### **COUNTY OF MERCER**



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## MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## **FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

Chair Frisby called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 28, 2021 through Zoom Video Conferencing.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita
The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.
Chair Frisby led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Formal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Koontz asked to have a moment of silence for Former United States Vice President Walter Mondale.

Commissioner Frisby asked to have a moment of silence for Rafael Valentin, Trenton Water Works Human Resources Manager.

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

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

The following individuals discussed their concerns and asked to have their comments added into the record regarding the proposed Resolution authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to construct Taxiway D to G Connector (Construction) – Phase II Project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport:

- Judith Hoechner, Yardley, PA (See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dr. Jane Scopelite, Newtown Borough, PA (See Schedule B, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Glenn Reitmeier, Yardley, PA (See Schedule C, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dr. Mary T. Gonzalez, Newtown Borough, PA (See Schedule D, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Richard Wayne, Yardley, PA (See Schedule E, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- David Penick, Princeton, NJ (See Schedule F, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Suzanna McGe, Ewing, NJ (See Schedule G, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Stepan & Marina Kudryashov, Princeton, NJ (See Schedule H, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Peter Kakoyiannis, Yardley, PA (See Schedule I, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

- Inge and Eric Wimmers, Princeton, NJ (See Schedule J, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Mona Patel and David Wetzel, Pennington, NJ (See Schedule K, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Robin Karf, MD, Princeton, NJ (See Schedule L, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Patrica Fletcher, Ewing, NJ (See Schedule M, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Sari DeCesare, Pennington, NJ (See Schedule N, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Michelle Schafer, Lawrenceville, NJ (See Schedule O, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Melissa J. Phares, Princeton, NJ(See Schedule P, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dorian Pustina and Ketrin Kapllani, Langhorne, PA (See Schedule Q, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Ilene Blanton, Yardley, PA (See Schedule R, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Susan Burns, Pennington, NJ (See Schedule S, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Dorothea Malina, Pennington, NJ (See Schedule T, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Debra Baseman, Princeton, NJ (See Schedule U, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Frank Falkow, Langhorne, PA (See Schedule V, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Judith Clarke and Dean Harrison, Pennington, NJ (See Schedule W, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Maryann Shannon, Yardley, PA (See Schedule X, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Francoise Picaronny, Yardley, PA (See Schedule Y, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Stuart Jacob, Washington Crossing, PA (See Schedule Z, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Don Wilcox, Yardley, PA (See Schedule AA, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)
- Holly Bussey, President, Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management (See Schedule BB, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

- Anne Chmielewski of Mercer Quiet Sky's

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated April 6, 2021. RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of April 5, 2021.

A communication was received from Dina L. Zawadski, RMC/CMC, Township Clerk, Township of Deptford, New Jersey, dated April 8, 2021. RE: Resolution of the Township of Deptford supporting Senate Bill No. 3522 Establishing a New Board of Trustees for the local part of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

### **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 Cimino, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO'S 1 THROUGH 11, RESOLUTION NO. 13, AND RESOLUTIONS NO'S 15 THROUGH 20 ON THE AGENDA "BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK"

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita

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

NO. 2021-256 2021 LIBRARY BUDGET - TOTAL BUDGET - \$15,480,811 AND TAX LEVY - \$14,916,502

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR A LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONVERSION SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024

NO. 2021-258

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF **CHILDREN** AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILD **PROTECTION** PERMANENCY, FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$120,262.00 - (\$96,448.00 STATE FUNDS); \$23,814.00 COUNTY MATCH FUNDS)

NO. 2021-259

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16, AMEND JANUARY 14, 2021 AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF THE MERCER COUNTY **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES** PROGRAM. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AGREEMENT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$40,351.00 [ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDS]. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$309,370.00 (\$237,370.00 [ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) FUNDS]; \$72,000.00 [PEER GROUPING FUNDS]

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ), DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION, FOR THE INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022. (NO STATE OR COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-261

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. AMOUNT: \$749,199.00 (\$599,359.00 FEDERAL; \$149,840.00 COUNTY MATCH). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. GRANT NO: V-53-19

NO. 2021-262

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-676, ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 2020 AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BORDEN PERLMAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., TO BE THE RISK MANAGER FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO REFLECT THE NEW NAME OF CBIZ INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., D/B/A CBIZ BORDEN PERLMAN. AMOUNT REMAINS: \$66,000.00. PERIOD REMAINS: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LAW FIRM OF EYMAN ASSOCIATES, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE COUNTY HOSPITAL FEE PILOT PROGRAM ACT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$145,000.00. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-264

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE **MAINTENANCE** AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE WINEDS SYSTEM AND FOR ELECTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, SUPERINTENDENT ELECTIONS, AND THE COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$121,528.66 (WINEDS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEE: \$46,528.66: ELECTION DAY SUPPORT SERVICES \$75,000.00)

NO. 2021-265

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH TOWNSHIP OF EWING RESOLUTION NO.21R-51 AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF BUS STOPS ALONG SAM WEINROTH ROAD (CR 600), TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NO. 2021-266

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF TWO (2) BUS SHELTERS ALONG SAM WEINROTH ROAD (CR 600), TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND" THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES, INC. FOR LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$45,904.14. PERIOD: MAY 15, 2021 THROUGH MAY 14, 2022 (AB2019-04B)

NO. 2021-268

AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 5, 2021 TO PAPER MART FOR STATIONERY SUPPLIES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00. PERIOD: APRIL 23, 2021 TO APRIL 22, 2023 (CK09MERCER2021-01)

- NO. 2021-269 COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET GRANT APPROPRIATIONS
- NO. 2021-270 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 2021 AS EARTH DAY
- NO. 2021-271 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2021 AS ARBOR DAY
- NO. 2021-272 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT GOVERNOR MURPHY'S RECENTLY INTRODUCED GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PACKAGE

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita

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

NO. 2021-273

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TO CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D TO G CONNECTOR (CONSTRUCTION) – PHASE II PROJECT AT THE TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION APPROXIMATE GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,500,000.00 (3-34-0042-054-2020)

Commissioner Walter commented that she believed the project was filed inappropriately through a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX). She added that approving this Resolution would allow stacking of airlines and change the air quality. She concluded that she would not be voting in favor of the aforementioned Resolution.

### **VOTE ON MOTION**

Ayes - 5. Nays - 1. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Nay - Commissioner Walter

Absent - Commissioner Colavita

Commissioner Koontz offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Walter:

NO. 2021-274

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION EXTEND" THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH MERCER GROUP INTERNATIONAL OF NJ, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES **VARIOUS** FOR **COUNTY** FACILITIES. PERIOD: APRIL 31, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 31, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$491,119.94 (AB2018-03)

#### VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 5. Nays - 1. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Abstain – Commissioner Cimino

Absent - Commissioner Colavita

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

NO. 2021-275 INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF THE 2021 BUDGET (SECOND READING)

### **VOTE ON MOTION**

 $\overline{\text{Ayes} - 6. \text{Nays} - 0.}$  Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Commissioner Colavita

### ORDINANCE - SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

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)

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated April 21, 2021, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications, and therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

The Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute, and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Frisby announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

Hearing no comments or questions, he called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Walter moved, "To Close The Public Hearing", seconded by Commissioner Cimino.

### **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita

Commissioner Walter moved the following Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Koontz:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

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)

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita

Commissioners Cimino and Koontz left the meeting at 6:53 PM

### **BUDGET CUTS AND GO-BACKS**

Anthony Conti, Commissioner at the Mercer County Board of Elections, announced that they recently received mandated add-ons which required additional money.

Chair Frisby suggested the Commissioner Board hold a Special Formal Meeting on April 30, 2021, to understand the additional cost and breakdown on the shifted numbers. He requested that the Administration prepare additional information on the relocation of the Board of Election Office to the building at 930 Spruce Street in Trenton, New Jersey.

The Commissioner Board discussed budget cuts and go-backs.

### **2021 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET**

Chair Frisby announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the 2021 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Frisby asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to recess the Public Hearing on the Budget.

Commissioner Walter moved, "To Recess The Public Hearing", seconded by Commissioner Cannon.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent - Commissioners Cimino, Colavita and Koontz

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Walter highlighted that the FAA had established a number of Airport Sustainability Grants, in which Mercer County was on the list as being able to receive funds. She recommended that the County look into applying for the FAA Airport Sustainability Grants. Ms. Nazzaro stated that she would pass the information along.

#### **ON-GOING BUSINESS**

Clerk to the Board, announced that the National Congress of n-Mercer Chapter received a certificate from the United States
with the 2020 Census.
on announced that it was National Volunteer Week and aghout Mercer County.
NEW BUSINESS
nted that the mobile unit for vaccinations arrived.

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

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

Judith Hoechner, Yardley, PA, expressed her concerns regarding the approval of the Resolution No. 2021-273, authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to construct Taxiway D to G Connector (Construction) – Phase II Project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Leah Pray, resident of Lambertville, President of Teachers Union, discussed her concerns regarding lack of communication and guidance with the Mercer County Special School Services District. (See Schedule CC, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)

Maureen Wells, resident of Hamilton Township, agreed with Ms. Pray

Chair Frisby asked the Administration if Dr. Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed. D, Superintendent of Schools, could come before the Commissioner Board to discuss the districts marketing and communication plan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION**

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent - Commissioners Cimino, Colavita and Koontz

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:52 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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> LISA M. VENA DEPUTY CLERK

### MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### **INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

Chair Frisby called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on April 20, 2021 through Zoom Video Conferencing.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Present – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent – Commissioner Colavita
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 Meetings Law, notice of this Informal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Commissioner Koontz asked to have a moment of silence for Former United States Vice President Walter Mondale.

Commissioner Frisby asked to have a moment of silence for Rafael Valentin, Trenton Water Works Human Resources Manager.

### **DISCUSSION**

In light of the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin's Trial, Chair Frisby thanked the Commissioner Board for their support of the previously approved Resolution supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Chair Frisby announced that Marygrace Billek, Director of Human Services, and Robert Hartman, Coordinator of Emergency Management, were in attendance to address any concerns regarding the relocation of the COVID-19 vaccination site from the Mercer County Community College to the Mercer County Park Skating Center.

Ms. Billek explained that the halt in first doses was due to the relocation of the vaccination site. She added that they are required to do the first and second doses in the same location. She highlighted that they are still going to give first doses, but not at the Community College.

Chair Frisby asked if the County knew the cost for the pending agreement with Penn Medicine Princeton Health. Ms. Billek stated that the County was currently in negotiations.

Commissioner Walter inquired about the date for the vaccination site to open at the Mercer County Park Skating Center. Ms. Billek answered that the County would administer vaccinations at the Skating Center on May, 8, 2021.

Commissioner Cimino expressed his concern regarding the lack of awareness and communication to the Commissioner Board about the partnership with Penn Medicine Princeton Health and previous issues from the Administration. Lillian L. Nazzaro, County Administrator, commented that she had been as transparent as possible by providing written COVID-19 updates to the Commissioner Board.

Commissioner Melker asked for an update on the purchase of the mobile unit for vaccinations. She inquired about an outreach plan for the unvaccinated people. Mr. Hartman explained that the mobile unit should arrive Thursday or Friday and that they are working toward staffing it. Ms. Billek expressed that the mobile unit would help with community outreach.

Commissioner Koontz mentioned that he appreciated the progress the County had made with the percentage and number of vaccinated people increasing. He asked what steps were being taken in order to try to convince the people who were reluctant to get the vaccine. Ms. Billek confirmed that the County was working with the Trenton Health Team, who had crafted a number of different strategies. Ms. Billek added that there were vast reasons on why some people were unwilling to get vaccinated, but one of the things that made a difference was people having conservations with a physician.

Ms. Billek gave a presentation on the Library Budget and updated the Commissioners on the services the library provided.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Two (2) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 22, 2021.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Nineteen (19) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 22, 2021.

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute an Agreement with New Jersey Transit and the Township of Ewing for the installation, maintenance and responsibility of two (2) bus shelters along Sam Weinroth Road (CR 600). He commented that he was delighted to finally see that there would be bus stops provided at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to construct Taxiway D to G Connector (Construction) – Phase II Project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She asked that the aforementioned Resolution be separated out for vote for Thursday's Formal Meeting.

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

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)

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

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

Yan Mei Wang, resident of West Windsor Township, expressed her excitement of the new adult Chinese and Hindi books at the Mercer County Library. She recommended that the library have children Chinese books and magazines in the future.

Jim Burd, resident of Hopewell Township, expressed his concern regarding the New Jersey Affordable Housing Law being overseen by the New Jersey State Court. He asked for the Commissioners to put together a Resolution in support of having the Legislators oversee the law. Chair Frisby stated that he would look into drafting a Resolution in support of the aforementioned matter.

Jay Vaingankar, resident of East Windsor Township, expressed his concern regarding people's ability to locate the vaccination sites in Mercer County.

Judith Hoechner, resident of Yardley, Pennsylvania, questioned if the County planned on issuing the debt related to the airport in 2021. Mr. Miller assured that the County did not anticipate issuing the debt in 2021.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Koontz announced that he sent a memo to the Commissioners regarding the increase of the Commissioner Scholarship amount.

### **ON-GOING BUSINESS**

Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, gave a brief COVID-19 vaccine update. She announced that the County would be opening the vaccination site at the Mercer County Skating Center on May 8, 2021. She informed the Commissioners that the County received 3,000 doses for the current week, with 2,000 doses being administered at the Cure Arena and 1,000 doses to the municipalities. She added that approximately 54% of the adult population had been vaccinated in Mercer County.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, announced that there would be a voting machine demonstration on May 18, 2021 from 10:00PM to 12:00PM.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 PM

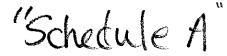
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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### Senate of Pennsylvania

April 22, 2021

To the Mercer County Commissioners:

I write today on behalf of the residents of Pennsylvania's 10<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District in Bucks County directly across the Delaware River from Mercer County to respectfully request a "no" vote on the resolution for an FAA grant to construct and complete the Taxiway B To G connector completing a parallel taxiway to runway 34.

For years, I have expressed serious concerns about the environmental impacts of this development to the Delaware River which serves as a major source of drinking water for 5 million residents.

I request that all proposed expansion or renovation projects at the Trenton Mercer Airport (TTN) first undergo an extensive Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to determine the cumulative impact on noise, pollution, and safety to ensure the health and well-being of the area's residents.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Santarsiero 10th Senate District

"Schedule B"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners,

On April 22 the Mercer County Commissioners will vote to give approval to Resolution 12--submitting an FAA Grant application for \$1.5 million to build TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport. This will complete the 1st of 4 new parallel taxiways planned for the airport. While they inaccurately claim that this is being done for safety, it WILL result in increased capacity for greater jet operations. The FAA Circular regarding parallel taxiways clearly states that parallel taxiways are designed to increase flight operations by 200,000/yr. This is unacceptable and I respectfully demand that all additional application for funds, and TTN construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the ENTIRE airport expansion.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jane A. Scopelite

128 N Lincoln Avenue

Newtown Borough, PA 18940

"Schedule C"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners-

I strongly urge you to reject Resolution 12 and the submission of an application for \$1.5 million for a TAXIWAY CONNECTOR D at Trenton Mercer Airport.

This will complete the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 new parallel taxiways planned for the airport. Airport management disingenuously and *inaccurately* claims that this is being done for safety, it WILL result in *increased capacity* for greater jet operations. The FAA flyer states that parallel taxiways can increase flight operations by 200,000/yr.

This is unacceptable and I respectfully demand that all additional application for funds, and construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the ENTIRE airport expansion.

The ongoing segmentation of airport expansion projects is a disgrace to proper government oversight and transparent public process.

Sincerely,

Glenn Reitmeier 1124 S. Houston Road Yardley PA 19067

"Schedule D"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners,

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Respectfully,

Dr. Mary T. Gonzalez

128 N Lincoln Avenue

Newtown Borough, PA 18940

"Schedule E"

Dear Commissioners,

Please do NOT approve Resolution 12 -- submitting an FAA Grant application for \$1.5 million to build TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport. This will complete the 1st of 4 new parallel taxiways planned for the airport. This WILL result in increased capacity for jet operations.

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Sincerely,

Richard Wayne

115 Windsor Road

Yardley PA 19067

"Schedule F"

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Sincerely,

David Penick 50 Van Kirk Road Princeton NJ I object in the strongest terms to the proposed vote this evening on the FAA grant resolution. I have come to understand, by writing Open Public Record Act (OPRA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and attending the monthly County meetings that this project is being pushed by Brian Hughes and Lillian Nazzaro and not necessarily the County Commissioners. I am asking the County Commissioners, who are the stewards of the Trenton-Mercer Airport, to think about the environmental damage being done **even now** by the Scotch Road overflow storm drainage which goes into Golds Run—the same drainage as Naval Air Warfare Center.

The proposed expansion at the Trenton-Mercer airport includes land contaminated by Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) used and stored at the Naval Air Warfare Center adjacent to the Trenton-Mercer Airport. This contamination is located near the Delaware River. In fact, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recently proceeded with a lawsuit against the United States Navy over just these same contaminates at this very site.

Ann Cannon, Andrew Kootz, Lucylle Walter, Pat Colavita, John Cimino, Nina Melker, and Sam Frisby, if you vote yes this evening you are heading in the opposite direction of people all over the world and even in our own State - this development will only increase the damage being done to the environment by the contamination at the Naval Air Warfare Center.

You have a rare and wonderful opportunity tonight - VOTE No and stand up against the corrupting influences of Brian Hughes and Lillian Nazzaro. Step out from the crowd and make a statement tonight - - if you make your decisions informed by science not by political pressure your constituents will trust your values - trust the experts on environmental science - tell the FAA to keep their money - VOTE No!

Suzanna McGe 5 Rutledge Ave Ewing, NJ

"schedule H"

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Sincerely,

Stepan & Marina Kudryashov

7 Van Kirk Rd

Princeton, NJ 08540

"Schedule I"

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Sincerely,

Peter Kakoyiannis 1413 Silo Road Yardley pa 19067 We are very much opposed to the airport resolution to be discussed tonight for taxiway D and G construction funding. We would like our comment to become part of the public record.

Thank you for your attention,

Inge and Eric Wimmers

4 Tall Timbers Drive

Princeton, N.J. 08540

"Schedule K"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners:

We submit the following email to be read into the public record in the beginning of the Thursday 4/22/21 Meeting.

We are opposed to the Resolution to related to the \$1.5 million TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport and urge you to reject the Resolution.

Aviation Emissions are scientifically proven to be related to numerous illnesses, including asthma, heart attack and preterm birth. Trenton has segmented the airport expansion into smaller projects, approving capacity increasing projects under the guise of "REPAIR" and thus avoiding scrutiny of likely health impacts, Communities downwind of the airport, including where we live in Hopewell Township, are particularly at risk. Having this knowledge and still proceeding, without rigorously investigating the impact on your constituents' health, would be a grave disservice for which the community would hold you accountable.

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Thank you.

Mona Patel and David Wetzel 8 Benjamin Trail Pennington, NJ 08534 "Schedule 6"

To the Mercer County Commissioners:

Mercer county residents demand that you vote "no" to the resolution for an FAA grant to construct and complete the Taxiway B To G connector completing a parallel taxiway to runway 34. By applying to the FAA and receiving approval for a CATEX to complete this project, TTN has avoided environmental analysis. Under a

Fraudulent application claiming it as a repair and maintenance this

CATEX falsely states that it will not change capacity or operational environment. The FAA Circular for airport planning specifically states full length parallel taxiway's purpose is to increase capacity.

The Watershed Institute has estimated 1.5 million gallons of increased runoff per year based on RPZ tree removal alone.

The increased impervious surfaces of the taxiways, aprons, scotch road parking and other build-outs have not been evaluated with regard to CUMULATIVE storm runoff.

PFOS is at end of runway 34. Recommendations from TetraTec to the NAWC were for additional testing. PFOS IS DOCUMENTED IN THE OUTFALL WATER FLOW FROM PARCEL A, owned by Mercer County. TCE being treated on PARCEL B is still above DEP standards.

Scotch Road overflow storm drainage goes into Golds Run — same drainage as Naval Air Warfare Center.

Increase rainfall & storm severity can overwhelm the treatment facilities and can push the PFOS which is not being evaluated or treated into the downstream drinking water. TCE, is both a TERATOGEN and a CARCINOGEN. It is incompletely treated. Stormwater overflow can overwhelm this system.

THIS IS A POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DRINKING WATER DISASTER IN THE MAKING.

The State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has just recently sued the Federal Government for highly toxic PFOA and PFOS used and stored at the Naval Air Warfare Center Trenton facilities, owned and operated by the United States Government.

The suit, brought pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act ("SWDA") and the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act (NJSDWA"), alleges that Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) fire-fighting agent used at these military facilities caused the contamination, which presents an imminent and substantial threat to clean water supplies in New Jersey.

The Mercer County Commissioners should wake up and take responsible action now to honor their stated commitment to environmental stewardship and stop all development at the Trenton Mercer Airport until a full Environmental Analysis can be completed and the cleanup of these forever toxins can be accomplished.

Robin Karpf, MD 64 Van Kirk Road

To:

**Mercer County Commissioners** 

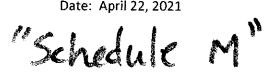
cc:

Trenton-Mercer Airport Leadership Team

From: Patricia Fletcher

Owner of a lovely home built in 1928 @ 134 W Upper Ferry Rd, Ewing, NJ 08628

Cell: 609-433-6191



Please can you read this letter into the record at tonight's Commissioners' Formal Meeting and add it to the formal record? I have two brief remarks:

1. As you will recall, I have sent several series of FlightRadar24 screen captures in the past with cover letters to help walk you through what I am experiencing regarding the numbers of low loud aircraft frequently passing over my home. The worst offenders are small private planes and helicopters. Many of the small planes are part of the flight school(s) operating out of TTN-M Airport.

The last data set and letter I sent was around 02DEC2020. I have new capture data for 03DEC2020-22APR2021 to share shortly.

To date, my letters and data sets have been acknowledged by both TTN-M Airport Leadership and Mercer County Commissioners. I understand there has been a new head of the air traffic control tower in place for about 3 months, who was apprised of my concerns.

To date I have received no further communication, no change in the situation, and no answers re: why low loud planes are veering so far off the end of runway 6 over my home, rather than over the cornfield as was the case up to a few years ago.

2. It is my understanding that the Mercer County Commissioners plan to give approval tonight to Resolution 12. This this resolution entails submitting an application for \$1.5 million for a TAXIWAY CONNECTOR D at Trenton Mercer Airport. This will complete the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 new parallel taxiways planned for the airport.

While the FAA & TTN-M Airport leadership claim this is being done for safety, it WILL certainly result in increased capacity for greater jet and other operations. The FAA flyer states that parallel taxiways can increase flight operations by 200,000/yr.

I respectfully demand that all additional applications for funds, decisions around future construction, and present construction cease until the results from a proper, FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY take place accounting for the ENTIRE airport expansion.

Thank You. Patricia Fletcher Owner of a lovely home built in 1928 @ 134 W Upper Ferry Rd, Ewing, NJ 08628

"Schedule N"

**Dear Mercer County Commissioners:** 

I submit this email to express my opposition to the airport resolution tonight for taxiway D to G construction funding, and overall, I oppose the expansion plan for Trenton Mercer Airport I ask this opposition be acknowledged into the public record of tonight's meeting (4/22/21), ironically being held on Earth Day.

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Resolution related to the \$1.5 million TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport. It rings false that the proposal is being presented under a "trojan horse" of safety, but is clearly about expanding the airport with dollars vs. safety at the heart of the proposal. This comes at a considerable cost to the community in the form of environmental and public health consequences.

Thank you.

Sari DeCesare 26 Shara Lane Pennington, NJ 08534

"Schedule 0"

### **Dear Mercer County Commissioners:**

I respectfully submit the following email to be read into the public record in the beginning of today's April 22nd Meeting.

First, happy Earth Day 2021 to everyone.

Today, our President announced ambitious new goals for our Country to halve carbon emissions by 50%. The job of supporting this goal falls to **each of us**, in our private decisions and our public actions.

So how timely and fortuitous that this month's meeting is today, and that the most critical topic on the agenda concerns the County's intention to move ahead with construction to support expansion of operations at Trenton Mercer Airport. With a stunning lack of transparency, outside of public vetting and feedback, and in the absence of an EIS.

Does this action by our County represent responsible stewardship of Mercer County's environment? And are the methods being deployed to fast-track this project in keeping with the values of good governance or consistent with your oaths of office to conduct the County's business with transparency and integrity?

I fear they are not.

Please ask yourself, does commercial airliner activity at Trenton Mercer Airport enhance our quality of life?

Does it make our air & cleaner?

Does it render our home environment more peaceful? Our sky's quieter?

Does it increase our residential property values?

Does it support the healthy preservation of wildlife, farms and fauna of the area?

And lastly, is it fair for Mercer County to inflict the damages of expansion on its neighbor-communities both in NJ as well as our neighbors across the river in PA? I suggest the answer to each question above is "NO".

Common sense tells us: if it's the right decision to accept FAA funds, and integrate TTN into their regional airport plan (relinquishing our autonomy; forfeiting the County's "agency" over the future operations of the airport to federal authority) ... and moving forward with the proposed infrastructure projects to support commercial airliner activity at TTN, well then, it will also stand the test of comprehensive environmental review, public disclosure, discussion and a conclusive vote.

And if it can not withstand a normal review and vetting process then it shouldn't be happening at all, under any scenario, guise or method.

So, I strongly urge each of the Commissioner to act with the highest concern for their constituents by REJECTING the current Resolution which is related to the \$1.5 million

"Schedule 0"

TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport, until such time as the County's plans are fully disclosed in a comprehensive format and until that plan is evaluated, discussed and voted upon.

Mercer County is fortunate to be the home of many significant historical sites, productive farms that offer its residents food security and a true farm-to-table lifestyle, diverse habitat for wildlife, home to a prestigious university and many miles of parks, vistas and wetlands. Its residents chose to live here to enjoy and take advantage of all of these delightful features, and enjoy its small town vibe while remaining accessible to both New York and Philadelphia, where we can access 4 major airports.

And it goes without saying, no one moves to Mercer County because they want to live adjacent to a major airport. No one would choose the pollution, auditory & visual assault of departing or landing jet planes overhead, or the loss of value in their homes, just to be a few minutes closer to a budget-airline's seasonal flight to Fort Lauderdale. And what "say" does Bucks County have in this decision? It goes against all standards of fair play, for Mercer County alone to make these decisions, as TTN's flight paths impact many surrounding communities on both sides of the Delaware River.

As our elected officials, it is your responsibility is singular: to preserve and protect our quality of life, the stability of key public services and to act as competent managers and thoughtful stewards for the lands and the residents of Mercer County. No lesser standard is acceptable. And no other responsibility is assigned to you.

So in closing, I respectfully add my name to the others also requesting that all additional application for funds and construction CEASE until the following evaluations can be performed in a transparent and scientifically rigorous manner:

- Environmental Impact Statement of the ENTIRE, cumulative airport expansion.
- Assessment of Environmental Impact on Air Quality and Climate with consideration of post-expansion actual flight volume
- Public Health analysis of airport expansion, with focus on communities down-wind of the airport.

Thank you for your attention this evening.

Sincerely, Michelle Schafer 2923 Main Street, Lawrenceville NJ 08648

"Schedule P"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners-

I am submitting the following email to be read into the public record in the beginning of tonight's meeting Thursday, April 22/2021.

I am adamantly opposed to the airport resolution for the taxiway D and G construction of Trenton Mercer Airport.

I strongly urge that you **REJECT** the resolution as it pertains to the \$1.5 million for TAXIWAY D to G connectors. This is a waste of money and will only increase and adversely impact our air, noise and land. We do not need this kind of airport in this area, nor the pollution and havoc it will bring to your living environment.

Again, I respectfully request that my email be read into public record this evening. May this project objection pay forward auspiciously on Earth Day. Our planet needs more of our care and less of this kind of pollution.

Melissa J. Phares The Digging Dog Farm 620 Rosedale Road Princeton, NJ. 08540

"Schedule Q"

Dear Mercer County Commissioners,

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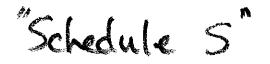
Sincerely,
Dorian Pustina and Ketrin Kapllani
132 Drew Dr., Langhorne, PA, 19053

"Schedule R"

I want to formally state that I am  ${f strongly}$  opposed to the airport resolution tonight for taxiway D to G construction funding.

I would like assurance that my opposition and comments will be entered into the formal public record.

My name is Ilene Blanton. My address is 155 Lincoln Ave, Yardley, PA 19067



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Sincerely,

Susan Burns 27 Voorhees Court Pennington, NJ

"Schedule T"

Dear	Mercer	County	Comm	issioner

I respectfully URGE and even BEG you to vote AGAINST approving Resolution 12, to seek \$1.5 million for a Taxiway Connector D at Mercer County Airport.

I understand it would complete a new parallel taxiway for the airport, which of course would increase capacity for greater jet operations. More planes (and worse--possibly larger planes) do NOT offer greater safety.

This is unacceptable and I respectfully urge that all additional application for funds, and construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the ENTIRE airport expansion.

That there is a proposal to use my federal tax money to make my Mercer County existence more miserable is terrifying.

Sincerely,

Dorothea Malina

19 Stanford Road East Pennington, NJ 08534

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Schedule 11"

## **Dear Mercer County Commissioners:**

I submit the following email to be read into the public record in the beginning of the Thursday 4/22/21 Meeting. I further request that the included visuals and screenshots be shared with those in attendance.

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Resolution to related to the \$1.5 million TAXIWAY D to G CONNECTOR at Trenton Mercer Airport.

This taxiway connector has been presented to you, the county commissioners, the NJDEP and residents of Mercer & Bucks Counties under several FALSEHOODS.

1) <u>Safety</u>: A screen shot of the Airport Master plan, obtained from the Mercer County website, states:

Existing services and operations at the Airport operate safely and efficiently from both Runways 6-24 and 16-34.

Clearly, if the airport was not safe, planes would not be allowed to fly into TTN. THIS CONNECTOR IS ABOUT EXPANSION, not safety.



#### Airport Master Plan

Trenton-Mercer Airport

temperature, flap settings, payload or runway condition (wet/dry), which then dictate the runway requirements that must be met in order for an aircraft to utilize that runway

The FAA has published Advisory Circular 150/5325 4B, Runway Length Requirements for Airport Design, to assist in the determination of the required runway length for both the primary and crosswind runways. The requirements for both the primary and crosswind runways are based on the performance of a specific aircraft or a family of similar aircraft.

Existing services and operations at the Airport operate safely and efficiently from both Aueways 6-24 (6,006 feet long) and 16-34 (4,800 feet long).

The existing and future design aircraft are the Airbus Ax 9 and A370neo (new engine option) for the Airbort and Runway 6-24. The existing and proposed design aircraft for Runway 16-34 is the Gulfistream V. Per AC 150/5375-48, the A319 and A320neo should be reviewed on an individual basis. As they are eleater than 60 (60) bounds in their maximum takeoff configuration. The

## 2) TTN Airfield is being "updated" for safety:

The completion of the D to G connector will create the first of FOUR parallel taxiways. A parallel taxiways is one that runs alongside the runway to allow for queuing & one way traffic, creating efficiencies and increased flight volume. The assertion that this is "safer" is belied by numerous reports of increased confusion caused by such airfield configuration, as there are many more intersections on the airfield.

Trenton Airports plans are ABOUT increasing CAPACITY and VOLUME of operations.



According to FAA Airport Design Circular: A single runway with a parallel taxiway can normally accommodate approximately 200,000 annual aircraft operations. TTN plans call for TWO full length parallel taxiways for each runway.

3) Assurances that growth will be limited to 1% per year, are either deceptive or ill-informed. Trenton is receiving partial funding for the D to G Parallel Taxiway, and other airfield changes, through the National Plan of Integrate Airport Systems, which is regulated by <u>US Code 49, 47103</u>. These regulations specifically state that "Airport development included in this plan *may not be limited*". In other words, **Mercer County will lose its ability to limit the type and size of planes and the hours in which they fly**.

Additionally, by accepting funds, TTN has entered into a contract with the FAA Airport Improvement Plan (AIP). This contract has **built-in triggers for additional expansion**. Each grant acceptance further diminishes Mercer residents' control over the future of our county. It is irresponsible to your constituents to continue accepting these grants without reading the FULL text of the FAA terms and agreements and without engaging with other communities who have previously accepted these terms. Only by doing so, can you understand the potential deleterious environmental and public health consequences the expansion may have on our community.

4) The D to G connector was approved with a special FAA grant called a CATEX or CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION. This means that it is excluded from NJ Department of Environmental Protection oversight by claiming to be ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. By proceeding under this entirely false premise, the airport has avoided any evaluation of resultant impact on traffic volume, air quality or water flow, at a time of climate related dramatically increased rainfall. This is particularly egregious because our air quality does not meet the standards established by the clean air act and because, as you can see from the maps below (which should be shared by Commissioner Frisbee with all those in attendance) that at least 1/3 of the connector is entirely new construction (Area in RED) over what was previously grassland.

If this parallel taxiway, approved in multiple smaller repair segments, of which the D to G connector is the last, were not an environmental risk, why approve it with a CATEX instead of performing the appropriate environmental study? A screenshot from the CATEX approval is below. It falsely claims that there will be no change in airfield capacity or operations (despite the FAA airport design circular directly disputing this falsehood) so both the EPA & NJDEP's attempts to protect our air quality can be circumvented.

5) Aviation Emissions are scientifically proven to be related to numerous illnesses, including asthma, heart attack and preterm birth. Trenton has proficiently segmented the airport expansion into smaller projects, approving capacity increasing projects under the guise of "REPAIR" and thus avoiding scrutiny of likely health impacts, Communities downwind of the airport are particularly at risk. Having this knowledge and still proceeding, without rigorously investigating the impact on your constituents' health, would be a grave disservice for which the community would hold you accountable.

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## Thank you.

Please submit to be included, with attachments, in the public record. Please share the screen shots below during the meeting .

The first is the inaccurately submitted CATEX permit.

The last map shows the D to G connector "Repair" which is obviously new construction

Debra Baseman, MD 5 Van Kirk Road Princeton , NJ 08540

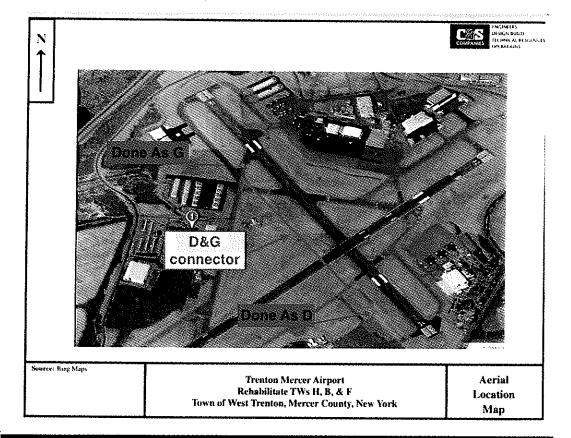
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304g, Air Quality

# From CATEX Taxiway F and TaxiwaysD&G

connector, page A13	YES	NO
Is the project located in a Clean Air Act non-attainment or maintenance area?		О
If yes, is it listed as exempt, presumed to conform, or will emissions (including construction emissions) from the project be below <i>de minimis</i> levels? (Provide the paragraph citation for the exemption or presumed to conform list below, if applicable.) Is the project accounted for in the State Implementation Plan or specifically exempted? Attach documentation. If exempt or "presumed to conform", skip the next two questions.	×	
The proposed project area is located in a <u>nonattainment area for 8-hour ozone</u> . The Federal Aviation Administration's "Federal Presumed to Conform Actions Under General Conformity" rules FRN volume 72 No. 145 Page 41567 <u>provide an exemption for Routine Maintenance and Repair Activities</u> . This project involves the removal and replacement of a taxiway and the installation of a taxiway connector. The project will not increase the capacity or change the operational environment of the airport. Therefore, this project falls under the Routine Maintenance and Repair Activites exemption.		

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"Schedule V"

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Sincerely,

Frank Falkow 39 Shady Brook Drive Langhorne, PA 19047

"Schedule W"

## To our Commissioners:

Many in our community are stunned at the continual expansion of the airport - endangering all who live under its flight path and in the neighboring communities.

If you allow the approval to Resolution 12 - the Taxiway Connector D, the increased capacity for greater jet operations will result in more flights, pollution, and degradation to those who live near the airport, and its pathways. The FAA states that parallel taxiways can increase flight operations by a staggering amount.

We respectfully demand that all additional application for funds and construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the entire airport expansion.

You are our stewards. Surely some of you care more about the residents, their health and safety, than about commerce.

Sincerely,

Judith Clarke and Dean Harrison 11 Orchard Avenue Pennington, NJ 08534

"Schedule X"

I Maryann Shannon protest the continuation of these projects, by insisting that the Commissioners DO NOT approve Resolution 12 without the proper

This is unacceptable and I respectfully demand that all additional application for funds, and construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the ENTIRE airport expansion.

Sincerely,

Maryann Shannon

1596 Silo Road

Yardley, Pa. 19067

"Schedule Y"

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Please, DO NOT approve Resolution 12 without the proper environmental review.

Sincerely,

Françoise Picaronny 1106 Yardley Commons Yardley, PA 19067

"Schedule Z"

Your expansion plans for the Trenton Airport is outrageous and dangerous. This is unacceptable and I respectfully demand that all additional application for funds, and construction cease until a proper environmental study take place of the ENTIRE airport expansion.

Sincerely, Stuart Jacob 36 Dispatch Drive Washington Crossing, PA 18977

"Schedule AA"

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Sincerely,

Don Wilcox 81 N Delaware Ave. Yardley, PA

"Schedule BB"

### Koontz, Andrew

From:

Holly Bussey <uuholly12@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 17:01

To:

Frisby, Samuel; Cannon, Ann; Koontz, Andrew; Cimino, John; Walter, Lucylle; Colavita,

Pasquale; Melker, Nina D.; Adezio, Paul

Subject:

COMMENT FOR APRIL 22 meeting: STOP APPLYING FOR EXPANSION GRANTS

Dear Mercer County Commissioners,

Please confirm receipt of this email

On April 22 the Mercer County Commissioners will give approval to Resolution 12--submitting an application for \$1.5 million for a TAXIWAY CONNECTOR D at Trenton Mercer Airport.

This will complete the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 new parallel taxiways planned for the airport. While the claim this is being done for safety, it WILL result in *increased capacity* for greater jet operations. The FAA flyer states that parallel taxiways can increase flight operations by 200,000/yr.

This is unacceptable and BRRAM respectfully demand that all additional application for funds, and construction cease until a proper environmental study occurs for the ENTIRE airport expansion as a complete project.

Sincerely,

Holly Bussey, President on behalf of BRRAM membership

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Good evening,

My name is Leah Pray I am a teacher at Mercer Special Services and the president of MCSSETA. We come to you again this evening because we continue to seek a resolution. Our district leadership is failing. It is failing the students, their families and the extremely dedicated staff members who work there.

A few weeks ago we listened as our superintendent spoke at the budget meeting and gave misinformation to those in attendance. It is frustrating to realize that the people who are supposed to be in charge have lost touch with the district that they are supposed to be representing.

Dr. Schneider spoke about the fact that we are unable to market our district because it would anger the sending districts. That is untrue. At our board meeting we had to listen to a marketing powerpoint that had been put together by two people who are no longer responsible for this information. They spoke of sending brochures out to the community, open houses, surveys, meetings that they have attended and workshops that have been provided among many other things. When you look at it all on paper it looks wonderful. It looks wonderful until you realize that although some of these things have been done in the past they are no longer being done. What we need to look at now is what we can do to save the districts that Dr. Schneider is responsible for.

She continues to say we are second to Bergen County but does not say what we are second to when comparing us. From the data that I see we are not second. Burlington County Special Services has surpassed us in enrollment. As have Gloucester Special Services and the educational services commission in Middlesex. Bergen County continues to be in first with their enrollment. How long will it take for other districts to push ahead of our numbers?

It would also appear at this time, that Dr. Schneider has given up her responsibilities for running the district. She now leaves everything up to the building principals who have zero guidance from her. This is leading to some very poor decisions being made.

We need help. We need help from you and we need help from Brian Hughes. Someone needs to take responsibility for the mistakes and missteps that have been made over the last several years. I am yet again begging you all to help us. We are going to continue fighting until we see a resolution from our county leaders.

Leah Pray

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