#### **COUNTY OF MERCER**



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# MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# SPECIAL FORMAL MEETING OF MAY 1, 2023

### **MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Special Formal Meeting to order at 9:01 PM

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

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

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

#### SUNSHINE LAW

It was announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law, notice of this Meeting has been mailed to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and the Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in the Administration Building and the Courthouse at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

Chair Walter announced that the purpose of this Special Formal Meeting was for the Board to take action on the following proposed Resolution:

# COUNTY OF MERCER 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Dr. Sharon Sharp, Temporary Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board. She advised the Board that she sent her original analysis to their offices and was asked to make some changes. Dr. Sharp provided the Board with an updated copy of the analysis reflecting said changes and she walked them through the document. Dr. Sharp discussed how municipal and county budgets were constructed using a prior year's introduced budget and explained that this was a tedious and challenging task but did provide the information to the Board with the best of her ability. She spoke about the introduced budget and the \$42,000.00 the Board added back in. Dr. Sharp explained that the emergency budgets were currently operating at 72.8 percent of the adopted budget and 67.6 percent of the introduced budget. She informed the Board that deferred charges and debt service were both added back into the equation because they are required by state statute. Dr. Sharp explained that salaries were shown in the temporary budget because it would be illegal to not have those figures listed within the Resolution.

The Board thanked Dr. Sharp for the information and were satisfied with her explanation of the 2023 temporary budget appropriations.

Commissioner Cimino offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Stokes:

NO. 2023-343 COUNTY OF MERCER 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

## **ADOPTED:**

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Frisby and Lewis

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

There	were	no	com	me	nts.
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A Motion to Adjourn the Special Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Cimino, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, which motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

## **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

Present - Commissioners Cimino, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

Absent - Commissioners Frisby and Lewis

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:09 PM

Ferlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board