COUNTY OF MERCER



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> LISA M. VENA DEPUTY CLERK

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2021

MINUTES

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

Chair Frisby called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on April 8, 2021 through Zoom Video Conferencing.

ROLL CALL:

Board:	
	Present – Commissioners Cannon, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby
	Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Colavita
	The Clerk to the Roard read the Invocation

Chair Frisby 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

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for Kenneth Armwood, Middlesex County Commissioner.												

At this time, Chair Frisby invited the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda. He read into the record an email from Silvia Ascarelli. (See Schedule "B" Attached hereto and make a part hereof)

Jim Simon, Hamilton Township resident spoke in support of R-26 Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Andrew L. Strauss AICP/PP of Strauss and Associates/Planners, for professional services for pre-acquisition land planning, property analysis and ongoing coordination related to the proposed acquisition of the Camden Amboy Rail Line in Hamilton and Robbinsville Townships, awarded through a non-fair and open process: contract period March 25, 2021 to March 24, 2022. County cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. He indicated that he is a bike commuter and urged the Commissioners to continue working on making roads and streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists. He said he was pleased that East State Street Extension was paved and made safer along with the bike lane.

Chair Frisby stated that years ago the Commissioner Board approved the Complete Streets Resolution for bicyclists.

Jeffrey Laurenti, Trenton resident urged the Commissioners to pass the Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department dated March 26, 2021, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of March 22, 2021

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department dated March 30, 2021, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of March 29, 2021

A communication was received from Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, dated March 26, 2021, RE: Resolution denouncing the publication of a sexist and Anit-Semitic caption in the Asbury Park Press

A communication was received from Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, dated March 12, 2021, Resolution urging the immediate repeal of Senate Bill No .3454

A communication was received from Suzannah Givone, Clerk Pro Tem Sussex County Commissioner Board, dated March 25, 2021, RE: the Board of County Commissioners hereby opposes the funding reductions to the municipal alliance program administered by the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for fiscal year 2021

A communication was received from Suzannah Givone, Clerk Pro Tem Sussex County Commissioner Board, dated March 25, 2021, RE: The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to revisit and revise provisions of S3454

A communication was received from Michael R. Mignogna, Mayor, Township of Voorhees, dated March 22, 2021, RE: supporting S-3522, which would establish a new board of trustees for the local part of the public employees' retirement system (PERS) to preserve the structure and integrity of the more solvent local part

A communication was received from Debra L. Lynch, Clerk of the Board, dated March 24, 2021, RE: Supporting S-3522 which would establish a new board of trustees for the local part of PERS to preserve the structure and integrity of the more solvent Local Part.

March 25, 2021, RE: Appoin	_	,		,
A communication was dated April 6, 2021. RE: Cou		_	y Admii	nistrator,
A communications Administrator, dated April 6,			Esq.,	County

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Commissioner Koontz, seconded by Commissioner Walter, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved:

Executive Session Meeting of January 9, 2020

Freeholder Walter thanked the Clerk to the Board and the administration for preparing the minutes in a timely manner. She noted it was important for the public to know what was said during the closed session.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes - Commissioner Cannon, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent - Commissioner Cimino and Colavita

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Commissioner Walter moved, seconded by Commissioner Cannon, that

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1 THROUGH 43 "BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK"

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 5. Nays-0. Abstain-0. Absent-2

Ayes - Commissioner Cannon, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent - Commissioner Cimino and Colavita

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

No. 2021-213 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RESPITE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-214 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-215

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR ASSESSMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-216

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR CLINICAL THERAPEUTIC AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-217

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RECREATION, SOCIALIZATION, AND ARTS EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-218

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS, OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING, AND DAY PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

No. 2021-219

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-505, ADOPTED OCTOBER 15, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OPTION TO EXTEND 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. 2021-220

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF EVENING REPORTING CENTER SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$180,000.00 - \$90,000.00 PER YEAR (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-221

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT/JOB READINESS PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH . PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$90,000.00 (\$45,000.00-PER YEAR (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) FOR CHILDREN OF MERCER, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$160,000.00 - \$80,000.00 PER YEAR (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-223

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MERCER COUNTY, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT/JOB READINESS PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$90,000.00 (\$45,000.00- PER YEAR (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-224

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR TRANSITION TO TREATMENT SUPPORT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$190,000.00 (\$188,747.00 PEER GROUPING FUNDS) (\$1,253.00 COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-225

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH OAKS INTEGRATED CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF SHELTER BEDS (MERCER HOUSE) SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$1,680,000.00 (\$840,000.00 PER YEAR - COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH OAKS INTEGRATED CARE FOR SENIOR CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR . AMOUNT: \$11,035.00 (COUNTY FUNDS).

NO. 2021-227

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) FOR THE PROVISION OF ID SERVICES FOR HOMELESS MERCER COUNTY INDIVIDUALS-MERCER COUNTY ID PROJECT. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$110,000.00 (\$55,000.00 PER YEAR [COUNTY FUNDS]

NO. 2021-228

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH LIFE TIES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTORING PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH.

PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

AMOUNT: \$90,000.00 (\$45,000.00 PER YEAR – STATE FUNDS) [NO COUNTY FUNDS]

NO. 2021-229

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF COVID-19 VACCINATION SERVICES AT THE CURE INSURANCE ARENA, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY. PERIOD: JANUARY 21, 2021 TO JULY 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$2,000,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF MOTEL/HOTEL PLACEMENTS, 24 HOUR RESPONSE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND PERSONS ENTERING THE SYSTEM VIA THE STATEWIDE 211 SYSTEM, AND CODE BLUE ALERT PLANS TO SHELTER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$136,148.00 (\$82,348.0 (SSH) FUNDS): \$15,000.00 [CODE BLUE FUNDS SSH PASS-THROUGH FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021] \$18,800.00 [HOMELESS TRUST FUNDS]; \$20,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-231

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF A HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) SUPPORT STAFF SPECIALIST. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$122,000.00 (\$61,000.00 - PER YEAR) (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-232

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES (MCBOSS) FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO MERCER COUNTY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID 19. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$10,964,554.50 (US TREASURY FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR SOCIALIZATION AND RECREATION SERVICES FOR CITY OF TRENTON OLDER ADULTS.

PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$374,210.00 (\$167,828.00 (SSBG) FUNDS); (\$5,704.00 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS) AND \$200,678.00 (PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS)

NO. 2021-234

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR "CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CITY OF TRENTON OLDER ADULTS." PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$130,073.00 (\$50,000.00 FEDERAL TITLE IIIB FUNDS); \$80,073.00 (PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS)

NO. 2021-235

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO BIOTERRORISM, OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS AND EMERGENCIES FUNDED BY LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS GRANT (LINCS). PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN **EXTRAORDINARY** UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S)CONTRACT(AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS, INC. TO **PROVIDE** ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REGARDING HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE INMATES AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,000.00. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1,2020 THROUGH **AUGUST** 31, 2021

NO 2021-237

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH DELAWARE VALLEY PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES, P.A. TO PROVIDE ROUTINE MEDICAL SERVICES TO YOUTH RESIDING AT ANCHOR HOUSE AND MERCER HOUSE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$25,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-238

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ANDREW L. STRAUSS AICP/PP OF STRAUSS AND ASSOCIATES/PLANNERS, FOR PRE-ACQUISITION LAND PLANNING, PROPERTY ANALYSIS, AND ONGOING COORDINATION RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE CAMDEN AMBOY RAIL LINE IN HAMILTON AND ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIPS. PERIOD: MARCH 25, 2021 TO MARCH 24, 2022. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500.00

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH ACTION TARGET, INC. FOR PHASE ONE FOR THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF A MODULAR STEEL BULLET TRAP FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. INCREASE: \$88,049.00 (13.4573%). REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$742,334.00 (AB2020-03B)

NO. 2021-240

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-75, ADOPTED JANUARY 28, 2021 AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. HAS CHANGED OWNERSHIP AND IS NOW OWNED BY VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1,2021 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. AMOUNT REMAINS: \$210,000.00. PERIOD REMAINS: JANUARY 18, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2022 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

NO. 2021-241

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO SIRSIDYNIX FOR THE PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE SYMPHONY LIBRARY COMPUTER SYSTEM. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$125,000.00 (LIBRARY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH OCLC (ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC.) FOR A SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED COMPUTER SERVICES FOR CATALOGING MATERIALS AND INTERLIBRARY LOAN OPERATIONS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY LIBRARY COMPUTER SYSTEM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,410.00 (LIBRARY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-243

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF ACCESS
AGREEMENT WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS TO
INSTALL A MONITORING WELL TO PERFORM GROUND
WATER INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION ON
EAST STATE STREET EXTENSION (CR535), HAMILTON
TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY

NO. 2021-244

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY UNIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,547.98

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH UNION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UCEDC) FOR BUSINESS LENDING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00 (RFP2020-01)

NO. 2021-246

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH JESCO, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HD 120IVO ASPHALT COMPACTOR AND ONE (1) HAMM HD14IVV ASPHALT COMPACTOR FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS (BID NO. 18/19-25) TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$242,213.84

NO. 2021-247

AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 18, 2020 TO
ABSOLUTE PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR SECURITY
SYSTEM INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, SERVICE
AND REPAIR FOR MERCER COUNTY AND THE
MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 22, 2021
TO FEBRUARY 23, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED: \$916,000.00 (CK09MERCER2020-21)

NO. 2021-248	AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FEBRUARY 25, 2021 TO RDS VENDING LLC FOR VENDING MACHINE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR (42.1% COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY) (CK09MERCER2021-03)
NO. 2021-249	AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 2, 2021 TO HELICOPTER APPLICATORS, INC., FOR AN AERIAL DISPENSING HELICOPTER OR EQUIVALENT FOR USE BY THE MERCER COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: APRIL 10, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 (CK09MERCER2021-02)
NO. 2021-250	REAPPOINTMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING ELIZABETH SOLAN AND KATHY FIERY
NO. 2021-251	REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA ROGERS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
NO. 2021-252	REAPPOINTMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION NORA ANANOS, LAURA DESAI, AND MEL LEIPZIG
NO. 2021-253	REAPPOINTMENT AND APPOINTMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD KAMAL KHANNA AND SHERRIE PREISCHE
NO. 2021-254	REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY MAGER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZES APRIL 2021
AS AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN
MERCER COUNTY

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 5. Nays-0. Abstain-0 Absent-2 Ayes –Commissioners Cannon, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Cimino and Colavita

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN SERVICES FURNISHED BY HOSPITALS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY SERVICES BY SUCH HOSPITALS TO LOW-INCOME CITIZENS, AND TO PROVIDE NEW FISCAL RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER. N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7r, et seq. (AMENDMENT NO. 22)

Chair Frisby noted that the Ordinance was explained in detail at April 6, 2021 Commissioner meeting. He said the pilot program would allow the County to obtain federal funding for local hospitals in the County.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 5. Nays-0. Abstain-0 Absent-2

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

Absent - Commissioner Cimino and Colavita

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Walter asked for an update on staffing and asked if there was an active list to hire at the Mercer County Correction Center.

Ms. Nazzaro said she would follow up with the Warden.

Chair Frisby asked for an update on repairs at the facility.

ONGOING-BUSINESS:

Ms. Nazzaro updated the Commissioner Board regarding pictures of the County Executive Ford Taurus vehicle in the Trentonian newspaper. She noted that the vehicle was decommissioned February 3, 2021 and since then it has been fenced inside of a lot. She add that the administration was surprised to see the photos in the newspapers because of the location of the vehicle, so due to security concerns the cameras where pulled to see who trespassed on County property. She said she would keep the Board updated on the issue.

Chair Frisby added that he recommended at the April 6, 2021 meeting that the Board create a policy to report incidents with county vehicles; however County Counsel explained that the Board does not have the authority to create that policy. He asked that the Administration create the policy and inform the Board regarding accidents involving county vehicles. He asked for an annual report on accidents.

Ms. Nazzaro said there are at least 600 County vehicles serviced by the Prosecutor and Sheriff Departments. She said she would take this concern into consideration.

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the fire at Avalon Apartments in West Windsor. He was interested with the reaction from the County's Emergency Management and asked how they could prevent this situation from reoccurring. He asked for an update on fire codes.

Jerlene H. Worthy noted that she received an email from the Superintendent of Elections and the County Clerk about if the Commissioners would be available to review the voting machines on May 17 or 18, 2021.

The Board responded they would get back to the Clerk regarding the date.

PUBLIC SECTION:

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

Natasha Clark, Ewing resident, stated that in 2020 she was promoted to Lieutenant of the Mercer County Prosecutor Office; however she has not received her promotional salary. She asked for the Board and the Administration to provide an honest answer.

Michael Herbert, Board Counsel, indicated that the issue was a personnel matter and that the Board has no jurisdiction to comment.

Tina Jablonski, resident of Pennington, Vice President of Teachers Union and teacher at Mercer County Special Services School District, discussed her concerns regarding lack of communication and guidance at the Mercer County Special School Services District.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Koontz and seconded by Commissioner Cannon, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board County Commissioners.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent - Commissioner Cimino and Colavita

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY

CLERK TO THE BOARD

COUNTY OF MERCER



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2021

MINUTES

Chair Frisby called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:03 PM on April 6, 2021 through Zoom Video Conferencing.

ROLL CALL:

	The following	members of	of the l	Board	answered	the Roll	Call	of the	Clerk	to the
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Present – Commissioners Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent- Commissioners Cannon, Cimino and Colavita

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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At this time, Commissioner Koontz held a moment of silence for Phyllis Marchand, former Mayor of Princeton Township. Chair Frisby held a moment of silence for Kenneth Armwood, Middlesex County Commissioner.

At this time, Chair Frisby welcomed Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, to present Sherri Preishce, an appointee to the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA). Mr. Hughes thanked the Board for the consideration to present Dr. Preishce to serve on the MCIA. He said she is dedicated to representing Mercer County residents. He said her experience, skills and passion would complement and enhance quality to the MCIA. He noted that he is pleased to nominate her and that she would serve with distinguish, dedication and professionalism

Dr. Preishce thanked the County Executive and the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity. She noted that she is a Trenton resident of 20 years and that she is the owner of a public affairs company. She said her career started in physics research at Princeton University. She indicated that she has worked for Congressman Rush Holt for several years. She said her experiences consisted of building and strengthening organizations mainly with technologies which she learned how government and business function. She said she is excited about the opportunity and looking forward to providing critical thinking.

Commissioner Walter said she was thrilled to welcome Dr. Preishce to the MCIA Board.

Chair Frisby thanked Mr. Hughes for appointing Dr. Preishce and looked forward to working with her in the future.

Mr. Hughes spoke on his medical condition listed below:

I request from the Chair a point of personal privilege to address some of the recent comments about my health. As some of you are aware, I have a medical condition called trigeminal neuralgia. It's something I need to deal with, and although I have shared about it publicly throughout my career, I don't typically talk about it much, and it's never been a crutch. I am no different than a person who lives with cancer, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, or any other health issue, and who works hard every day. I have a condition. It's not my fault, and I'm not ashamed of it. I am deeply grateful for the understanding and support I have received from so many of you over the years as I have dealt with this condition, and the occasional symptoms I have experienced while in the public eye. I

especially want to publicly thank my wife Pamela, and my son Sullivan, and all the employees of Mercer County and the community for their kind words and support in recent days. It means a great deal to me and my family. During my tenure as County Executive I have periodically had a driver to shuttle me to meetings and appointments, but if you know me, I don't like to be driven around. I am just not the kind of politician that likes or needs an entourage, or to feel self-important. It's never been my style and it makes me a bit uncomfortable. In light of the reported incidents, however, I understand that from now on I will need to rely on a driver for all county business for everyone's safety. As to the condition of my health, my primary care physician, who I have seen as recently as March and who is prominent and well respected, has issued me a clean bill of health without limitations. I would be happy to provide the Board with a copy of my doctor's CV and credentials. It's important to note that just because I have this condition; it does not and will not stop me from doing good for this county that I love so dearly. I am at the helm every day, working with you to provide a great product at a fair price such as providing leadership for the County as we preserve vast amounts of open space for the next generation; or being recognized nationally for ending homelessness across Mercer County; or for expanding access to science and recreation programs to kids in our urban centers; and for holding the line on county taxes, to name a few. This is a fraction of what we, together, have accomplished. I'll end by saying I am fully capable of doing my job, and am committed to doing so. I have a moral and legal obligation to fulfill my oath, and I will continue to serve the people of Mercer County for as long as the people elect me. It continues to be my greatest honor and privilege to serve the people of Mercer County as their County Executive. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. With that, I am happy to take any questions you might have. He added that he would give up driving a county vehicle and that there were never any collisions, solicitation, and injuries to anyone. Lastly, he stated he doesn't like having an entourage but would rely on a driver for all county business for everyone safety.

Commissioner Walter thanked the County Executive for addressing the Board about his personal challenges and felt that he should be commended for that.

Commissioner Koontz thanked the County Executive for attending the meeting and for his leadership in serving Mercer County residents.

Commissioner Melker too thanked the County Executive for addressing the Board; she asked was there any other issues or concerns out there that Mr. Hughes wants to share with us.

Mr. Hughes responded that there may have been a singular incident on Nassau Street in Princeton, NJ in which he scraped another vehicle. He mentioned that the police arrived to the scene and determined that there was no harm, no foul.

Chair Frisby thanked the County Executive for discussing his medical conditions. He was concerned with the lack of policy that informs the Board about employees that are involved in accidents with county vehicles.

Commissioner Walter recommended that all County vehicles have the County seal on the side of vehicle, especially the larger vehicles responding to emergencies.

Mr. Hughes stated that the issue could be discussed. Also, he added that there was discussion that he interrupted Commissioner Cimino at a previous budget meeting. He stated that it is not my nature and it is not my way of doing business of cutting people off mid-sentence and he asked if the Board could pass on to Freeholder Cimino his apologies, adding that he did not mean to do that.

MINUTES:

Chair Frisby made references to the excerpt Executive Session Minutes of January 9, 2020 regarding the Cyber Breach Timeline; he asked would the minutes be listed under minutes or communications.

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, explained the excerpt minutes would be listed under Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Eleven (11) Communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 6, 2021.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the Mercer County Boards and Commissions; she raised concerns regarding the attendance records for reappointments serving on boards and commissions. She noted that reappointments should be considered based off poor attendance and that board members have complained about not being able to have a quorum because of appointees are not present. She said attendance should be looked at further.

Lillian Nazzaro, County Administrator, said appointees are vetted by the Chief of Staff and the County Executive and the Commissioners can either vote yes up or no on each appointment.

Chair Frisby suggested implementing a board report card for consideration of reappointment.

Ms. Nazzaro said she would take the matter into consideration.

Commissioner Walter made references to the Resolution regarding Competitive Contracting for durable medical equipment recycling and distribution programming for seniors and people with disabilities for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 She asked where are the services in Mercer County. She suggested a pamphlet for families to obtain the resources and that the County funds multiple services; however, the public needs to be notified.

Chair Frisby concurred that families need to be aware of the services that are provided.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that Mercer County residents can purchase larger items from the Bellmawr, NJ warehouse location over the telephone and through the contracted funding and that Goodwill Industries will either deliver the equipment to the Lawrence Township location at 2901 Brunswick Pike or deliver and install larger items such as hospital beds, Hoyer Lifts and power chairs/scooters directly to the consumer's home. She noted that Goodwill retail store in Ewing located at 1632 N. Olden Ave also carries smaller durable medical equipment like canes, walkers, crutches, and shower/commode chairs.

At this time, the Board was presented with a brief overview regarding the Ordinance Introduction and Resolution of the County of Mercer amending the Administrative Code of Mercer County, New Jersey, and authorizing an assessment on certain services furnished by hospitals located within the County's borders for the purpose on increasing funding to support the provision of necessary services by such hospitals to low-income citizens, and to provide new fiscal resources to the County of Mercer N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7r, et seq (Amendment No. 22)

Paul Adezio, County Counsel welcomed attorneys Ashelen Vicuna and Barbara Eyman to briefly discuss the pilot program for the County to obtain federal funds to local hospitals to assist with low-income patients with more Medicare dollars coming back to the State and the County . He noted that the Board passed a Resolution last year to hire Eyemed Associates to work with hospitals to come up with a proposal to deliver to the State for approval then submit the proposal to the federal government for additional funding.

Ms. Vicuna indicated that the hospitals in Mercer County are providing nearly \$135,000,000 in annual uncompensated healthcare services to uninsured and low-income patients throughout Mercer County. She stated that the funding gap is not unique to hospitals in Mercer, so the State decided to address the issue in November 2018 where the legislators enacted County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program, and that it is designed to close the funding gap or help offset the uncompensated cost for hospitals services. She said that the program was approved for seven (7) counties highly needed and that Mercer County is included. She said all seven (7) counties are participating in the programs; however, she is representing six (6) of the seven (7) counties. She noted that the program would bring new Medicare funds to Mercer County to help hospitals maintain services and expand access to vulnerable residents while providing \$2.3 million in annual new funds to Mercer County to use at their discretion with no restriction. She noted to fund the increased payments to the hospitals; the County would assess each hospital at a rate of 6.7% of their in-patients hospital revenues, except Medicare in-patient revenues. She said the County would collect an assessment from all hospitals in Mercer County in the amount of \$26,200,000.00 annually and that 91% of those funds will transfer to the State. She indicated that the County gets to retain 9% (\$2.3 million) for its use and that the State will use the transfer funds 91%(\$23.8 million) and retains 1% for an administrative fee. and the rest would draw down federal Medicare matching dollars which would be used to provide to increased payments to the hospitals. She said the \$23.8 million transferred to the State minus the States fees, which are combined with federal funds that are drawn down for a total of \$55 million that would be dispersed to the hospitals in Mercer County. She added that \$55 million payments were reduced by \$26 million through assessment, with a net gain of \$29 million annually through the program. She indicated that the proposed Ordinance is considered authorizing the County to impose the assessments on the hospitals and outline all the key administrative details of the assessment. She noted that the Ordinance would authorize the County to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement which governors the transfer of funds from the County to State, how the funds are dispersed, and the timeline of funds. She explained that Governor Phil Murphy extended the program until June 2026. She noted that she was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Melker noted that the CARES Act has helped local hospital's. She asked how long would the County hold the hospitals funds and does the County have a plan for the funding.

Chair Frisby was concerned with the cash flow of hospitals and asked if the CEOs and hospital boards been approached with the program.

Ms. Vicuna said the hospitals are in support of the program. She said the Inter-Governmental Agreement is in negotiation with the State. She noted that the State agreed to the Counties assessing the hospitals on September 1st which would be a quarterly assessment and would have 10 days to transfer payment to the State and then the State would have 30 days to draw down federal funds to pay managed care organizations which are the entities paying the Medicare payments for the hospitals.

Commissioner Walter asked what is considered an in-patient.

Ms. Eyman said if a low-income and Medicare patient is admitted to the hospital then that is considered an in-patient.

Commissioner Walter questioned if the hospitals miss their quarterly assessment would they be charged interest of 1.5% that is added to next quarterly assessment invoice.

Ms. Vicuna noted that all the Counties imposed a 1.5% penalty fee for non-payment. Hospitals are aware of the penalty fee and State law allowed for interest or fixed penalty. She stated the hospitals have the option to appeal the total fee at the beginning of the year and they would not be able to appeal again for the rest of the year. She mentioned that if hospitals refused to pay, their funding would be reduced, however hospitals would benefit significantly on the program.

Dave Miller, Mercer County CFO asked if it was correct to state that hospitals would lose more than they would gain by not making the payment.

Ms. Vicuna agreed they would lose more for everyone in the program, which would affect all the hospital with receiving funds.

Chair Frisby asked about the reporting funding.

Ms. Vicuna stated the funds are paid through managed care organizations that pay Medicare; the program is through a managed care directive payment which consists of federal rules. She said the reporting on certain quality matrix would be considered to obtain the funding.

Commissioner Walter asked once the federal approval is in place would it be for the full five (5) years of the program.

Ms. Vicuna said the program is approved annually and that it is hard to determine what the federal government would approve.

Chair Frisby asked if rules changes at the federal level, would our Ordinance need to be changed.

Mr. Miller stated the Ordinance would have to be adjusted to match what the federal level reports and that the program is on-going with other States.

Chair Frisby said he serves on the board of St. Francis Hospital and was concerned with safety net hospitals that would impact from the program.

Commissioner Walter said the Ordinance would probably have to be changed to reflect on the federal conflict on the federal level.

Commissioner Melker asked about the plan that would collect from the hospitals.

Ms. Nazzaro said at the moment the County does not have a plan, however a plan would be provided before money is received.

Mr. Miller said there has been discussion to stabilize the property taxes for the County.

Chair Frisby suggested reallocating funds to the Mercer County Health Department.

Commissioner Walter agreed to redirect funds to strengthen the Health Department.

Commissioner Koontz thanked the administration and attorneys for the useful information. He stated he is in favor of this program, which would be a source of revenue.

Mr. Adezio thanked the attorneys for their presentation. He noted that the Inter-Governmental Agreement is not final, so he requested the Board remove R- 18 from the agenda until further notice. He mentioned the Ordinance Introduction collaborates with R-18.

RESOLUTIONS:

Forty-three (43) Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 6, 2021.

Commissioner Walter referred to the proposed Resolution to execute a Competitive Contract with Oaks Integrated Care for the provision of shelter beds (Mercer House) services for youth for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$1,680,000.00. She asked for the administration to explain the services.

Ms. Nazzaro made reference to the backup provided by the Human Services Department which states that Oaks Integrated Care began operations of the Mercer House shelter facility in May 2014. The Mercer House shelter beds facility provides 24-hour –aday residential care in a safe environment that is not physically restrictive and according to the maximum licensed number of beds. Residents at Mercer House shelter facility are court-involved and/or Department of Children & Families –involved youth. A preliminary treatment plan is developed with each youth within 24 hours of admission. Case management is a critical component of the services and is designed to attend to the concrete needs of the youth including educational placement and reunification with family. Youth at Mercer House receive educational services and behavior modification management that enable the youth to transition into community living.

Commissioner Walter explained that it was important to have on the record the services Oaks Integrated Care provide to the youth.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN SERVICES FURNISHED BY HOSPITALS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE ON INCREASING FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY SERVICES BY SUCH HOSPITALS TO LOW-INCOME CITIZENS, AND TO PROVIDE NEW FISCAL RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7R, ET SEQ (AMENDMENT NO. 22)

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Ms. Nazzaro provided a brief overview regarding COVID-19, she noted that the County received 6,000 vaccination doses and the County Executive has been advocating for Mercer County residents. She added that the Henry J. Austin Center has partnered with St. Francis Hospital to vaccinate people in the City of Trenton through their mobile unit. She said 119,514 vaccinations for first doses and 68,079 second doses. She said the State would allocate vaccination doses to municipalities.

Chair Frisby asked about the mobile unit to vaccinate residents.

Ms. Nazzaro said the County is purchasing a mobile unit and that it would arrive this week. She noted that there is discussion on where to use the unit and to better serve the residents who are unable to leave the house.

Chair Frisby commended the administration on the updated COVID-19 reports.

PUBLIC SECTION:

At this time, Chair Frisby invited the public to comment on any item on or off the Agenda.

Jeffrey Laurenti, Trenton resident spoke on the Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Andrew L. Strauss AICP/PP of Strauss and Associates/Planners, for professional services for pre-acquisition land planning, property analysis and ongoing coordination related to the proposed acquisition of the Camden Amboy Rail Line in Hamilton and Robbinsville Townships, awarded through a non-fair and open process: contract period March 25, 2021 to March 24, 2022. County cost not to exceed \$17,500.00.

(See Schedule "A" attached hereto and make a part hereof)

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY ' CLERK TO THE BOARD