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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on April 13, 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 Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter
Absent- Commissioner Cimino

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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 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.

PRESENTATION

Mercadien (2021 Mercer County Financial Statement)

- Warren A. Broudy, Managing Director & Principal
- Digesh Patel, Managing Director & Principal
- Matthew Daly, CPA

Mr. Broudy introduced his team to the Board and summarized the 2021 Mercer County Financial Statement. Mr. Patel informed the Board that the report did not include issues that his team were unaware of. **(2021 Mercer County Financial Statement can be reviewed at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Office)**

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated March 21, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of March 13, 2023.

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated March 31, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of March 27, 2023.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated April 13, 2023: RE: Commissioner Questions for April 13, 2023.

Chair Melker questioned C-3 concerning Grantworks, Inc. and asked if the Administration determined the amount of funding or did the townships do that.

Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, answered that the individual Townships determines the amount of funds awarded and what they would be used for.

Chair Walter had a question regarding Resolution No. R-31, authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Cullen and Dykman, LLP., to provide legal counsel regarding the county's water quality management plan. She asked for further clarification on what parcel of land the state referred to in their requirement of the removal of 10,000 acres of land in the County's "Sewer Service Area."

County Administrator Nazzaro informed the Board that the state did not presently know what parcel of land they required but that an attorney would be retained to represent them on the matter.

Chair Walter requested that she remain updated on the issue moving forward.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, informed the Board that there was one Resolution to be added to the Agenda this evening. It would be numbered as R-42.

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to add the Resolution to the Agenda

Commissioner Frisby moved, second by Commissioner Stokes to add Resolution R-42 to the Agenda.

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
FOR A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST TO
DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRESERVE, RESTORE AND REPURPOSE THE
WILLIAM GREEN FARMHOUSE

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

With the exception of Resolution No. R-7 and No. R-14, 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-6, R-8 THROUGH R-13, R-15 THROUGH R-42 ON THE AGENDA “**BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino

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

NO. 2023-251 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF MERCER’S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

NO. 2023-252 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CAMP FIRE NEW JERSEY, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$52,500.00 (FY2023 STATE [JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION (JJC)] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 202-253 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 (FY2023 STATE [JJC] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-254 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$85,000.00 (FY2023 STATE [JJC] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-255 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MILL HILL CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$65,000.00 (FY2023 STATE [JJC] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-256 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES FOR THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT/JOB READINESS PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$65,000.00 (FY2023 STATE [JJC] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-257

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-123, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON, FOR THE PROVISION OF A RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS OR NEAR HOMELESS FAMILIES IN MERCER COUNTY. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000.00 (FY22 RE-ENTRY STATE FUNDS) AND EXTEND THE PERIOD OF USAGE FOR THE UNSPENT FUNDS ALLOCATED IN AMENDMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,063.80 (FY21 RE-ENTRY STATE FUNDS) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023". REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT \$666,258.73 (\$287,586.00 [COUNTY FUNDS], \$40,000.00 [SSH FUNDS], \$188,672.73 [FY21 RE-ENTRY STATE FUNDS], \$150,000.00 [FY22 RE-ENTRY STATE FUNDS])

NO. 2023-258

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-263, ADOPTED MARCH 10, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE RESOURCES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO DECREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$76,000.00 (FY2023 SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS [SSH] FUNDS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023." REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$296,000.00 (\$186,000.00 - FY2022; \$110,000.00 - FY2023 SSH FUNDS)

NO. 2023-259

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-435, ADOPTED AUGUST 12, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 5 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. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$16,000.00 (CITY OF TRENTON FUNDS) FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023", REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$283,664.00 – (\$156,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]; \$96,000.00 [CITY OF TRENTON (COC) FUNDS]; \$10,000.00 [U.S. TREASURY FUNDS]; \$13,000.00 [FY2021 STATE FUNDS]; \$8,664.00 [FY2022 STATE FUNDS]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-260

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-473, ADOPTED JUNE 23, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FY2022 GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE GRANT BUDGET AND EXTEND THE TIMELINE BY SIX (6) MONTHS." REVISED PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED: \$786,353.00 (FY22 STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-261

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-767, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE 2023 INITIAL AREA PLAN CONTRACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,325.00." REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,689,303.00 (\$698,392.00 [FEDERAL TITLE IIIB,C1,C2, D, AND E FUNDS]; \$60,549.00 [STATE MATCH FUNDS]; \$38,165.00 [STATE WEEKEND HOME DELIVERED MEALS FUNDS (SWHDM)]; \$45,098.00 [SAFE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDS (SHTP)]; \$243,609.00 [ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDS (APS)]; \$573,727.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL AGING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (SASS)]; \$19,398.00 [MEDICAID MATCH FUNDS]; \$32,588.00 [NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS (NSIP)]; \$208,891.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS]; \$235,276.00 [AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) IIIB FUNDS]; \$123,445.00 [AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) IIIC1 FUNDS]; \$235,983.00 [AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) IIIC2 FUNDS]; \$22,383.00 [AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) IIID FUNDS]; \$72,474.00 [AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) IIIE FUNDS]; \$2.00 [CAA SUPPLEMENTAL HDM FUNDS]; \$34,161.00 [CRRSA APS FUNDS]; \$21,342.00 [COVID-19 VACCINE FUNDS]; \$23,820.00 [VAC 5 COVID-19 VACCINE FUNDS]) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-262

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$380,113.00. CONTRACT PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023 (FEDERAL FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-263

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT 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 [FY2023 COUNTY MATCH FUNDS])

NO. 2023-264

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR THE 2023 MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) OPERATIONAL READINESS AWARD (ORA) PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$10,000.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-265

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) FOR THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. AMOUNT: \$500,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-266

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF A HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) SUPPORT STAFF SPECIALIST. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$61,000.00 (FY2023 COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-267

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-546, ADOPTED JULY 14, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF KAPLAN KIRSCH & ROCKWELL LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING MERCER COUNTY INTERVENING AND PARTICIPATING IN LITIGATION BROUGHT AGAINST THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THE TERMINAL PROJECT AT THE MERCER COUNTY AIRPORT; TRENTON THREATENED SKIES, ET AL. V. FAA, THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, CASE NO. 22-1965. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$65,000.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$95,000.00.

NO. 2023-268

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR THE DIVISION OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE. AMOUNT: \$288,900.00 (COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT: \$16,280.00) PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.

NO. 2023-269

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR SYSTEM MONITOR SERVICES AND PLANNING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR) AMOUNT: \$134,000.00 (\$56,000.00 [CITY OF TRENTON – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FUNDS]; \$78,000.00 [\$26,000.00 - FY'22 COUNTY FUNDS AND \$52,000.00 - FY'23 COUNTY FUNDS])

NO. 2023-270

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DYNAMIC IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TO THE PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE PICTURELINK CAPTURE STATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,865.00

NO. 2023-271

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH ENFORSYS INC. FOR THE POLISYS SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00

NO. 2023-272

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZES A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE INFORM/VISICAD COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM AT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$129,282.96. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

NO. 2023-273

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR SUPPORT SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GRANICUS COMMUNICATIONS CLOUD FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF MERCER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$96,164.27

- NO. 2023-274** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR SUPPORT SERVICES AND HOSTING OF GOVOS/SEAMLESSDOCS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF MERCER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$28,587.22. (CK04-BERGEN BID#22-24)
- NO. 2023-275** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR SUPPORT SERVICES AND HOSTING OF METALLIC OFFICE 365 EMAIL, SHAREPOINT AND ONE-DRIVE BACKUP AND RESTORE SOLUTION FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF MERCER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. PERIOD: JULY 27, 2023 THROUGH JULY 26, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$58,576.00.
- NO. 2023-276** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-145, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND AUTHORIZES THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE DONATION OF ONE (1) 2014 FORD 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). "AMEND RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF 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. 2023-277** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM BARNWELLE HOLDINGS, L.P. TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 7201, LOT 4.02, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

- NO. 2023-278** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION 1052 SPRUCE, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 701, LOT 39, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-279** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CULLEN AND DYKMAN, LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE COUNTY'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN. TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024
- NO. 2023-280** AWARD OF NEGOTIATED CONTRACT TO SDA LAUNDRY TECH, LLC FOR FURNISH AND INSTALL OF COMMERCIAL WASHERS AND DRYERS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,735.00. PERIOD: MARCH 20, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 19, 2024.
- NO. 2023-281** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED DECEMBER 22, 2022 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR GOLF COURSE AND PARK MAINTENANCE MATERIALS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AND FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$376,000.00 (CK09MERCER2022-16)
- NO. 2023-282** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JANUARY 26, 2023 TO NATIONAL FLAG & DISPLAY CO., DBA METRO FLAGS FOR AMERICAN FLAGS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$46,137.60 (AB2023-02)

- NO. 2023-283** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JANUARY 4, 2023 TO CREATIVE ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REUSABLE BAGS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,337.00. (AB2022-56)
- NO. 2023-284** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 1, 2023 TO HELICOPTER APPLICATORS, INC. FOR AN AERIAL DISPENSING HELICOPTER FOR USE BY MOSQUITO DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00; PERIOD: APRIL 12, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2025. (CK09MERCER2023-02)
- NO. 2023-285** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2023-286** EXECUTIVE SESSION – TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN ROOM 211 OF THE MERCER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING “PENDING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-GENOVA BURNS REPORT ON THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT”
- NO. 2023-287** EXECUTIVE SESSION – THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN ROOM 211 OF THE MERCER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING “PENDING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION”
- NO. 2023-288** INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF THE 2023 BUDGET
- NO. 2023-289** RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

NO. 2023-290 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY FOR A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRESERVE, RESTORE AND REPURPOSE THE WILLIAM GREEN FARMHOUSE

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino

Commissioner Stokes offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin:

NO. 2023-291 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH SALVATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROVISION OF LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$50,000.00 (FY2023 STATE [JJC] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain –1. Absent -1.

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino

Abstain- Commissioner Frisby

Commissioner Frisby offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stokes:

NO. 2023-292 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDS (GRANT AWARD NO. 2023-05235-0056-00). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$128,013.00 (SECOND ALLOCATION FUNDING) (INITIAL FUNDING -\$107,686.00) (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain -1. Absent -1.

Ayes - Commissioners Frisby, Lewis, Mclaughlin, Stokes, and Walter

Absent- Commissioner Cimino

Abstain – Commissioner Melker

ORDINANCE- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes dated April 12, 2023, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implication; and therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

The Clerk to the Board announces that said Ordinance has been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute and all requirements have 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”**, seconds by Commissioner McLaughlin.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO 2023-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Walter said there would be a tentative list of dates for the budget hearings and that Monday night would be the first hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Melker informed the Board that Mercer County Community College would be hosting their annual “Spring Into Student Success” on Thursday, May 4, 2023. She said the college would honor late Commissioner Pasquale ‘Pat’ Colavita and that his family would be present to accept the award on his behalf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Chair Walter announced that an Executive Session was scheduled to take place regarding **“PENDING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION”**.

The Clerk to the Board called for a motion to enter into the Executive Session.

Commissioner McLaughlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Formal Meeting recessed at 6:44 PM to enter into Executive Session

At this time a motion to close the Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Frisby, and second by Commissioner McLaughlin.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Formal Meeting reconvened at 7:13 PM

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Mike McKitish, Robbinsville resident, addressed the Board. Mr. McKitish informed the Board he did not see an audit report on the County's website. He asked how often the Administration rotated contracts for new auditors. He felt voting should be priority and hoped the County would add funds to the voting process as newer machines have become more highly sophisticated than the ones the County currently used.

ADJOURNMENT

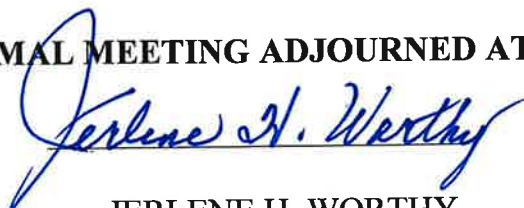
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Frisby and seconded by Commissioner Stokes, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 PM



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on April 11, 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, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

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 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.

2023 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, addressed the Board. He was present tonight to address the 2023 Mercer County Budget. (See “Schedule A” attached hereto and made a part hereof)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Chair Walter announced that an Executive Session was scheduled to take place regarding “**PENDING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-GENOVA BURNS REPORT ON THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**”

The Clerk to the Board called for a motion to enter into the Executive Session.

Commissioner Cimino moved, seconded by Commissioner Frisby.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Agenda Meeting recessed at 6:23 PM to enter into Executive Session

At this time a motion to close the Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Frisby, and second by Commissioner McLaughlin.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Agenda Meeting reconvened at 7:21 PM

COMMUNICATIONS

Three (3) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 13, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

Forty-two (42) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 13, 2023.

Commissioner Frisby asked if the auditor, Mercadien, would have a presentation of the 2021 Mercer County Financial Statement.

Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, answered she would have to speak with them to find that information.

Commissioner Frisby made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-7, authorizing to execute a Competitive Contract with Salvation and Social Justice for the provision of life skills program services. He informed the Board that he would abstain from voting on the Resolution because Salvation and Social Justice was affiliated with his church.

Commissioner Melker made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-14, authorizing to execute a Grant Award from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, for community services. She informed the Board that she would abstain from voting on the Resolution because she was a member of the board.

Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-31, authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Cullen and Dykman, LLP, to provide legal counsel regarding the County's water quality management plan. Chair Walter requested further information on the stated disagreement between the vendor and Mercer County.

Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, R-40, the Introduction and Approval of first reading of the 2023 Mercer County budget. She requested that Dr. Sharp, Temporary Financial officer, explain the purpose of each document when she presents the 2023 Mercer County budget.

ORDINANCE- ADOPTION AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Walter asked how a Grant from the previous year would be handled within the current budget year.

Dr. Sharp informed the Board that previous year grants would be added into the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Walter asked what the CAP was for offices that were currently at 2%.

Dr. Sharp answered that they would stay at 2%.

The Chair said all of the offices that were under Cap have to be at 2% but the County itself has to be at 3.5%.

Dr. Sharp concurred. She said the CAP document was a three-year document; the County has access to its CAP Bank and was permitted to make any changes within that three year period.

Dr. Sharp discussed in length the budget appropriation and explained the 2023 Table of Organization. She informed the Board that she would contact every department to gather their six-year plan because she felt the County should have one as a whole.

Commissioner Cimino asked Dr. Sharp if she was currently shopping the market for funds.

Dr. Sharp answered that she had already moved the County's money to another bank that paid out more interest, and that currently one of those accounts was paying out 4% interest.

Chair Walter asked where the County was in reference to the comingling of funds by departments with various small accounts.

Dr. Sharp said it would take time to provide that answer because she was still putting together documents that the former CFO left incomplete.

Commissioner Melker asked for the updates on Grantworks, Inc.; for the report on how much funds each municipality was granted and the list of approved projects.

Commissioner Stokes asked for an update on the small business Grant; how many firms have been funded and what it was used for.

Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, answered there were ninety applications already approved out of almost 350. She would attempt to have the requested updates for the Formal Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Chair Walter discussed with the Board the dates for the Special Formal Meeting to review the Mercer County Budget. The Board unanimously agreed on the dates of Monday May 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

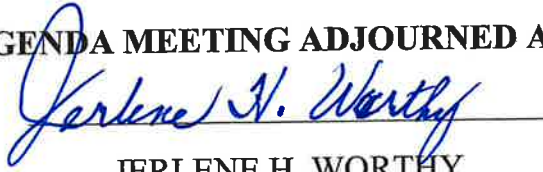
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VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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2023 Budget Introduction
Brian M. Hughes, County Executive
Mercer County, New Jersey
Presented before the Mercer County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Thank you, Chairwoman Lucylle Walter, members of the Board of Commissioners.

It is my pleasure to appear before this board to discuss the 2023 Mercer County proposed budget. This document represents our effort to provide the best possible government in the most cost-effective manner to the taxpayer.

In January, I reported that the State of our County is strong, and the proof is in the data. Mercer County's unemployment rate as of January 2023 was a low 3.3 percent, among the strongest months we've had in the past 20 years in Mercer County, and even below pre-pandemic rates.

It also bears mentioning that Moody's Investors recently reaffirmed Mercer County's rating at a healthy Aa2, citing our "strong governance, conservative budgeting and diverse economy." In the long run, this strong rating helps save taxpayers' money.

Our strong local economy is something we should all be proud of.

During my entire tenure as your County Executive, every single one of my 19 annual budget proposals have been generated with cooperation from our Department Directors and Constitutional Officers. And for each of those 19 years our budget proposal was supported, endorsed or adopted by all parties with oversight including the state, our auditors and the Mercer County Board of Commissioners.

I would like to thank Acting CFO Dr. Sharon Sharp for her diligence, collaborative spirit and honest assessment of our county finances. To get to today, Dr. Sharp was asked to scale a mountain, often without a guide or map, and she kept climbing. Thank you again Dr. Sharp for your discipline and effort.

The 2023 proposed budget recognizes the unavoidable increase of costs due to inflation, along with escalated costs to our health benefits plan, pension payments and labor contracts. Additionally, you'll see that the budget for Corrections is up significantly. This is attributed to an increase in overtime, the unresolved plan to move inmates to Hudson County, and the shifting of big-ticket line items for inmate medical costs and fuel costs to the Correction budget.

Even so, we are still able to maintain the high standards of services and programs upon which our residents rely. This balance was only achieved by the diligent effort of every department director to further tighten their belts, and I thank them.

Proposed 2023 budget

The trend during my tenure has been one of conservative budgeting, and this year we continue that trend. Tonight, I present to you a 2023 budget plan that proposes a 2.2 cent increase to the county tax rate and a balanced 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$392.8 million, which is under the state mandated cap.

In this proposal, \$278.8 million will be collected by taxation. I recommend utilization of \$18 million from our estimated \$40 million surplus balance, along with \$12 million from the American Rescue Plan Act fund to help offset the expenditure increases in 2023. The significant reduction in the reliance of ARP funds to replace lost revenue is fiscally responsible for the County's long-term planning.

Together, this board and my administration run a County government that is transparent, responsive and efficient, one that ensures that services are offered in a manner that is reliable and honest.

Thank you for your time tonight, and I look forward to working with you to produce a fiscally responsible budget that best serves the citizens of Mercer County.