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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023

MINUTES

Vice-Chair Cimino called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on February 9, 2023, 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, Lewis, Melker and Stokes
Absent - Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Vice-Chair Cimino 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, Vice-Chair Cimino invited 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 Agent, dated January 30, 2023, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of January 23, 2023.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated February 1, 2023, RE: Appointments and reappointments requiring Commissioners Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated February 1, 2023, RE: Appointments Requiring Commissioners Advise and Consent.

RESOLUTIONS

Vice-Chair Cimino informed the Board that the Administration requested to remove Resolution No. R-27 from the Agenda.

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

Commissioner Melker moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, that:

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SHINE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD "**BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**"

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

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

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, that:

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

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

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

NO. 2023-77 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE MERCER PATCH FORWARD PROGRAM FOR EXPUNGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

NO. 2023-78 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$90,000.00 (FY2023 [\$1,253.00, 101-6022-442-6400] [\$88,747.00, 101-6012-442-6101] COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-79** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HOMEFRONT, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$72,700.00 (STATE SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS (SSH) FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-80** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF GREATER MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF LATINX TRAUMA TREATMENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$76,000.00 (FY2023 COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-81** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MILL HILL CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$25,850.00
- NO. 2023-82** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY FOR "PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM SUPPORT SERVICES." PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$50,000.00 (FY2023 COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-83 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM – ACTIVITY D 2023 GRANT #DCHS23VXD008. PERIOD: DECEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$350,000.00 (STATE FUNDS)

NO. 2023-84 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM YEAR 2022 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB), AND THE OFFICE OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (MCOTES). AMOUNT: \$5,696,363.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 (PURSUANT TO U.S. DOL AND N.J. LWD GUIDELINES WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024) (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-85 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE ADDENDUM NO. 7 WITH HANA ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE HOUSING OF VOTING MACHINES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER; EXTENDING THE LEASE TERMINATION NOTICE DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2023 TO MARCH 1, 2023. PROPERTY: 1 JOHNSTON AVENUE, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

NO. 2023-86 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE FIRM OF GENOVA BURNS, LLC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND LITIGATION MATTERS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-87** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LENOX LAW FIRM TO DEFEND THE COUNTY IN CERTAIN LITIGATION INVOLVING KEVIN BANNON V. BRIAN M. HUGHES, ET. AL, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-88** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ANTONIO MARTINEZ, ESQ., FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HEARINGS, AS THE PATIENT'S ADVOCATE. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,000.00
- NO. 2023-89** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A "NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS") WITH BOWMAN AND COMPANY, LLP, FOR AUDITOR SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$10,430.00
- NO. 2023-90** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ACTUARIAL ADVANTAGE, INC., TO PROVIDE ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$8,446.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. (RFP2022-06)

NO. 2023-91

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CBIZ INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., TO BE THE RISK MANAGER FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$66,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. RFP2022-08

NO. 2023-92

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., TO BE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$207,540.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. RFP2022-05

NO. 2023-93

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH PERMA MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PROVIDE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES, FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$180,529.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. RFP2022-07

NO. 2023-94

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES AGREEMENT (E.U.S.) AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH J.A. MONTGOMERY RISK CONTROL FOR RISK/LOSS CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$140,828.00

NO. 2023-95

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO BE SOLD ONLINE THROUGH AUCTION LIQUIDATION SERVICES FROM MARCH 11, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2023. THE COUNTY SHALL PAY 4.5% COMMISSION ON SALES

NO. 2023-96

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARKER MCCAY TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$95,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

NO. 2023-97

ACCEPTANCE OF A PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT FROM HALO FARM, INC., TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER ALONG BLOCK 201, LOT 40, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

- NO. 2023-98** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH NV5, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY (GWB), COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$151,887.00. PERIOD: UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT
- NO. 2023-99** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 & FINAL WITH ORCHARD HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL UNDERGROUND AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MERCER COUNTY. INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$170,220.00 (+17.54%). REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,140,720.00 (CK09MERCER2021-16)
- NO. 2023-100** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-136, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SAPHIRE & ALBARRAN ARCHITECTURE, LLC TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN FOR OFFICE PLANNING/EXPANSION PROJECTS AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT REMAINS: \$40,000.00

- NO. 2023-101** REJECTION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED NOVEMBER 29, 2022 FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF A LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROCESS AND COMPANION ACTION PLAN FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DIVISION OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE (CC2022-14)
- NO. 2023-102** REAPPOINTMENT OF DENNIS WATERS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
- NO. 2023-103** APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER KRISTIN L. MCLAUGHLIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2023-104** APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER LUCYLLE R. S. WALTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- NO. 2023-105** APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER SAMUEL T. FRISBY AND NINA D. MELKER TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MERCER COUNTY VO-TECH BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

NO. 2023-106 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TERRANCE STOKES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NO. 2023-107 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER CATHLEEN M. LEWIS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

NO. 2023-108 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER JOHN A. CIMINO TO SERVE A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

NO. 2023-109 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH MERCADIEN, P.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR PREPARATION OF SCHEDULES AND COMPLETION OF COUNTY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2021 AUDIT AND SINGLE AUDITS. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 9, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$30,000.00

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners Mclaughlin and Walter

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ALONG BEAR TAVERN ROAD (CR 579) BETWEEN 1000' NORTH OF MADDOCK ROAD TO WASHINGTON CROSSING-PENNINGTON ROAD (CR 546), TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated February 6, 2023, 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 Walter 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.

Commissioner Frisby moved, "To Close the Public Hearing", seconded by Commissioner Melker.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

Commissioner Frisby offered the following Ordinance Adoption, seconded by Commissioner Lewis:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ALONG BEAR TAVERN ROAD (CR 579) BETWEEN 1000' NORTH OF MADDOCK ROAD TO WASHINGTON CROSSING-PENNINGTON ROAD (CR 546), TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4, ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2013, TO ESTABLISH THE LOAD LIMITS ON VARIOUS MERCER COUNTY BRIDGES AND CULVERTS (AMENDMENT NO. 2)

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Chair Walter 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.

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

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

Commissioner Frisby offered the following Ordinance Introduction, seconded by Commissioner Stokes:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4, ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2013, TO ESTABLISH THE LOAD LIMITS ON VARIOUS MERCER COUNTY BRIDGES AND CULVERTS (AMENDMENT NO. 2)

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

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

James Walters a resident of Hamilton was present tonight to address the Board. Mr. Walters apologized for bringing this matter before the Commissioner Board but felt he had no other recourse. He informed the Board that he was a detective sergeant with the Township of Hamilton and was trying to get a copy of case no. 14-26327. Mr. Walters spoke of his stellar career and the work he has done with the Hamilton Township police department without a blemish. Mr. Walters explained that he was unable to go into specifics but needed a copy of this case file and was looking for assistance in obtaining it.

Vice-Chair Cimino deferred to counsel to advise the Board regarding this subject.

Michael Herbert, Esq., Board Counsel, advised the Board that their purview was in regard to the County budget and advised not to interject.

Mr. Walters thanked the Board for their time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

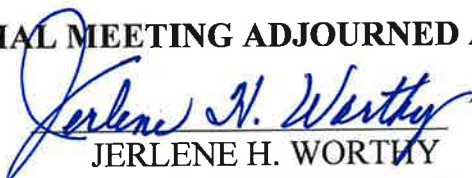
VOTE ON MOTION:

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, Melker and Stokes

Absent – Commissioners McLaughlin and Walter

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:17 PM



**JERLENE H. WORTHY
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INFORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023

MINUTES

Commissioner Board Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on February 7, 2023, 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, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, and Walter
Absent – Commissioner Stokes

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Three (3) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 9, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

Thirty-four (34) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 9, 2023.

Chair Walter informed the Board there was an additional Resolution that needed to be added to the Agenda this evening. She made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Mercadien, P.C. certified public accountants for preparation of schedules and completion of County's financial statements for FY 2021 Audit and Single Audits. Chair Walter asked the Administration to provide further clarification in regard to the Resolution.

Dr. Sharon Sharp, Ed, Temporary Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that in October 2022 the County's auditing firm, Mercadien provided her office with an updated memorandum with items needed to continue their work on the 2021 audit. She said at that time the Commissioner Board gave her authorization and allowed her to hire a financial consulting firm to assist in getting the Finance Department in order. Dr. Sharp explained that it was discovered that the County's previous Chief Financial Officer completed all schedules that account for funding and she was unaware that was something her office would need to provide. Dr. Sharp explained this Resolution would allow Mercadien to complete the necessary schedules and assist with the completion of the 2021 the auditing process. She said their original Contract did not include preparation of schedules.

Commissioner Lewis spoke of questions she submitted to the Administration regarding the Resolutions listed on tonight's Agenda.

County Administrator, Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., responded that she was in receipt of those questions but explained that it would be helpful if they were submitted earlier so she can forward them to the appropriate Directors. She said she would get those answers to Commissioner Lewis by Thursday.

Chair Walter informed the Board that after reviewing the Agenda she requested that the scoring sheets be included for all Competitive Contracts. She felt it would be a helpful piece of information for their review.

Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Lease Addendum No. 7 with Hana Associates, LLC for the housing of voting machines for the County of Mercer; extending the Lease Termination notice date from February 1, 2023 to March 1, 2023. Property: 1 Johnston Avenue, Hamilton Township. She wanted to know how many times the County could extend its Lease with Hana Associates.

Paul Adezio, Esq., County Counsel, answered that he reviewed the Lease and there is no end date listed so it is up to either party and whoever decides to end it.

Commissioner Lewis asked if the cost remains the same or is that re-negotiated.

County Counsel Adezio answered that some negotiations include improvements or necessary adjustments to the existing structure.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Bowman and Company, LLP, for Auditor Services for the Mercer County Insurance Fund Commission. He discussed the trouble with having an auditor with longevity overseeing the County's documents. Commissioner Cimino suggested the Administration looking into changing the auditor for the Insurance Fund Commission as well.

Commissioner Frisby asked how long it would take the Administration to hire another auditor.

County Administrator Nazzaro answered at least April or May.

Commissioner Frisby felt the Board may not want to "table" this Resolution due to the time constraints. He suggested moving forward utilizing the three-year strategy and employing a different auditing firm.

The Commissioner Board collectively discussed the importance of changing auditors and agreed to allow this Resolution to go forward this time. They discussed their goal of getting a fresh perspective and asked the Administration to bring in a new auditor next year.

Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute Change Order No. 1 & Final with Orchard Holdings, LLC for the installation of Traffic Signal Underground and Electrically Operated Traffic Control devices at various locations throughout Mercer County. Chair Walter wanted to clarify the purpose of this Resolution. She was under the impression that this would move the location of the traffic light foundations back from the corners. Chair Walter spoke about a traffic signal she just drove past and noticed everything stayed the same but they were moved further from the street.

Commissioner Lewis asked if this Resolution was authorizing specific locations or just an authorization of funds.

County Administrator Nazzaro answered there were specified locations and said she would provide that information to the Board.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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ON-GOING BUSINESS

Chair Walter asked the Administration if there were any updated numbers regarding Covid-19.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded she should have a new report with numbers for Thursday evening.

Chair Walter asked if there were any potential updates on hiring a forensic auditor.

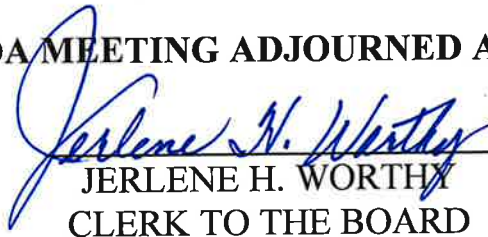
County Administrator Nazzaro informed the Board she was set to meet with an auditing firm by the name of Deluca this week to discuss this matter further.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Jeffrey Laurenti, a resident of the City of Trenton addressed the Board. He was present this evening to give accolades on the recently adopted Resolution regarding the "Great Western Bikeway". Mr. Laurenti thanked the Commissioner Board and Administration for bringing forward such projects that assist residents in both quality of life and expand their ability to forgo traditional transportation and safely get around outside and enjoy all that Mercer County has to offer.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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