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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020

MINUTES

Chair Koontz called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on November 12, 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

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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 Meeting Law, notice of this Informal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspaper 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.

Both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Freeholder Frisby asked the Board for a moment of silence for Luis Mollinedo who died from complications related to COVID-19. He noted that Mr. Mollinedo's wife and son both work for the County. Freeholder Frisby said he would be truly missed.

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

Judith Hoechner, a resident of Yardley PA, raised comments about the D to G connector and RPZ projects. **SEE SCHEDULE "A", ATTACHED HERETO MADE A PART HEREOF.**

Debra Baseman, resident of Princeton, NJ complained about the rule to email public comments by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting, adding that it is unfair to enforce a time restriction. She felt that the new rule was an attempt to eliminate public comment. Ms. Baseman concurred with Ms. Hoechner comments.

Chair Koontz said he would continue to receive emails during the meeting,

Michael Herbert, County Counsel stated that municipalities that he works for accept emails throughout meetings, and that it is the Chair's discretion to accept emails after 4:00pm.

Glen Retimeier, a resident of Yardley PA commented on Trenton Mercer Airport project. **SEE SCHEDULE "B", ATTACHED HERETO MADE A PART HEREOF.**

Chair Koontz read Robin Karpft a resident of Ewing, NJ comments into the record. **SEE SCHEDULE "C" ATTACHED HERETO MADE A PART HEREOF.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Formal Meeting of July 16, 2020

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

On the motion of Freeholder Cimino, seconded by Freeholder Cannon , the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of August 13, 2020

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Abstain – Freeholder Colavita

On the motion to Freeholder Frisby, seconded by Freeholder Walter, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Special Formal Meeting of August 20, 2020

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Abstain -Freeholder Melker

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated October 10, 2020, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of October 19, 2020.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department dated October 14, 2020, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of October 5, 2020.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department dated October 16, 2020 , RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of October 12, 2020 .

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department dated November 4, 2020, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of October 26, 2020

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated October 27, 2020, RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent to the Mercer County Board of Agriculture Development, Mercer County Vo-Tech School Board, Mercer County Board of Social Services and the Mercer County Workforce Investment Board

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

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, RE: Questions from Freeholder Board, dated November 12, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS:

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Add the following Resolution to the Agenda.

Freeholder Cimino moved, seconded by Freeholder Walter, that:

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO FULL SERVICES MAILERS, INC., FOR POSTAL COMPUTER SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AMOUNT \$119,848.12 **BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Paula Sollami Covello, Esq., County Clerk, addressed the Freeholder Board regarding authorization to submit payment to pay Full Service Mailers, Inc.,. She noted that due to COVID-19, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy established an executive order that all registered voters in New Jersey would receive mail-in ballots. She stated that over 260,000 ballots were mailed to Mercer County residents. She stated that her office under budgeted for the massive purchase of envelope, postage, and ballots and that she exceeds the original contract amount. She said the State promised to reimburse the County after all bills are submitted. She asked the Board for authorization to pay the remaining cost of the bill.

Chair Koontz said that the Board thanked the County Clerk staff for providing an extraordinary job with making the election run smoothly.

At this time, Chair Koontz addressed concerns regarding the Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with C & S Engineers (awarded through a fair and open process) for on-airport obstruction removal (design & permitting) project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport from November 13, 2020, through November 12, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$464,000.00.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, said C & S consultants, and Melinda Montgomery, Airport Manager, were present to answer any questions.

Chair Koontz asked about the plan for replacing the trees around the airport.

Melinda Montgomery, Airport Manager, said the Resolution is for obstruction of trees removal; a replacement program was reviewed, and that the original plan under the FAA is to look at all the replanting and replacing plans. She noted that the County is conducting an aggressive amount of screening around homes and businesses. She stated that 30 acreages of trees would be removed and that 200 trees per acreage.

County Executive Brian Hughes asked how many trees would be removed and replaced.

Ms. Montgomery stated that 30 acres of trees and the replacement are a combination of screening in various areas around homes and businesses.

Freeholder Cimino asked how many new plantings would the County have after losing 6,000 trees. He asked if the County was losing, gaining, or the net gain.

Ms. Montgomery said it would not be a net gained; the project is for a design and permitting to obtain a specific amount of trees.

John Donohue, C& S Engineers, Inc., responded that he does not have a specific number of replacement trees; however, the numbers would be less than the number of trees that would be cut.

Freeholder Cimino asked how the Board could make an informed decision without an idea of how many trees would be replaced. He noted that not having an answer is unacceptable.

Ms. Nazzaro said her understanding is that the contract would determine how many trees would be planted. Ms. Montgomery replied, that was correct.

Nick McLaughlin, P.E. C & S Engineers, Inc., commented that the amount is less; however, the amount is hard to determine at the moment without the screening process. He noted that the screening would provide a precise amount of trees and bushes that would be replanted and removed. He indicated that C & S Engineers, Inc. would offer residents and businesses packets regarding tree removal and replacement.

Chair Koontz said the Board is requesting a robust program. He mentioned the replacement program.

Freeholder Walter said Ewing Township has a tree removal Ordinance. She said the plan discussed does not meet the requirements of the local town Ordinance. She noted that cutting 6,000 trees is a concern.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the screening does not look at the size of trees.

Freeholder Walter indicated that older and larger trees should be considered and added to the County's tree plan. She raised concerns about the design plan; however, the proposed Special Item of Revenue Resolution for airport improvement program grant for RPZ remove obstructions runaway 16/34 and 6/24 for \$480,000.00 is accepting the money for the trees to be removed. She said she has concerns that the County does not have the plan and that she would approve the design plan; however, she is uncomfortable supporting the award of funds for tree cutting.

Chair Koontz said he had concerns about not approving the Special Item of Revenue Resolution for the airport improvement and asked for Dave Miller to clarify the purpose of the Resolution.

Dave Miller, CFO explained that the Special Item of Revenue for airport improvement is related to the C & S Engineers contract for \$480,000.00, and said that the Special Item of Revenue Resolution funds are a source of funds and use of funds.

Freeholder Walter asked has the County received funds that would allow for tree cutting.

Ms. Montgomery responded that dating back to 2013, the County has not received FAA grant funds for tree removal for this project.

Freeholder Frisby asked for a guiding document to replant and remove trees. He recommended a strong tree plan to replace 6,000 trees.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that we do not have a written plan, however, the Resolution is to create a design plan.

Ms. Montgomery reiterated that the contract is for design and permitting in the obstruction area.

Chair Koontz said the Special Item of Revenue Resolution for airport improvement would not fund the cutting of trees, however, it supports the consultant to design a plan; actually, the proposed C & S contract and Special Item Revenue Resolution are intertwined; one is the funding source for the other Resolution. He recommended a guiding policy regarding tree loss on County lands.

Freeholder Walter raised concerns about the substantial amount of money spent on a consultant to create a plan. She felt that the airport management has a program that the consultant would be directed to develop; however, that plan does not compare to the Board's proposed plan. She raised concerns about spending \$480,000.00 to come up with a plan that the Board may reject. She said where at a point that the Board has not received a firm plan.

Chair Koontz agreed with Freeholder Walter and believed the County would implement the Board's plan into the County's tree plan.

Freeholder Cannon felt a step was missing from the design plan and said that she is concerned with losing 6,000 trees.

Ms. Nazzaro suggested keeping an open mind with C & S Engineers on tree screening and communicating with residents and businesses to come up with a tree plan.

Chair Koontz asked for confidence from C & S Engineer to incorporate the Ewing Ordinance and not include a replacement plan with fewer trees.

Ms. Montgomery stated that she was unsure if the FAA would entertain new regulations after the program's initiation; however, the County and local towns could establish a plan. She said the FAA fully funds the project to study the area's obstruction and create a plan and permitting.

Freeholder Walter said C& S Engineers, Inc., provided the Board with a color-coded map that shows specifically tree removal and replanting. She said there is a plan and that it is disingenuous to say it is no plan.

Ms. Montgomery said the Board has a map identifying areas of obstruction.

Freeholder Walter referred to the map regarding tree removal. She stated she has tree removal plans from other States and that the Board has choices.

Freeholder Frisby asked that the administration be responsible for replacing trees throughout the County. He asked for a plan with a net-zero loss of trees.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the lower trees under five (5) feet would allow them to grow within wetland areas. He referred to the topping program and that that the FAA only pays for everything once.

Ms. Nazzaro said the County is conscious about tree planting and the environmental impact. She noted that within ten (10) years, 10,000 trees were planted on 61 acres throughout the County.

Freeholder Walter asked for a commitment from the administration to consider the Board's recommendation and asked for a one-to-one replacement in the plan.

Ms. Nazzaro said at the moment, she was unable to provide a commitment until she speaks to others and that the contract is for the design and permitting, not for tree removal. She said a one-to-one replacement would be a significant amount of money. She noted that the Board's recommendation could be advanced to the FAA.

Freeholder Walter asked for an Agreement from the administration that the plan provided by C & S Engineers, Inc., would not be the plan and that clear-cutting being proposed would be planting instead.

Ms. Nazzaro said she could not make that commitment at the time.

Freeholder Frisby asked for a commitment about replanting to make a real decision.

Ms. Nazzaro said her understanding was to move forward on the project. She said the County does not want to jeopardize future funding from the FAA.

Freeholder Walter asked for the statement in writing that the Resolution has to be approved tonight.

Ms. Montgomery responded that nothing was in writing; however, FAA fully allocated funds for the project. She noted that if the contract is not approved, it could jeopardize future funding.

Chair Koontz asked for a commitment from the administration to look into a tree replacement program, so the Board could augment a plan and find other places to plant trees.

Ms. Nazzaro said the administration would commit to having a tree planting program.

Freeholder Cimino suggested for future meetings that consultants are available at informal agenda meetings.

County Executive Brian Hughes stated that he would provide a commitment to the Board. He said he could not commit to planting inheritance trees because they were old. He said the money is to accept funding from the FAA to present a plan. He said Ewing and Trenton are built out and would need homeowners' permission to build trees in their backyard. He said he would use Ewing as a base to replant as many trees and that the City of Trenton, Hopewell, and other towns would be considered.

Freeholder Walter thanked the County Executive for his commitment to consider the Board's concerns.

Chair Koontz made the recommendation to see the plan first before approving a Resolution to cut trees.

Ms. Nazzaro said she would provide information.

Chair Koontz and Freeholder Walter thanked the administration for the discussion.

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

Freeholder Cimino moved, seconded by Freeholder Walter , that

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1 THROUGH 4 AND RESOLUTIONS 6 THROUGH 47
“BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 7. Nays-0. Abstain-0. Absent-0

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

Freeholder Frisby offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Cimino

NO. 2020-547 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY ,
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AND THE COUNTY OF
MERCER ACCEPTS AN EXTRAORDINARY,
UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S) CONTRACT TO
RECEIVE STATE GRANT FUNDS TO PROVIDE AT –HOME
AND ONE- SITE COVID TESTING SERVICES FOR MERCER
COUNTY. GRANT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 TO
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$357,500.00

No. 2020-548 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
AWARDS A FORMULA GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDS
TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES TO ENHANCE MOBILITY FOR LOCAL
PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SENIOR CITIZEN AND
DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SECTION 5310) FEDERAL FUNDS \$75,000.00;
COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS: \$75,000.00; TOTAL GRANT :
\$150,000.00 PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NO. 2020-549 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE- STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDES WORKFIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) FUNDS TO COUNTY OF MERCER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020; PROGRAM YEAR 2020 (JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021) FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF); WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT-ADULT , YOUTH, DISLOCATED WORKER; AND WORKFORCE LEARNING LINK PROGRAM, YORK ACTIVITIES ADULT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM (CAVP), AND WORKFIRST NJ GENERAL ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (SNAP)- CASE MANAGEMENT/ WORK ACTIVITIES- TOTAL AMOUNT: \$4,666,199.00

NO. 2020-550 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AWARDS THE COUNTY OF MERCER LIHEAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVID-19 TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH HEATING COST THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: AUGUST 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT: \$68,214.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS- NO COUNT FUNDS)

NO. 2020-551 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE- STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE HUMAN SERVICES, FOR “MERCER COUNTY AREA PLAN TITLE III OLDER AMERICANS ACT”; MIDYEAR ALLOCATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY CARE ACT PROGRAM FUNDING (NO COUNTY FUNDS) TOTAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE ALLOCATED \$1,038,533.00

NO. 2020-552 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 TRANSPORTATION TRUST
FUND AUTHORITY ACT LOCAL BRIDGE FUTURE NEEDS
PROGRAM FOR STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGE NO.
672.2 CARRYING YARDVILLE-GROVEVILLE ROAD (CR 609)
OVER DOCTOR’S CREEK, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FOR
\$2,000,000.00 AND BRIDGE 250.3 CARTER ROAD (CR
569) OVER BEDENS BROOK FOR \$1,118,598.00
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP , COUNTY OF MERCER; TOTAL
AMOUNT: \$3,118,598.00

NO. 2020-553 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
AWARDS COUNTY OF MERCER GRANT FUNDING FOR
LOCAL PROGRAMS AND MINIBUS SUPPORT
FORMULA GRANT FOR RURAL AREAS (SECTION 5311)
OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN SMALL
URBAN OR RURAL AREAS GRANT PROGRAM. TOTAL
AMOUNT: \$97,861.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

No. 2020-554 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY OF
THE HUMAN SERVICES FOR “MERCER COUNTY AREA
PLAN TITLE III, OLDER AMERICANS ACT” MIDYEAR
ALLOCATION OF 2020 STATE AND FEDERAL AREA PLAN
GRANT CONTRACT FUNDS (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE ALLOCATED \$879,454.00

- No. 2020-555 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION , FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA), AWARDS COUNTY OF MERCER, TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT (NO.3-34-0042-054-2020) FOR RPZ REMOVE OBSTRUCTIONS RUNWAY 16/34 AND 6/24 (ON AIRPORT DESIGN) PHASE I. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$480,000.00
- No. 2020-556 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROVIDER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023
- No. 2020-557 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH WOMANSPACE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$212,586.00 (\$106,293.00 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) STATE FUNDS PER YEAR) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2020-558 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY FOR "PRENATAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AT-RISK PREGNANT LATINA WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES." PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$27,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- No. 2020-559 . COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH YWCA PRINCETON FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INFANT AND TODDLER CARE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$33,198.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- No. 2020-560 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-505, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CURA, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FUNDING BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000.00 (STATE FUNDS). REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$50,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)"
- No. 2020-561 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47, ADOPTED JANUARY 23, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MERCER COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 (STATE FUNDS). REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$80,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)"
- No. 2020-562 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20, ADOPTED JANUARY 9, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HOMEFRONT, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION/EMERGENCY SERVICES. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AGREEMENT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$52,023.00 (STATE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS). REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$124,692.00 (SSH FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)"

- No. 2020-563 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH DONNA E. HUNTER FOR THE PROVISION OF "REGISTERED DIETITIAN SERVICES- MENU PLANNING AND ANALYSIS, NUTRITION EDUCATION AND NUTRITION COUNSELING" PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$45,360.00 (TITLE III FEDERAL FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- No. 2020-564 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM [DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION (D.E.D.R) FUND]. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. AMOUNT: \$154,771.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- No. 2020-565 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. AMOUNT: \$154,771.00 (DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION [D.E.D.R.] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- No. 2020-566 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT (IFA) BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB), THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (NJ DOL), AND THE ONE-STOP PARTNERS AS REQUIRED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA), PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2020-567 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A FINAL COMMUNITY
SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) NON- DISCRETIONARY
(ND) COVID19 CARES ACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL
SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME CLIENTS IN MERCER COUNTY
DURING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. PERIOD:
APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. AMOUNT:
\$276,396.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2020-568 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
CONTRACT WITH THE LENOX LAW FIRM TO REPRESENT
MERCER COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF
HENRY/FIORAVANTI V. COUNTY OF MERCER. AMOUNT NOT
TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2020
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2020-569 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH C & S ENGINEERS (AWARDED
THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) FOR ON- AIRPORT
OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL (DESIGN & PERMITTING) PROJECT
AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. TERM: NOVEMBER
13, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2021. AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$464,000.00

No. 2020-570 . COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
(AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS)
TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE
SANITARY SEWER MAPPING OF THE TRENTON-MERCER
AIRPORT PERIOD: DECEMBER 4, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 3,
2021 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$60,800.00

No. 2020-571 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH KLEINFELDER, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$250,000.00

No. 2020-572 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (AGENTS FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSIT PLANNING IN MERCER COUNTY) FOR THE FY 2020 TRANSIT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT \$52,352.00: STATE SHARE: \$33,284.00; COUNTY SHARE: \$19,068.00 VIA IN-KIND SERVICES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

NO. 2020-573 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE REGIONAL GIS IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION PROJECT FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. TOTAL GRANT AWARD: \$34,000.00. COUNTY COST \$ 0.00

No. 2020-574 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (AGENTS FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIGHWAY PLANNING IN MERCER COUNTY) FOR THE FY 2020 SUPPORTIVE REGIONAL HIGHWAY PLANNING PROGRAM FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT \$57,662.00: STATE SHARE: \$34,130.00; COUNTY SHARE \$23,532.00 VIA IN-KIND SERVICES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

- No. 2020-575 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF PARKWAY AVENUE (CR634), SCOTCH ROAD (CR611) TO ROUTE 31 (PENNINGTON ROAD) FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND CITY OF TRENTON, MERCER COUNTY AGREEMENT NO. 20-DT-BLA-307 (FEDERAL PROJECT HSIP-0634 (302) ELIGIBLE FUNDS: \$1,001,685.00
- NO. 2020-576 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT WORK FOR MIDLANTIC CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 140.8, MONMOUTH STREET OVER THE ASSUNPINK CREEK, CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
- NO. 2020-577 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH MIDLANTIC CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 140.8, MONMOUTH STREET OVER THE ASSUNPINK CREEK, CITY OF TRENTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DECREASE: -\$110,364.22 REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,860,816.19
- NO. 2020-578 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH EDWARD H. CRAY, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS AND UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. DECREASE: \$4,877.04 (-0.60%) REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$807,076.01
- NO. 2020-579 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A TITLE INSURANCE SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH TWO RIVERS TITLE COMPANY, LLC FOR TITLE INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 30, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 29, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ONE YEAR PERIODS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 (RFP2020-04)

NO. 2020-580 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE PROBATE SYSTEM AT THE MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,878.50

NO. 2020-581 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE RECORDSMINE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,200.00 PER YEAR (NO COUNTY FUNDS).

NO. 2020-582 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" AN AWARD OF BID TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE REBID OF CARPET AND FLOORING INSTALLATION AND REPAIR FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM PERIOD: FEBRUARY 18, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$702,000.00 **(CK09MERCER2018-33B)**

NO. 2020-583 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED AUGUST 18, 2020 TO ACTION TARGET INC. FOR PHASE ONE FOR THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF A MODULAR STEEL BULLET TRAP FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$654,285.00. TERM: 180 CALENDER DAYS FROM THE NOTICE TO PROCEED **(AB2020-03B)**

NO. 2020-584 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED OCTOBER 7, 2020 TO ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR ONE (1) 2021 OR NEWER FORD F550 4X4 WITH ALTEC AERIAL FORESTRY BUCKET TRUCK OR EQUIVALENT FOR USE BY SHADE TREE AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 9, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$155,627.00 **(CK09MERCER2020-24)**

- NO. 2020-585 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 17, 2020 TO EAST COAST SOD AND SEED, LLC FOR SOD FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM AS AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 **(CK09MERCER2020-04)**
- NO. 2020-586 PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED AUGUST 27, 2020 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE REBID OF STEEL FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2021 , WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR BASED UPON THE INDEX RATE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$125,000.00 **(AB2020-17B)**
- NO. 2020-587 PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR COUNTYWIDE ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: OCTOBER 12, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$880,000.00 **(CK09MERCER2020-08B)**
- NO. 2020-588 REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVE JANY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- NO. 2020-589 REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTO HERNANDEZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- NO. 2020-590 REAPPOINTMENT OF NANCY THOMPSON AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
- NO. 2020-591 REAPPOINTMENT OF YOLANDA STINGER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY VO-TECH SCHOOL BOARD

NO. 2020-592 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO FULL SERVICE MAILERS, INC.,
FOR POSTAL COMPUTER SERVICES AND MAILING SERVICES
FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. AMOUNT:
\$119,848.12

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 7. Nays-0. Abstain-0 Absent-0

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

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote on the proposed Resolution:

Freeholder Frisby moved, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

NO. 2020-593 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION (FAA), AWARDS COUNTY OF
MERCER , TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT AN AIRPORT
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT (3-34-0042-056-
2020) TO CONSTRUCT CONNECTOR TAXIWAY D TO G
(PHASE II) GRANT AMOUNT: \$5,862,801.00

Freeholder Walter stated she would abstain from voting on the Resolution because the project would create a parallel taxiway, and that FAA documentation shows that parallel taxiway would significantly increase the amount of stacking which creates more planes would sit and idle for longer periods of time. She noted that the parallel taxiway would be detrimental to the environment

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 6. Nays-0. Abstain-1 Absent-0

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

ORDINANCE TO BE REMOVED FROM TABLE:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2020 SALARY FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WARDEN, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, MERCER COUNTY CLERK AND MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE

Chair Koontz called for a motion to remove the proposed Ordinance from Table

No motion moved and seconded to remove from table.

Chair Koontz and the Board decided that the 2021 Reorganization Meeting would be held virtually due to increased COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Hughes asked about the vote on the salary Ordinance.

Chair Koontz said no vote was considered by the Board to remove it from Table.

PUBLIC SECTION:

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

Debra Baseman a resident of Princeton, NJ thanked Freeholder Walter for abstaining on the Resolution regarding the airport improvement project. She expressed concerns about the environment at the Airport. **SEE SCHEDULE "D", ATTACHED HERETO MADE A PART HEREOF.**

Pat Fletcher, a resident of Ewing NJ, questioned the design tree plant Resolution, she asked what justify the amount for a draft plan, what does the amount entail.

Chair Koontz said the amount covers the cost for the consultants to conduct a design plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

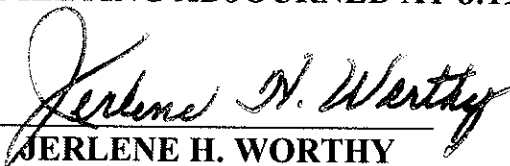
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Frisby and seconded by Freeholder Cimino, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 7. Nays-0. Abstain-0 Absent-0

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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020

MINUTES

Chair Koontz called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:22 PM on November 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

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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 Meeting Law, notice of this Informal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspaper 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.

Both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided.

MINUTES:

1. Formal Meeting of July 16, 2020
2. Formal Meeting of August 13, 2020
3. Special Formal Meeting of August 20, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS:

Six (6) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of November 12, 2020.

Freeholder Walter requested an update on Volaire Aviation, Inc.; she asked what had been done from July through September.

Freeholder Walter made reference to County Executive Brian M. Hughes appointments; she asked if proposed appointees had been properly vetted.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, responded that appointees had been vetted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Forty-seven (47) resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of November 12, 2020.

Freeholder Walter referred to the proposed Resolutions for a Special Item of Revenue – U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), awards County of Mercer, Trenton Mercer Airport an airport improvement program (AIP) grant to construct connector taxiway D to G (Phase II) Grant amount \$5,862,801.00. She requested to separate this proposed Resolution from the block vote, adding that she would abstain from voting.

Freeholder Walter referred to the Resolution regarding the Special Item of Revenue U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awards County of Mercer, Trenton Mercer Airport for airport improvement program (AIP) Grant for RPZ remove obstruction runway 16/34 and 6/24 (airport design) phase 1 in the amount of \$480,000.00. She asked the administration to consider a replanting tree program once grant funding was approved.

County Executive Brian M. Hughes responded that the administration has significantly looked at replanting options for the airport improvement area. The County is encouraged to replant trees that lose vegetation throughout the township and County.

Freeholder Walter said she understands trees have to be removed, however, protection and safety is the first concern. She said she provided a list of plants that could be planted around the area. Also, she asked that the Freeholders are provided with an idea of the plans on the addition to the design.

Mr. Hughes said the administration would provide an idea of where trees would be planted. He said the FAA requires the County to retain tree firm around residential areas.

Freeholder Walter thanked the County Executive for his commitment to the replant tree plan.

Chair Koontz referred to the Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Service Agreement with the Lenox Law Firm to represent Mercer County in Henry/Fioravanti V. County of Mercer in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. He indicated that an executive session was necessary to provide the Board with an update on legal matters in the County and scheduled the meeting for December 2020.

Mr. Hughes said he could provide the Freeholders with an update on legal matters.

Chair Koontz referred to the Resolution authorizing to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final with Midlantic Construction, LLC for the emergency repair of Mercer County Bridge No. 140.8 Monmouth Street over the Assunpink Creek in the City of Trenton, decrease amount -\$110,364.22 revised contract amount \$1,860,816.19.

He commended that the Administration for the reduction of cost and that the contract was accepted in a timely manner which speaks volumes to the oversight of management.

Freeholder Frisby thanked Aaron Watson, Director of DOT &I, who works diligently on projects. He asked for an update on Trenton bridges that expand over Amtrak and a timeline to start the process to repair.

Mr. Hughes indicated that the Lincoln Street Bridge in the City of Trenton is the most costly bridge that would cost \$10 million and that it is the County's main priority to repair. He said the County hopes for state and federal money to restore the bridge and that the bridge is in utter disrepair. He said the County is devoting all resources towards Lincoln Street Bridge. He believed the bridge is out for bid and that construction could start in a year.

Freeholder Walter requested a list of the bridges that need repairs in the County.

ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2020 SALARY FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WARDEN, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, MERCER COUNTY CLERK AND MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE

Mr. Hughes said the Freeholder Board decided to table the Salary Ordinance at last month's meeting and apologized to the Board for receiving it late. He said a reason the Ordinance was late because, with COVID, it was a possibility that lay-offs or furloughs would occur and that the amount of revenue the County was expected to lose. Mr. Hughes noted that in mid-September, Dave Miller, CFO, was certain that the County could get through the year and first and second quarter without lay-offs or furloughs. He said lay-offs and furloughs were avoided due to State and Federal funding. He asked the Freeholder Board to considered removing it from Table to obtain a vote.

Freeholder Walter suggested the Freeholder Board remove it from table to discuss the Ordinance.

Jerlene Worthy, Clerk to the Board, stated that if the Board decided to remove the Ordinance from Table, it would be advertised and then readvertised for the Ordinance adoption.

Chair Koontz stated that he would make a motion to possibly remove the Ordinance from the table for further discussion at Thursday's Formal Meeting.

At this time, the Freeholders discussed two Resolutions from Chair Koontz and Freeholder Walter regarding tree law policies to replace and remove trees.

Freeholder Walter thanked Chair Koontz for embracing the Resolution. She said triggering mechanisms should be included in the Resolution. She said Ewing Township has a tree replacement ordinance in effect.

Mr. Hughes said the County does not clear-cut trees and that there is a policy in place that says the County plants more trees if they're fully grown. He assured the Board that multiple trees that are cut down would be replaced, however, all trees may not be replaced in Ewing.

Chair Koontz said he would like to see the County's tree policy and incorporate it in the Resolution.

Freeholder Walter said the Be It Resolved clause in the Resolution should include six steps:

1. That we should always try to replace directly next to the area that was cut, if not;
2. Within 5-miles area, but within the effective municipality, if not;
3. Anywhere within the municipality where it was cut
4. Within municipality that is directly adjacent to the municipality affected
5. Anywhere within the County
6. The only time to purchasing credits outside the County but within the watershed would be when none of the other five were available so that we would always try to replace them in the County.

Chair Koontz said that the language had a lot of restrictive detail. He added that he would prefer language that the County would make the best effort to replace trees. He stated that the Freeholder Board has both Resolutions to decide what language is acceptable.

Freeholder Frisby suggested reviewing the County's policy to compare to other Resolutions.

Freeholder Cannon stated that the Board should communicate with other towns regarding their tree policy.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Freeholder Walter said the Board received resident complaints about the noise from the firing range. She asked that the administration look into sound blankets to absorb the sound.

Freeholder Walter commended everyone who worked on the primary and general election.

NEW BUSINESS:

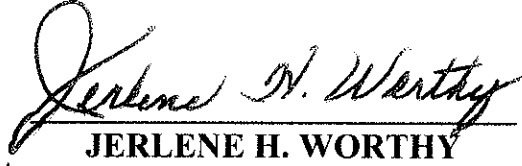
Chair Koontz suggested that the Board consider drafting a Resolution regarding the reconstruction of the Hudson Terminal in New York City.

PUBLIC SECTION:

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

Johnny Whittington, resident of Hamilton, commended the Freeholder Board for providing the public with useful information and that he appreciated their dedication to the County.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jerlene H. Worthy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

**JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD**

"Schedule A"

Judy Hoechner

1406 Silo Road

Yardley, PA 19067

My comments tonight regard the D to G connector and the RPZ projects.

Each of these projects have been applied for under false pretenses and you, the Freeholders, are turning a blind eye to these falsehoods being perpetrated under your watch.

In each of the projects for which you are accepting grants, the application claims that no increases in airport operations are anticipated. The FAA circular states that the purpose for a parallel taxiway is to increase efficiency and capacity. It is estimated by the FAA that one parallel taxiway can increase flights by up to 200,000/ year. On the one hand you are hiring Volaire Aviation to bring in more airlines and increase the use of the airport while on the other hand you are allowing projects to go forward under the pretense that airline operations will not be increased so as to avoid studying that impact on the environment. All of these projects repeatedly, disingenuously state they will not increase airline operations, which is a misrepresentation of the truth.

Also, it is of great concern from where you are getting your information regarding environmental issues. In a Spring Freeholder meeting when concerns about PFOA contamination on Parcel A was brought up by the public, attorney Daniel Markind minimized our concern stating that PFOAs are found everywhere, on your clothes and in Teflon. Those are not the PFOAs that are going to poison you, but the ones that spilled into the ground from decades of use at the Naval Air Warfare Center and at the airport will. There are known, very high levels of PFOA found in the water and soil 100 feet from where you are decapitating acres of trees for the RPZ project. Killing these trees will affect the stormwater flow and risk flushing these "forever chemicals" into Gold Run creek that runs directly to the Delaware.

This is the water I drink. I checked with Kleinfelder, the company you hired to monitor environmental issues and they weren't even aware of the presence of PFOAs in the area. When the Freeholders questioned Daniel Markind about who was ensuring the environmental safety of the projects around the contaminated site, he said the bank wouldn't lend money if they thought there was a problem and you accepted that explanation. Your due diligence process was to allow the bank to determine if this very serious PFOA contamination was being addressed so that they don't get washed into the Delaware.

I repeat, the freeholders are turning a blind eye to the false premises under which these projects are being approved. I ask you to Vote No on Resolutions 5, 10, 24 and 26 until you determine if these projects are being honestly and ethically evaluated.

"Schedule B"

From: Glenn Reitmeier [mailto:glenn.reitmeier@live.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:33 PM

To: Koontz, Andrew; Worthy, Jerlene

Subject: Public Comment of Glenn Reitmeier Nov 12

Dear Freeholders,

I strongly object to continued funding of TTN Mercer projects and the associated resolutions on the agenda. I have previously commented on the flawed economics of an airport expansion plan in a post-pandemic world that will have a greatly reduced demand for air travel. Video conferencing technology that we are using to hold public meetings ensures that business air travel will not rebound to 2019 levels in the foreseeable future. Can't you see that technology is obsoleting a great deal of physical travel? And if business travel is reduced, then there will be much excess capacity at large airports such as EWR and PHL; how can the expansion of TTN make any economic sense when it will compete with excess capacity at those major hubs?

I urge you to vote 'no' on these resolutions because regardless of the future of air travel, they are a losing proposition for Mercer County and its citizens:

1. If air travel fails to rebound, Mercer County will be left with huge debt and no volume of passengers and associated Passenger Fees to pay for it. This will come at a time of historic budget shortfalls, when closed businesses and citizens in need should be taking priority over a misguided airport expansion. Mercer County and its citizens will have a big empty airport and big municipal bond payments to show for it - a losing proposition.
2. If air travel does manage to rebound, Mercer County will suffer huge adverse effects in environment, public health, noise pollution and the quality of life. You have heard and ignored these concerns from the public time and time again. Under the flight paths of large, low flying commercial jets, residents will flee and property values will plummet. An airport expansion is not an engine of growth, but rather a driver of demise for a primarily residential community - a losing proposition.

Further, as government leaders, it is your responsibility to conduct proper oversight of the airport and to insist on rigorous evaluation and transparency of the impacts of airport expansion plans. The segmented expansion that continues to occur is a disgrace. You have repeatedly heard and ignored pleas from the public to stop this practice, yet you have funded airport expansion plans time and time again. You can change that course by rejecting the resolutions on your agenda.

I respectfully urge you to be true leaders and to responsibly represent the best interests on Mercer County's citizens - say 'no' to these airport resolutions. Blindly continuing to fund an obsolete airport expansion plan is a losing proposition for Mercer County and its citizens in any scenario.

"Schedule B"

Just put airport expansion on hold. Then step back and re-examine the plans in light of a full Environmental Impact study and a rigorous financial scrutiny that considers the new reality of reduced air travel. It is your responsibility as leaders to continuously re-evaluate and to take new realities into account in order to make properly informed decisions about the future of Mercer County. Vote 'no'.

Glenn Reitmeier
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Comments for Nov 12-2020 Formal Meeting Board of Freeholders

Robin Karpf <rkarpf64@gmail.com>

Thu 11/12/2020 3:19 PM

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

 1 attachments (16 KB)

TTS Message 11-12-20 (rk).docx;

Dear Mr. Koontz,

I will unfortunately miss the beginning of tonight's meeting and would ask that my comments be read into the first public comment section of the meeting and attached to the minutes. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Robin Karpf, MD

"Schedule C"

Comments for Mercer County Freeholder Formal Meeting Nov 12, 2020

I am Dr. Robin Karpf and I live at 64 Van Kirk Road, and I am speaking for a group of local citizens who have come together over their concerns about the continued expansion of the Trenton Mercer Airport.

Tonight, the Mercer County Commissioners will spend \$1,254,800.00 dollars of county money towards the expansion of the airport at a time of record low air travel. Additionally, you will accept \$5,862,801.00 of FAA grants to complete the Taxiway D to Taxiway G Connector which will complete a full-length parallel taxiway to the major runway. This project is a capacity and operational volume expanding project and has been misrepresented to the citizens and the FAA. The massive expansion of the TTN airport continues without consideration of the long-term impacts.

Many Mercer County residents are experiencing food insecurity, loss of health insurance, difficulty paying utilities and even the risk of eviction. Expanding the airport at a time of record low air travel neglects the very people the commissioners were elected to represent.

With regard to the environment, the airport is approving funds to clear trees and obstacles that will affect stormwater runoff. There are pollutants on site which are known to cause both birth defects and cancer. Because large projects have been segmented into smaller projects, the risk to downstream drinking water has not been evaluated.

The D to G connector was falsely approved as "repair and maintenance" so as to avoid an environmental assessment. This is patently untrue, given it is one half the length of the runway, is entirely new construction and will add 1.02 acres of impermeable surface. The impact of the D to G connector will be the completion of the first full length parallel taxiway, dramatically increasing airport capacity. FAA documents show that a single full-length taxiway can service 200,000 planes per year. Trenton Mercer Airport has dual parallel taxiways planned for both runways. This is the first step to dramatically increasing volume, assuming the airline industry recovers.

Tonight's resolutions are a loose-loose-loose for the residents of Mercer County:
Lose given residents' immediate needs.
Lose given the massive expenditures at a time of depressed air travel.
Lose for our future clean air and home values when air travel recovers.

Thank you,
Robin Karpf, MD
Trenton Threatened Skies, Inc.

"Schedule D"

From: Debra Baseman <dbaseman@me.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 7:50 PM

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

Subject: Please read into the record at the ending public comments

Dear Commissioner Koontz,

In the spirit of transparency,

I would like you to release to the residents of Mercer County a full detailed accounting of the airport expansion costs. This should include a summary of all airport related bonds & loans currently owed (even if they are a portion of larger county or MCIA bonds/ loans) and the specific revenue source for repayment (eg Passenger Facility Charges, resident taxes, etc).

I further propose that all future airport- related resolutions clearly state:

- the total project cost
- the source of funding (FAA, MCIA, DOT)
- the county contribution
- whether the county contribution is repayable (bond, loan, grant, etc)
- how it will be repaid (revenue source)
- the actual repayment costs (including interest & processing fees over the repayment period).

If the airport expansion is as good a proposition as you maintain, then you should not fear transparency.

Thank you,
Debra Baseman