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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2022

MINUTES

Chair Melker called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. on April 7, 2022, 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 Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Melker 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 Melker invited members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

Teska Frisby, was present this evening to speak about Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She explained that she was a sexual assault survivor and felt it was important to share her story with others. Mrs. Frisby commented that she was the co-founder of ROSA, (Rising Over Sexual Abuse) and commented how proud she was of this organization, which speaks up for those whose voice has been silenced by the trauma of sexual assault. Mrs. Frisby felt it was important to let victims of sexual assault know there was a support system of people willing to support them through the healing process. She discussed how the number of sexual assaults involving children has escalated since the on-going Covid-19 pandemic began. Mrs. Frisby noted that many children have been isolated and at-home with their predators since schools have remained closed due to Covid-19. Mrs. Frisby thanked the Board for allowing survivors to raise their voice and commended them for bringing much needed awareness to this matter.

Chair Melker thanked Mrs. Frisby for her advocacy regarding sexual assault and appreciated her speaking before the Board.

Ms. Tona Buck, a sexual assault survivor and founder of ROSA, addressed the Board and was so pleased to see this Resolution on tonight's Agenda. She spoke about her experience and how hopeful she was that her organization ROSA was on the brink of helping survivors around the world and educate people about sexual abuse. Ms. Bucket thanked the Board and thanked the Board for their time.

Mrs. Frisby also spoke about R-35, a Resolution recognizing April as Autism Awareness month. Mrs. Frisby mentioned that her son Samuel Frisby, Jr., was a young gentleman who has special needs and she commented how amazing people with Autism are. She discussed the many trials and tribulations people with Autism faced and felt more needed to be done to accommodate them in the community.

Commissioner Frisby discussed how many institutions statewide were still not ADA compliant. He spoke about his son and remembered times when they visited Disney World and how wonderful that experience was for his son and their family. Commissioner Frisby said Disney World was truly accommodating to his son and his needs and they were able to enjoy the parks together. In contrast, Commissioner Frisby talked about the major differences when he visited Great Adventure and how that experience led his son to not want to even go on rides since it was an obstacle for that to happen because the park was without the proper accommodations.

Commissioner Walter spoke about her 1st experience teaching students with Autism in 1982 and how pleased she was to see how much has changed since that time. She was proud to see other students embracing students with special needs and standing up for them and allowing them to feel accepted. Commissioner Walter was hopeful that continuous change was on the horizon for universal design to assist everyone involved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated March 18, 2022, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 14, 2022.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated March 23, 2022, RE: Appointments & Reappointments Requiring Commissioners Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated April 5, 2022, RE: Commissioner Questions for April 5, 2022.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated April 7, 2022, RE: Commissioner Questions for April 7, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, advised the Commissioner Board that proposed Resolution R-26 did not have signed Contracts attached.

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to table the following Resolution from the Agenda.

Commissioner Cimino moved, seconded by Commissioner Koontz, that:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY FOR
THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (NO. 65MCECCPS) **“BE
TABLED”**

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, that:

**RESOLUTION NOS. R-1 THROUGH R-38 ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON
IN BLOCK”**

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter, and Melker

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

NO. 2022-315 COUNTY OF MERCER 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

NO. 2022-316 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO TRUE &
ASSOCIATES FOR AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM AND WAR FOR
THE AIRPORT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00.
TERM: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

NO. 2022-317 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN
PBA LOCAL 187A AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR
A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT FROM JANUARY 1, 2021
TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

NO. 2022-318 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR FOR USE OF
THE EAST WINDSOR SENIOR CENTER FOR A MERCER
COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CONGREGATE MEAL
PROGRAM SITE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$13,000.00 (\$6,500.00
COUNTY FUNDS PER YEAR)

- NO. 2022-319** 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 WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$18,907.00
- NO. 2022-320** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR, REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, AND LEAD INSPECTOR/RISK ASSESSOR SERVICES. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2023. AMOUNT: \$104,305.00 (EWING TOWNSHIP FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-321** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHELTERED WORKSHOP SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARC/MERCER, INC., FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT 209 SOUTH BROAD STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$168,777.20

- NO. 2022-322** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AWARD OF A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH MERCER CARE PARTNERS MEDICAL HOME HEALTH CARE, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS). AMOUNT: \$314,551.00 (\$180,531.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL AGING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (SASS) FUNDS]; \$36,020.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS]; \$35,000.00 [PEER GROUPING FUNDS]; \$63,000.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2022-323** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT (CEHA) PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$351,688.00 (\$186,268.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$3,910.00 [FEDERAL FUNDS]; \$161,510.00 [45.92% COUNTY MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2022-324** 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 REDUCTON (DEDR) FUND]. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$206,361.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2022-325** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS PROJECT. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-326** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROJECT. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-327** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH MERCER COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DISPATCH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022
- NO. 2022-328** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE PROPRIETARY MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DYNAMIC IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC., TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TO PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE PICTURELINK CAPTURE STATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$24,634.00

NO. 2022-329

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR STEIN FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE AIMS JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$30,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2022-330

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 SUPPORT SERVICES TO INMATES RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. AMOUNT: \$786,353.00 [NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS] (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2022-331

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND 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: \$716,901.00 (\$573,521.00 FEDERAL; \$143,380.00 COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. GRANT NO. V-11-21

NO. 2022-332

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WELFARE, CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY UNIT COVERING TITLE IV-D REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, ON BEHALF OF THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR ARREST FUNCTIONS RELATED TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$331,276.00

NO. 2022-333

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WELFARE, CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY UNIT COVERING TITLE IV-D REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, ON BEHALF OF THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR ARREST FUNCTIONS RELATED TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$331,276.00

NO. 2022-334

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH X-RAY IMAGING, INC., FOR MAINTENANCE TO THE X-RAY SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 12, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$36,280.00

- NO. 2022-335** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMILTON FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE HAMILTON YMCA SAWMILL DAY CAMP KNOWN AS BLOCK 2730, LOT 14.01, IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$2,247,500.00
- NO. 2022-336** ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM TRENTON MARKET GROWERS' CO-OP ASSOCIATION TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRINCETON AVENUE (CR583) AND MULBERRY STREET, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$1.00
- NO. 2022-337** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SPRUCE STREET ROAD SURVEY, LOCATED IN EWING AND LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,000.00

- NO. 2022-338** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 2022 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 IN THE CITY OF TRENTON. AMOUNT: \$20,300,000.00
- NO. 2022-339** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND PRINCETON ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATES II, PA., FOR THE LEASE OF 12,805 SQUARE FEET OF EXISTING FLOOR SPACE LOCATED AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. TERM OF LEASE: TWO (2) YEARS FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$672,240.00 (YEARLY: \$336,120.00; MONTHLY: \$28,010.00)
- NO. 2022-340** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BEYER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 FORD EXPLORER BASE 4WS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS (BID NO. 20/21-09) TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$35,277.45

- NO. 2022-341** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 15, 2022 TO SIGNAL CONTROL PRODUCTS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE. PERIOD: APRIL 4, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$1,201,495.00 (AB2022-08)
- NO. 2022-342** APPOINTMENT OF REV. DR. SHANNON MASON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- NO. 2022-343** APPOINTMENT OF LISA RIZZIELLO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
- NO. 2022-344** APPOINTMENT OF NATASHA SHABAZZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
- NO. 2022-345** REAPPOINTMENT OF HAIG KASABACH TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD
- NO. 2022-346** REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY MOUNT AND FRANK D'AMICO, JR., TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BOARD
- NO. 2022-347** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE APRIL 2022 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY

- NO. 2022-348** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE APRIL 2022 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2022-349** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS DESIGNATING THE DELAWARE WATER GAP AS A NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE
- NO. 2022-350** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEKS TO EXPLORE CREATING A “CROSSROADS OF THE REVOLUTION NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK” THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS THE STATE’S THREE HISTORIC SITES IN MERCER COUNTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
- NO. 2022-351** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGES THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION TO REOPEN THE TRENTON OFFICE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NON-DRIVER IDS

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION AND SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$22,618,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$22,618,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated March 28, 2022, 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 Melker announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

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

Freeholder Koontz moved, **“To Close the Public Hearing”**, seconded by Freeholder Walter.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Freeholder Frisby offered the following Ordinance Adoption, seconded by Freeholder Koontz:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$22,618,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$22,618,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

2022 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

Chair Melker announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the CAP Bank Resolution.

Chair Melker asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Koontz moved, **“To Close the Public Hearing”**, seconded by Commissioner Frisby.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Mclaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Chair Melker announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the 2022 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Melker asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to recess the public hearing.

Commissioner Koontz moved, “**To Recess the Public Hearing**”, seconded by Commissioner Walter.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Mclaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

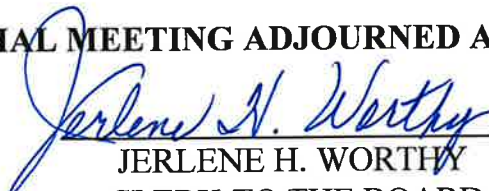
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Koontz and seconded by Commissioner Cimino, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Mclaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:29 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD



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INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022

MINUTES

Commissioner Board Vice-Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on April 5, 2022, 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 Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Stokes and Walter
Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Melker

Vice-Chair Walter 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.

APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND DR. SHARON MASON

Chief of Staff, Kelvin Ganges, introduced Reverend Dr. Sharon Mason to the Board. She was present this evening to be interviewed by the Board regarding her Appointment to serve as a member of the Mercer County Community College (MCCC) Board of Trustees. Mr. Ganges said that Dr. Mason was well-known throughout the community and had a stellar resume. He commented that County Executive, Brian M. Hughes thought very highly of Dr. Mason and her many attributes. County Executive Hughes felt she would be an excellent candidate and bring her extensive knowledge to the MCCC Trustees Board.

Dr. Mason discussed how her education became a pathway throughout her life and helped to provide her with the ability to help others. She said that education can be a thread of equity and provide students with the tools they need to whatever they dream of. Dr. Mason spoke of the young man she fosters and how she enjoys giving back to the community and serve those in need. She would like to encourage young adults and help them further their educational journey. Dr. Mason said it would be a great honor to serve the students of MCCC.

The Commissioners applauded Dr. Mason for her dedicated service to the community. They were extremely impressed with her extensive resume and felt she would be an excellent addition to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Four (4) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 7, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

Thirty-eight (38) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 7, 2022.

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-2, authorizing payment of airport liability insurance with True & Associates for Insurance Coverage for Acts of Terrorism and War for the Airport. Amount not to exceed: \$40,000.00, term: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Commissioner Koontz questioned which insurance policy would cyber attacks be covered. He did not know if it would be covered under acts of terrorism and war or cyber insurance.

County Administrator, Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., explained that the cyber insurance would cover any cyber breaches at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

The Commissioner Board had a discussion regarding the following proposed Resolution, R-18, authorizing to execute an Agreement with the New Jersey State Division of Public Welfare, Child Support and Paternity Unit covering Title IV-D Reimbursement to the County of Mercer, on behalf of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, for arrest functions related to Support Enforcement. Commissioner Koontz asked how the back-up correlated to this Resolution.

Dave Miller, County Treasurer, explained that this particular Grant comes with guidelines and the requirements were outlined in the attached back-up.

Commissioner Walter explained that she requested the back-up be included in the Commissioner's packet for further explanation. She said this is not a new directive and allows the County to accept a reimbursement of funds.

Commissioner Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-24, authorizing to submit an Application for Federal Highway Administration 2022 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 in the City of Trenton. Amount: \$20,300,000.00

Commissioner Walter explained that the Board had previously approved submitting the Grant Application but the funds were not awarded to Mercer County. She said the County was now re-applying and were hopeful that they would receive those funds.

Commissioner Frisby commented that this would be one of the most expensive bridge projects that Mercer County would undertake. He felt this project was extremely significant and would be beneficial to the residents of Mercer County.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

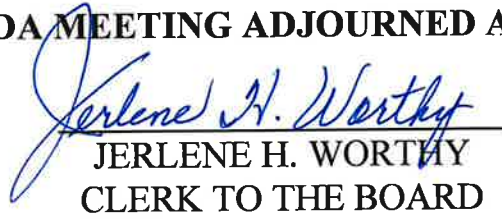
BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$22,618,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$22,618,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Mario Laurenti, a resident of the City of Trenton was present this evening on behalf of his father, Jeffrey Laurenti to address the Board. He was pleased to see that two support Resolutions were on the Agenda this evening. Mr. Laurenti read a short statement from his father into the record. (See Schedule A, attached hereto made a part hereof).

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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Statement of Jeffrey Laurenti, 464 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, for the April 5th
Agenda Meeting of the Mercer County Board of Commissioners

I would like to thank this Board of County Commissioners for your responsiveness to the suggestions made in February regarding the National Park Service.

I wish I were in the freeholder meeting room at 640 South Broad right now to cheer on your passage of Resolutions # _ and _, rather than communicating through Mario. Unfortunately (*or maybe not so unfortunately*) I am out of town at this moment, making the rounds of UNESCO World Heritage sites on three continents.

Actually, UNESCO World Heritage sites are very pertinent to what the Commissioners are about to consider. They are a big driver of global tourism and make a huge difference in attracting visitors.

In the same way, National Park status is a big driver of tourism in the American domestic market. Why do Americans from all over the country go in large numbers to Valley Forge and Gettysburg, but not to Princeton Battlefield or the Old Barracks? It's because these are not National sites. There's a reason Pennsylvania got Congress to take Valley Forge state park and make it a National historical park.

When Yuki and I came to the Board six weeks ago, I suggested the Commissioners might initiate a task force or advisory group to make recommendations for advancing a Crossroads of the Revolution National Historical Park. This proposal will need buy-in from different groups if it is to be adopted. Historical groups, the hospitality industry, the current owners of the sites, and the broader public need to be engaged.

Evidently this suggestion did not make its way into the resolution because of cramped freeholder powers to initiate anything. But the need for such a process does exist. I hope the commissioners can work with the county executive to launch such an effort.

From afar I commend the commissioners for their farsightedness on these two wonderful resolutions. I especially applaud the commissioners for including mention of how the other National Parks in our area have all been designated — by *acts of Congress*.

I would only ask that you ensure that the resolutions are also sent to neighboring congresspeople — specifically Tom Malinowski, whose district abuts the Delaware Water Gap, and Chris Smith, since bipartisan support for both proposals will be needed for National Park action in Congress.

Again, many thanks.