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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

MINUTES

Chair Melker called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. on September 15, 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 Stokes, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Walter, Cimino, and Melker

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

SUNSHINE LAW

The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Department, dated August 15, 2022, RE: Minutes and Bid/RFP Results for the week of August 8, 2022.

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Department, dated August 19, 2022, RE: Minutes and Bid/RFP Results for the week of August 15, 2022.

A communication was received from LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc., dated August 18, 2022, RE: NJDEP Land Resource Protection.

A communication was received from the County of Ocean, dated August 19, 2022, RE: Ocean County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution opposing New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licenses.

A communication was received from Paul R. Adezio, County Counsel o/b/o Lilian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated September 13, 2022, RE: Commissioner Questions for September 13, 2022

A communication was received from Paul R. Adezio, County Counsel o/b/o Lilian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated September 15, 2022, RE: Commissioner Questions for September 15, 2022.

Commissioner Frisby referenced C-6, and asked if Adobe Acrobat would be available for the Commissioners' aides or would they need to purchase their own certificates. He explained that the aides are doing professional promotions and would need access to the program.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Council, answered there was an alternative software, call KoFax, that the aides could utilize.

Commissioner Koontz asked for further information as to what was needed to figure out what type of Adobe products would be necessary to assist the aides'; especially adobe effects and adobe illustrator.

Commissioner Cimino asked to table Resolution No. 36, which authorizes to execute a Contract with Shi International Corp., for the purchase of support services and maintenance for Adobe Acrobat Software until they have more understanding of the product.

Commissioner Walter asked the Board to consider holding the Resolution until the next set of meetings.

Mr. Adezio asked the Commissioners for clarification on what their needs were for Adobe program.

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, suggested that the Commissioners write down what they want and to give the information to Ankit Gandhi, Chief Information Technology Officer.

Commissioner Cimino felt it was not prudent for some sections of county government to get adobe acrobat and the aides get KoFax.

RESOLUTIONS

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to "Table" the following Resolution from the Agenda.

Commissioner Cimino moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter, that:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPORT SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE FOR ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$19,147.64

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Walter and Melker

Nays- Commissioner Stokes

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

Commissioner Koontz moved, seconded by Commissioner Frisby, that:

RESOLUTION NOS. R-1 THROUGH R-35, AND R-37 THROUGH R-43 ON THE AGENDA **“BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Commissioner Cimino offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Frisby:

- NO. 2022-614** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (NO. 2021-DT-BLA-308) FOR THE MERCER COUNTY ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROJECT, FEDERAL SHARE TOTAL AMOUNT: \$954,351.00, (CONSTRUCTION \$861,357.00, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION \$92,994.00) PERIOD APRIL 11, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.
- NO. 2022-615** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA), AWARDS COUNTY OF MERCER, TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT, AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT (NO. 3-34-0042-061-2022) FOR RPZ REMOVE OBSTRUCTIONS RUNWAY 16/34 AND 6/24 (ON-AIRPORT DESIGN) PHASE II, TOTAL AMOUNT: \$838,116.00
- NO. 2022-616** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES (DCF), CHILDREN’S SYSTEM OF CARE (CSOC) FOR THE PROMISING PATH TO SUCCESS 2.0 PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH THE MERCER COUNTY CHILDREN’S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (CIACC). PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2022. AMOUNT: \$10,000.00
- NO. 2022-617** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF HIV, STD, AND TB SERVICES, (TB DHST22TAC004) GRANT AWARDS THE COUNTY OF MERCER, THE TUBERCULOSIS AMBULATORY CARE GRANT 2022 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$160,304.00 (\$95,816.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$64,488.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2022-618** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT (GCADA) AWARDS THE COUNTY OF MERCER A GRANT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$43,874.00 (STATE FUND) (NO COUNTY FUND)
- NO. 2022-619** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT AWARDS THE COUNTY OF MERCER THE HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HC-CHPP-2022-00004) CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,00.00
- NO. 2022-620** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AWARDS THE COUNTY OF MERCER LIHEAP ARP ARREARAGE ASSISTANCE GRANT TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH HEATING COST THROUGH OUT MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT \$105,924.00. (FEDERAL FUNDS 2022-05145-0228-00- NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-621** SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AWARDS FUNDS FOR COUNTY OF MERCER, COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES GRANT. “AMEND RESOLUTION 2021-642, ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 2021 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2022. REVISED TOTAL \$1,090,435.00 (\$987,828.00 [\$102,607.00] [COUNTY MATCH])

- NO. 2022-622** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO LOOMACRES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR WILDLIFE HAZARD MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$22,920.17
- NO. 2022-623** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 35 (NURSES) AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
- NO. 2022-624** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TRAINING AND PROGRAM SERVICES FOR JUVENILES RESIDING IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025
- NO. 2022-625** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025
- NO. 2022-626** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC., (PCIL) FOR THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$27,691.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2022-627** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE ARC MERCER, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS PROGRAM FOR MERCER COUNTY CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$28,702.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-628** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE ARC MERCER, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$66,659.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-629** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THE RESPITE/FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$76,491.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-630** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON AREA YMCA FOR THE DIVERSE ABILITIES PROGRAM FOR THE PROVISION OF SPORTS AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR MERCER COUNTY YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (FORMERLY S.K.O.R/S.O.A.R). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$11,166.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2022-631** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROJECT FREEDOM, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF A DAY-RECREATION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$6,918.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-632** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-435, ADOPTED AUGUST 12, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JOANNE C. LOCKE FOR THE PROVISION OF SYSTEM MONITOR FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$259,000.00 – (\$156,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]; \$80,000.00 [CITY OF TRENTON (COC) FUNDS]; \$10,000.00 [U.S. TREASURY FUNDS]; \$13,000.00 [STATE FUNDS]) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 ONLY
- NO. 2022-633** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH BRT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR DATA PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF A CLOUD-BASE SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,000.00 (CC2020-02)

NO. 2022-634

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) INITIATIVE FOR MERCER COUNTY INMATES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$450,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2022-635

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT 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, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2022-636

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF KEVIN M. WOLFE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE MERCER COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE WITH DIFFICULT AND UNCOMMON COURT SUBMISSIONS AND TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE HANDLING OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE PART CALENDAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$75,000.00 PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023. (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2022-637** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: AUGUST 16, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$39,000.00
- NO. 2022-638** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: AUGUST 16, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00
- NO. 2022-639** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH TRAFFIC PLANNING & DESIGN INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 721.1 (N.J.D.O.T. STRUCTURE #1107212) CARRYING MEADOW ROAD OVER DUCK POND RUN AND MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 721.3 CARRYING CLARKSVILLE ROAD (CR 638) OVER DUCK POND RUN, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$530,580.95

- NO. 2022-640** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL (ON-AIRPORT) CONSTRUCTION (PHASE I) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT AMOUNT: \$838,116.00 (90%); COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$93,125.00 (10%). TOTAL APPROXIMATE GRANT AMOUNT: \$931,241.00 - GRANT: 3-34-0042-061-2022
- NO. 2022-641** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM MICHAEL T. AND DONNA ANDERSON KNOWN AS 3 RIDGE AVENUE, AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 423, LOT 218 ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP, EWING TOWNSHIP. PURCHASE PRICE: \$425,000.00; ESTIMATED MOVING AND CLOSING COSTS: \$100,000.00. TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$525,000.00
- NO. 2022-642** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND AVALON WEST WINDSOR VENTURE, LLC REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AVALON WEST WINDSOR, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

- NO. 2022-643** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (AGENTS FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSIT PLANNING IN MERCER COUNTY) FOR THE FY 2023 TRANSIT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT \$52,352.00: STATE SHARE \$33,284.00; COUNTY SHARE \$19,068.00 VIA IN-KIND SERVICES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023
- NO. 2022-644** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (AGENTS FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIGHWAY PLANNING IN MERCER COUNTY) FOR THE FY 2023 SUPPORTIVE REGIONAL HIGHWAY PLANNING PROGRAM FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT \$34,130.00 PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023
- NO. 2022-645** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY, AND THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE REGIONAL GIS IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION PROJECT FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. TOTAL GRANT AWARD: \$34,000.00. COUNTY COST \$ 0.00

- NO. 2022-646** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CRIME POINT, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) COVERT SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS, HERMITCAM 1080P, TO BE USED BY THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S TO COVERTLY INVESTIGATE VIOLENT OFFENDERS. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,198.00
- NO. 2022-647** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL SALES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO (2) AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR) DAMAGED DURING A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$24,026.90
- NO. 2022-648** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOLAR TECH MESSAGE BOARDS (MID-SIZE 46 X 78) FULL MATRIX, STANDARD CRANK THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$35,400.00
- NO. 2022-649** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPORT SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE FALCON SUBSCRIPTION WITH ANTI-VIRUS PROTECTION THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$88,553.69

- NO. 2022-650** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 20, 2022 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$280,000.00 (CK09MERCER2022-08)
- NO. 2022-651** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 26 2022, TO DIAMOND DRUGS, INC., DBA DIAMOND PHARMACY SERVICES FOR PHARMACY SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. PERIOD: AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$211,701.01 ANNUALLY (AB2022-31)
- NO. 2022-652** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JULY 14, 2022 TO U.S. CORRECTION, LLC FOR THE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$116,000.00. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024 (AB2022-35)
- NO. 2022-653** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 2022 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2022-654** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 2022 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2022-655** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON SHARP, Ed.D., AS ACTING COUNTY TREASURER N.J.S.A 40A:9-27

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

ORDINANCE- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2022 AND 2023 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

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated August 25, 2022, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications, and therefore, he recommend 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 of said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

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

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Commissioner Frisby offered the following Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Koontz.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-4

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2022 AND 2023 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- 7. Nays- 0. Abstain- 0. Absent- 0.

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Walter welcomed Sharon Sharp, the Acting County Treasurer, aboard.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Frisby shared the story of two twin brothers that had walked the country to bring awareness to the foster system and foster children. He said that they have made it to Trenton today and were on their way to Newark. He said the brothers wanted people to know that foster children meant something.

The Clerk to the Board asked the room to keep Commissioner Pat Colavita in their prayers as he had suffered a stroke and was now hospitalized.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

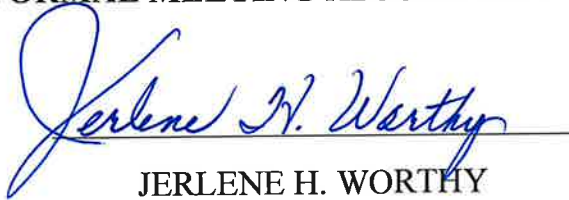
A motion to Adjourn was offered by Commission Koontz, seconded by Commissioner Frisby, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer Country Board of County Commissioners.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Stokes, Walter and Melker

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 PM



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Present – Commissioners Stokes, Frisby, Koontz, McLaughlin, Walter, and Melker

Absent – Commissioner Cimino

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PRESENTATION

Chair Melker thanked the Superintendent of Elections, the County Clerk, and the Board of Elections, for attending the meeting in regards to the elections.

Commissioner Stokes asked what problems were encountered during last year's election.

Chair Melker said the main concern was the difference of early voting and how it operated differently from that of election day voting. She explained the differences caused confusion amongst poll workers.

Commissioner Frisby added that, along with new processes, the use of the stylus, poor marketing, and the fact that voters were unaware of their voting options were causes of confusion also.

Paula Sollami-Covello, Mercer County Clerk, stated that some of the issues with the election were the lack of privacy; people were complaining that poll workers were reviewing their ballots before feeding them into the tabulator machines.

County Clerk Covello said poll workers were confused when handing out ballots to voters and were opening ballots designated for other districts. She said this issue would have been alleviated if the County had ballot marking devices because with that poll workers could print out specific ballots. County Clerk Covello said marking devices would allow poll workers to print out voter's specific ballot for their own district. She added that this would save money and the potential for confusion.

County Clerk Covello said voters did not like the Sharpie pens that were suggested by Dominion Voting System, Inc. She added that the new legislation did mandate that a privacy sleeve be used to alleviate the privacy concerns. She shared that it was more expensive to print out ballots and the County went 10% over budget than in the previous year.

Nathaniel Walker, Superintendent of Elections, said the tabulator used for early voting gave the voter two options; 1. to vote using the touchscreen or 2. voters could push an option to have the ballot printed. He said early voting was different from regular voting where the voter did not have the option, instead, a preprinted ballot was given.

Mary Corrigan, Board of Elections, added that with the new legislation, in this election, the Board of Elections now had to preprint ballots for every district in the primary and general elections, which contained 243 different ballot styles.

Mr. Walker said that the County Clerk spent at least one million dollars or more on elections annually. He believed that if they had the stylus on the touchscreens in early voting and on election day it would have alleviated much of the confusion and the financial windfall.

Commissioner McLaughlin asked the speakers how much the machines cost and their accessibility.

Mr. Walker answered that this would be for next year's primary election. He said there were 248 districts, with 40 ICBM touchscreens tabulators on early voting; two machines per district and another 520 is the proposed number for next year. He said that they will then have 560 machines total with 20 auxiliary machines on standby.

Commissioner Stokes asked Mr. Walker what the cost was on leasing the machines.

Mr. Walker answered that he does not recommend that the County lease the machines. He said the total cost for the machines and supplies costs would be around 3.4 million dollars. He said that County Clerk Covello was willing to put up one million dollars from her County Clerk Special Trust and that he would ask the County's Administration for the remaining funds.

Commissioner Walter asked Sharon Sharp, Acting County Treasurer, for the actual funds contained within the County's operating budget.

Ms. Sharp answered that she would have that answer for the Formal Meeting.

Mr. Walker added that this would benefit the voters, it would allow the Board of Elections to streamline their training process because currently there were two training processes; one for election day and one for early voting. He said that they wanted one standardized training across all platforms.

Commissioner Koontz asked what the difference was between the preprinted ballots and voting on the touchscreens.

Ms. Corrigan answered that with the preprinted ballots poll workers had to hand out the correct district's ballot along with a Sharpie but for the touchscreen the voter was checked-in, and their ballot was located on the screen and they simply vote. She added that with a touchscreen the voter had an option to print out a paper ballot and a privacy screen is provided, all within 15 seconds.

Commissioner Walter noted that the touchscreen had multiple languages and could be blown up for the visually impaired.

Commissioner Frisby said the touchscreens allow for speed and accuracy, and that we see the benefits in the forty machines that we already have.

County Clerk Covello agreed and added that touchscreen voting would be a long-term investment.

Commissioner Stokes asked if there was data on how many people prefer the tabular machines.

Mr. Walker answered that the number was based on the quality of past feedbacks and that they would be doing a run-off in the City of Trenton in their municipal election and all forty machines would be used for the data pile up.

Chair Melker was supportive and felt it made sense to purchase the touchscreens. She said that was something that should be passed on to the Administration and asked the County Clerk to give updates on the cost.

County Clerk Covello said although it was the law to print out a ballot for every voter few municipalities are falling short on the statutory payments. She said those non-paying municipalities believe that since they did not have an election that they should not have to pay. She expressed that it was ultimately up to County Counsel and the County Executive on how that matter should be proceeded.

Commissioner Walter said that in her district the ballots were left out on tables unshielded and unsecured.

Ms. Corrigan said that the ballots were not supposed to be on the tables and the workers were told not to touch them.

Commissioner Walter expressed her concerns regarding the newly implemented voting process, the availability of supplies and the visibilities of signs reminding voters to turn their ballots over, to return Sharpies and etc.

Ms. Corrigan said that there was someone assigned to collect the supplies.

Commissioner Frisby was concerned with the time voters had to wait to cast their ballot. He felt the County did not have enough poll workers to accommodate the progression of voters.

Commissioner Walter asked how they advertised for poll workers.

Ms. Corrigan answered that they have billboards and currently have over a thousand applicants.

Commissioner Frisby expressed that he was concerned with mail-in ballots as it took longer for early votes to be updated on the State's website. He asked how someone could be removed from the mail-in ballot system.

County Clerk Covello answered that the link was on the Mercer County Clerk's website.

Ms. Corrigan suggested that voters use the drop boxes that are picked up daily during voting.

Commissioner McLaughlin shared that she had received a ballot envelope that was blank without her address on the outside.

County Clerk Covello said that it must have been a printing error and that she had not heard of that complaint from anyone else.

Commissioner Frisby asked how they advertise early voting.

Ms. Corrigan answered that they have at least five billboards and that they intend to expand that number by next year.

The County Clerk Covello added that the State was also paying for a very large advertisement campaign and that notices were sent out to every registered voter.

Commissioner Stokes suggested robocalls to remind voters as well.

Commissioner Frisby expressed his concern on how much money the County spent on advertising only for constituents to not know about their voting options.

The County Clerk said that sample ballots had the addresses of drop off locations and that she has done everything to possibly get the word out.

Commissioner Koontz shared that early voting was a better option than physically going to the polls and he applauded New Jersey for having that option available to voters.

Commissioner Stokes said early voting was an option but the turnout wasn't as great as people had anticipated. He said he likes data and was disappointed with the number from last year.

Ms. Corrigan said that the Elections Board kept a real-time updated number of votes from each municipality.

Commissioner Stokes suggested a targeted marketing strategy as being a better strategy.

Commissioner Walter added that some area of early voting sites were more convenient than others. She believed that voters would make efforts if voting locations were centralized to the voting population. She asked the County Clerk how many ballots were ordered and how many were printed.

County Clerk Covello answered that she would not know that information until she got the number of voter registrations but said that, legally, 110% has to be printed out. She said she looked at the numbers from the last four years and added to that data.

Commissioner Walter asked if the County Clerk would be able to give the Commissioners the number of ballots that would be printed before the election.

The County Clerk answered yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of September 15, 2022

RESOLUTIONS

Chair Melker asked to add an additional Resolution; Resolution No. 43, Mercer County Board of County Commissioner authorizes the appointment of Sharon Sharp, Ed.D., as Acting County Treasurer, to be effective immediately.

Forty-three (43) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement for the public Formal Meeting of September 15, 2022.

Commissioner Mclaughlin referenced the proposed Resolution R- 9 authorizing a payment to Loomacres Wildlife Management, Inc. for Wildlife Hazard Management and Training services. She noted that the payment increased from their last invoice. She was concerned that this occurred due to late billing from the vendor.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, said that he would forward these concerns to Airport Management.

Commissioner Frisby referenced the following proposed Resolution R-15 through R-18 which authorized Competitive Contract with Arc Mercer, Inc, Advancing Opportunities, Inc., Hamilton Area YMCA and Project Freedom, all of which provide provisions of services to young adults and residents with disabilities. He asked how the County advertised these programs.

Mr. Adezio answered that the Hamilton Area YMCA had advertisements but he will follow up with the Directors.

Chair Melker felt the constituents were unaware of the funding of money that the County has budgeted. She felt the Administration had to do a better job advertising those services.

Commissioner Stokes suggested that the advertisements for those programs should be on the Commissioner's newsletter. He said it would be an opportunity for constituents to know what programs were being funded and the cost of the programs.

Chair Melker agreed with Commissioner Stokes on adding a section to the current newsletter. She felt that was an excellent way to inform residents of the available programs.

Commissioner Frisby referenced Resolution R-26 authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. He asked about the terms, "until completion," in the title and what the intended completion date was.

Commissioner Walter said that even if the County wanted it to be an open-ended Agreement, with Traffic Planning & Design, Inc., there should be a general targeted date of completion.

Commissioner Walter referenced Resolution R-27 authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the runway protection zone obstruction removal. She thanked the Administration for implementing replantation of trees as an element of the Agreement.

Commissioner Koontz referenced Resolution R-34 authorizing a Contract with General Sales Administration for the replacement of two Automatic License Readers that were damaged in an auto accident. He said that he was surprised the Division of Highway did not have more readers on hand in case of an emergency. He asked if the department simply purchased the exact number that was needed.

Commissioner Walter explained that they never had the readers before since this was a recent purchase.

Commissioner Frisby referenced the Resolution R-36 authorizing a Contract with Shi International Corp for the purchase of support services and maintenance for Adobe Acrobat Software. He asked if the Adobe renewal was county wide and whether if it would be available to the Commissioners' aides.

Mr. Adezio answered that he would forward the question to Ankit Gandhi, Chief, Information Technology.

Commissioner Walter announced there were upcoming job vacancies within the county and they were listed on the County's website. She asked Mr. Adezio whether the new President of Mercer County Community College should be on the Workforce Development Board, since the previous President was. She suggested that the change be implemented. Commissioner Walter felt that being a member on the Board was important once college course began.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Walter shared that in the year 2026, America will celebrate its 250th Birthday. She said the NJ250 committee has invested about \$500,000.00 in the 2020 budget in preparation. She shared that Princeton Battlefield Society was already on board with this preparation. Commissioner Walter suggested the coordination of signages containing directions and the use of QR codes to assist tourist with directions and locations.

Commissioner Frisby said that the City of Trenton had many historical assets but it lacked the ability to incorporate that with current technology. He felt that there were stories in Mercer County that could be used to market the County itself and attract tourists.

Commissioner Walter said that Mercer County needed a Junior Ranger program where kids could get stickers or badges for visiting different locations within a park.

Commissioner Walter said that there were Federal Grants connected to the NJ250 and that the Board should be pursuing every opportunity to gain funding for Mercer County.

PUBLIC SECTION

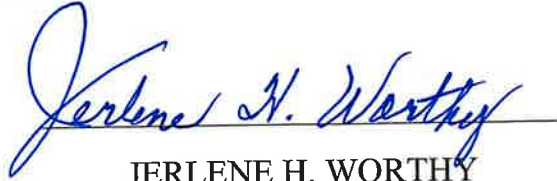
At this point Chair Melker invited members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

Sherwood Brown, a resident of Trenton City, addressed the Board. He inquired about the possibility of the County leasing out parts of the parking lot surrounding Cure Arena. He said he represented a group of restaurants called AR Group that was interested in leasing portions of the Cure Arena's parking lot.

Mr. Adezio informed Mr. Brown that any type of leasing would be under the responsibilities of the Mercer County Improvement Authority.

Mr. Brown said he had already spoken to Phil Miller, MCIA's Director. He stated it was a unfortunate that tax payers paid for those lots and they are left empty and unused.

INFORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 PM

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JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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