# COUNTY OF MERCER



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# MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION FORMAL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2021

# **MINUTES**

Chair Frisby called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:06 pm on June 24, 2021 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building , 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Present - Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Melker, Walter and Frisby.

Absent- Commissioner Koontz ( who arrived at 6:32pm) and 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 Meeting Law, Notice of this meeting has been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, and the Princeton Packet newspapers, as well as having been posted in the Courthouse and the Administration Building at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

#### PRESENTATION:

At this time, the Board welcomed the 2021 Commissioner Scholarship Recipients and the New Jersey Association Counties Scholarship Recipients, the following students received awards:

Jah'il Archie - West Windsor-Plainsboro High School Annaela Boahene - Steinert High School Mery Carchipulla-Paute - Hightstown High School Sameer Chaudhry - Hamilton High School West Emily Chica Riofrio - Robbinsville High School Phoebe Fang - Princeton High School Isabella Cortina - Hopewell Valley Central High School Samuel Gayne - Trenton Central High School Kiara Pizarro Zanini - Hightstown High School Jermaine Stewart - Ewing High School Belgica Timbie - Hopewell Valley Central High School Nicholas Cramer Lauren Lafharis Tyler Lucas Xadea Green Brandon Ochoa

Commissioner Cimino commended John Donnadio, Executive Director of New Jersey Association of Counties, for his dedication on providing scholarships to students attending college.

Commissioner Cannon thanked Mario Laurenti, aide to Commissioner Koontz, for organizing the scholarship program.

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

There was no public comment.

# **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated June 15, 2021 RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of June 7, 2021.
A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated June 16, 2021 RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the week of June 14, 2021.
A communication was received from Laurie E. Gompf, RMC, CMC Township Clerk, Township of Hopewell
A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated June 22, 2021 RE: County Commissioner Questions and Answers.
A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated June 24, 2021 RE: County Commissioner Questions and Answers

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the Resolutions No. 2, and 4 through 35 on the Agenda.

Commissioner Koontz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cannon, that RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2, AND 4 THROUGH 35 ON THE AGENDA, "BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK"

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

No. 2021-362

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION
OF CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY, FOR
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC) PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021
THROUGH JUNE 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$120,262.00 (\$96, 448.00
[STATE FUNDS]; \$23,814.00[COUNTY MATCH])

No. 2021-363

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF
LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS
AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO ACCEPT
ELIGIBLE FUNDING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
DESIGN TO IMPROVEMENTS HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR
PARKWAY AVE (CR 634) SCOTCH ROAD (CR 611) TO
ROUTE 31 (PENNINGTON ROAD), IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
EWING AND CITY OF TRENTON MERCER COUNTY
AGREEMENT NO 20-DT-BLA-307 (FEDERAL PROJECT
#HSIP- 0643 (302) FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 22, 2021
TO JUNE 30, 2025, TOTAL ELIGIBLE FUNDS: \$1,001,685.00

No. 2021-364

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING IN RECOVERY, SUCH AS: PEER TO PEER SERVICES, COMMUNITY LINKAGES TO VARIOUS TREATMENT OPTIONS, CONNECTION TO RECOVERY HOUSING, RECOVERY RELATED WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS AND MEETINGS, JOB READINESS AND TRAINING, AND OTHER GENERAL SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR COOPERATIVE SOBER LIVING RESIDENCES (CSLR) FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING IN RECOVERY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

No. 2021-366

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SPECIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS, SUCH AS: DETOXIFICATION, RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION, HALFWAY HOUSE, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT, OUTPATIENT SERVICES, INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE SERVICES, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND TRANSPORTATION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

No. 2021-367

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SPECIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2024

No. 2021-368

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR INMATE COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION . PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

No. 2021-370

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49, ADOPTED JANUARY 28, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE 2021 INITIAL AREA PLAN CONTRACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,163.00." REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,546,622.00 (\$656,038.00 [FEDERAL TITLE IIIB,C1,C2, D, AND E FUNDS]; \$57,100.00 [STATE MATCH]; \$38,387.00 [STATE WEEKEND HOME MEALS FUNDS (SWHDM)]; \$45,415.00 DELIVERED **ISAFE HOUSING AND** TRANSPORTATION FUNDS (SHTP)]: \$237,370.00 [ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDS (APS)]; \$561,167.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL AGING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FUNDS (SASS)]; \$21,019.00 MEDICAID MATCH]; \$32,588.00 [NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS (NSIP)]; \$209,534.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS]; \$84,798.00 [FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT FUNDING (FFCRA C1 FUNDS)]; \$300,843.00 [CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT TITLE III-B, III-C2, III-E FUNDS); \$41,200.00 [ADRC COVID19 FUNDS]; \$178,276.00 [CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CAA) TITLE IIIC2 FUNDS]; AND \$82,887.00 [CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSA) FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM [DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION (DEDR) FUND]. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$206,361.00 (STATE FUND) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2021-372

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH ENFORSYS POLICE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE POLISYS SYSTEM TO BE PROVIDED TO THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00

No. 2021-373

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 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RE-ENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES TO INMATES RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$786,353.00 [NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS] (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SUB- GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE (SFY) 2021 GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY BUDGET – OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT PROGRAM. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 TO AUGUST 31, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$90,476.19 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS) GRANT SUB AWARD NO: SFYOHH-11-2021

No. 2021-375

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A SUB-GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2021 **EMERGENCY** MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE (EMAA) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. TOTAL AWARD: \$110,000.00 (\$55,000.00 FEDERAL FUNDS; \$55,000.00 IN-KIND MATCHING FUNDS) PERFORMANCE PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30. 2022

No. 2021-376

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON UNIVERSITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT AND WIRE BENEATH THE ROADWAY SURFACE OF COUNTY ROUTE 571, TO CONVEY ELECTRICITY FROM A SOLAR ARRAY LOCATED ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 1.011, BLOCK 4 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 1.0113, BLOCK 3, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. COST: \$1.00

No. 2021-378

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 2021 RAISE GRANT FOR GAP FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LINCOLN AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR RAIL LINE, ABANDONED RAIL YARD, AND ASSUNPINK CREEK, CITY OF TRENTON. AMOUNT: \$20,280,000.00

No. 2021-379

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LENOX LAW FIRM, TO PROVIDE: DEFENDING THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY CASES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,000.00. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022. (COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2021-380

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON- FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC., AS A FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF MERCER COUNTY FOR FY 2021. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00.

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-64, ADOPTED JANUARY 23, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NV5, INC. TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY (GWB). AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. REVISED PERIOD: JANUARY 15, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

No. 2021-382

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-471, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 20, 2020, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000.00 REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT \$200,000.00

No. 2021-383

RESCIND RESOLUTION NO 2020-527, ADOPTED OCTOBER 15, 2020 - ACCEPTANCE OF 10-FOOT-WIDE DRAINAGE (CULVERT) EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, INSPECTING, MAINTAINING, AND REPAIRING STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES LOCATED ON BLOCK 5.01, PROPOSED LOT 13.01, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

ACCEPTANCE OF 10 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE (CULVERT) EASEMENT FROM BTC III INNOVATION PARK LOT C. LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING. INSPECTING. MAINTAINING, AND REPAIRING **STORM** DRAINAGE FACILITIES LOCATED ON BLOCK 5.01. PROPOSED LOT 13.01, PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

No. 2021- 385

RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-526, ADOPTED OCTOBER 15, 2020- ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 5.01 PROPOSED LOT 13.01 EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

No. 2021-386

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM BTC III INNOVATION PARK LOT C, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 5.01, PROPOSED LOT 13.01, PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 571) EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

No. 2021-387

RESCIND RESOLUTION NO 2020-528, ADOPTED OCTOBER 15, 2020 - ACCEPTANCE OF SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS TO SEE ACROSS SAID LANDS AND TO PROVIDE A CLEAR VIEW OF ROADWAY LOCATED ON BLOCK 5.01, PROPOSED LOT 13.01, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

ACCEPTANCE OF SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENTS FROM BTC III INNOVATION PARK LOT C, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS TO SEE ACROSS SAID LANDS AND TO PROVIDE A CLEAR VIEW OF ROADWAY LOCATED ON BLOCK 5.01, PROPOSED LOT 13.01, PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 571) EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

No. 2021-389

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED OF EASEMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE AND GAS COMPANY (PSE&G) TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS TO SEE ACROSS SAID LANDS AND TO PROVIDE A CLEAR VIEW OF ROADWAY LOCATED ON BLOCK 20, LOT 52 (PROPOSED LOT 22.01), HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

No. 2021-390

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY OF UNION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

No. 2021-391

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TIMOTHY P. BRYAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NINE (9) CHARGEPOINT DUAL-PORT ELECTRIC **VEHICLE** CHARGERS MODEL CT4021-GW1 AND TWO (2) CHARGEPOINT DUAL- PORT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS MODEL CT4025-GW1 FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS (BID NO. 18/19-40). PERIOD: NINE (9) MONTHS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$393,827.00

AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MAY 7, 2021 TO ACB SERVICES, INC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE MERCER COUNTY VETERAN'S HOME AND THE MERCER COUNTY CONNECTION . AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00 (MERCER COUNTY VETERAN'S HOME-\$8,400.00' MERCER COUNTY CONNECTION-\$15,600.00) (PLUS HOURLY RATE OF \$19.95 FOR UNSPECIFIED SERVICES REQUIRED) PERIOD: JULY 21, 2021 THROUGH JULY 21, 2023

No. 2021-390

AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MAY 14, 2021 TO MERSHON CONCRETE, LLC, FOR THE REBID OF CONCRETE FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: JUNE 24, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 23, 2022, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR BASED UPON THE INDEX RATE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$325,123.80 (CK09MERCER201-05B)

No. 2021-391

EXECUTIVE SESSION-THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 AT 6:00 PM IN ROOM 211 OF THE MERCER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

# **VOTE ON MOTION**

Ayes -6. Nays-0. Abstain-0. Absent-1 Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent- Commissioner Colavita Freeholder Koontz offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cimino:

NO. 2021-395

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION (FAA), AMENDS MULTI-YEAR
GRANT IS INCREASED BY \$3,124,747 TO INCLUDE THE
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY 2021) AWARD TO THE
COUNTY OF MERCER, TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT, AN
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT (3-340042-056-2020) TO CONSTRUCT CONNECTOR
TAXIWAY D TO G (PHASE II), GRANT AMOUNT:
\$312,474.00

NO. 2021-396

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AMENDS REQUEST TO COVER BALANCE OF FEDERAL SHARES OF ELIGIBLE COSTS TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT, GRANT (03-34-0042-51-17) TO REHABILITATE TAXIWAY G AND RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,946.00

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

Ayes -5. Nays-0. Abstain-1. Absent-1 Ayes - Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, and Frisby Abstain- Commissioner Walter Absent - Commissioner Colavita

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2020 AND 2021 SALARY FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WARDEN, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR, MERCER COUNTY CLERK, MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE, MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF, MERCER COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIR, AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **VOTE ON ORDINANCE**

Ayes -6. Nays-0. Abstain-0. Absent-1 Ayes - Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Frisby Absent- Commissioner Colavita

Commissioner Cimino noted that he had no concerns with supporting the Ordinance, but initially he had concerns with the salary increase for 2019.

Commissioner Walter stated this is an example of good government.

Commissioner Cannon thanked Commissioner Frisby for listening to the Board's concerns, adding that she was proud to support the Ordinance.

Commissioner Koontz said he was thankful the Ordinance was completed.

Chair Frisby indicated that the he recognized the hard work and dedication of the County Executive and the Administration.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Koontz seconded by Commissioner Cannon for the purpose to discuss the following:

# "PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION"

Vote to open Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Koontz, seconded by Commissioner Cannon at 7:04 PM

# **VOTE ON MOTION TO CLOSE**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lillian Nazzaro, County Administrator, provided a brief update on COVID-19 regarding the numbers of vaccinations in Mercer County.

Commissioner Cimino addressed the issue of the new voting machines

Ms. Nazzaro noted that the County has to order the machines soon. The machines are mandated by the State to utilize in the upcoming election in November 2021.

Commissioner Cimino noted that \$65 million is the appropriated cost for the machines in New Jersey.

David Miller, CFO, stated the funds would come from the capital budget.

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# **PUBLIC SECTION:**

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

There was	no public commer	nt.	

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Absent – Commissioner Colavita

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 PM

JERLENE H. WORTHY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# **INFORMAL MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2021**

#### **MINUTES**

Chair Frisby called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:07 PM on June 22, 2021 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

	The follow	ving me	mbers o	of the	Board	answered	the	Roll	Call	of the	Clerk	to t	he
Board:													

Present - Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Koontz, Walter and Frisby
Absent – Commissioners Cimino and Colavita
The Clerk to the Board 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 22, 2021.

At this time, Chair Frisby invited Basit (Sunny) Muzaffar, County Engineer, to discuss the Resolution authorizing to submit an application for Federal highway administration 2021 Raise Grant for GAP funding for the replacement of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge over the Northeast Corridor Rail Line, abandoned rail line yard, and Assunpink Creek, City of Trenton, in the amount of \$20,280.00.

Mr. Muzaffar said the Lincoln Bridge is the most expensive bridge project because bridge goes over Amtrak railroad tracks. He said the County has to follow the federal process because the County is accepting money from them and that all designs must go through the federal government for review.

Chair Frisby asked for an estimate time to finish the bridge.

Mr. Muzaffar responded it could take 2-3 years of construction time and that it was a two (2) stage process which is double the construction time.

Chair Frisby asked is there a timeframe to start the project.

Mr. Muzaffar said he was looking to start the project in 2024. He noted that he is looking to complete the historic bridges.

Chair Frisby asked for an update on the bridge located on Parkside and Oakland Ave.

Mr. Muzaffar stated funds have been allocated for the project.

Chair Frisby asked for an update on the water way near Cadwalader Park.

Mr. Muzaffar noted that the project would be done in-house.

Chair Frisby was hopeful that they would come up with a solution because flooding still occurs in that area.

Chair Frisby inquired about the County having the opportunity to implement a multi-governmental meeting.

Mr. Muzaffar said he was not aware of a meeting, however hopefully one day a multi-governmental meeting would occur.

Chair Frisby thanked Mr. Muzaffar for his knowledge and candor.

Chair Frisby made reference to the Resolution regarding an authorization to submit an application to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the municipal alliance to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$206,361.00. He asked were the number pre-pandemic for municipal alliance.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq, Business Administrator, responded that the pre-pandemic total amount was consistently \$435,401.00. (See Schedule A Attached hereto and make a part hereof)

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Thirty-five (35) Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 22, 2021.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the Resolution authorizing to execute a grant agreement between Mercer County and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection. She asked would the County see a movement at the park and golf station for electric vehicles for employees.

Ms. Nazzaro said the County would love to have electric vehicles for the employees, however that idea has not been considered.

Commissioner Walter replied electrics vehicles just for park ranges.

Commissioner Koontz questioned the process to add items on the state contract list.

Dave Miller, CFO, responded that the State determines the items on list.

Commissioner Koontz asked if there were electric vehicles on the state contract list. If not, what is the process to add the vehicles to the list. He asked about the plan for vehicle replacement.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that there is no plan for vehicle replacement at this time, however, Planning Department staff would work with DOT & I to evaluate our current fleet and develop recommendation for vehicle replacement.

Commissioner Cannon questioned if there was a plan to add electric vehicles in East Windsor and Robbinsville.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that the County did not propose sites in East Windsor and Robbinsville because of two reasons: the County looked at the existing charging infrastructure coverage and the County does not own sites in those towns at which to place chargers. We could consider County libraries for a future grant round, provided we could overcome the fact that we don't own the underlying land.

Commissioner Koontz asked that electric vehicle purchases be through state contract.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that the purchase of electric vehicles would be either state contract or potentially through a purchasing co-op in which the County participates.

Commissioner Koontz suggested surveying the townships for an overlay.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Contract with NW Financial Group, LLC as a financial advisory services for accounts and financial transactions of Mercer County for FY 2021 for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$120,000.00, she asked if the contract was new.

Mr. Miller responded yes, it was a new contract, and that it would provide financial assistance.

Commissioner Walter questioned how much the MCIA paid Acacia in 2018 for bond sale negotiations.

Mr. Miller responded \$118,000.00

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 2020-527, adopted October 15, 2020- Acceptance of 10-foot-wide drainage (culvert) easement for the purpose of installing, constructing, reconstruction, inspecting, maintenance, and repairing storm drainage facilities located on block 5.01, proposed; lot 13.01, East Windsor Township, Mercer County funds- \$0. He asked what happens when road widening occurs. He asked is widening of County Road 571 in West Windsor going to accommodate a cycling land or room for bicycles.

Ms. Nazzaro said no ride widening of Route 571 was planned at the moment and that the routine condition of the Planning Board was to obtain County road right-of-way as called for in our Master Plan. She added that the County Bike Plan calls for an off-road side-path on CR571. She said the County Planning Board is routinely imposing that requirement in our approvals of development and redevelopment projects along County roadways.

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#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2020 AND 2021 SALARY FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WARDEN, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR, MERCER COUNTY CLERK, MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE, MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF, MERCER COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIR, AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At this time, there was a discussion regarding the salary ordinance.

Ms. Nazzaro commented that County Executive Brian Hughes expressed his concerns that his administration should be treated the same as other County employees with receiving salary increases of 2% in 2018, 2019 and 2020. She noted that the County Executive wants all employees to be treated equally and asked the Board for consideration to approve the salary ordinance. She added that the Sheriff would be entitled to 2% like others in 2021.

Commissioner Walter asked if constitutional officers could be removed from the proposed Ordinance and added to a separate Ordinance.

Commissioner Koontz noted that State requires the County to do a Salary Ordinance for constitutional officers.

Commissioner Walter asked for the New Jersey Association Counties (NJAC) to review County Executive and Administrator salaries throughout New Jersey for comparison.

Commissioner Melker stated she was against adding year 2019 to the Ordinance because of the economic crisis and high unemployment rates from COVID. She added that it was the perception to accept a raise in 2019 during a pandemic. She said that Commissioner Cimino would not approve the Ordinance with 2019 included.

Ms. Nazzaro said she understood her concerns and that the Ordinance consisted of 2% for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Chair Frisby stated that he spoke to the other members of the Board to discuss eliminating 2019.

Commissioner Koontz replied that Chair Frisby never contacted him about eliminating 2019 from the Ordinance. He added that the Board needed to act on the salary ordinance and that the Board has a responsibility to give the County Executive and Administration a raise too.

Chair Frisby proposed striking 2019 from the Ordinance, add 2.5% for 2020 and 2021.

Ms. Nazzaro thanked the Board for the consideration to move forward on the salary ordinance.

Commissioner Walter asked for County decals to be placed on County vehicles.

Chair Frisby commented that it would be a great opportunity for the County to takeover Trenton libraries. He added that the shift would be an excellent impact for City residents.

Chair Frisby raised concerns about inmates at the Mercer County Correctional Center not receiving drinking water. He added that a resident contacted him regarding water fountains were turned off, and detainees not having access to clean water. He also mentioned that detainees have limited time to shower. He said it was basic human right to offer fresh water to inmates, he said the issue is about dignity to provide people with water.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that she spoke to the Warden, regarding this issue. Due to COVID pandemic and maintaining the health and safety within corrections, the water fountains were turned off. However, they are being turned back on today. She said please be assured that while the fountains were turned off, the inmates had 24 hours access to drinking water from four (4) bathroom sinks in their pods and that the water from the bathroom sink is the same water as the water fountain all coming from the 3 wells located on the property. She said the showers are fully operational, but do not run continuously and that it is a push operation that allows water to run for 20 seconds at a time. She noted that the inmate needs to push the button approximately every 20 seconds. Unfortunately the water pressure is not ideal due to calcium build up from well water, but when there are complaints about the output of water, maintenance repairs the shower heads.

At this time, Chair Frisby invited the members of the public to comment.

Lydia Thornton resident of the City of Trenton agreed with Chair Frisby that the issue was about dignity and that water is a basic human right. She said COVID should not be a reason concerning clean drinking water and that we have a responsibility to have respect and dignity. She thanked the Board and Administration for addressing the issue.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47PM

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JERLENE H. WORTHY CLERK TO THE BOARD

Schedule H

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator

DATE: June 24, 2021

RE: Commissioner Questions for June 24, 2021

#### Question from Commissioner Chair Frisby:

R-12: COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM [DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION (DEDR) FUND]. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$206,361.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

Question: What were the numbers pre-pandemic for municipal alliance?

Answer: Pre-pandemic the total amount was consistently \$435,401-

7/1/2017- 6/30/2018 (12 month contract): Total amount \$435,401

7/1/2018-6/30/2019 (12 month contract): Total amount \$435,401

7/1/2019- 6/30/2020 (12 month contract): Total amount \$435,401

7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020 (3 month contract): Total amount \$51,590

10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021 (9 month contract): Total amount \$154,771

Current R-12:

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (12 month contract): Total amount \$206,361

R-17: COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

#### **Commissioner Chair Frisby Questions:**

Question: Please provide an overlay map on the County map with sites in municipalities.

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