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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FORMAL MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on August 17, 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, Melker, Stokes, and Walter
Absent – Commissioners Lewis, McLaughlin

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.

Courtney Peters-Manning, Deputy Mayor of Hopewell Township, addressed the Board. Ms. Peters-Manning thanked the Administration and the Board for helping her with the Grant from ARPA fund to Hopewell Township and other local municipalities participating in the Mercer County Investment Initiative Program for the purpose of, but not limited to, expanding upon existing programs that provide social services, health care and transportation needs for seniors, veterans and the disabled in local communities.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Walter requested a moment of silence for late Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver. Ms. Oliver was the first Black woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey and was the first woman of color to be elected to a state office in New Jersey.

Commissioner Frisby requested a moment of silence for former Trenton City council member, Paul Michael Pintella.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Donna Doyle, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Cape May County, dated July 7, 2023: RE: Resolution No. 429-23, adopted by Cape May County Board of County Commissioners at its June 27, 2023 Public Meeting. Urges the State of New Jersey to enact an equitable and transparent school funding formula.

A communication was received from Lilian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated August 14, 2023: RE: Commissioners Questions for August 15, 2023.

Chair Walter made reference to Communication C-2 that related to Resolution R-45, authorization to execute a Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support, LLC. Chair Walter made a request to separate R-45 as she would not support the Resolution because an escrow was never set up to aid the businesses at the airport that owed back taxes.

Commissioner Frisby asked the Administration why the County charges Mercer County Community College students who attend the aviation flight technology program double fees to park at the facility.

Lilian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, explained that the County did not charge students attending the program but charged commercial entities for vehicles parked on Airport property as per Ordinance 2019-1. Administrator Nazzaro said Signature Flight Support, LLC., and Infinity Flight Group were for-profit companies responsible for passing the cost onto flight students.

Commissioner Frisby expressed his displeasure with the fact that students had to absorb the cost of parking at the flight school. He expressed he was uncomfortable moving forward with Resolution R-45.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Table the following proposed Resolution:

Commissioner Frisby moved, second by Commissioner Cimino, that:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT, LLC, FOR THE LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE AND SIX/TENTH'S (5.6) ACRES AT THE TRENTON-MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING FIXED BASED OPERATIONS. TERM OF LEASE: MAY 15, 2023 THROUGH MAY 14, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00 **BE TABLED**

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin,

With the Exception of Resolution Nos R-12, R-13, R-15, R-26, and R-45, Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, that:

RESOLUTION NOS. R-1 THROUGH R-11, R-14, R-16 THROUGH R-25, R-27 THROUGH R-44, R-46 THROUGH R-59 ON THE AGENDA **“BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

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

NO. 2023-529 COUNTY OF MERCER 2023 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

NO. 2023-530 2023 LIBRARY BUDGET – TOTAL BUDGET - \$16,142,685 AND TAX LEVY - \$15,527,376

NO. 2023-531 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR CONSULTING AND/OR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN SERVICES RELATED PROGRAMS

NO. 2023-532 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THE YOUTH RESPITE/FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$114,736.00 (FY2023 COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-533** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROJECT FREEDOM, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF A DAY-RECREATION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$10,377.00 (\$3,459.00 – JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; \$6,918.00 – JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-534** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON AREA YMCA FOR THE DIVERSE ABILITIES PROGRAM (FORMERLY S.K.O.R/S.O.A.R) FOR THE PROVISION OF SPORTS AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR MERCER COUNTY YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$16,749.00 (\$5,583.00 – JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; \$11,166.00 – JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024) (COUNTY DIRECT FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-535** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH WOMANSPACE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. AMOUNT: \$212,600.00 (\$106,300.00 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) STATE FUNDS PER YEAR) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-536** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH UIH FAMILY PARTNERS DBA THE FATHER CENTER OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE WFNJ GA/SNAP SUPPORTED WORK, JOB READINESS, CASE MANAGEMENT, JOB PLACEMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$120,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-537** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-681 ADOPTED DECEMBER 21,2021 AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACT FOR JAIL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. AMEND RESOLUTION TO REVISE PERIOD TO: AUGUST 1,2023 THROUGH JULY 31,2026 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)
- NO. 2023-538** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY, FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$85,788.00 (\$68,801.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$16,987.00 [COUNTY MATCH FUNDS])
- NO. 2023-539** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. AMOUNT: \$43,874.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-540** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF MERCER COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MERCER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JUNE 20, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AMOUNT: \$88,000.00 (ARPA FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-541** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH GRANTWORKS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING OF THE CDBG-CV GRANT FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$78,550.00 (CC2023-03)
- NO. 2023-542** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPORT SERVICES OF FALCON COMPLETE SUBSCRIPTION WITH THE THREAT GRAPH STANDARD (ANTI-VIRUS PROTECTION) FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM NO. CK04 (BID NO. 22-24). PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 4, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$98,123.52 **BID NO. 22-24 (CK04BERGEN)**

- NO. 2023-543** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPORT SERVICES AND HOSTING OF GRANICUS SOFTWARE RENEWAL FOR THE MERCER COUNTY LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR OPRA REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM NO. CK04 (BID NO.22-24). PERIOD: AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,564.25 **BID NO. 22-24 (CK04BERGEN)**
- NO. 2023-544** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH EASYVOTE SOLUTIONS INC., TO PROVIDE EASYPOLL WORKER ELECTION MANAGING SOFTWARE FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. PERIOD; AUGUST 31, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500.00
- NO. 2023-545** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EASYVOTE SOLUTIONS INC., (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) TO PROVIDE NJ SEAL TRACKING SOFTWARE FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. PERIOD: AUGUST 31, 2023 TO AUGUST 31, 2025 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,250.00
- NO. 2023-546** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ELECTSURE LLC (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) TO PROVIDE ONLINE ELECTION TRAINING SOLUTIONS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. PERIOD: AUGUST 31, 2023 TO AUGUST 31, 2025 TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,343.90

NO. 2023-547

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CHASAN LAMPARELLO MALLON & CAPPUZZO, PC, TO REPRESENT THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN COLLECTING PRIMARY ELECTION COSTS AND EXPENSES FROM IDENTIFIED MERCER COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$10,000.00. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024 (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-548

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE FIRM OF CAPEHART & SCATCHARD, P.A., TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN DEFENDING WORKERS COMPENSATION CASES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$330,000.00 PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024. (COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2023-549

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-872, ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH BOWMAN & COMPANY LLC FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$260,000.00". REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$560,000.00
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)

NO. 2023-550

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. PROPERTY: BLOCK 5, LOTS 48, 62, 66 AND 76, CRANBURY ROAD, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP. \$0 CONSIDERATION

- NO. 2023-551** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-167, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE 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. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023." REVISED CONTRACT PERIOD: FEBRUARY 24, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. CONTRACT AMOUNT TO REMAIN THE SAME (**AMENDMENT NO. 3**)
- NO. 2023-552** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FUNDING AND EXECUTE SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT – 2021 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CSFR) FY21 AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER INITIATIVE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. AMOUNT: \$396,000.00 (\$396,000.00 FEDERAL; \$0.00 COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT PERIOD: DECEMBER 1, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2024. GRANT NO.: ALPR-21-21
- NO. 2023-553** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PREMISES AND FACILITIES, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FOR THE STORAGE OF FORFEITURE AND EVIDENCE VEHICLES OF THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE: PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028. ANNUAL RENTAL AMOUNT: \$35,000.00 (\$2,916.66 MONTHLY) PLUS PRO RATED UTILITIES, INCLUDED WITH MONTHLY RENTAL PAYMENT. COUNTY FUNDS.

- NO. 2023-554** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 DODGE DURANGOS POLICE AWD THROUGH THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (47-CPCPS) TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$ 78,547.00
- NO. 2023-555** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 215, LOT 129, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-556** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM MANCHESTER-270 DEVELOPMENT INC., TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 1602, LOT 2.02, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-557** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM NF LAND, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 38, LOT 6.01, ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-558** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 105, LOT 47, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-559** ACCEPTANCE OF SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENT FROM NF LAND, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS TO SEE ACROSS SAID LANDS AND TO PROVIDE A CLEAR VIEW OF ROADWAY LOCATED ON BLOCK 38, LOT 6.01 IN ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00

- NO. 2023-560** ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THOMAS A. GRAY, III, 1301 PROSPECT STREET, EWING, NEW JERSEY, 080638, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A BRIDGE (#441.2) REPLACEMENT PROJECT, LOCATED ON PROSPECT STREET OVER THE SHABAKUNK CREEK, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$500.00
- NO. 2023-561** ACCEPTANCE OF PERMANENT MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FROM THOMAS A. GRAY III, 1301 PROSPECT STREET, EWING, NEW JERSEY, 08638, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A BRIDGE (#441.2) REPLACEMENT PROJECT, LOCATED ON PROSPECT STREET OVER THE SHABAKUNK CREEK, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$2,200.00
- NO. 2023-562** ACCEPTANCE OF PERMANENT SLOPE EASEMENT & TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CHARLES FABIOUS, LOCATED AT 93 PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, 08550, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A ROAD WIDENING PROJECT LOCATED ON PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 571), WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$2,000.00
- NO. 2023-563** ACCEPTANCE OF PERMANENT SLOPE EASEMENT & TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM NAGESH K. KOLLURA AND SATYA GARIMELLA, 87 PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, 08550, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A ROAD WIDENING PROJECT LOCATED ON PRINCETON-HIGHSTOWN ROAD (CR571), WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$4,500.00

NO. 2023-564 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT WORK BY AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY., FOR THE PAVEMENT RESTORATION OF QUAKERBRIDGE ROAD, MERCER COUNTY ROUTE NO. 533, TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NO. 2023-565 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, FOR IMPROVEMENTS ALONG HAMILTON AVE (CR 606) FROM JOHNSTON AVE TO KUSER RD (CR 619)/WARD AVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER (AB2021-43B). INCREASE: \$9,450.00 REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,011,414.09

NO. 2023-566 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAX SPANN R.E. & AUCTION CO., FOR MARKETING AND AUCTIONING SERVICES FOR THE SALE OF THE WERT FARM IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, AND THE CHOWDHURY FARM IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: AUGUST 17, 2023 TO AUGUST 16, 2024. TOTAL COUNTY COST \$0.

NO. 2023-567 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 441.4 CARRYING LOWER FERRY ROAD OVER SHABAKUNK CREEK (STRUCTURE #11D4101), EWING TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$183,064.55

- NO. 2023-568** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND MUNICIPALITY OF HAMILTON FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF WILLARD BROTHERS PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1504, LOTS 35 & 37 IN HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY. COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$75,200.00
- NO. 2023-569** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT FEE ESTIMATES FOR ANTICIPATED DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: OCTOBER 14, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00
- NO. 2023-570** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: AUGUST 18, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00
- NO. 2023-571** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: AUGUST 18, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$39,000.00

- NO. 2023-572** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL OFF-AIRPORT (DESIGN, SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PERMITTING) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. NJDOT GRANT AMOUNT: \$19,768.48; COUNTY OF MERCER AMOUNT: \$21,238.52. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$41,007.00
- NO. 2023-573** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MAY 31, 2023 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY VETERANS HOME AND MERCER COUNTY CONNECTION CENTER. PERIOD: AUGUST 20, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$31,248.00. (AB2023-19)
- NO. 2023-574** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 25, 2023 TO KNE CORPORATION FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF LOCKING SYSTEMS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$275,500.00 (AB2023-15)
- NO. 2023-575** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 7, 2023 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER. PERIOD: AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$1,984,750.00 (\$992,375.00 YEAR ONE AND \$992,375.00 YEAR TWO) (AB2023-17)
- NO. 2023-576** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 23, 2023 TO VMG GROUP FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 209 SOUTH BROAD STREET, TRENTON, NJ. TOTAL AMOUNT \$515,000.00. TERM: 192 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (AB2023-20)

- NO. 2023-577** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED ON JUNE 27, 2023 TO EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL LLC, FOR RIPARIAN ZONE MITIGATION CREDITS IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA #11 FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. TOTAL AMOUNT \$3,586,306.50 (\$796,957.00 PER CREDIT) (FEDERAL FUNDS \$3,227,675.00; COUNTY MATCH \$358,631.50) TERM: HOLD CREDITS UNTIL MARCH 31,2024 (AB2023-14B)
- NO. 2023-578** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” AWARD OF BID CONTRACT TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR STEEL FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$125,000.00 (AB2022-45)
- NO. 2023-579** REJECTION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON MAY 2, 2023 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF A LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROCESS AND COMPANION ACTION PLAN FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DIVISION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR. (CC2023-10)
- NO. 2023-580** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NJDA), DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY FOR THE 2023 SPOTTED LANTERNFLY PROGRAM – CHEMICAL CONTROL TREATMENT GRANT – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,000.00
- NO. 2023-581** AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 INTRODUCED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

- NO. 2023-582** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH FEITIAN TECHNOLOGIES US INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF (FIVE-HUNDRED) IR301-U (CASING: C56) CARD READERS REQUIRED FOR THE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$27,575.00
- NO. 2023-583** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION (NO. 2024-05235-0019) TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$314,357.00 (STATE FUNDS; NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-584** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF MERCER COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MERCER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JUNE 12, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 (ARPA FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-585** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF MERCER COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MERCER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AMOUNT: \$39,000.00 (ARPA FUNDS)

NO. 2023-586 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-96 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PARKER MCCAY P.A. TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$45,000.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

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

NO. 2023-583 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION (NO. 2024-05235-0019) TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FUNDS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$314,357.00 (STATE FUNDS; NO COUNTY FUNDS)

ADOPTED:

Ayes – 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent -2.

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Stokes, and Walter

Abstain – Commissioner Melker

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

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

NO. 2023-584 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF MERCER COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MERCER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JUNE 12, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 (ARPA FUNDS)

NO. 2023-585 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF MERCER COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MERCER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AMOUNT: \$39,000.00 (ARPA FUNDS)

NO. 2023-586 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-96 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PARKER MCCAY P.A. TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$45,000.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

ADOPTED:

Ayes – 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent -2.

Ayes – Commissioners Frisby, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

Abstain – Commissioner Cimino

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

ORDINANCE- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VOTING MACHINES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,800,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,610,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

The Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes dated August 1, 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 announced that said Ordinance has been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

Mr. Mike McKitish, a resident of Robbinsville, addressed the Board. Mr. McKitish thanked the Board for the allocation of funds toward purchasing new voting machines. On the other hand, Mr. McKitish expressed his dismay with the Board's choice of vendor and contract amount stating that it cost the voters too much money.

Hearing no more comments or questions, Chair Walter called for a Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

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

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

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

ORDINANCE NO 2023-9

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VOTING MACHINES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,800,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,610,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

2023 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

Chair Walter called for a Motion to Reconvene the Public Hearing on the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Commissioner Cimino moved, seconded by Commissioner Melker to “RECONVENE THE PUBLIC HEARING.”

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

Chair Walter announced the reconvening of the Public Hearing on the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Walter invited members of the public to comment on the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Mr. Mike McKitish, a resident of Robbinsville, addressed the Board. Mr. McKitish thanked the Board for a job well done. He commended the Board for the time and money they invested into the voting system.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chair Walter called for a Motion to Recess the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner Melker to “RECESS THE PUBLIC HEARING.”

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

**NO. 2023-581 AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 INTRODUCED BUDGET OF
THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

Chair Walter called for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner Stokes to “OPEN PUBLIC THE HEARING.”

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Walter invited members of the public to comment on the Amendment to the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Mike McKitish, a resident of Robbinsville, addressed the Board. Mr. McKitish asked the Administration when he could expect his tax bill.

Commissioner Cimino informed the Board that the November 1st tax bills would be the accurate tax bill and it should be sent out to tax payers by mid-October.

Lisa Richford, Mercer County Chair, addressed the Board. Ms. Richford asked Dr. Sharon Sharp, Temporary Chief Financial Officer, when constituents would be informed of their actual tax bill.

Chair Walter answered that the budget would have to be finalized first but there would be an average household rate prior to the tax bills being mailed out by the municipalities. Chair Walter expressed she was uncomfortable voting on the budget without having every Commissioner present. She made a request for a Special Formal Meeting to vote on the Amendments and then to vote on the final budget.

Jerlene H Worthy, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, explained to the Board that all of the Amendments to the budget would be advertised in their entirety in the August 24, 2023 edition of the Trenton Times paper.

The Board unanimously agreed on the date of September 5, 2023 for the Special Formal Meeting.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chair Walter called for a Motion to Recess Public Hearing on the Amendments to the 2023 Mercer County Budget.

Commissioner Frisby moved, seconded by Commissioner Stokes to “RECESS THE PUBLIC HEARING.”

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin

PUBLIC SECTION

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

Mark Odea, a resident of Hopewell Township, addressed the Board. Mr. Odea expressed his concerns over Blackwell Dairy Farm. He felt farmlands should be left as they are and insisted there were no benefits in transforming farms into parks. He felt the County should not spend \$1.165 million dollars to purchase farmlands that residents were already prepared to preserve. He expressed he had full support of Hopewell Township residents and they supported him on preserving the farm.

Chair Walter shared she was aware of conversations that occurred with Hopewell Township and she knew for a fact that Hopewell Township did prefer to preserve the farm as well.

Mike McKitish asked the Administration when he could expect the result of the forensic audit and asked when that report would be released to the public.

Chair Walter answered the forensic audit results would be presented by Joseph A. Deluca Advisory & Consulting Services, LLC., on September 12, 2023.

Patricia Hendrick, a resident of Lawrenceville, addressed the Board. Ms. Hendrick thanked the Board and the Administration on behalf of her home township for Grant funds that came from ARPA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

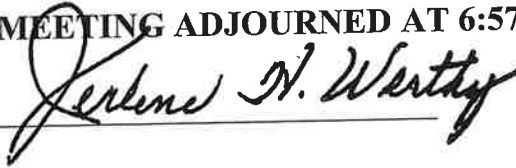
VOTE ON MOTION:

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

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

Absent – Commissioners Lewis, and McLaughlin,

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:57 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 15, 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, Melker, Stokes, and Walter
Absent – Commissioners Frisby, Lewis, and McLaughlin

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.

PRESENTATION

Richard Cavallo, Chief Fiscal Officer of the Mercer County Library Commission, addressed the Board. Mr. Cavallo was present to speak on Resolution No. R-2, the 2023 Library Budget. He informed the Board that the budget he submitted had either decreased or he kept it at the number that it was from the previous year.

Dr. Sharon Sharp, Temporary Chief Financial Officer, read through the Library Budget and informed the Board that the budget increased by a tenth of a penny, \$2.83, for Mercer County residents.

Chair Walter asked Mr. Cavallo if his department had increased the numbers for part-time workers

Mr. Cavallo answered no, the part-timers that were hired were already on the schedule.

COMMUNICATIONS

Two (2) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of August 17, 2023.

At this time Chair Walter proceeded to Resolution No. R-1, the County of Mercer 2023 Temporary Capital Budget Appropriation.

Dr. Sharp reminded the Commissioner Board that they approved the Resolution for voting machines at a previous meeting whence she was asked if the County had enough money to purchase new machines. She reiterated that the County does have money and that it would be allocated from existing funds to cover the purchase. She explained that Section 12 of the Bond Ordinance, presented tonight, would permit the appropriation of that money for the purchase of the machines. Dr. Sharp explained further that the purpose of Resolution No. R-1 was to create a temporary capital budget and she needed approval from the Board to appropriate the existing funds.

Commissioner Cimino expressed his concerns with regards to properly advertising that a Bond Ordinance would be appropriated to purchase voting machines.

Dr. Sharp answered that although voting machines were not listed on the Ordinances, all of the previous Bond Ordinances were already adopted and that the County then attained the funding for them. She reiterated that Section 12 of tonight's Ordinance would allow permission to spend the money and add the voting machines purchase to the Capital budget.

Dr. Sharp informed the Board that she received an additional invoice from the Board of Elections for card readers that would be used in conjunction with the voting machines. She asked the Administration if they would allow an additional Resolution for the card readers.

Chair Walter asked the Administration if the County had received Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grants to help fund the purchase.

Administrator Nazzaro answered no.

Dr. Sharp explained the Mercer County 2023 Temporary Capital Budget Appropriation was Resolution No. R-1. She informed the Board that the Annual Financial Report for the County was executed in collaboration with Bowman & Company LLC. and the Auditing firm, O'Conner Davies. She requested from the Administration that once they receive the budget approval from the State that they would include that approval to the Agenda for Thursday Formal Meeting. Dr. Sharp said if she had the written approval she could then introduce the Amended Budget.

Dr. Sharp said the County had used most of their surpluses to maintain the tax rate, and that although County Executive presented the budget at 2.2% per cent increase to the County tax rate, the amended budget was maintained at 3.309%.

Commissioner Cimino said there were increases in this year's budget as department heads requested more funds to keep their departments in operation.

County Administrator Nazzaro concurred.

Dr. Sharp explained in length the State's requirement: changes they required, how she shifted funds per State's instructions, and budgets she was asked to amend. She said although she reclassified entries and titles, she assured there were no changes in job positions. She did not take money from departments but shifted the funds around to fit the State's criteria.

Commissioner Cimino asked Dr. Sharp what the surplus balance were from December 2022.

Dr. Sharp answered \$25,943,173.00 and expressed that Mercer County had done an excellent job. She reminded the Board that departments operated without any interruptions.

Commissioner Melker asked Dr. Sharp whether the State had seen the County's 2022 AFS report.

Dr. Sharp answered no because the reports were still in draft forms and she explained that the State were aware of problems Mercer County had dealt with as well.

Chair Walter asked the Board if they were comfortable with moving forward with the budget at the Formal Meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023. She reminded that most municipalities' tax bills had to go out twenty-five days before November 1st.

Dr. Sharp explained everything would be affected if the budget does not move forward; tax bills and payrolls were just a few examples.

Chair Walter felt it was important to move forward with the budget and she explained that estimated tax bills were hurting the towns; affecting their programs and stalled their funding. Chair Walter made a request to add the budget Resolution to the Agenda for the Formal Meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023

RESOLUTIONS

Fifty-nine (59) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of August 17, 2023.

Commissioner Melker made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). She informed the Board that she would abstain from voting on the Resolution because she was a board member of the John O. Wilson Center.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with Hopewell Township for the allocation of a portion of Mercer County's ARPA funds for the Mercer Community Investment Initiative Program. He informed the Board that he would abstain from voting on the Resolution.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with Robbinsville Township for the allocation of a portion of Mercer County's ARPA funds for the Mercer Community Investment Initiative Program. He informed the Board that he would abstain from voting on the Resolution.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Capuzza, PC to represent Mercer County Clerk's office in collection Primary Election costs and expenses from identified Mercer County municipalities. He asked the Administration if County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello had settled accounts with towns that had outstanding balances.

Administrator Nazzaro answered yes, and said the outstanding balances were close to being finalized; some towns have paid and others will follow.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute an Amendment (Amendment No. 1) to the Professional Service Agreement with Parker McCay P.A. to provide legal counsel to represent the Open Space Preservation Board and Agricultural Development Board. He informed the Board that he would abstain from voting on the Resolution.

Chair Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution, authorizing to execute a Lease Agreement between the County of Mercer and Signature Flight Support, LLC for the lease of approximately five and six/tenth's (5.6) acres at the Trenton-Mercer Airport for the purpose of performing fixed based operations. She said there was a history of failed businesses at the airport where taxes were not being paid so the Administration created an escrow for the business that fell behind on payments. Chair Walter thanked the Administration for keeping up on that matter.

ORDINANCE- ADOPTION AND SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VOTING MACHINES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,800,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,610,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Walter shared with the Commissioner Board that the Mercer County Senior Art Show was held at West Windsor, Mercer County Community College Campus. She said that Mercer County was now home to the state art show.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Chair Walter informed the Board that some Board of Elections' workers had not yet receive their paychecks. She mentioned that she reached out to the Board of Elections and was told the delay was due to paperwork issues filed with the Personnel Department.

Administrator Nazzaro responded she would look into the matter.

Chair Walter expressed her concerns with easements that were required by the County for parking spots outside of developed areas between Ewing and Lawrence Township. Chair Walter said some of the easements were encroaching onto parking areas where the spaces were needed for businesses. She said the businesses were looking for exceptions and asking for permissions to use any available spaces for parking.

Administrator Nazzaro responded she would look into the matter.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

David DeFillippo, Esq., a resident of Freehold township, Attorney for Local 167, addressed the Board. Mr. DeFillippo inquired about the status of retro pays for the 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 active and retired members. He expressed that members of the Union had been pressuring him for an update.

Dr. Sharp assured that she had been working on that matter. She explained in length how she calculated various rates from different years and how rates at ages of retirements affected retro pays. She assured she would keep them updated and will work directly with Mr. DeFillippo.

Mike McKitish, a resident of Robbinsville, addressed the Board He pleaded for the Board to convince the County Clerk, Paula Sollami Covello, to respond to the discrepancies in the number of votes on election day. He insisted that he could not get an answer to what happened and that all of the information he was reiterating came directly from the County's own data, via the OPRA request and the State and Federal websites.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the Informal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Cimino and seconded by Commissioner Stokes, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

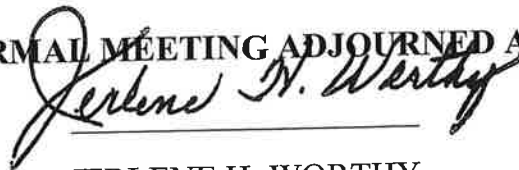
VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain -0. Absent -3.

Ayes - Commissioners Cimino, Melker, Stokes, and Walter

Absent - Commissioner Frisby, Lewis, and McLaughlin

INFORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD