the volumes of documents and are pleading with you to sit up and pay attention to what is going on here. Please stop these projects now and insist that a full and cumulative environmental impact statement is done before proceeding in the way that you have to date.

Sincerely, Robin Karpf, MD 64 Van Kirk Road Princeton, NJ . 08540 609-558-1856

Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule C"

From:

Worthy, Jerlene

Sent:

Friday, June 12, 2020 1:02 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: RRTS's two (2) Public Comments at the 6/11/20 Freeholder Formal Mtng

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From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:54 PM

To: Worthy, Jeriene Cc: Vena, Lisa

Subject: Fw: RRTS's two (2) Public Comments at the 6/11/20 Freeholder Formal Mtng

Hi Cookie,

Ms. Herman sent the attached document, and asks to include it as part of public record for the June 11, 2020 meeting.

Thanks.

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: susan herman < rrtsbuckspa5@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:29 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org
Co: susan herman rrtsbuckspa5@gmail.com

Subject: RRTS's two (2) Public Comments at the 6/11/20 Freeholder Formal Mtng

Dear Freeholder Koontz.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Attached please find the two (2) Public Comments made on behalf of RRTS at the 6/11/20 Formal Meeting of the Mercer County Freeholders. We respectfully ask that you include this email and all attachments in the Public Record for the June 11, 2020 meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Herman

President, Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.



Susan Herman's two (2) Public Comments on behalf of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc. at the June 11, 2020 Formal Meeting of the Mercer County Freeholders

Good evening. Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc. (a.k.a. RRTS; P.O. Box 285, Newtown, PA 18940).

COMMENT MADE DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Why are you revisiting hiring a marketing agency that would go out and recruit airlines to use Trenton-Mercer Airport? Just 14 days ago, at your 5/28/20 Formal Meeting, you unanimously voted to table this **RESOLUTION.** Ms. Walter made the motion to table it, stating that smaller airlines may be going out of business and maybe larger airlines too, in light of the COVID pandemic. She said she thinks that there are other things in your budget that \$54,000.00 could be used for now.

Are you revisiting it because at your 6/9/20 Agenda Meeting, Lillian Nazzaro (a.k.a. "Administration" and County Administrator reporting to County Executive Brian Hughes) asked you to revisit it, and it's expected that you jump to "Administration's" wishes?

Regarding the airport issue, why does the Freeholder Board consistently give its power away to "Administration"? Although a common theme, at your 6/9/20 Agenda Meeting it was BLATANTLY OBVIOUS that your Board is subservient to three (3) entities that will relentlessly pursue their agenda rather than protect the citizens you are supposed to represent and neighboring communities. The three (3) entities that you are subservient to are: Trenton-Mercer Airport (a.k.a. "the airport" or TTN), The "Administration", and The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Shamefully, the Health, Safety and Welfare of your constituents is not your priority. Shamefully, you do not practice Environmental Justice, as Ewing residents will be hardest hit by your continued reckless approval of airport expansion projects.

Your intention - even though you are aware that it could result in irreparable damage to our water supply – is to expand the airport exponentially. On page 32 of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's July 2014 document titled <u>2040 Regional Airport System Plan (RASP)</u> it states, "Trenton-Mercer (TTN), New Jersey: The airport is marketing itself as an alternative to Philadelphia International Airport and Newark's Liberty International Airport, offering less hassle."

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While on the surface some may view this as a welcomed convenience, dire consequences accompany it that continue to be swept under the rug by the Freeholder Board & New Jersey politicians up the line through the Federal level. In RRTS's opinion, the dire consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Families getting serious cancers from drinking water contaminated with PFOS/PFOA
- Invisible, dangerous plane emissions that travel as far as ten (10) miles from flight paths
 & severely negatively impact our health
- Noise, vibration and sleep disruption in our neighborhoods & communities, due to high volumes of planes traveling all hours of the day & night.
- There is a wealth of data about the negative impact of noise on learning, which is compounded by both vibration and by exhaust, as well as noise on hearing loss, particularly, in children.
- Plummeting property values

Tonight we ask three (3) things:

- 1) We ask that you separate out the **RESOLUTION** that you are reconsidering regarding hiring a marketing agency to recruit airlines to use TTN. As agreed to at your 6/9/20 Agenda Meeting, **RESOLUTION 10 (R10)** and **RESOLUTION 11 (R11)** will also be separated out. We ask that these three (3) **RESOLUTIONS** be voted upon individually.
- 2) We ask that you <u>DENY</u> all three (3) **RESOLUTIONS**: the **RESOLUTION** to hire the marketing agency, **R10** and **R11**.
- 3) We ask that the Freeholders place this topic on their Formal Meeting Agenda in the near future: <u>"TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION DISCUSSION"</u>. We ask that during this agenda item you...
 - (a) educate residents about the toxic effects that unleashed PFOS/PFOA contamination will have on our water supply and the health of our families, and
 - (b) have New Jersey AND Pennsylvania politicians up through the Federal level attend and outline the strategy for preventing such toxic contamination to our water supply.

We will submit this Public Comment in writing in an email to Freeholder Koontz, and

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respectfully ask that you include that email and any attachments in the public record for tonight's meeting. Thank you.

COMMENT MADE DURING THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

This comment is for Freeholder Walter. Ms. Walter, residents appreciate your courage in thinking independently about the recent airport-related RESOLUTIONS and acknowledging the critical negative impacts on residents in surrounding communities. At the 6/9/20 Freeholder Agenda Meeting, you professed your support for the new terminal. The new terminal is five (5) times the size of the current terminal. Residents view support of a terminal of this size to be support for expanding the airport <u>far beyond</u> the size that is appropriate to maintain the Health, Safety and Welfare of your constituents and residents in neighboring communities.

Ms. Walter, we ask that you reconsider your support for the new terminal.

We will submit tonight's two (2) Public Comments in writing in an email to Freeholder Koontz, and respectfully ask that you include that email and any attachments in the public record for tonight's meeting.

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Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule D"

From:

Vena, Lisa

Sent:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:37 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Vote Against Expansion of the Trenton Mercer Airport

See below

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:57 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: Vote Against Expansion of the Trenton Mercer Airport

Would you please add as part of public record?

thanks.

(There are some more I have to send.)

-mario

From: mrs.h.andfamily@mac.com <mrs.h.andfamily@mac.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:52 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew < akoontz@mercercounty.org>

Subject: Vote Against Expansion of the Trenton Mercer Airport

Dear Freeholder Koontz,

Please confirm receipt of this email and include it in the public record.

I oppose the expansion of Trenton Mercer Airport. It is costly. The \$4 million can be better spent in other areas that would benefit the residents and small businesses of Mercer County.

NOISE: Increased air traffic will produce increased noise. A recent study from the Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard affiliate) finds a link between noise exposure and major cardiovascular events, such as heart attacks and strokes. A 2015 study out of London showed that aircraft noise is associated with children having poorer reading and memory skills.

AIR POLLUTION: Increased air traffic will produce increased air pollution, including Ultra Fine Particles or UFPs. A 2020 study in Germany showed that exposure to UFPs may trigger heart attacks. A 2020 study in Canada showed an increase in UFPs was associated with an increased incidence of brain tumors. A 2019 study in Korea shows that exposure to air pollution is associated with an increased risk of SIDS/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. A 2017 study from Montreal showed that ambient UFPs were associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer.

I have only mentioned health effects of an airport expansion. There are also detrimental environmental effects. As a physician and a citizen of the Mercer County community, I am compelled to urge the Mercer County Freeholders to vote AGAINST Trenton Mercer Airport Expansion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hirsh, M.D.

Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule E"

From:

Worthy, Jerlene

Sent:

Friday, June 12, 2020 10:26 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: public comment

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From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:52 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene **Cc:** Vena, Lisa

Subject: Fw: public comment

please add as part of public comment

-mario

From: Richard Preston < rpreston57@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:28 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew < akoontz@mercercounty.org>

Subject: Re: public comment

I live in Yardley PA

On Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 6:23 PM Richard Preston < represton 57@gmail.com > wrote:

The EA carried out was made for a low growth rate of 1% per year in flight operations. These numbers have already been exceeded significantly. The proposed task to market other airlines is aimed at increasing the number of flights well beyond the current levels, The EA should be redone for the full capacity anticipated by the many projects planned for the airport. The impact of increased operations on your neighbors was not reflected in the EA carried out. We will submit these concerns to the FAA and request that the Freeholders carry out a realistic analysis before committing to further projects.

Richard Preston

"Schedule F"

Dayon, Kyra

From:

Vena, Lisa

Sent:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:45 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Public Comment from Glenn Reitmeier

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More public comment below!

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:59 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: Public Comment from Glenn Reitmeier

Please add for public record.

thanks -mario

From: Glenn Reitmeier < glenn.reitmeier@live.com >

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:00 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org Subject: Public Comment from Glenn Reitmeier

Dear Freeholder Koontz,

Thank you for the opportunity for public comment at this evening's Freeholders meeting. Please accept the text below as a transcript of my comment and enter it into the public record. Thank you for your consideration of the important points that I bring to your attention.

"Freeholders should immediately reconsider and halt all expenditures and plans related to the Trenton airport expansion. The COVID pandemic has resulted in a precipitous drop in commercial air travel and that impact may well be a long-term one. It is irresponsible to base expansion plans on air traffic growth forecasts made before the pandemic. Investing in an airport expansion at a time when air travel has experienced its most precipitous drop in history is unwise and not in the best interests of the county and its citizens. With all of the uncertainty about the future demand for air travel, there can be no urgency to implement airport expansion plans. All activities and plans should be stopped immediately, pending revised post-COVID air traffic forecasts and a through Environmental Impact Study.

Rather than blindly funding expansion, Freeholders should rigorously ask themselves whether Trenton airport facilities are sufficient for a future with substantially less air travel. Freeholders should challenge the airport administration to do so as well. Blindly continuing an expansion plan that has been obsoleted by the unforeseen pandemic would be both unwise and irresponsible, especially in light of the concerning health, environmental and quality of life issues that have been raised by many residents of both Mercer and Bucks counties.

"Schedule F"

Furthermore, expansion of the airport and the impact of more and lower flying flights will not only harm the quality of life, health in and environment in surrounding communities, but because of that it will DECREASE future property values and real estate taxes in surrounding communities.

Freeholders should take note of the fact that there are many objections from the public, but virtually no support from private citizens. Why do Freeholders continue to repeatedly ignore public sentiment and act as a puppet of airport management and its segmentation of projects that dishonestly represents the impact of airport growth?

It is Freeholders' responsibility to citizens to recognize that airport expansion plans are a juggernaut that is blind to the negative impact on the quality of life and health in our community -- and at the same time a poor financial investment of taxpayer money that will actually decrease future tax revenues from decreased property values.

Vote 'No' to resolutions 10 and 11. Freeze all plans and stop all work on airport expansion NOW. It is your responsibility to the citizens and the communities that you were elected to serve."

Glenn Reitmeier 1124 S Houston Rd Yardley PA 19067

glenn.reitmeier@live.com

"Schedule G"

Dayon, Kyra

From:

Vena, Lisa

Sent:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:44 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: SAVING TREES in EWING (Mercer AIRPORT)

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See below. Lisa

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:58 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: SAVING TREES in EWING (Mercer AIRPORT)

To be added into public record

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: Dorothea Malina <maljim10@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:59 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org Subject: SAVING TREES in EWING (Mercer AIRPORT)

Dorothea Malina, 19 Stanford, Brandon Farms, Pennington, N.J.

Please SAVE our trees.

Do not let airport aspirations impact our clean air. Now we are wearing face masks to protect us from CoronaVirus pandemic, and we realize it is harder to breathe. Trees help clean the air. They cannot be easily replaced. Also, they help moderate extreme weather conditions---cooler in summer, warmer in winter. Taking a deep breath of clean air is healthy, feels good. Those trees contribute to those benefits.

Please be sure there is a thorough environmental impact study. Please watch the complete observations included in environment studies.

"Schedule G"

Do not permit increased runoff of chemicals in streams and ultimately the Delaware River, as well as toxics falling from aircraft onto farms, our yards, playgrounds, parks and schools. Please tell us HOW the ALREADY EXISTING runoff & spillage is being reduced.

Noise and vibration pollution is already annoying and destructive, even between 11 pm and 6 am.

An enlarged airport doesn't help keep the value of any of our properties.

Whether expansion of the airport facilities would bring increased income is arguable. Certainly it would be expensive, at a time when monies---local, county, state and federal funds---are being called upon to relieve financial crises throughout the country. Relief payouts are going to the newly hungry, jobless and homeless. This is NOT a good time to spend on expansion. Every government level is being stretched beyond their budgets....they are facing great indebtedness.

I ask you to vote NO on Resolutions 10, 11, and any other measure to expand Mercer County Airport.

Oppose airport expansion. Support our environment---ie: improving (not jeopardizing) clean water, clean air, noise
abatement, and more. Protect/improve our fiscal position. Support
our quality of life in Mercer County.

Sincerely,

D. Malina

"Schedule H"

Dayon, Kyra

From:

Vena, Lisa

Sent:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:55 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Mercer Airport Public Comment

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For your records

From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:59 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: Mercer Airport Public Comment

For public record please

From: michael drobac < cmudrobac@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:10 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew < akoontz@mercercounty.org >

Subject: Mercer Airport Public Comment

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT AND MAKE THIS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD

Dear Freeholder Koontz.

I am disappointed in the process related to this airport expansion.

It starts with the unacceptable experience with the complaints I've filed with the airport in responding to low flying aircraft.

I support Freeholder Frisby's request and would ask that that the Freeholders look into this process and the results, including consideration of an independent audit of it. It is acknowledged yet again that these complaints have been poorly handled and unaddressed. I speaks to potential corruption and coverup as it could negatively impact the continued expansion of the airport.

Regarding the continued expansion, the impacts to the health and welfare of residents are extreme and unfortunate. You have heard specifics from others and seen the evidence.

The lack of transparency in addressing these matters has been consistent and irresponsible of public servants.

There is no demonstrated need for further expansion for more planes and quicker takeoffs. This will only further result in a decline in property values in the area, and increase health hazards.

A full EIS is needed and a first step that must be taken. It is illogical as to why this has not occurred, unless, of course, there is concern as to what it would reveal.

I ask you vote NO on all motions related to the airport.

"Schedule H"

Thank you.

Regards, Michael Drobac 1419 Silo Road, Yardley, PA 215 378 5789

Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule I"

From: Worthy, Jerlene

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:24 PM

To: Dayon, Kyra

Subject: FW: public comment on the need to reduce air traffic at Trenton Airport

Attachments: Public-record-stmt-NdelaPuente-2020-06-11.pdf

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From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:47 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Subject: Fw: public comment on the need to reduce air traffic at Trenton Airport

Hello Cookie-

Would you please include the attached statement as part of the public record?

(There are a number of them I will be sending you.)

Thanks.

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: Noemi de la Puente < noemidlp@yahoo.com >

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:58 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org

Cc: Trenton Threatened Skies < trentonthreatenedskies@gmail.com>

Subject: public comment on the need to reduce air traffic at Trenton Airport

Dear Freeholder Koontz:

Please accept the attached comments I have, and make them part of the public record on the discussion of modifications to the Trenton Airport.

Thank you for your service, and the opportunity to make my voice heard in the discussion.

Best regards for your health and safety-

Noemi de la Puente



From: Noemi de la Puente, resident of Mercer County: 122 Carter Road, Princeton NJ 08540

To:

The Freeholders of Mercer County (Freeholder Koontz akoontz@mercercounty.org)

Esteemed Freeholders:

I would like my comments to be made part of the public record. I will email them to Freeholder Koontz, but will be unable to read them at the public meeting held at 6 PM on June 11, 2020. Please confirm that you have received my comments and have included them in the public record.

I am writing to the Board of Freeholders to ask that the Freeholders reduce the Trenton Airport volume of flights.

One of the best bird watching parks in NJ lies within a popular flight path of the airplanes descending into Trenton Airport: the Mercer Meadows.

On the Mercer Meadows website you will see an Owl Watching Public Notice, which contains the following statement:" No person shall harass, injure, or kill any animal or <u>disturb its habitat</u> within a County Park or recreation area." The underlining is my own emphasis.

Loud, low flying jets regularly disturb the peace and quiet of this park. They regularly disturb the habitat. I go to this park a lot - it is my refuge. I was overjoyed when the Governor opened it up again in early May! Over the years of running, biking, and walking in the park, I have seen jets often in the middle of the day, and late in the afternoon. In the evenings, I can hear the jets regularly between 10:30 PM and 11 PM, so I imagine the birds at Mercer Meadows also hear them because my home is two miles from the Cold Soil Road border of the park.

The noise of the planes threaten the habitat of the birds. Here is a partial list of some of the birds found at the park:

Endangered (5 species):

Short Eared Owls
Northern Harriers
Gold Winged Warblers
Peregrine Falcon
Pie-billed Grebe

Threatened (6 species):

Grass Hopper Sparrow Savannah Sparrow Red Headed Woodpecker Bald Eagle Bobolinks American Kestrels



This park is a refuge for these birds as well. Their habitats are shrinking. Their numbers are dwindling. The County spent a lot of money and effort in creating this park which is one of the premier grassland habitats for birds. The repeated noise of the planes which is alarmingly loud at ground level scares the birds. The Owl Watching Public Notice online states that the harassment threatens the survival of the sensitive owls. We humans understand the noise and we shrug off the annoyance. But birds do not understand it and are frightened by it. We can't translate our human reactions into animal and bird reactions. It takes a lot more energy out of the bird than it does out of us, and that is where the threat comes in - if a bird is regularly frightened by the noises, it will deem the location unsafe, and move to another place. There are few other places for these birds to move. That is why the County cut down all those trees and works hard to maintain the grassland environment (mowing, controlled burns, etc).

I ask that you vote to put a higher value our environment and wildlife. Please defend our precious park by reducing air traffic, or at least preventing any increase in it from the Trenton Airport. We have other airports. We have only one Mercer Meadows park.

Dayon, Kyra

"Schedule J"

From:

Worthy, Jerlene

Sent:

Friday, June 12, 2020 10:25 PM

To:

Dayon, Kyra

Subject:

FW: Freeholders Meeting Statement

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From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:50 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene **Cc:** Vena, Lisa

Subject: Fw: Freeholders Meeting Statement

Cookie-

Please add this to the public record.

thx

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: Koontz, Andrew < akoontz@mercercounty.org>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:49 PM

To: Jamie Phares < thediggingdogfarm@gmail.com Subject: Re: Freeholders Meeting Statement

Jaime,

We are in receipt of your message, and will forward it to the Clerk to the Board's office so it can be included into the public record.

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: Jamie Phares < thediggingdogfarm@gmail.com

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:15 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org>

Subject: Freeholders Meeting Statement

Dear Mr. Koontz-

I tried to join the Webex, and I also tried to call into the meeting neither with success. I would like to have my written statement, which I was unable to read, included in the public record. I hope that this is possible and binding.

"Schedule J"

I am strongly opposed to the expansion of the West Trenton Airport. I am a lifelong resident of the Princeton community, and this expansion will not only produce dreadful noise pollution, it will increase land and air pollution, jeopardize the value of our homes and properties, and disrupt our basic quality of life. Everyone in the flight pattern will be adversely affected and the traffic and congestion on the ground will swell as well. We are not a metropolis. We live in an area of green and tranquility. This expansion will erode all that makes this area special and lovely. We have Newark International and Philadelphia International Airports, we do NOT need a major airport hub in this small slice of what is still the Garden State.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa J. Phares

"Schedule K"

Dayon, Kyra

From: Vena, Lisa

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:19 AM

To: Dayon, Kyra

Subject: FW: Mercer County Airport Expansion - Premature

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From: Koontz, Andrew

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:00 PM

To: Worthy, Jerlene

Cc: Vena, Lisa; Dayon, Kyra

Subject: Fw: Mercer County Airport Expansion - Premature

Please add as part of public record.

Thank you.

LAURENTI, Mario

Confidential Aide to Freeholder Andrew Koontz

From: George Spais <geostar66@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:44 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew akoontz@mercercounty.org **Subject:** Mercer County Airport Expansion - Premature

Understanding that a \$4.1 MILLION TAXIWAY EXPANSION PROJECT that will allow planes to take off in quick succession and the hiring of firm to RECRUIT ADDITIONAL MAJOR AIRLINES is being considered for a vote, I feel that such consideration is premature at this time.

Considering the amount of greenery and trees that would be removed for such an expansion, an environmental impact should first be undertaken. Whether expansion of the airport facilities would bring increased revenue (for who?) is arguable, but it would certainly have a detrimental impact on the local residential property values and add to an already burdened tax base.

I ask you to vote NO on Resolutions 10, 11, and any other measure to expand Mercer County Airport. Perhaps in the future, these resolutions can be readdressed, but now during this pandemic climate is not the time to push things through.

Sincerely,

"Schedule K"

George Spais Ewing, NJ 08560

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INFORMAL MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2020

MINUTES

Chair Koontz called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. on June 9, 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
Chair Koontz 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.

DISCUSSION

Chair Koontz acknowledged that the County Executive was reopening the County Buildings to some degree of regular business. He suggested that the Freeholders begin to look at a gradual transition away from virtual meetings. However, he recommended that the next set of Freeholder Meetings be virtual with the possibility of some presence of Freeholders in the Meeting room.

Chair Koontz suggested that moving forward post-coronavirus crisis that the Freeholder Board should consider live streaming all Freeholder Board Meetings.

Chair Koontz stated that he spoke with Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, about having the Freeholder Confidential Aides post the texts of the Resolution prior to the Informal Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

One (1) communication was discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 11, 2020.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the Communication from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, regarding Freeholder Questions for June 9, 2020 Meeting. She stated that in reading the airport advisory circular, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommended the County do certain projects, but it was very important in knowing that it was not a requirement.

Lillian L. Nazzaro, County Administrator, mentioned that while the advisory circular was not mandatory, it was required if the County wanted federal funding.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty (20) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 11, 2020.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to Submit a Grant Application to NJ Transit for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, Round 7, and State Fiscal Year 2022, Round 8, for the Consolidated Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (NJJARC). She questioned about the cleaning of the bus for use for the program. Ms. Nazzaro confirmed that the bus would practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day, as well as using the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

Freeholder Frisby made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing payment to the Northern Red, Inc., for the three Close Quarter Combat Training Sessions for twenty-four Detectives from the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. He asked the Administration for additional details about what type of combat the detectives would be training for. Ms. Nazzaro commented that she would follow up.

Ms. Nazzaro made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to construct Taxiway D to G Connector (Construction) Project at the Trenton Mercer Airport. She announced the mandate was in the Grant Application, therefore when accepting a Grant Application, you have to sign off that you would abide by the advisory circular. Melinda Montgomery, Airport Manager, stated that although it indicated that it was not mandatory, it was mandatory when accepting federal funding.

Freeholder Walter asked if it was mandatory to do projects that were in the advisory circular and if the County would be required to do the project in order to run the airport. Ms. Montgomery stated that if the FAA agreed that a project would be in the best interest of operating an airport and undertake certain costs, then the FAA would have an issue if the County did not do those projects. Ms. Montgomery concluded that if the County did not advance a project that the FAA wanted to fund to advance the airport then the County would jeopardize federal funding.

Freeholder Walter mentioned that the aforementioned Resolution could potentially create the stacking of planes on a parallel taxiway, which may emit fumes. Ms. Nazzaro explained that a parallel taxiway would actually enhance safety and could possibly reduce the stacking of planes.

Freeholder Walter asked to have the aforementioned Resolution separated out for a separate vote at the Formal Meeting.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final with C.J. Hesse for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway "G" and Reconstruction of Taxiway "D" Project at The Trenton-Mercer Airport to increase the Contract amount by \$873,350.86 (+18.19%). She commented that although she voted in favor of the original project, it turned out that in doing the change orders there were changes made that would allow for the parallel runway to be part of this project. As a result, she declared she would not be voting for the Change Order.

Freeholder Cimino asked for the standard operating procedure in regards to Change Orders that would approach nearly 20% of the project. He added that he understood that the FAA was paying for most of it, but the expenditure was nearly \$900,000.00. He asked if the Freeholder Board should potentially make a stipulation that when a change order approaches a substantial change, that it be brought before the Freeholder Board before the company was able to continue the work.

Chair Koontz clarified that there was a bid awarded and the low bidders contested each other which caused the work to be delayed. He added that during the delay another project came up that the consultant believed the County should take advantage of when the bid was finally settled, which included the additional work on the particular contract. He concluded that the County increased the scope of work. Ms. Montgomery agreed that since the projects were close together there were some engineering and safety efficiencies.

Freeholder Walter asked to receive a list of every part of the project that was not in the original Resolution that the Freeholder Board had approved.

Freeholder Frisby asked why the Administration did not come back to the Freeholder Board for the Change Order. Ms. Nazzaro explained that it had been a standard practice that unless the amount changed 20% or higher, then it was not necessary for them to come back before the Board. Freeholder Walter mentioned that there is a huge difference between 20% of a smaller amount of money compared to millions.

Freeholder Frisby asked to get a better understanding of whether or not they approved the second project or was it added as an economy of scale in which became a change order. Ms. Montgomery explained that the Freeholder Board approved the Application and Agreement for the funding of the Connector Design and the Award of Bid. She concluded that the Freeholder Board had seen all the work, and that they simply shifted some of one project into another project.

David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to exceed the County Budget Appropriation limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) (Seconded Reading) He explained that the Resolution preserved the right to CAP Bank and preserves the right to go to a higher CAP.

David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing the Amendment to the 2020 Approved Budget of the County of Mercer, New Jersey. (Second Reading) He explained that the Resolution was to reduce the Grant revenues.

Freeholder Cimino made reference to the proposed Resolution supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement. He asked for the Resolution to be revised to expand who actually would receive the Resolution. He suggested that it be sent out to not only the Freeholder Boards in the State of New Jersey but also to the Congressional Delegation, and legislative delegation representing Mercer County. Chair Koontz agreed with Freeholder Cimino and asked that it be sent out to Mercer County municipalities as well.

Freeholder Frisby recommended that the aforementioned Resolution be read in full into the record when they vote on it at Thursday's Formal Meeting.

David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing the Amendment to the 2020 Approved Budget of The County of Mercer, New Jersey. He explained that this Amendment Resolution was to address the Mercer County Board of Social Services Budget Adoption that would take place on Wednesday, June 10th.

Freeholder Cimino asked if the County received approval on the submitted budget to Local Government Services. Mr. Miller stated that he expected the Mercer County Budget to be approved for Thursday's Formal Meeting of June 11th.

Freeholder Cimino and Frisby expressed their concerns regarding the delay in the approval of the submitted 2020 Budget from the Local Government. Mr. Miller highlighted that part of the delay was due to the Board of Social Services not approving their Budget, which added time to the process.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Nazzaro made a request that the Freeholder Board consider to remove a previous Resolution from Table for consideration on Thursday's Formal Meeting. The Tabled Resolution authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement (awarded through a non-fair and open process) with Volaire Aviation, Inc., to provide airline and airport marketing consulting services for the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Freeholder Walter announced that she had the opportunity to virtually attend the Drug

Court Graduation.

In light of the events that have occurred around the world, Freeholder Frisby discussed the possibility of developing an ad hoc human relations committee to take a look at disparities in the County of Mercer and how to deal with institutional racism. Freeholder Cimino mentioned that he had a discussion with Freeholder Frisby of what a committee could potentially look like and recommended that all kinds of key stakeholders and community leaders were involved to have a broad understanding and representation throughout Mercer County. The Freeholder Board were very supportive of the idea.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Susan Herman, President of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc., expressed her concern regarding the expansion of the airport without conducting appropriate cumulative environmental impact statements.

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Judith Hoechner, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, asked if the Administration could make the airport circular available to the public. Chair Koontz stated that the circular was available on a web link and that it could be distributed via email.

Ms. Hoechner asked if the Freeholders past vote to approve the Master Plan for the airport meant that they approved every project listed in the Master Plan. Freeholder Koontz assured her that the Administration needed to come back to the Freeholder Board for individual votes on each Resolution.

Suzanna McGee, resident of Ewing, New Jersey, expressed her gratitude toward the County for their work in making vote by mail accessible to the community members. She also supported Ms. Herman's statements regarding reckless development at the Airport.

Jeffrey Laurenti, resident of Trenton, New Jersey, thanked the Administration for moving to replace the current airport terminal.

Freeholder Cimino acknowledged that the County employees would be returning to work June 22nd. He asked if the Administration could share the telecommute or remote work plan for staff especially for those individuals who have young children who may not get the coverage they need for summer camp or traditional school setting.

Ms. Nazzaro stated that there were policies that were created; the response plan, the time and attendance plan, the leave plan, telecommuting policy and the mask policy. She added that all the policies are available for viewing on the County Website under the Personnel Department.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY CLERK TO THE BOARD