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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Chair Melker called the Formal Meeting to order at 7:06PM on April 28, 2022 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Present- Commissioners Frisby, Koontz, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Absent- Commissioners Cimino and McLaughlin

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The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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Chair Melker 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 Meeting Law, notice of this Formal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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

There were no comments.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated April 7, 2022: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of April 4, 2022

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A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated April 18, 2022: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of April 11, 2022

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A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated April 21, 2022: Minutes and Bid / RFP Results for the week of April 18, 2022

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A communication was received Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated April 28, 2022: RE: Commissioner Questions for April 28, 2022

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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 with the exception of Resolutions 2, 5, 13 and 14.

Commissioner Walter moved, seconded by Commissioner Frisby, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. 1, 3, 4, 6 THROUGH 12 AND 15 THROUGH 40 ON THE AGENDA **“BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES-5. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-0. ABSENT-2**

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Mclaughlin

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

- No. 2022-353 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZES NEGOTIATIONS FOR HOMEMAKER/ HOME HEALTH AIDE, IN-HOME SERVICES FOR AT-RISK SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
- No. 2022-354 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-435 ADOPTED AUGUST 2, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 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 (WITH OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR.) "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$118,000.00, REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$236,000.00 (\$156,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]); AND (\$80,000.00 [CITY OF TRENTON (COC) FUNDS])
- NO. 2022-355 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF GREATER MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$25,850.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2022-356 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE DETENTION OF MERCER COUNTY JUVENILES IN THE OCEAN COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025 (3-YEAR). AMOUNT: \$225.00 PER DIEM PER JUVENILE.

No. 2022-357

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES TO AID THE DISADVANTAGED AND ELDERLY (TRADE) FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO MERCER COUNTY OLDER ADULTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$593,866.00 (\$296,933.00 PER YEAR - \$225,368.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL AGING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (SASS) FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$34,429.00 [SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR ONE YEAR]; AND \$37,136.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS PER YEAR])

No. 2022-358

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES TO AID THE DISADVANTAGED AND ELDERLY (TRADE) FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR). AMOUNT: \$38,796.00 (\$19,398.00 MEDICAID MATCH FUND PER YEAR) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

No. 2022-359

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES TO AID THE DISADVANTAGED AND ELDERLY (TRADE) FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR). AMOUNT: \$248,810.00 (\$124,405.00 PER YEAR - \$75,000.00 [FEDERAL TITLE III-B FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$15,000.00 [STATE MATCH FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$34,405.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS PER YEAR])

- No. 2022-360 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE A SEVENTH YEAR OPTION TO EXTEND" THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO UTILIZE CERTAIN SERVICES AT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ECOLOGICAL FACILITY. ONE YEAR PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00
- No. 2022-361 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AWARD NOTICE 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. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$657,387.00 (STATE GRANT FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS) (AWARD NO. SCP-22-PS-11; SCP-22-PM-11;DC-22-11)
- No. 2022-362 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ON-AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL CONSTRUCTION (PHASE-1) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$1,800,000.00 (90%); COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$200,000.00 (10%). TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$2,000,000.00
- No. 2022-363 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REMINGTON AND VERNICK ENGINEERS (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS ALONG HAMILTON AVENUE (CR606) FROM JOHNSTON AVENUE TO KUSER ROAD (619/WARD AVENUE PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, NJDOT JOB NO.6503341. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$134,532.16. PERIOD: UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

- No. 2022-364 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS SURVEYING INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A PROPERTY INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A PROPERTY SURVEY AWARDED (THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) ON THE HAMILTON YWCA SAWMILL PROPERTY, BLOCK 2730 LOTS 14.01 AND 14.04 HAMILTON TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: APRIL 30, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,800.00
- No. 2022-365 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LENOX LAW FIRM TO DEFEND THE COUNTY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS CATHERINE DICOSTANZO IN CERTAIN LITIGATION ENTITLED BRUCE CAMP V. COUNTY OF MERCER, ET AL. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,000.00 PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- No. 2022-366 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MAGNET FORENSICS CORP., FOR THE PURCHASE OF MAGNET OUTRIDER BUNDLE SOFTWARE TO BE USED BY THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S CYBER CRIMES UNIT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$17,985.00
- No. 2022-367 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY AGREEMENT WITH HUB PARKING TECHNOLOGY USA, INC., TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE PARKING SYSTEM AT THE TRENTON – MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 ( 2 YEAR TERM) AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$103,031.00

- No. 2022-368 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: MARCH 19, 2022 TO MARCH 18, 2024 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$169,118.00.
- No. 2022-369 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH GENERAL SALES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MOBILE AND STATIONARY AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE RELATING TO THE COUNTYWIDE CAMERA SYSTEM THAT COLLECTS AND ANALYZES VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$78,000.00 PERIOD: JANUARY 21, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2023.
- No. 2022-370 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE IT PAYS\$ TO PLUG IN CHARGING GRANT PROGRAM DC FAST CHARGER COMMUNITY SOLICITATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) DUAL PORT DC FAST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS AT TWO (2) COUNTY OWNED SITES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$150,000.00
- No. 2022-371 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ELECTRIC VEHICLE TOURISM PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) DUAL PORT DC FAST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS AT TWO (2) COUNTY OWNED SITES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$150,000.00

- No. 2022-372 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MCGRATH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FOUR TON FALCON RME ASPHALT HOT PATCHER DUMP TRAILER THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS (BID NO.18/19-25) AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$41,265.00
- No. 2022-373 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH WORD CENTER PRINTING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CANVAS BAGS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PLASTIC BAG BAN. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$24,570.00.
- No. 2022-374 ACCEPTANCE OF A PYLON SIGN REMOVAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDGAR A. RALFF, P.C. AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER ON BLOCK 2642, LOT 52 (COUNTY ROUTE 524)HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-375 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM SRG 1474 PROSPECT LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 21.01, LOT 60 PROSPECT STREET ( COUNTY ROUTE 627) EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-376 ACCEPTANCE OF A ROAD WIDENING EASEMENT FROM EDGAR A. RALFF, P.C. TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 2642, LOT 52, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-377 ACCEPTANCE OF SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENT FROM BRUCE MANCIA TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER OF PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS TO SEE ACROSS SAID LANDS AND TO PROVIDE A CLEAR VIEW OF ROADWAY LOCATED ON BLOCKS 10 & 11, LOT 1702 MERCERVILLE – EDINBURG ROAD ( COUNTY ROAD 571 ) HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00



- No. 2022-378 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM EDGAR A. RALFF, P.C TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 2642, LOT 52, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-379 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM ROGER'S SERVICE CENTER, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 2134, LOT 14 S. OLDEN AVENUE ( COUNTY ROUTE 622) HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-380 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM JZE SOLAR , LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 40, LOTS 1 & 6 ROBBINSVILLE – ALLENTOWN ROAD, ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-381 ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM BRUCE MANICA TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCKS 10 & 11 , LOT 1702 MERCERVILLE – EDINBURG ROAD ( COUNTY ROUTE 535) , HAMILTON TOWNSHIP , MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- No. 2022-382 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GABRIELLI KENWORTH OF NJ LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 KENWORTH T880 6X4 CAB AND CHASSIS AND FOUR (4) 2023 KENWORTH T480 4 X 2 CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. 65MCESCCPS (BID NO 20/21-55) AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$840,422.56
- No. 2022-383 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 31, 2022 TO LIMA CHARLIE CONSTRUCTION FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR EDINBURG ROAD ( CR 526) AND OLD TRENTON ROAD ( CR535) INTERSECTION IN WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$544,100.00 TERM: 45 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED

- No. 2022-384      AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 8, 2022 TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE REBID OF IMPROVEMENTS ALONG HAMILTON AVENUE (CR 606) FROM JOHNSTON AVENUE TO KUSER ROAD ( CR 619) WARD AVENUE . AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$990,513.13. TERM: 266 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED
- No. 2022-385      AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 18, 2022 TO GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM . PERIOD: APRIL 25, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 24, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,420.00 WITH AN HOURLY RATE OF \$24.00 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM
- No. 2022-386      MERCER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF BALLOT DROP BOXES IN EXISTING LOCATIONS.
- No. 2022-387      COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE MAY 2022 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- No. 2022-388      COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES-5. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-0. ABSENT-2**

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Mclaughlin

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

No. 2022-389 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH NAMI MERCER NJ INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND CONSUMERS PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES-4. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-1. ABSENT-2**

Ayes- Commissioner Frisby, Stokes, Walter and Melker

Abstain- Commissioner Koontz

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Mclaughlin

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

No. 2022-390 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JOHN O. WILSON HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER INC., FOR THE SOCIALIZATION AND RECREATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 3, 2023 (WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR). AMOUNT: \$37,318.00 (\$18,659.00 PER YEAR - \$5,000.00 [PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS PER YEAR]; \$13,659.00 [COUNTY FUNDS PER YER])

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES-4. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-1. ABSENT-2**

Ayes- Commissioner Frisby, Stokes, Koontz and Walter

Abstain- Commissioner Melker

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Mclaughlin

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

NO. 2022-391 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D LIGHTING AT THE TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT. NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROXIMATE GRANT AMOUNT: \$900,000.00. COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$1,000,000.00

NO. 2022-392 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D LIGHTING AT THE TRENTON MERCER AIRPORT. NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROXIMATE GRANT AMOUNT: \$900,000.00; COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$100,000.00. TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$1,000,000.00

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**AYES-4. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-1. ABSENT-2**

Ayes- Commissioner Frisby, Stokes, Koontz and Melker

Abstain- Commissioner Walter

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and McLaughlin

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**2022 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

NO. 2022-393      AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

Chair Melker announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the Budget Amendments Resolution.

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and Mclaughlin

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair Melker stated that the Board had a meeting scheduled for June 7, 2022; she asked if that meeting could be canceled and they could have a double meeting on June 9, 2022. She noted that the meeting conflicts with Trenton Thunder Baseball's opening night on June 7, 2022. She also stated that on September 29, 2022, the YMCA is honoring Commissioner Cimino's aide Rachel Holland and that the Board has a meeting on that day. She asked if the Board would cancel the meeting on September 29 and have a double meeting on September 27.

The Board agreed to reschedule the meetings.

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Commissioner Stokes made reference to the ban plastic bags in New Jersey, he asked for an update on the distribution of bags.

Mike Sabo, Confidential Aide to Chair Melker said every library in Mercer County was provided with reusable bags to give to residents.

Chair Melker also noted said there were plenty of bags in the community.

Commissioner Walter added that Mercer County Community College would be a great place to distribute bags.

Chair Melker suggested adding the bag pick up location on the Board's social media page.

Ms. Nazzaro said the Administration ordered 10,000 bags to pass out to constituents in Mercer County.

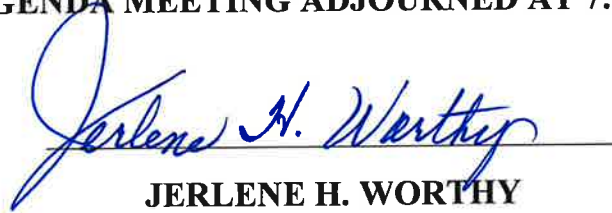
**PUBLIC SECTION:**

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

There were no comments.

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**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45PM**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jerlene H. Worthy", is written over a horizontal line.

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



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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Chair Melker called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on April 28, 2022 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Present – Commissioners Frisby (arrived at 6:06 PM), Koontz, Stokes, Walter, Melker

Absent- Commissioners Cimino and McLaughlin

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**SUNSHINE LAW:**

The Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions for the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this Formal Meeting has been mailed to The Trentonian, The Trenton Times, The Princeton Packet newspaper as well as having been posted in the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty- eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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

There were no public comments.

At this time, Chair Melker requested a moment of silence for Carl Carabelli, Sr., the founding organizer of the Italian American Festival, and a recipient of the National Italian American Hall of Fame.

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Chair Melker was pleased to announce that the Commissioner Board designated April as Sikh awareness and appreciation month in Mercer County.

Mr. Singh thanked the Commissioner Board for acknowledging the Sikh community.

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Chair Melker welcomed the Ewing High School Girl's Basketball Team, who had a remarkable season.

Commissioner Stokes noted that, as a former athlete, it was important to recognize other athletes. He welcomed the Ewing High School Varsity Girls Basketball with great pleasure. He spoke of their outstanding season of 25 wins and 2 losses. Commissioner Stokes said the team has a very bright future and he was eager to witness how they will develop as a team in the future.

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Commissioner Frisby arrived at the meeting at 6:06 PM

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Coach Jamie Vanhise (Coach V), Coach of the Ewing High School Girl's Basketball Team, said that it was an honor to be recognized by the Board and that it was impressive for girls to experience this moment. He added that the players have the most infectious attitude and positivity with aspirations of playing college basketball.

Commissioner Walter noted that Ewing allows you to be an athlete and so much more and encouraged the players to follow their dreams. She said that she was proud of the players and all of their accomplishments.

Commissioner Koontz added that he met Ewing's Coach V while teaching film and television teacher. He praised Coach V for his leadership and for being an awesome educator.

Commissioner Frisby stated that when you have people who care about you, you can go anywhere you want. He added that greatness is in the players and that people like the coaches reinforce who they are and will be in the future.



At this time, the Commissioner Board presented the entire basketball team with certificates: Busayo Aladewolu, Jamie Allen, Shawnae Biggs, Cristina Carmichael Gist, Te'Yala Delfosse, Meklya Durham, Marlyse Gibson, Sarah Ilesanmi, Joi Johnson, Kalinka Menges, Malayah Miller, Ginika Sibeudu, and Rhian Stokes.

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At this time, Chair Melker welcomed the Ewing High Girls Bowling Team who won the NJSIAA Group 3 state championship. She congratulated the players for winning the championship.

The Board presented the following players with certificates:

Coach Dave Angerbrannt, Amanda Curtis, Mia Siminitus, Sierra Reid, Ellie Otto, Megan Rosiejka and Amber Porter.

The players thanked the Board for their certificates and acknowledging their win this evening.

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Chair Melker welcomed the Unified Ewing Basketball Team and congratulated them on a successful season .

The Board presented the following players with certificates:

Maynat Molnar, Vanessa Ruggio, Carson Gill, Sophia, Dante Brustow, and Caitlin Dolan.

Coach Dave Angerbrannt congratulated all the teams for being here tonight and commented how the bowling team was in a tough conference. He thanked Ms. Dolan for her dedication and passion toward the team.

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Chair Melker welcomed the Unified Basketball Team. She congratulated them on a successful basketball season .

The Board presented the following players with certificates:

Christian Vollo, Carson Brew, Maynat Molner, Zachary White, Trevor Nelson, Dorian Williams, Alex Griffin, Christian Ingram, Brianne Williams, Isaiah Jordan, Cayanne Wilkins and Andrew Wizkowski

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## COMMUNICATIONS:

Four (4) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 28, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS:

Forty- (40) Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 28, 2022

Commissioner Koontz made reference to the letter by David A. Errickson, Executive Director of Corner House Behavioral Health regarding cannabis dispensaries, legalized adult use recreational cannabis, prevention, education and treatment in Princeton and the Resolution to exercise the option to extend a Competitive Contract with Nami Mercer NJ Inc., for the provision of the support for families and consumers program for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$ 40,000.00 **(See Schedule "A" hereto and made a part hereof)**

Commissioner Koontz stated that he would not offer an opinion and noted that it was a municipal agency that are employees of the agency. He stated that Princeton's Mayor and Council asked the same of the police department, so they are put into a difficult place. Commissioner Koontz said the issue was a policy-making body, not the role of Corner House, which provides substance abuse services, and that the problem reflects a neutral side. He also made references to the communication from Tom Pyle, President of Nami, and believed that Mr. Pyle's comments were inappropriate and unfair and questioned Corner House's professionalism. Commissioner Koontz said the County does business with Nami and Corner House and felt that Mr. Pyle's letter was not in the correct spirit of collaboration. Commissioner Koontz asked to separate R-2 and that he would abstain from voting. He said he would like clarification in the future from Mr. Pyle and clarification before he agrees to vote on the Resolution.

Commissioner Frisby asked if the RFP supports Princeton or Countywide.

Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., Business Administrator, stated Countywide.

Commissioner Koontz noted that Corner House was not in the position to share feedback; either way, their role is to provide substance abuse prevention regardless of a dispensary in town. He added that he serves on the foundation board of Corner House.

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Commissioner Walter referred to the Resolution authorizing to submit a grant application with the Federal Aviation Administration for the on-airport obstruction removal construction (phase 1) project at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. Federal Aviation Administration grant approximate amount of \$1,800,000.00 (90%) County of Mercer approximate amount in the amount \$200,000 (10%) in the total approximate amount of \$2,000,000.00. She commended the administration for the replanting tree plan and said she was pleased with the project. However, she asked for the number of trees being removed.

Ms. Nazzaro responded that 540 trees would be replaced, 497 trees would be included in this phase, with a difference of 43 trees in the wetland area, and that approval and permits are needed from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Commissioner Walter noted that this project was not where we started; however, she believes the County ended up with a much better plan than the Jacob Creek Bridge discussions. She hoped the administration saw this project as coming to a more positive end. She added that Ewing was expecting to lose about 600 trees, and every tree loss was critical. She thanked the Administration and the Board and said the project was moving in the right direction.

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Ms. Nazzaro made reference to the Resolution authorizing to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the It Pays to Plug In Charging Grant Program DC Fast Charger Community Solicitation for the installation of two (2) dual port DC Fast Electric vehicle chargers at two (2) County owned site, in the amount of \$150,000.00. She stated that the Administration was looking to purchase two (2) electric box trucks for the Mercer County Board of Elections.

Commissioner Walter asked if charging stations would be installed at the Trenton Farmers Market.

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**PUBLIC SECTION:**

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

There were no comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION**

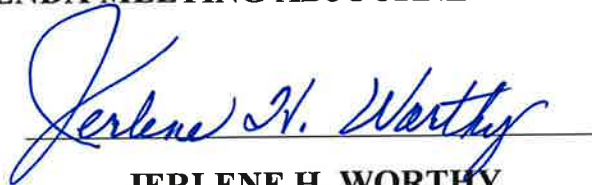
**AYES-5. NAYS-0. ABSTAIN-0. ABSENT-2**

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

Absent- Commissioner Cimino and McLaughlin

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**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM**



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

"Schedule A"



MUNICIPALITY of  
PRINCETON

# MEMO

03/21/2022



**TO:** Bernard Hvozdovic, Municipal Administrator  
**CC:** Jeff Grosser, Deputy Administrator, Health Officer  
Mark Freda, Mayor of Princeton  
Municipal Council Members

**From:** David A. Errickson, LCSW, LCADC, CCS  
Executive Director – Corner House Behavioral Health

**Re:** Cannabis Dispensaries – Legalized Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis – Prevention, Education and Treatment

Dear Bernie,

I have been asked to make a public comment on the issues surrounding the prospect of the municipality of Princeton opting into having adult-use cannabis dispensaries or not. In addition, how Corner House is responding to recreational cannabis legalization in the State of New Jersey. From the beginning of my participation on the cannabis task force (CTF), I have made it quite clear that Corner House has taken a relatively neutral stance with regard to opting in or out of dispensaries in town. This is based on the fact that Corner House is employed by the municipality as a full-fledged department. Our mission is to prevent and treat alcohol and drug addiction by engaging and supporting youth, adults, and families in life-long healthy living and recovery.

For fifty years, Corner House Behavioral Health has provided leading edge care in the field of substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health treatment in the greater Princeton community. At Corner House, we know that addiction is an indiscriminate disease that can affect any family, regardless of background, history, or socioeconomic status. Our multi-faceted approach to a healthy future includes treatment services as well as prevention programs that work directly with the youth in our community to provide them with the support, tools, and skills they need to thrive.

Corner House is a New Jersey State licensed substance abuse treatment center. Over the last five decades of service, our programs and services have evolved to reflect the changing needs of our community and the shifting landscapes of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health. Our goal is—and always has been—to help individuals and their families find lasting recovery from substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health problems. Our belief that every person deserves to live a healthy, fulfilling life has never wavered, even as definitions and laws change. And we know what it means to live a healthy and fulfilling life is as individualized and unique as people themselves.

Even though there may be promise in cannabis as an alternative to opioids for those suffering from chronic pain, PTSD, and other ailments, we recognize any level of substance use has the potential to develop into a substance use disorder, depending on a confluence of many factors specific to each individual. We know that the legality of certain substances does not necessarily reflect the likelihood for a substance use disorder to develop, as seen with the tragic opioid epidemic that has wreaked havoc across the country. As recreational cannabis distribution is set to begin in New Jersey, we recognize the most important thing we can do at this juncture is develop a robust network of organizations that are focused on accurate and effective prevention and education that includes the conversation around legal recreational cannabis. This connection can both educate the populace on prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and connect those who may be at risk for developing a disorder with pathways for a healthy recovery.

We acknowledge that the residents of New Jersey have made it clear they are in favor of legalized adult-use recreational cannabis based on the 67 percent of the populace who voted in favor of it. The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey has enacted the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act C.24:61-31. The act has stated that it is the intent of the people of New Jersey to adopt a new approach to our marijuana policies by controlling and legalizing a form of marijuana, to be referred to as cannabis, in a similar fashion to the regulation of alcohol for adults. According to the act, controlling and legalizing cannabis for adults in a similar fashion to alcohol will, free up precious resources to allow our criminal justice system to focus on serious criminal activities and public safety issues. Prior to the legalization of cannabis, marijuana arrests in New Jersey had the potential to have a debilitating impact on a person's future, including consequences for one's job prospects, housing access, financial health, familial integrity, immigration status, and educational opportunities. The act also intends to control and regulate the manufacturing, distribution, and sales of legal cannabis in order to strengthen our ability to keep it, along with illegal marijuana, away from minors.

Based on the fact Corner House started in 1972 to address substance use in the community, it is obvious that cannabis has been in the Princeton community for quite some time. Although many individuals use drugs recreationally, only a small percentage develop a substance use disorder. Research has shown that when it comes to youth and cannabis, there are much greater risks. At Corner House we know it is important to execute effective prevention and education. Our approach is to provide a continuum of activities that address multiple levels of skill building and other protective factors. These activities should always be developmentally appropriate and conducted across the "lifespan" so to speak of a young person's life. This approach is more likely to sustain prevention efforts over time than any single intervention as it relates to one particular substance over another.

Young people need to see themselves, and to be seen by others, as their own best resource for preventing and minimizing harmful choices associated with substance use. Regardless of the age of the intended target group, participants must be provided with accurate information and strategies for developing skills such as communication, decision-making, problem-solving and conflict resolution. Information needs to address both the dangers and the benefits of using and not using particular substances and focus on short-term effects and consequences. Developmentally, younger people view life in the "here and now" and struggle to see the longer term "picture". In the case of alcohol and now legal recreational cannabis use, fear-arousing messages accompanied by incorrect or exaggerated information are not effective, and can generate skepticism, disrespect and resistance toward any advice on substance use or other risk behavior.

According to an article in the journal *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, the most effective interventions that provide prevention and education target salient risk and protective factors at the individual, family, and/or community levels. These are guided by relevant psychosocial theories regarding the etiology of substance use and abuse. Many initial attempts in our country's history at prevention were ineffective because they focused primarily on lecturing students about the dangers and long-term health consequences of substance use. While there are a growing number of evidence-based prevention programs for adolescent substance use and abuse, it is important that prevention efforts remain flexible and responsive to changing trends in use.

We plan to continue our leadership, prevention, treatment, and outreach approaches to address legalized adult-use recreational cannabis in New Jersey regardless of whether the municipality "opts in" to the state's adult-use cannabis program or not.



David A. Errickson, LCSW, LCADC, CCS  
Executive Director – Corner House Behavioral Health