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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2021

MINUTES

Chair Frisby called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on October 7, 2021, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Present – Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent – Commissioners Colavita, Koontz and Cimino (who arrived at 6:15 PM)

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.

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

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Suzannah Givone, Clerk Pro Tem, Sussex County Commissioner Board, dated September 9, 2021, RE: Resolution in Support of New Jersey Bills A-5962 and S-5041 to permit funds from the “9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account to be appropriated for the purposes of paying certain costs incurred by Counties and Municipalities for the provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 Emergency Services.

A communication was received from Laurie E. Grompf, Municipal Clerk, dated June 30, 2021, RE: Resolution No. 21-222, Resolution in Support of the Implementation of the 2020 Mercer County Bicycle Master Plan.

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated September 29, 2021, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of September 20, 2021.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated September 13, 2021, RE: Reappointments Requiring Commissioners Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated October 5, 2021, RE: Commissioner Questions for October 5, 2021.

A communication was received from Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated October 7, 2021, RE: Commissioner Questions for October 7, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, informed the Commissioner Board that the executed Contract for the following proposed Resolution was not attached with the Resolution.

R-13 – AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-397, ADOPTED JULY 1, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC., FOR CERTAIN ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES. “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AGREEMENT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$711,962.50. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$2,800,000.00

Commissioner Walter suggested that the Board conduct a Special Formal Meeting once the executed contract came in. She spoke of a previous issue with obtaining original contracts with Sequoia voting systems and felt it was prudent to remove this Resolution from the Agenda.

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda with the exception of R-4.

Commissioner Cannon moved, seconded by Commissioner Melker, that:

RESOLUTION NOS. R-1 THROUGH R-3 AND R-5 THROUGH R-34 ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent – Commissioner Colavita, Cimino and Koontz

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

NO. 2021-542 SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDES WORKFIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) FUNDS TO COUNTY OF MERCER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT YEAR FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022, PROGRAM YEAR 2021, (JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022) FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF); WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT – ADULT, YOUTH, DISLOCATED WORKERS; AND WORKFORCE LEARNING LINK PROGRAM, WORK ACTIVITIES ADULT), AND WORKFIRST NJ GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) – CASE MANAGEMENT/WORK ACTIVITIES. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$5,395,575.00

NO. 2021-543 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHORT TERM OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON (EDENS), LLC FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF SPACE FOR EARLY VOTING. LOCATION: PRINCETON SHOPPING CENTER. PERIOD: OCTOBER 22, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2021-544 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR THE TIME AND LABOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$500,000.00

- NO. 2021-545** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ACCEPTS A 2021 MIDYEAR AREA PLAN CONTRACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF MERCER COUNTY AREA PLAN ON AGING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. AMOUNT: \$3,932,706.00 (LESS INITIAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,546,622.00 FOR A TOTAL INCREASE IN FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,386,084.00) (FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2021-546** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, LABORATORIES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (LINCS) GRANT (PHLP22LNC017). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$711,244.00 (STATE FUNDS; NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2021-547** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WINDOW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR LOW-INCOME, MEDICALLY FRAIL, AND VULNERABLE MERCER COUNTY OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$18,907.00

- NO. 2021-548** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T LLC, DBA EQUUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, FOR A WIOA OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$101,842.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2021-549** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES INC., FOR A WIOA OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. TOTAL: \$147,422.48 (FEDERAL FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2021-550** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. AMOUNT: \$275,000.00. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2021 (FEDERAL FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2021-552** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A “NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS”) WITH TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS (SUBSIDIARY OF CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC) TO PROVIDE A SERVER MIGRATION OF THE VISICAD SYSTEM AT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$28,665.00. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022

NO. 2021-553 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE PROBATE SYSTEM AT THE MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$21,241.00

NO. 2021-554 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S. CONTRACT (THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF AMERICA, INC., TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$77,276.19 FUNDED BY OPERATION HELPING HAND SFYOH-11-21. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

NO. 2021-555 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH COMPUTER SQUARE, INC., FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INFOSHARE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$85,000.00. PERIOD: OCTOBER 21, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2022

- NO. 2021-556** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT PROGRAM – VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AMOUNT: \$958,031.00 (\$598,704.00 FEDERAL; \$359,327.00 COUNTY MATCH). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022. GRANT NO. V-53-19
- NO. 2021-557** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NEWARK WIRE WORKS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK STORAGE RACKS AND EVIDENCE CAGES TO BE USED BY THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE EVIDENCE UNIT. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$32,687.00
- NO. 2021-558** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY AND THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE RENTAL OF CLASSROOM AND OFFICE SPACE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE MERCER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$81,000.00 (\$27,000.00 PER YEAR - \$2,250.00 PER MONTH). (FUNDING THROUGH OPERATING BUDGET AND LEOTEF FUNDS)

- NO. 2021-559** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A “NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS”) WITH LORING CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NEW UPS SYSTEM LOCATED AT THE FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$10,770.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022
- NO. 2021-560** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT “AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS” WITH CDM SMITH, INC., FOR REVISION OF THE MERCER COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRIOR TO ITS FORMAL ADOPTION. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$110,000.00. PERIOD: OCTOBER 19, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2022
- NO. 2021-561** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE ASSUNPINK CREEK WATERSHED AGREEMENT (SUPPLEMENT NO. 6) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE “NCRS” FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ASSUNPINK CREEK DAM NO. 8 TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY OF MERCER; TOTAL AMOUNT: \$6,240,500.00 (\$4,591,000.00 – SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION FUNDS; \$1,649,500.00 – NON FEDERAL FUNDS (NO COUNTY FUNDS))

- NO. 2021-562** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-174, ADOPTED MARCH 28, 2019 AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVES AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE RESOLUTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY AID TO VARIOUS BRIDGES IN MERCER COUNTY “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE PAVEMENT RESTORATION ON VARIOUS MERCER COUNTY ROADWAYS” AMOUNT REMAINS: \$5,479,329.00
- NO. 2021-563** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-109, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GREENMAN PEDERSEN, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON PRINCETON AVENUE, MULBERRY STREET AND FARMERS MARKET DRIVEWAY, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES. “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$8,103.59. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,920.50
- NO. 2021-564** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONCURS WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON ORDINANCE NO. 21-048 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 485, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE III, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 485-27 TURN PROHIBITIONS

- NO. 2021-565** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH FLASTER GREENBERG, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT RELATING TO AIRPORT FACILITY, ADJACENT USES AND OTHER AIRPORT RELATED MATTERS. PERIOD: AUGUST 14, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2022. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$150,000.00
- NO. 2021-566** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 TO ORCHARD HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE INSTALATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL UNDERGROUND AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$970,500.00 (CK09MERCER2021-16)
- NO. 2021-567** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 TO RENCOR INC., FOR REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 180.1 CARRYING AN ABANDONED RAILROAD TRAIL OVER PARKSIDE AVENUE, CITY OF TRENTON. AMOUNT: \$1,885,277.00. TERM: 150 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (AB2021-40)
- NO. 2021-568** REAPPOINTMENT OF ANDRE' MONDAY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY HEALTH BOARD
- NO. 2021-569** REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM S. AGRESS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

- NO. 2021-570** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
- NO. 2021-571** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 15TH TO OCTOBER 15TH AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
- NO. 2021-572** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARES OCTOBER 2021 AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
- NO. 2021-573** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2021 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent – Commissioner Colavita, Cimino and Koontz

Commissioner Melker explained that she is a member of the John O. Wilson Neighborhood Center Board and would abstain from voting on the following Resolution.

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

- NO. 2021-574** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION (NO. 2022-05235-0188) TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$107,686.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

VOTE ON RESOLUTION:

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent – 2.

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Walter and Frisby

Abstain – Commissioner Melker

Absent – Commissioners Colavita and Koontz

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

The following members of the Trenton Cycling Revolution came before the Board to discuss the American Rescue Plan and Trails. They discussed their expectations for the funds and felt environmental equity was an urgent priority. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto made a part hereof)**

Jeffrey Laurenti	Becky Taylor	Jacque Howard
Yuki Moore-Laurenti	Sonia Szczesna	Kathleen Dial

Michael P. DeRose, Esq., of Crivelli, Barbati & DeRose, LLC was present before the Board to on behalf of PBA Local 187 and 187A of the Sheriff's Department. He discussed alleged comments made by County Executive; Brian M. Hughes regarding the privatization of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department.

The Board vehemently repudiated having any knowledge of a plan to privatize the Sheriff's Department, noting State statutes govern the Sheriff's Department. They assured the officers present that the Board appreciated all they do and was thankful for their continued service to the residents of Mercer County.

Mr. Nicholas Huss, a resident of Somerset County and a member of the Animal Protection League, addressed the Board. He was present this evening to discuss moving the Canadian geese out of Mercer County Park. He spoke about the important role geese play in our eco system and discussed of alternative solutions to the on-going issue.

ADJOURNMENT

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

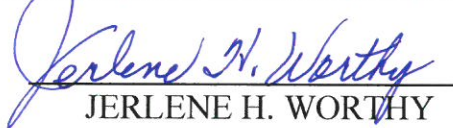
VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Melker, Walter and Frisby

Absent – Commissioner Colavita and Koontz

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 PM



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021

MINUTES

Commissioner Board Chair Frisby called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on October 5, 2021, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

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

Present - Commissioners Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Walter and Frisby
Absent – Commissioners Colavita and Melker

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of October 7, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

Thirty-four (34) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of October 7, 2021.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Contract with SHI International Corporation for Time and Labor Management Services for Mercer County through the County of Bergen Cooperative Pricing System. He asked for further clarification on this matter.

David Miller, Chief Financial Officer, responded that the purpose of this Contract would be assistance in processing employee payroll and the replacement of existing timeclocks; enabling a new time and labor system for all County employees.

Chair Frisby asked the Administration if they have discussed updating the time system to allow for geofencing.

Mr. Miller explained that the Administration had been in discussion regarding the possibility of geofencing. He said some departments could potentially have issues with that component because their workday began at a worksite or in the field. Mr. Miller added that the Administration was also looking into RFID tags to assist with time management as well.

The Commissioner Board discussed protocol regarding accepting contracts with electronic signatures. Chair Frisby explained that since Covid-19 many businesses are continuing to work remotely and are signing contracts electronically.

Ms. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, advised the Board that her office needed to maintain an executed contract for the permanent record and suggested County Counsel draft a letter that would be attached to the Resolution approving the acceptance of electronic signatures.

Commissioner Walter felt it prudent that wet signatures were made available when possible. She felt that since these were government documents they needed to be executed because they become permanent records.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, said he would draft a letter of approval to accompany any executed contracts that had electronic signatures to come before the Board.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution which authorized to execute the Assunpink Creek Watershed Agreement (Supplement No. 6) between the County of Mercer, the Township of Hamilton, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United State Department of Agriculture "NCRS" for the Rehabilitation of Dam No. 8, Township of Hamilton, County of Mercer. He asked what the County was doing to alleviate flooding that occurs in the Cornell Heights neighborhood in Hamilton Township.

Administrator Nazzaro responded that she would look into that matter further.

Chair Frisby asked if the County was conducting their own studies to alleviate flooding in prone areas such as Parkside Avenue in Ewing.

County Administrator Nazzaro said she would provide the Board with further information.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement (Awarded through a Non-Fair and Open Process) with Flaster Greenberg, PC to provide legal services for the Trenton-Mercer Airport relating to airport facility, adjacent uses and other airport related matters. She asked the Administration to specify the precise uses and requested all airport related matters be provided as additional back-up.

County Administrator Nazzaro said Flaster Greenburg will continue to provide legal assistance as it relates to the terminal, FAA processes, leases and environmental topics of concern if they may arise.

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the following proposed Award of Bid received September 9, 2021 to Orchard Holdings, LLC for the Installation of Traffic Signal Underground and Electrically Operated Traffic Control Devices at various locations throughout Mercer County. He asked what the Administration was doing to provide guidance to help alert the public to the new traffic pattern being installed. Commissioner Koontz asked if there was a way to encourage law enforcement to possibly give our warning tickets instead of issuing citations right away.

County Administrator Nazzaro explained that the County does not have jurisdiction of any kind of motor vehicle laws but could provide guidance if training were required.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Commissioner Walter asked the Administration where the funds came from to rehabilitate the buildings for the newly relocated Board of Elections (BOE) and Veteran's services.

Mr. Miller replied that there was not a line item specified in the budget for this project. He explained that a reallocation of funds was used to assist in this process.

Commissioner Walter requested a breakdown of total monies spent on these two projects and what account said funds came from.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cimino asked the Administration to shed light on the possibility of privatizing the Sheriff's Department. He spoke of how startled he was when he heard this information and emphatically stated he would not support such a move.

Mr. Miller replied that he cannot speak on this subject because he has had no knowledge of that occurring.

Chair Frisby believed the statement was nonsensical in nature because the Sheriff's Office is mandated by state statutes.

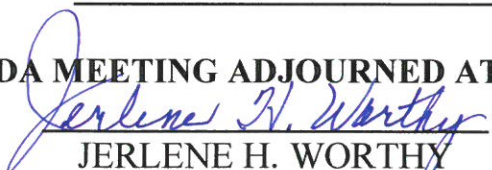
Commissioner Walter spoke about the Delaware River Basin Commission and how they provide water all the way to the City of New York. She said there was an Agreement in place to keep salinity from moving up the Delaware River and keep the flow of water more gradual. Commissioner Walter explained that in 2017 that Agreement ended and a "gentlemen's" Agreement was put in its place. She spoke about the recent flooding from Hurricane Ida that took place on October 2nd of this year. Commissioner Walter said the reservoirs were extremely full on that day and could not hold any more water. She informed the Board about her interest in virtually attending future meetings with the Commission. Commissioner Walter said she would report back with any pertinent information on the matter.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

There were no comments.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

Yuki Talking Points to Mercer County Freeholders/Commissioners

7 October 2021

- Honored to have been invited to serve on the advisory panel convened by the county executive, Brian Hughes, to consider best uses of this one-shot funding. I took part in all its meetings. Allow me briefly to share with the Board of Commissioners, the ultimate authority on approving spending, some of the thoughts I expressed in that panel.
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- Because the ARP funds are one shot, they should not be used to plug budget holes or for hiring staff the County will need to pay in future years out of own-source tax revenues. View these funds as investments that will have a multiplier effect in the future. For instance, in education, say, developing a curriculum or buying instructional materials, yes; hiring teachers, no.
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- One of the areas where the pandemic showed we have particular gaps is in outdoor opportunities, especially in densely populated -- and lower income -- Trenton. Environment is a particularly long-term investment, and **environmental equity** is a particularly urgent priority.
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- In Trenton, the outdoor land possibilities come not in large parcels, as in some of our outer towns, but in strips of land along streams like the Assunpink and on former rail corridors.
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- Ulster County in New York State, a county that's already made a big investment in such biking and walking trails, has allocated \$6 million of its __ ARP allocation for trails development.
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- I leave to my Trenton Cycling Revolution companions to talk about specific opportunities in Trenton, several of which could link to linear park trails in adjacent townships.
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- Thank you for hearing us!