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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 8:49 P.M. on February 21, 2023, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Present – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

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The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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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 Walter invited members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.**

There were no comments.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion of Commissioner Frisby, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of June 23, 2022

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Abstain- Commissioner Lewis

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On the motion of Commissioner Frisby, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of July 14, 2022

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Abstain- Commissioner Lewis, and McLaughlin

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On the motion of Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Melker, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of August 18, 2022

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Abstain- Commissioner Frisby, and Lewis

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated January 19, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of January 9, 2023.

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A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated February 7, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of January 30, 2023.

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A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated February 9, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of February 6, 2023.

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A communication was received from Senator Shirley K. Turner, Senator- 15<sup>th</sup> District, dated February 14, 2023: RE: Acknowledged receipt of Resolution No. 2023-74, which express support of A2772, authorizing special occasion events at certain commercial farms on preserved farmland.

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A communication was received from Lilian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated February 21, 2023: RE: Commissioner Questions for February 21, 2023.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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 Lewis, that:

**RESOLUTION NOS. R-1 THROUGH R-58, ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

**Ayes- Commissioner Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter**

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

**NO. 2023-110**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR ASSESSMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-111**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR CLINICAL THERAPEUTIC AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-112**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-113**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS, OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING, AND DAY PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-114** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RECREATION, SOCIALIZATION, AND ARTS EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-115** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR RESPITE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

**NO. 2023-116** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$131,600.00 (STATE SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS-TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES [SSH-TANF FUNDS]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-117** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$107,600.00 (STATE SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS [SSH] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-118**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTED RESIDENTIAL/SENIOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$94,300.00 (FY2023 COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-119**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF BI-CULTURAL TRAUMA TREATMENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$80,000.00 (FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-120**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME AND SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME (SSI/SSDI) OUTREACH, ACCESS AND RECOVERY (SOAR) CASE MANAGEMENT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR). AMOUNT: \$200,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-121**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY & PHILADELPHIA, INC., - GOODWILL HOME MEDICAL FOR THE PROVISION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR MERCER COUNTY OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR). AMOUNT: \$14,033.00 (FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-122** 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 CHILDREN'S EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$25,850.00 (FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-123** 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 HISPANIC OUTREACH SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT: \$30,000.00 (FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-124** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE FOR THE PROVISION OF CARE MANAGEMENT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$94,508.00 (\$72,800.00 [FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS]; \$21,708.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2023-125** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF GREATER MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES - MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CASE MANAGEMENT AND STABILIZATION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$135,300.00 (FY 23 COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-126**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH MERCER CARE PARTNERS MEDICAL HOME HEALTH CARE, LLC., FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$314,551.00 (\$180,531.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL AGING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (SASS) FUNDS]; \$36,020.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS]; \$63,000.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS]; \$35,000.00 [FY 23 COUNTY PEER GROUPING FUNDS])

**NO. 2023-127**

AMEND RESOLUTION 2022-361 TO REFLECT THAT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION (JJC) STATE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES FUNDS THROUGH THE MERCER COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$657,387.00 (\$314,445.00 NO. SCP-22-PS-11; \$55,550.00 NO. SCP-22-PM-11; \$203,434.00 NO. FC-22-11; \$83,958.00 NO. FCIU-22-11 [PASS THROUGH, NOT PART OF COUNTY BUDGET]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS); AMENDMENT NO. 1

**NO. 2023-128**

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-567, ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023". REVISED PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$43,874.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)



- NO. 2023-129** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, LABORATORIES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (LINCS) GRANT (PHLP23LNC018). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$711,244.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-130** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT (CEHA) PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$354,466.00 (\$185,694.00 - [NJDEP STATE FUNDS; \$5,586.00 - FEDERAL FUNDS; \$163,186.00 - COUNTY MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2023-131** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50, ADOPTED JANUARY 27, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES (MCBOSS) FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO MERCER COUNTY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM PERIOD AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023." REVISED PROGRAM PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$11,605,686.78 (US TREASURY FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-132** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FOR THE RESTORATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE (RTJ) GRANT FUNDS (AWARD NO. RTJ-23-11). PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$1,932,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-133** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE RESTORATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$1,932,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-134** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND STOUT'S TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS DURING AN EMERGENCY
- NO. 2023-135** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH FAIR AN OPEN PROCESS) TO FULL SERVICE MAILER, INC., FOR FULFILLMENT SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2024. (AB2021-01)

**NO. 2023-136**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ROYAL PRINTING (AWARDED THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) FOR THE PRINTING OF VOTING AUTHORITIES, CANDIDATE, PARTY, AND ORGANIZATION CHALLENGER BADGES, OFFICIAL BADGES AND NUMBERED PAY VOUCHERS FOR DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD WORKERS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

**NO. 2023-137**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF COUNTYWIDE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 ENTERPRISE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$293,600.48

**NO. 2023-138**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROOF POINT EMAIL PROTECTION BUNDLE/REMOTE SYSLOG, EMAIL FRAUD DEFENSE & DMARC PROTECTION COUNTYWIDE SOFTWARE RENEWAL THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$81,570.81

**NO. 2023-139**

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST ("CLETA" - FORFEITURE) FUNDS ACCOUNT TO SPONSOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF AMERICA INC., GALA (NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

- NO. 2023-140** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$300.00 FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST ("CLETA" – FORFEITURE) FUNDS ACCOUNT TO SPONSOR ONE DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE 2023 AMERICAN LEGION, NJ BOYS & GIRLS STATE
- NO. 2023-141** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE LEGAL STAFF, BUSINESS MANAGER, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATES, INVESTIGATIVE STAFF, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF, AND FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS TO THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE. TRAINING SESSIONS WERE FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2022, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT OT EXCEED \$52,110.00
- NO. 2023-142** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSHIFT, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) GRAYKEY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT CYBER CRIMES UNIT TO MIRROR MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S CYBER CRIMES UNIT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,920.00 PERIOD: DECEMBER 1, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2023

- NO. 2023-143** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MAGNET FORENSICS FOR THE RENEWAL OF TEN (10) LICENSES TO BE USED BY THE CYBER CRIMES UNITS OF MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF WEST WINDSOR, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, AND ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,604.16
- NO. 2023-144** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY TREASURER AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY PROGRAM DOCUMENTS WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE/ POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND DISBURSE PAYMENTS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FUND (LEOTEF) PROGRAM. SUBAWARD NO. LEOTEF-12-23 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,017.00 MATCH AMOUNT: NO MATCH REQUIRED
- NO. 2023-145** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE DONATION OF ONE (1) 2014 FORD EXPLORER AND ONE (1) 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FROM ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR USE BY THE MERCER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY DURING THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION COURSE (EVOC)
- NO. 2023-146** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE GREEN ACRES PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP), GREEN ACRES PROGRAM. GRANT AMOUNT \$1,250,000.00 TOTAL GREEN ACRES GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,030,157.00

- NO. 2023-147** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE FEE PURCHASE OF THE CIARLONE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1308, LOTS 5, 6, & 7 IN LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$22,500.00
- NO. 2023-148** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT IDENTIFIER: EVFC-2022-COUNTY-00212 AMOUNT OF: \$75,000.00
- NO. 2023-149** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM OTR EAST WINDSOR INVESTORS, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 3, LOTS 3 & 3.02, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-150** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM KRUSHNA KRUPA, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 3, LOT 12, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-151** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF EASEMENT FROM OTR EAST WINDSOR INVESTORS, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER ALONG BLOCK 3, LOTS 3 & 3.02, EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

- NO. 2023-152** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-388 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE "MERCER AT PLAY 2" PROGRAM WITH PRINCETON FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS HILLTOP PARK. COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$396,550.00 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)
- NO. 2023-153** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO AMEND AND RESTATE STORMWATER OUTFLOW EASEMENT, BLOCK 2730 LOT 14.04
- NO. 2023-154** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A FARM LEASE WITH H. W. BIBUS & SON, INC. FOR LEASE OF FARMING A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS "ROCKHILL FARM", BLOCK 2746, LOTS 6 & 14, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$1,290.00 ANNUALLY
- NO. 2023-155** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A FARM LEASE WITH MR. SCOTT ELLIS FOR LEASE OF FARMING A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS "BANNER FARM", BLOCK 2730, LOT 18, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$2,070.00 ANNUALLY

- NO. 2023-156** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A FARM LEASE WITH HOWARD MYERS FOR LEASE OF FARMING A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS "FACKLER/GATTERDAM", BLOCK 5801, LOT 24, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$1,170.00 ANNUALLY
- NO. 2023-157** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A FARM LEASE WITH MR. DOUGLAS TINDALL FOR LEASE OF FARMING A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS "DAM SITE 21", BLOCK 4, LOTS 2, 28.01 & 29.01, ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP; BLOCK 1631, LOTS 40 & 41, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP; BLOCK 29, LOTS 3.01, 5.01 & 6, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$1200.00 ANNUALLY
- NO. 2023-158** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A FARM LEASE WITH MR. BILL WAGNER FOR LEASE OF FARMING COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS "MERCER COUNTY/WERT", BLOCK 23, LOT 1.02, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$870.00 ANNUALLY
- NO. 2023-159** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO GREEN ACRES, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO CONSTRUCT TURF FIELDS AND LIGHTING AT MERCER COUNTY PARK IN WEST WINDSOR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,456,643.40



- NO. 2023-160**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS THE SUBMISSION OF A FINAL APPLICATION TO THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION FOR A DIVERSION OF GREEN ACRES ENCUMBERED LANDS IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP RESULTING FROM THE WIDENING OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE; ACCEPTS TITLE TO TWO PARCELS OF LAND FROM THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AS COMPENSATION FOR THE DIVERSION; AND AUTHORIZES THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT ACROSS LANDS OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF MERCER COUNTY COST: \$0.00
- NO. 2023-161**      COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS ADVANCING THE CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT INTERSECTION STUDIES PROJECT WITH FEDERAL FUNDS
- NO. 2023-162**      COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ADAPCO FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) A1 SUPER DUTY – 100 GALLON TANK WITH MICRONAIR ATOMIZER AND ATTACHED 50- FOOT HOSE AND THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) A1 COBRA-40 GALLON TANK WITH ATTACHED 50 FOOT HOSE REEL FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,559.60
- NO. 2023-163**      COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH VOLAIRE AVIATION, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR AIRLINE MARKETING SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 23,2023 THROUGH JANUARY 22,2025 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$108,000.00 (\$54,000.00 ANNUALLY) (CC2022-13)

- NO. 2023-164** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ONE WATER CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 50,000.00
- NO. 2023-165** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REINTRODUCE AND PASS THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT
- NO. 2023-166** COUNTY OF MERCER 2023 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
- NO. 2023-167** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON- FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH JOSEPH A. DELUCA ADVISORY & CONSULTING SERVICES LLC, FOR SPECIAL FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 24, 2023 THROUGH MAY 23, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00

**VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

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

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

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

**At this time, Chair Walter 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 Frisby and seconded by Commissioner Stokes, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

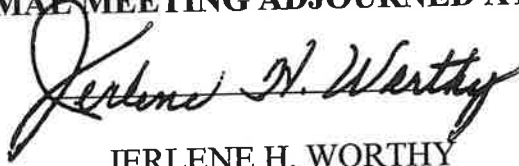
**VOTE ON MOTION:**

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

Ayes - Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

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**FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 PM**



**JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD**

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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**INFORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on February 21, 2023 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Present– Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

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

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**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.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the Green Acres Grant Park Development. (See **“Schedule A” attached hereto and made a part hereof**)

Chair Walter asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she called for a Motion to close the Public Hearing

Commissioner Cimino moved **“To Close the Public Hearing”**, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

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

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

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Chair Walter informed her colleagues that she was going to invite former Commissioner Andrew Koontz to come up to the podium.

Commissioner Koontz was elated to be present this evening. He said he missed his colleagues and was sad to miss the last meeting as a Commissioner but unable to attend. He shared that since he was last on the Board Princeton Recreation had elected him as their Chair. Commissioner Koontz introduced the Executive Director of Princeton Recreation, Mr. Evan Moorhead.

Mr. Moorhead addressed the Board. He introduced the proposed playground at Hilltop Park in Princeton, NJ. Mr. Moorhead discussed the removal of the aging playground and the plan to replace the aging equipment with new equipment. He said the park was large with a walkable footprint and was accessible to residents, individuals with disabilities, individuals with social issues, and those with cognitive issues. Mr. Moorhead said the park was also equipped with play areas for those that needed solo play and an area that would provide sensory relief. He said the old wood mulch would be removed and replaced with a rubber ground. Mr. Moorhead said the project also included a batting cage for the little league teams and for adult leagues as well. (See **“Schedule B” attached hereto and made a part hereof**)

Commissioner Frisby asked if the park was wheelchair accessible.

Commissioner Koontz answered the park was not only wheelchair accessible but was accessible to children, their parents/guardians, and caretakers as well. He said the pathway from the playground to the parking lot would be ADA compliant to accommodate all.

Chair Walter thanked Commissioner Koontz for introducing the Hilltop Park project. She suggested that everyone in attendance visit the Robbinsville playground as it may inspire future projects.

Ms. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, informed the Board that the presentation correlated with the following proposed Resolution, Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 2019-388, adopted September 12, 2019 and authorized the County Executive and Clerk to the Board to execute an Amendment to the Grant Agreement for the "Mercer at Play 2" program with Princeton for the Project known as Hilltop Park.

Commissioner Koontz closed by thanking the Board and the Administration for their transformative impact on the recreations in Mercer County. He thanked County Administrator, Lillian Nazzaro, and County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, for their continued support of "Mercer at Play" program.

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### **PRESENTATION**

Chair Walter welcomed the speakers of Grantworks, Inc., to address the Board.

Mr. Ken Pevovar, Senior Vice President and Ms. Mary Sheehy, Senior Project Manager, of Grantworks, Inc., introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Pevovar said he and his team have worked with Mercer County's ARPA allocations for some time.

County Administrator Nazzaro, reminded the Commissioners that the Contract with Grantworks, Inc., was approved by the Board on August 18, 2022, as per Resolution No. 2022-561, for a two-year contract to assist with the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Management for the County of Mercer.

Chair Walter said she had a discussion with her colleagues and they collectively agreed that they did not want to follow the State plan or federal guidelines on how they were going to allocate the funds because the results from those plans were unfavorable in their opinion.

County Administrator Nazzaro asked if Chair Walter was referring to the 3 million dollars already approved.

Chair Walter answered yes. She asked that the speakers, Mr. Pevovar and Ms. Sheehy, to discuss two topics during their presentation. She wanted to know all of the projects that Applications were completed for, and she wanted to know the formula that was used to determine the allocation of funds for the various municipalities.

Commissioner Melker did not recall the Board finalizing a definite plan. She said that if the Administration was allocating a set amount of funds then there should not be a need to apply for funding.

Dr. Sharon Sharp, Temporary Chief Financial Officer, said the municipalities knew there were percentages when they came on board, and they had the opportunity to discuss the specific criteria. She said based on regulations it was best to apply through the portal. Dr. Sharp said the initiative of Grantworks, Inc., was based on certain needs and she was unaware the Board did not want to model the plan after the State and federal guidelines. Dr. Sharp followed those plans because it was the fairest based on percentages already identified by the government. She said she narrowed down four crucial criteria of needs and modeled the percentages based on: seniors, transportations for seniors, disabilities, and veterans.

Chair Walter said the Board never discussed the 3 million dollars as a part of the plan when the contract initially went out to Bid last August.

Dr. Sharp said she asked Grantworks, Inc., to report on what happened and why it was best to apply for funding through the portal.

Chair Walter said that she agreed with everything Dr. Sharp said except the fact that when Grantworks, Inc., came on, it was not a part of any discussion by the Board on how the 3 million dollars would be allocated to the townships. She said she wanted it to be clear how the dollar figures came to be, and did not want some townships to get more than others.

Mr. Pevovar said he was given the percentages and calculations from the County. He said the portal was a means to ensure that people who did receive support would spend it in an eligible way. He said he wanted to make sure that the community had eligible uses for the funds prior to the distributions. Mr. Pevovar said the portal allowed them to collect data from the community, which ensured they had an eligible project under the Contract.

Commissioner Melker asked why the dollar limit was not presented initially.

Mr. Pevovar said the individual threshold values were discussed internally and was not shared with the municipalities.

County Administrator Nazzaro reminded the Board that there were spreadsheets, broken down by municipalities, presented at the meeting last August.

Commissioner Lewis said that municipalities could have spent their time and money more efficiently had they known there was an allotted amount of money. She asked if there was an evaluation criterion that was shared with towns when they were submitting their projects.

Ms. Sheehy answered this was guaranteed funding so within the portal the applicants were given parameters. Grantworks, Inc., was not certain that applicants would be able to complete projects within the timeframe so they presented two options. First, Mercer County would run a transportation program and have an allocation of that program with getting people to and from appointments for seniors and veterans. She said the second option was relating to health, and social services. Ms. Sheehy said there were samples of projects that applicants could apply for: small construction projects, playground upgrades, HVAC system upgrades, senior center repairs, audio visuals repairs, and all of which were within ARPA guidelines.

Chair Walter asked if various towns collaborated together on a project would that raise the amount of money they would be granted collectively. She referenced Hopewell Township, where three municipalities came together for one project and were given a total of sixty thousand dollars.

Ms. Sheehy said Grantworks, Inc., combined their allocations.

Chair Walter said that in previous years when municipalities collaborated on one project they would get a financial increase.

Mr. Pevovar said Grantworks, Inc., determined the funding before actually seeing the project.

County Administration Nazzaro concurred.

Chair Walter mentioned that the senior center in Ewing burned down and was now operating out of an undersized space.

County Administrator Nazzaro said that Ewing did not make the request for funds to be used for the senior center, and that they asked for audio visual presentation equipment, broadcasting and programing funds, and access to WiFi.

Ms. Sheehy said there were some limitations due to requests for small quick turn projects and nothing that would go beyond deadlines.

Commissioner Melker asked if the Board had the ability to change the Contract.



County Administrator Nazzaro answered that the Administration had been handling the Grantworks, Inc., Contract and would be the body that would make any changes. She reminded the Board they approved this Contract prior to the press release about Grantworks, Inc., She said the Board had a meeting with the County Executive where the numbers were discussed and the Board was presented with a break down based on the federal formula.

Chair Walter said members of the Board did not have information prior to the press release and were unaware of projects that were proposed. She discussed at length her frustration. She said that the Board initiated the request for Grantworks, Inc. and was still waiting on the information when the press released was given.

Ms. Sheehy said there were two business awardees: a small business investment and a small business grant. She mentioned two Resolutions that were brought before the Board. The small business investment RFP that was issued on February 14, 2023 that had a deadline of March 9, 2023. Ms. Sheehy said the Route 130 expansion program was their next project and they would use ARPA funds. She said the project offered transportation to Trenton City residents, and residents of the surrounding areas. This allows residents to get to certain warehouse jobs in Monroe Township for work shifts when public transportation was not available. She said that Contract was anticipated to finish at the end of 2024.

Ms. Sheehy said the Small Business Grant Program was administered by Grantworks, Inc., and the portal was first launched on February 1, 2023. She said the portal was advertised by Anthony Carabelli, Director of Economic Development, to all municipal and economic directors. Ms. Sheehy said as of presently 592 businesses had applied. Ms. Sheehy said there were two groups: Group 1 applicants, which were given priority, and Group 2 applicants that were given specific criteria and limitations.

Commissioner Lewis asked if there was any discussion of adding minority women, known LGBTQ and veteran owned businesses in the Group 1 consideration.

Ms. Sheehy answered it was not a part of the consideration.

Commissioner Frisby said that set aside Ordinance was adopted to ensure that those types of businesses were not overlooked and that they were able to be funded.

Mr. Terry West, Community Development Specialist, said that Group 1 is the Qualified Census Tract (QCT) Zone that consumed most of the City of Trenton and Group 2 are the surrounding areas. He said Group 1 would receive a \$10,000.00 grant automatically while Group 2 would be based on individual needs. The LGBTQ, minority

women, and veterans were not factored in because an extensive outreach was already in place to assist those businesses.

Commissioner Stokes asked if there was a tracking system in place to monitor and ensure that the process worked, and that the businesses were receiving the grants that they applied for.

Ms. Sheehy answered there were optional recordings of applicants' census information and the category of their businesses. She said that data was collected.

Commissioner Melker asked Ms. Sheehy to confirm the maximum amount of funding each applicant could receive.

Ms. Sheehy answered the maximum amount is \$10,000.00, although Group 1 does not have to demonstrate proof of loss while Group 2 does need to show proof.

Mr. Pevovar and Ms. Sheehy continued the presentation where they discussed in length the programs and services that Grantworks, Inc., were currently working on. They showed pages of the portal and demonstrated the navigation and functions via Power Point presentation.

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**MINUTES**

Formal Meeting of June 23, 2022

Formal Meeting of July 14, 2022

Formal Meeting of August 18, 2022

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 21, 2023.

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Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Joseph A. DeLuca Advisory & Consulting Services LLC. for Special Forensic Audit for the County of Mercer. The Chair asked if a clause was in the Contract requesting Joseph A. DeLuca Advisory & Consulting Services LLC., to share the report with the Board.

County Administrator Nazzaro answered no.

Chair Walter made a request to add a clause to the last "Be It Resolved" to state that the results of the Special Forensic Audit must be shared with the Mercer County Board of Commissioners within two weeks of receipt of the report to the Administration.

Mr. Michael Herbert, Esq., Board Counsel, said the release of the forensic audit could only be made by the Attorney General's office prior to a disclosure to the public.

Chair Walter insisted that she did not want a press release of the audit before the Board saw it first.

The Board agreed that on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Formal Meeting they would expect the results of the audit report.

Clerk Worthy said that the Resolution for the forensic audit would be adopted with the additional language.

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Chair Walter informed the Board the Emergency Budget that came before her still listed 5 million dollars for the Hudson Contract that she had previously requested be removed.

Dr. Sharp informed the Board that the county needed \$18,704,852.00 and read aloud the department's requests and line items.

Chair Walter thanked Dr. Sharp for presenting the temporary budget as the Board unanimously agreed to it.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Fifty-eight (58) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 21, 2023.

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Chair Walter made reference to two proposed Resolutions, both of which were authorization to execute a Competitive Contract with Arm in Arm, Inc., for the provision of homelessness prevention/emergency assistance services. She said the Russia-Belarus & Iran Investment Certification must be filled out with every Contract, stating a vendor did not acquire financial support from Iran or Belarus. She said there were three boxes on the form that must be checked and submitted with the contract otherwise the vendor would not be awarded the Contract. She said the Board wanted to ensure this was strictly implemented and monitored moving forward.

Commissioner Lewis made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to submit an Application for the restorative and transformative justice for youth and communities pilot program Grant with the state of New Jersey, office of Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety. She asked if there was a Grant Application included in the back up.

Clerk Worthy said she would have to double check but added that the State completes all paper-work online thus the application was not included, only letters from the State and a signature page.

Commissioner Lewis asked how many constituents the programs were expected to serve.

Commissioner Stokes said it would be a challenge to estimate how many students would be rotating through a program. He said attendances could be in the thousands and 1.9 million dollars would not be enough. Commissioner Stokes felt it would be difficult to calculate the funds needed as the programs had not yet gone out for bid.

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Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Mercer and Stout's Charter Service to provide transportation services for county residents during an emergency. She asked if there should be a dollar amount included in the contract.

County Administrator Nazzaro answered that they were volunteers but if the need for them became more consistent that a contract with a dollar amount may be considered.

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Chair Walter made reference to three proposed Resolutions, all of which were authorizing to execute a Professional Service Agreement for the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She said that none of the three Resolutions included the Russia-Belarus & Iran Investment Certification.

Melinda Montgomery, Airport Manager of Trenton-Mercer Airport, addressed the Board. She informed the Board that the vendors agreed they would complete the Russia-Belarus & Iran Investment Certifications.

Chair Walter said that because Federal funds were being granted, it was a federal law that a Contract must have the Russia-Belarus & Iran Investment Certification attached. She said she was uncomfortable awarding the Contract without the necessary forms.

Board Counsel Herbert said the Board must legally remove the Resolutions, thereafter, Chair Walter made the request to remove the three Resolutions from the Agenda.

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

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

There were no comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

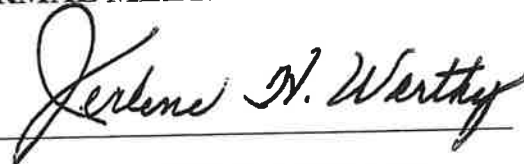
**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

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**INFORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM**



**JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD**

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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

***PUBLIC HEARING - GREEN ACRES  
GRANT - PARK DEVELOPMENT***

***2/21/2023***

**Condensed Transcript**

**Prepared by:**

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SILVER REPORTING SERVICES, INC.

Friday, February 24, 2023

1 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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 3 McDade Administration Building  
 4 640 South Broad Street, Room 211  
 5 Trenton, NJ 08650  
 6 Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
 7 6:02 p.m.  
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 9 PUBLIC HEARING IN RE:  
 10 GREEN ACRES GRANT - PARK DEVELOPMENT  
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 12 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:  
 13 LUCYLLE R. S. WALTER, CHAIR  
 14 JOHN A. CIMINO, VICE CHAIR  
 15 TERRANCE STOKES  
 16 NINA D. MELKER  
 17 SAMUEL T. FRISBY  
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 14 Mercer County Administrator.  
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 17 PRESENT:  
 18 JERLENE H. WORTHY, CLERK  
 19 SHARON SHARP, CFO  
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1 CHAIR WALTER: Clerk will call the  
 2 roll.  
 3 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Cimino.  
 4 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: Here.  
 5 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Frisby.  
 6 COMMISSIONER FRISBY: Yes, ma'am.  
 7 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Lewis.  
 8 COMMISSIONER LEWIS: Here.  
 9 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner  
 10 McLaughlin.  
 11 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: Here.  
 12 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Melker.  
 13 COMMISSIONER MELKER: Here.  
 14 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Stokes.  
 15 COMMISSIONER STOKES: Here.  
 16 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Walter.  
 17 CHAIR WALTER: Here.  
 18 Before we do the flag salute, let's  
 19 just have a moment of silence for all the people  
 20 that were affected in Mercer County and the  
 21 surrounding communities by this wind shear that  
 22 seems pretty bad, but nobody was hurt.  
 23 (Moment of silence.)  
 24 Thank you.  
 25 Flag salute.

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1 (Flag salute.)  
2 CHAIR WALTER: Sunshine Law.  
3 MS. WORTHY: In accordance with the  
4 provisions of the New Jersey Open Public  
5 Meetings Law, notice of this meeting has been  
6 mailed to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and  
7 the Princeton Packet newspapers, as well as  
8 having been posted in the County Administration  
9 Building and the Courthouse at least 48 hours in  
10 advance of this meeting.  
11 CHAIR WALTER: At this time we have  
12 been asked to have a Public Hearing conducted  
13 for the Green Acres Grant and Park Development,  
14 and I believe there's someone coming forward.  
15 So, if you would introduce yourself, and you  
16 have the floor.  
17 One moment. I'm going to  
18 officially open the Public Hearing on the Green  
19 Acres Grant Park Development.  
20 MR. CUCCHI: Thank you very much.  
21 Good evening. My name is Anthony Cucchi. I'm  
22 the superintendent of parks for the Mercer  
23 County Park Commission, and I'm here this  
24 evening to give a brief summary of a project  
25 that we are proposing for submission to the New

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1 Jersey Green Acres Grant Program for  
2 consideration for a \$1.5 million grant and loan  
3 funding to support the development of two  
4 artificial turf fields at Mercer County Park.  
5 So, a Public Hearing for this  
6 matter is required as a component of the grant  
7 application, and the purpose of the Public  
8 Hearing is to seek public comments or to answer  
9 questions related to the project.  
10 We have a court reporter here who  
11 will prepare a transcript of those comments  
12 which will be submitted along with, hopefully, a  
13 resolution by the commissioners that is on the  
14 agenda for later this evening.  
15 So, in essence, the project is a  
16 fairly straightforward one. We're seeking to  
17 convert two existing grass fields at Mercer  
18 County Park in West Windsor into artificial turf  
19 fields.  
20 I'm sure you're aware of many of  
21 other field conversions that have taken place  
22 across the county, both on a municipal level and  
23 on private facilities.  
24 The benefits of turf fields are,  
25 and I don't know if I need to go into too much

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1 detail on that, but the playability, the  
2 extension of the seasons, the reduced  
3 maintenance, the reduced use of chemicals and  
4 water that are required are all great benefits  
5 to synthetic turf fields.  
6 I would argue that we have fallen  
7 behind at Mercer County parks somewhat over the  
8 years in competing with other facilities for  
9 tournaments, and by installing these turf fields  
10 we'll really be able to provide much more  
11 consistent service, and the reason for this  
12 project really is in response to the constant  
13 requests we get from municipalities and local  
14 clubs and other park users for these turf  
15 fields. So, we're excited about the prospect of  
16 moving forward.  
17 As I mentioned, the Grant Program  
18 provides up to \$1.5 million in grant funds and  
19 additionally will offer low-interest loans to  
20 allow for the project to go forward without any  
21 up-front costs for the capital cost of  
22 construction. That's an option that we have  
23 available to us. The total project, as the  
24 application reflects, is about \$4.5 million,  
25 just under \$4.5 million, of which 1.5 million

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1 will be sought for in grants.  
2 And the last thing I'll say is it's  
3 not just the turf fields that we're seeking to  
4 create. There's lots of field lighting, which  
5 will allow also again for more expanded use of  
6 these fields as well as safety lighting in the  
7 parking lot that's beside the site, which  
8 already exists in those parking lots.  
9 For those who are familiar with the  
10 park, this is in the middle section of the park,  
11 fields 3 through 9 that we're talking about.  
12 CHAIR WALTER: Any questions?  
13 COMMISSIONER STOKES: Are these  
14 multipurpose fields, meaning soccer, lacrosse?  
15 MR. CUCCHI: That's right, yes.  
16 They'll be lined for multiple sports.  
17 COMMISSIONER FRISBY: Is this  
18 Mercer County's first venture into turf fields?  
19 MR. CUCCHI: Yes. The Park  
20 Commission does not have any synthetic turf  
21 fields.  
22 COMMISSIONER FRISBY: So, with that  
23 being said, I know the technology has changed  
24 over the years, maintenance of the fields, it's  
25 a lot less maintenance than grass for those



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1 fields.  
2 Are we looking at the purchase of  
3 the equipment?  
4 I think there's a special type of  
5 vacuum that has to be purchased for those  
6 fields.  
7 MR. CUCCHI: Yes. And I believe  
8 that's included in the cost estimate for this  
9 project.  
10 COMMISSIONER FRISBY: That's good.  
11 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: And we need  
12 water cannons, too, for hot days.  
13 CHAIR WALTER: What is the type of  
14 field we're putting in specifically?  
15 MR. CUCCHI: I don't know offhand  
16 the specific product type, but there is a  
17 component to the application that requires that  
18 the engineer describes the safety record of the  
19 product that's being recommended, and that is  
20 included in the application.  
21 CHAIR WALTER: That is one of the  
22 reasons why I was asking, because there have  
23 been increased injuries, different types of  
24 injuries, increased injuries on some of those  
25 turf fields.

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1 And the other reason is I didn't  
2 know if this is the product with the nurdles, is  
3 that the type of field.  
4 So, there are various types of  
5 fields, one of them has a surface, and then  
6 below the surface there are actually like little  
7 rubber pellets. Sometimes when the kids fall,  
8 you can actually see the pellets kind of bounce  
9 up through the field, because those, you do have  
10 to continuously maintain, because, if not, the  
11 pellets compact, and that field becomes very  
12 hard, and it's really just like being on  
13 cement. It can be really compacted and become  
14 very dangerous.  
15 So, I don't know what the type of  
16 field is, but I really would very much like to  
17 know what version, what company, what type of  
18 field is going in, because there are vast  
19 differences in the safety records of various  
20 fields.  
21 MR. CUCCHI: Yes. It is a crumb  
22 rubber--  
23 MR. GRAY: Crumb rubber, you're  
24 talking about the infill. The infill, the  
25 rubber infill, there's different types, they're

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1 organic, they're synthetic, and there's also  
2 ones that, as John talked about, that bring down  
3 the heat because they're a different color. So,  
4 yes, based on the engineering project, that's  
5 part of what we want to do.  
6 There's also compaction surfaces,  
7 as you groom the field, you actually can level  
8 off and even it out. So that's exactly what  
9 you're saying, where you have injuries is where  
10 the fields are not maintained, they're not  
11 groomed properly, and there's unevenness in it,  
12 so that's what we're looking to definitely  
13 address.  
14 CHAIR WALTER: So, will we as a  
15 Board have another bite at this apple? Once we  
16 approve the application, will we then be  
17 approving the purchase?  
18 MR. CUCCHI: The acceptance of the  
19 grant requires county commissioners'  
20 authorization. So, if and when a grant is  
21 awarded, Green Acres will provide what they call  
22 Project Agreement, and before the grant funds  
23 can be utilized, that Project Agreement needs to  
24 be executed. So, that's the--  
25 CHAIR WALTER: And so at that point

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1 you would know specifically what type of field  
2 we were going to be installing.  
3 MR. CUCCHI: That's correct.  
4 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: The lighting  
5 aspect of it, it's in the center of the park,  
6 there's not going to be any--the YMCA has a  
7 synthetic field, and we have a lot of concerns  
8 about the light spill, and because you're in the  
9 center of the park, no area residents will be  
10 affected by any of that. Right?  
11 MR. CUCCHI: No. And it will be  
12 quite close to Mercer County College's field  
13 lighting, so it really shouldn't extend much  
14 beyond the existing lights that are on that  
15 side.  
16 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: And we'll also  
17 start to add maybe some seating there as well.  
18 I think, if I know where the fields are,  
19 currently one of the challenges is there's no  
20 spectator seating.  
21 So, is the plan to also increase  
22 the opportunity for seating, not stadium-style  
23 seating, but bleacher-type seating?  
24 MR. CUCCHI: Yes. So, the project  
25 design does include some pads for future

1 bleachers. The bleachers themselves are not  
 2 part of the project cost estimate, but that is  
 3 contemplated.  
 4 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: Okay.  
 5 CHAIR WALTER: Any questions from  
 6 the Board?  
 7 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: My only  
 8 one comment would be that Hopewell Township had  
 9 a little bit of experience with a field being  
 10 supported by Mercer At Play Grant, who were very  
 11 grateful.  
 12 They undercharged for a number of  
 13 years for use of the field, and it became  
 14 quickly obvious that they were not charging  
 15 enough to add up to maintenance and then  
 16 ultimate replacement of the field.  
 17 So, as you all figure out what the  
 18 right field is, just bear in mind that it's not  
 19 a forever, it's not one and done, and when you  
 20 go out to look at the teams, you want to make  
 21 sure that the next step is handled early on so  
 22 you don't have to catch up, because that was a  
 23 little painful for our leagues.  
 24 MR. CUCCHI: Yes, I know. I  
 25 appreciate that. And our director of rec events

1 has done some research and consulted with other  
 2 counties regarding their pricing structure for  
 3 turf versus their grass fields, and we're taking  
 4 that into consideration.  
 5 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: Perfect.  
 6 MR. GRAY: I talked to Karen many  
 7 times.  
 8 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: She's  
 9 amazing.  
 10 CHAIR WALTER: Are there any other  
 11 questions on the field?  
 12 (No response.)  
 13 Okay. Anyone from the public  
 14 wishing to speak on this particular item?  
 15 We are having a Public Hearing on  
 16 the Green Acres Grant for Park Development for  
 17 the turf fields.  
 18 Going once. Going twice.  
 19 With that, I'll accept a motion to  
 20 close the hearing.  
 21 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: So moved.  
 22 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: Second.  
 23 CHAIR WALTER: We have a motion and  
 24 a second.  
 25 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner

1 McLaughlin  
 2 COMMISSIONER McLAUGHLIN: Yes.  
 3 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Cimino.  
 4 VICE CHAIR CIMINO: Yes.  
 5 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Frisby.  
 6 COMMISSIONER FRISBY: Yes.  
 7 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Lewis.  
 8 COMMISSIONER LEWIS: Yes.  
 9 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Melker.  
 10 COMMISSIONER MELKER: Yes.  
 11 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Stokes.  
 12 COMMISSIONER STOKES: Yes.  
 13 MS. WORTHY: Commissioner Walter.  
 14 CHAIR WALTER: Yes.  
 15 I am going to ask you just to hold  
 16 for one second, though. The Public Hearing is  
 17 completed, so we don't need to transcribe at  
 18 this point.  
 19 (The Public Hearing concluded at  
 20 6:17 p.m.)  
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