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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2021

The Deputy Clerk to the Board called the meeting to order on the above date via Cisco WebEx Video Conferencing.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Karen Hernandez-Granzen, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Following the Invocation, the Deputy Clerk to the Board called on Anthony "A.J." Cimino to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced in accordance with the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, {Chapter 231, 1975}, Notice of this meeting had been mailed to the Trentonian, Trenton Times and Princeton Packet Newspapers, as well as having been posted in the Administration Building and Courthouse at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONERS ELECT

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected **Commissioner LUCYLLE R.S. WALTER.**

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Louis S. Sancinito, Chief Judge of the Hamilton Municipal Courts.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected **Commissioner JOHN A. CIMINO.**

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President, New Jersey 3rd Legislative District.

SWEARING-IN OF MERCER COUNTY CLERK AND MERCER COUNTY DEPUTY CLERK

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected **Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami-Covello, Esq.**

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey.

The Deputy Clerk stated for the record that **Deputy Clerk**, Walker M. Worthy, Jr., would also be sworn in by Governor Murphy as required by law.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey.

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called the Roll Call of the 2021 Mercer County Board of County Commissioners:

Ann M. Cannon 6 H Dennison Drive
East Windsor, NJ 08520

John A. Cimino 5 Creamery Road
Hamilton, NJ 08620

Pasquale "Pat" Colavita 14 Winnipeg Lane
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Samuel T. Frisby Sr. 10 Belmont Circle
Trenton, NJ 08618

Andrew Koontz 70 Spruce Street
Princeton, NJ 08542

Nina D. Melker 186 Acres Drive
Hamilton, NJ 08690

Lucy R.S. Walter 34 Van Duyn Drive
Ewing, NJ 08618

As the next order of business, the Deputy Clerk announced that nominations were in order for Chair of the Board for 2021.

Commissioner Melker placed in nomination, the name of **COMMISSIONER SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR.**, to serve as Chair of the Board. Commissioner Walter seconded the nomination.

The Deputy Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she proceeded to call for the vote.

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR.,
TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2021**

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

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

The Deputy Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Commissioner Frisby by the Honorable Douglas H. Palmer, Former Mayor, City of Trenton.

Chair Frisby then called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2021.

Commissioner Cimino placed in nomination, the name of **COMMISSIONER NINA D. MELKER** to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board. Commissioner Colavita seconded the nomination.

The Deputy Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she called for the vote.

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF NINA D. MELKER
TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2021**

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

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

The Deputy Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Commissioner Melker by the Honorable Jeffrey S. Martin Mayor, Township of Hamilton.

Commissioner Frisby recognized all elected and former elected officials who were present tonight.

At this time, Commissioner Chair Frisby thanked his dear friend and mentor, former Mayor of the City of Trenton, Douglas Palmer, for being present tonight. He commented that it was a monumental evening because the title of "Freeholder" was eliminated as of January 1, 2021 and thought it only fitting to have the first African American mayor of the City of Trenton swear him this evening as the Chair to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Chair Frisby spoke of the many challenges faced in 2020 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic but was hopeful the year 2021 would bring much needed peace and joy. He knew the road ahead would be filled with obstacles, but felt eager to serve the residents of Mercer County. Chair Frisby promised to do his best in 2021 and he looked forward to working together with County Executive Hughes to embrace the challenges that faced Mercer County.

As Vice-Chair, Commissioner Melker wished everyone a Happy New Year and said how privileged she felt to be able to serve during this past year. Commissioner Melker said she was a survivor of Covid-19 and was aware of the many difficulties people faced during this trying time. She thanked all of the 1st responders and essential workers who give their all every day to keep us safe. Commissioner Melker was eager to continue to serve the constituents of Mercer County and gave thanks to the Administration and all of her family.

Commissioner Chair Frisby asked the Deputy Clerk to the Board if there was any further business to come before the Board. The Deputy Clerk advised that there were ten {10} Resolutions required to be adopted at this meeting.

Commissioner Koontz moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter, that:

“RESOLUTIONS NO.’S 1 THROUGH 10
ON THE AGENDA, **BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE IN BLOCK

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

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

Commissioner Cannon offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Koontz:

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| NO. 2021-1 | BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHES MEETING DATES FOR CONFERENCE AND FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2021 |
| NO. 2021-2 | APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. CIMINO AS DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2021 |
| NO. 2021-3 | APPOINTMENT OF ANN M. CANNON AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD, OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2021 . |
| NO. 2021-4 | ADOPTION OF RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF MERCER COUNTY FOR 2021 |
| NO. 2021-5 | COUNTY OF MERCER - TEMPORARY BUDGET 2021 |

- NO. 2021-6 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR ALL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NJ
- NO. 2021-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE FROM TIME TO TIME OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AUTHORIZED BY VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY
- NO. 2021- 8 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR NOTES TO BE ISSUED UNDER VARIOUS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS HERETOFORE ADOPTED UNDER THE LOCAL BOND LAW AND THE LOCAL BUDGET LAW
- NO. 2021-9 APPOINTMENT OF ROB DAVIS AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- NO. 2021-10 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL HERBERT, ESQ., AS COUNSEL TO THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

Chair Frisby then proceeded to announce the Commissioner Board's Standing Committees for 2021, as follows:

Budget and Fiscal Affairs	Chair-	Nina D. Melker
	Member-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
Economic Growth	Chair-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
	Member-	Andrew R. Koontz

Inter-Governmental Relations	Chair-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita
	Member-	Ann M. Cannon
Health and Human Services	Chair-	Ann M. Cannon
	Member-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
Planning	Chair-	Samuel T. Frisby,
	Member-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita
Organization, Rules and Procedures	Chair-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
	Member-	Nina D. Melker

At this time, Chair Frisby called on County Executive Brian M. Hughes to make brief remarks. He congratulated Commissioners Walter and Cimino on the re-election as well as Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami-Covello and Deputy Clerk Walker M. Worthy, Jr. He believed that 2020 was a year-long test of our resiliency as a nation regardless of political affiliations. County Executive Hughes commented that even though faced with numerous challenges Mercer County has continued to serve our community in a productive way during the current health crisis. He was hopeful that the upcoming facilitation of a vaccination plan would bring us into a much different year. County Executive Hughes thanked all of the heroes of 2020 that made such a difference in our daily lives and was hopeful that Mercer County would prevail.

Each Commissioner wished everyone a happy, healthy New Year. They congratulated Commissioners Walter and Cimino on their re-election and Commissioners Frisby and Melker for their appointment as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. They also thanked Commissioner Koontz for his outstanding leadership as Chair in 2020. They spoke about important on-going issues that would continue to face the Board in 2021. They thanked the Clerk to the Board and her staff, as well as their confidential aides for their help throughout the year. They also thanked their family members for their continued support.

The Benediction was delivered by Reverend John R. Taylor, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church.

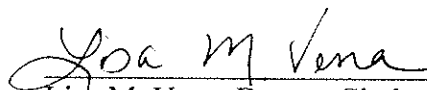
A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Commissioner Cimino, seconded by Commissioner Walter, which motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.



Lisa M. Vena, Deputy Clerk
Mercer County Board of
County Commissioners