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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2016

MINUTES

Chair Cannon called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:09PM 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- Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz and Walter
Absent- Freeholder Walter (who arrived at 6:14PM)

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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 Cannon invited Joyce Allington to appear before the Freeholder Board with a presentation on circus animals. Ms. Allington is a member of Animal Defenders International (ADI) who encourages Mercer County to consider restriction on the use of performing wild animals in traveling circuses at the arena. She explained that if an animal has no control over its environment and cannot exercise its body and mind, it can result in repetitive, abnormal behaviors which indicate compromised welfare and suffering.

The Freeholder Board was concerned if they had jurisdiction to ban animals in the circus.

Arthur Sypek, County Counsel, said the Board does not have authority over circus animals and that the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) has a contract with a private vendor. The Freeholder Board appoints members to the MCIA and only gives advice and consent. The Board expressed their concern about the issue and appreciated the presentation, but had no authority in regard to this issue.

Michael Herbert, Board Counsel, stated that the next MCIA Board meeting is May 10, 2016.

Ms. Allington provided the Freeholders with information regarding wild animals in traveling circus. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part thereof).**

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

Sherry Petrosky a student at Mercer County Community College nursing program, came to express a formal complaint about the grading system at the college.

Mr. Sypek explained that the Freeholder Board had no involvement with changing grades or the grading system and that she should contact the Department of Education regarding the matter. He also said the Freeholder Board has never helped any other student to change grades.

The Freeholder Board agreed that the Board was not the proper place to discuss academic matters and to contact the Department of Education regarding the issues. Also, they indicated that there are issues because students in the past complained about the same issue.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent dated March 22, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of February 22, 2016.

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent dated March 29, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of February 29, 2016

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent dated March 29, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 7, 2016

A communications was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent dated March 29, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 14, 2016

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent dated March 29, 2016 RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 21, 2016

A communication was received from Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board, County of Cape May, dated March 14, 2016 RE: Senate Bill S- 1209 Bucco and A -1232 Bucco and Carroll New Jersey Parental rights and Property Tax Reduction Act

A communication was received from Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board, County of Cape, dated March 14, 2016 RE: Veterans Treatment Courts in the State of New Jersey to address the issue of providing Veterans involved with the Criminal Justice System with assistance regarding drug abuse and/or mental health challenges.

A communication was received from Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board, County of Cape May, dated March 29, 2016, RE: Resolution urging Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to dedicate a funding mechanism for County Governing bodies to offset the costs associated with implementing and administering Criminal Justice Reform by passing and enacting Assembly No.3491 which would establish the County Government Criminal Justice Reform Administration Fund.

A communication was received from Ken McCouch, Clerk to the Board, Cumberland County, dated March 22, 2016, RE: Resolution urging Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to dedicate a funding mechanism for County Governing bodies to offset the costs associated with implementing and administering Criminal Justice Reform by passing and enacting Assembly No.3491 which would establish the County Government Criminal Justice Reform Administration Fund.

A communication was received from Deborah Davis Ford, Essex County, dated March 22, 2016, RE: Resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram.

A communications was received from Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, dated March 28, 2016, RE: Resolution supporting the sitting of the new KC-46A Tanker Aircraft at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

A communication was received from Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board, dated March 16, 2016, RE: Autism Awareness Month.

A communication was received from Brian Hughes, County Executive, dated March 18, 2016, RE: Appointment to the Planning Board – Paul Penna.

A communication was received from Brian Hughes, County Executive, dated March 17, 2016, RE: Reappointments to the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board- Kelly Mooij and Scott Ellis .

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Freeholder Koontz moved, seconded by Freeholder Walter, that:

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATING ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED HUDSON COUNTY INMATE PROGRAM PERIOD: MAY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016 **BE TABLED**

The Board and the Administration concurred to table the Resolution until further notice.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

AYES-7. NAYS-0. ASBTAIN-0. ABSENT-0

Ayes- Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Freeholder Cimino moved, seconded by Freeholder Colavita, that RESOLUTIONS NO.2 THROUGH 4 AND 6 THROUGH 29, ON THE AGENDA **“BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes- Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Carabelli offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Cimino:

NO. 2016-170 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL BALANCES IN THE GRANT FUNDS

- NO.2016-171 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 102 (ENGINEER PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER. FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT: JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017
- NO.2016-172 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 102 (ENGINEER TECHNICAL STAFF) AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER. FIVE (5) YEARS CONTRACT: JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017.
- NO.2016-173 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2019.
- NO.2016-174 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO.2 AND FINAL WITH HBC COMPANY, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAYS H, B AND F – NJDOT PHASE 1 AND II AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. INCREASE: \$13,405.33 (0.55%). REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,468,006.51
- NO.2016-175 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM/FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER (SART /FNE) PROJECT THROUGH THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$109,729.00 (FEDERAL \$87,783.00; COUNTY MATCH \$21,946.00) (GRANT NO: VS 55-14)

- NO.2016-176 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE GREEN ACRES PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) GREEN ACRES PROGRAM. GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,375.00, TOTAL GREEN ACRES GRANTS AMOUNT OF \$13,280,175.00
- NO.2016-177 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT. AMOUNT: \$75,000.00 PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2018
- NO.2016-178 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES THE ACCEPTANCE OF A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER; PROPERTY: FORMER NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIRCRAFT DIVISION TRENTON, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY ; BLOCK 374, LOTS 5 AND PART OF 4 . FUNDS REQUIRED: \$0
- NO.2016-179 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTIVE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER VICINAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE IMPACT PROGRAM TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT INCLUDES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MONITORING TO SUPPORT THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI) PROGRAM. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$15,120.00 (STATE FUNDS- NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO.2016-180 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZED THE RELEASE OF PAYMENTS UTILIZING MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF MDT CLIENT SPECIFIC PURCHASES FOR INDIVIDUAL MDT CLIENTS, UTILIZING VARIOUS SERVICE PROVIDERS IDENTIFIED BY THE MDT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MENTORING, COUNSELING, ADVOCACY, RECREATION, UTILITIES ASSISTANCE, CLOTHING AND TRANSPORTATION. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$25,679.00 (STATE FUNDS)
- NO.2016-181 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-507, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROGRAM YEAR 2014 CONTRACT BETWEEN MERCER COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD WDB/ONE-STOP AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (LWD). AMEND RESOLUTION TO DECREASE AMOUNT BY \$45,099.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$6,393,632.00 CONTRACT PERIOD WILL REMAIN JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 (PURSUANT TO USDOL AND LWD GUIDELINES WIA/WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016)(STATE FUNDS- NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO.2016-182 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR ROUND 2 STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 16 CONSOLIDATED JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) THROUGH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 3037 OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21) . PERIOD: JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016. ROUND 2 CONTRACT TOTAL: \$347,911.00 (\$173,955.50- NEW JERSEY TRANSIT (NJT) FUNDS; (\$173,955.50- COUNTY MATCH)

- NO.2016-183 PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FEBRUARY 23, 2016 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR COUNTYWIDE ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$260,000.00
- NO.2016-184 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 17, 2015 TO TARHEEL ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAYS H, B & F – FAA PHASE II AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$4,587,130.72. PROJECT COMPLETION TIME: NINETY-FIVE (95) WORKING DAS FROM THE NOTICE TO PROCEED
- NO.2016-185 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FEBRUARY 26, 2016 TO CORE MECHANICAL, INC. FOR DUCT CLEANING SERVICES THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: APRIL 11, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 10, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$93,747.50
- NO.2016-186 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 1, 2016 TO SCARPATI, INC. FOR SCRAP METAL REMOVAL FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM PERIOD: APRIL 13, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2018. MERCER COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE 83% OF REVENUE, PER GROSS TON, BASED UPON THE RATE ESTABLISHED ON THE FIRST DATE POSTED EACH MONTH BY THE AMERICAN METAL MARKET
- NO.2016-187 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FEBRUARY 19, 2016 TO BARBATO NURSEY CORPORATION FOR SOD THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD APRIL 11, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 10, 2018. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$60,000.00

- NO.2016-188 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 24, 2016 TO MARBRO, INC., FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 543.7 CARTER ROAD (CR569) OVER SHIPETAUKEN CREEK, TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,017,117.00 TERM: 130 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED
- NO.2016-189 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PROCLAIMS APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO.2016-190 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES THE WEEK OF APRIL 10- APRIL 16, 2016 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHT WEEK
- NO.2106-191 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES APRIL 2016 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
- NO.2016-192 APPOINTMENT OF PAUL A. PENNA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
- NO.2016-193 REAPPOINTMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KELLY MOOIJ AND SCOTT ELLIS
- NO.2016-194 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS URGES GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE AND THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEDICATE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BY PASSING AND ENACTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3491 WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ADMINISTRATION FUND

NO.2016-195 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SUPPORTS VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
PROVIDING VETERANS INVOLVED WITH THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WITH ASSISTANCE
REGARDING DRUG ABUSE AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH
CHALLENGES.

NO.2016-196 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SUPPORTS THE SITTING OF THE NEW KC-46A TANKER
AIRCRAFT AT THE JOINT BASE MCGUIRE – DIX-
LAKEHURST

ADOPTED: AYES-7. NAYS-0. ASBTAIN-0. ABSENT-0

Ayes- Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

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

NO.2016-169 COUNTY OF MERCER 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

ADOPTED: Ayes-6. NAYS-1. ABSTAIN-0. ABSENT-0

Ayes- Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz and Cannon

Nays- Freeholder Walter

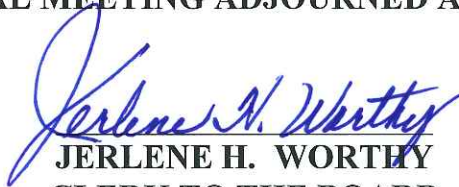
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Carabelli and seconded by Freeholder Koontz, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes- Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:22PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016

MINUTES

Chair Cannon called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:04PM on April 12, 2016 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- Freeholders Carabelli, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon
Absent- Freeholder Cimino and Colavita

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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 Trentonain 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 Cannon invited the members of the public comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There were no comments.

The Freeholder Board invited Paul Penna to discuss his appointment to the Mercer County Planning Board.

Mr. Penna expressed his excitement to join the Planning Board and felt certain that he would be a great asset to the board.

The Board thanked Mr. Penna for his willingness to serve on the Planning Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fourteen (14) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 12, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS:

Twenty-nine (29) Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 12, 2016.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the Resolution regarding the 2016 Temporary Budget Addition Appropriations. She stated that she would refrain from voting for the Resolution.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the Resolution regarding the Award of Bid received June 15, 2015 to Tarheels Enterprise, Inc., for the rehabilitation of taxiways H, B and F FAA phase II at the Trenton –Mercer Airport in the amount of \$4,587,130.72, project completion time ninety-five (95) working days from the notice to proceed. She asked was there in changes to the footprint.

Andrew Mair, Business Administrator, responded through a memorandum that the footprint will only change to increase safe operations at the airport. The overall pavement area will be reduced and the FAA requires a minimum of 400' between the center of a Runway and center of a taxiways. He stated that the portion of taxiway H between the Runway 16 end and Taxiway A will be reconstructed to meet this safety standard. Also, Taxiways A will be reconstructed to meet the FAA safety requirements for grade, which will require a turf island to be continued between Taxiway H and the Signature ramp.

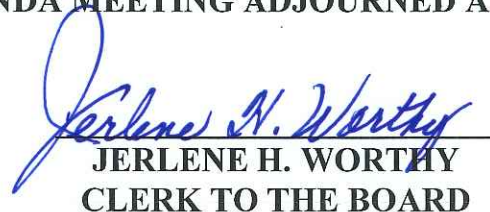
The Freeholder Board also requested clarification regarding whether this contract is for Phase 2 or Phase 3 of the project.

Mr. Mair stated there is an inconsistency between the language of the Resolution and the accompanying correspondence. The current contract is for FAA Phase II.

At this time, Chair Cannon invited the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There was no public comment.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

Wild Animals in Traveling Circuses

Background Briefing for Local Elected Representatives and Officials



Animal Welfare in U.S. Traveling Circuses

The welfare of an animal can be assessed by whether it has control over its environment and can move about to exercise its body and mind. The 'Five Freedoms'¹ defines good animal welfare as: freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury or disease; freedom to express normal behaviors; freedom from fear and distress.

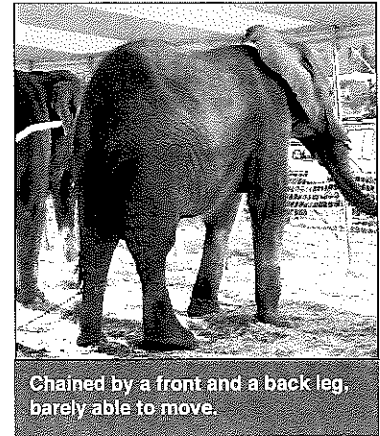
Many wild/exotic (non-domestic) animals studied in U.S. traveling circuses by ADI endure restrictions on most, and sometimes all, of these basic freedoms. A worldwide study of traveling circus practices shows²:

- Tigers and lions spend between 75% and 99% of their time in severely cramped cages on the backs of trailers.
- Elephants spend 58% to 98% of their time chained by at least one leg, and generally, both a front and hind leg.

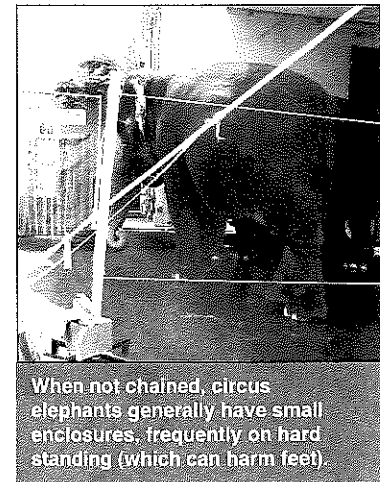
In the U.S., wild animals in traveling circuses endure confinement, physical and social deprivation, long, arduous journeys, brutal control methods and physical violence. Studies have shown²:

- Severe confinement, lack of free exercise and restriction of natural behaviors causes suffering among all species observed including elephants, tigers, monkeys and ponies.
- It is known that restriction of ability to move around and existing in deprived and barren environments causes mental suffering to animals; this oftentimes results in abnormal, stereotypic behaviors that indicate that the animal is unable to cope with its environment.

- Studies of animals in traveling circuses have shown these abnormal behaviors to be present in all species.
- Animals that would normally live in a herd or family group live alone, for example zebras.
- Chaining of elephants for most of the day, restricting their movements to a few steps backwards or forwards and worse, lack of free access to water.
- Long, arduous journeys and excessive periods in trailers, before, during and after the journey. For example, lions and tigers remained in their cages and elephants in their trailer for 19 hours for a 5½ hour journey. One circus started a tour in Mexico before heading into the U.S. and did not return to their permanent quarters for almost eleven months.
- Large animals spending their lives in small 5'x7' cages on trailers – barely larger than the animal itself.
- Elephant hooks (also known as a bull hook or ankus, which are heavy bars with a sharp hook) were used to punish elephants.
- Electric shocks were used on elephants during training sessions and while being walked to the performances.
- Elephants were beaten with a hosepipe and broom handle.
- A tiger cub was smashed in the face to make him “behave.”
- An elephant was dragged down and kicked in the face as she lay on the ground; the worker had got into a temper.
- Often, casual workers who do not understand the species they are handling use screaming, punching, kicking and beatings to move the animals around if they perceive a difficulty.



Chained by a front and a back leg, barely able to move.

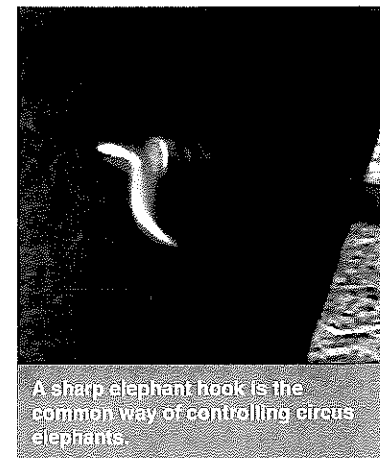


When not chained, circus elephants generally have small enclosures, frequently on hard standing (which can harm feet).

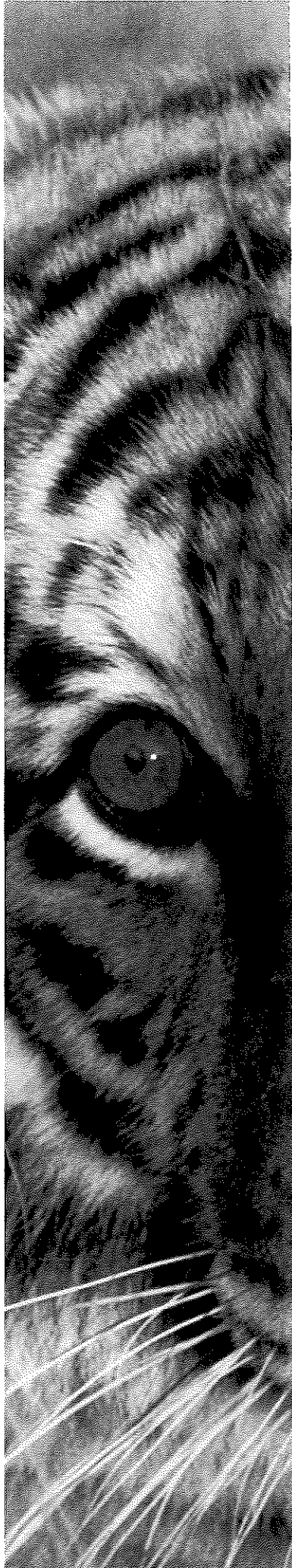
These examples show restrictions of all the basic freedoms of wild and exotic animals in traveling circuses in the U.S. and are indicators of poor animal welfare overall.

There has been growing public concern and outrage at the treatment of wild and exotic animals. They suffer particularly badly from the severe confinement and brutality of the traveling circus life.

Thousands of letters are generated to the USDA, Congress, the President **and to local councils and governing authorities in cities around the country, pleading for urgent action to control these traveling shows.**



A sharp elephant hook is the common way of controlling circus elephants.



Despite the best intentions, given the circumstances of constant travel with most of the year spent in temporary, collapsible accommodation, animal welfare in traveling circuses and the public's safety in the U.S. will inevitably be compromised.

All too frequently, the extreme stress to which these animals are subjected, can cause them to react in ways that can present a danger to the public.

Such incidents contravene the intent of the Animal Welfare Act on humane care and treatment of animals used for traveling circus and exhibition purposes.

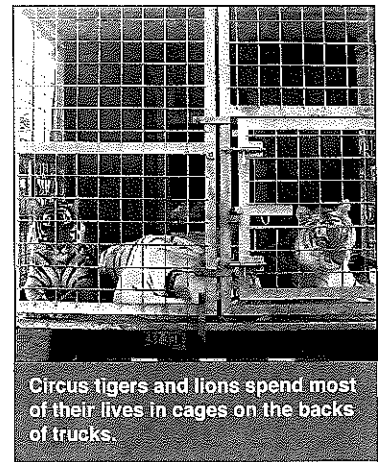
Public Safety

Around the world, circus workers and members of the public, including children, have been killed and maimed by circus animals.

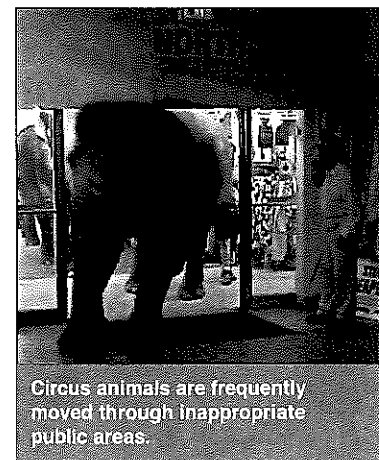
U.S. traveling circuses bring people into dangerously close proximity to wild (non-domestic) animals by displaying animals in areas that are inappropriate, unnatural and unsuitable for the exhibition of these animals.

Incidents in the U.S. demonstrate that traveling circuses pose a serious threat to public safety:

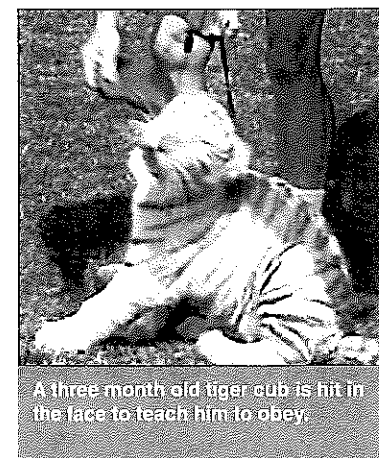
- April 2013, a tiger escaped during a performance at Isis Shrine Circus in Salina, Kansas. Staff were unable to immediately recapture the tiger. Press reported a circus patron came face to face with the tiger, less than two feet away, in an arena bathroom.
- February 2010, a zebra escaped from Ringling Brothers Circus in Atlanta and ran into the city. Police chased it for 40 minutes; it was recaptured on a busy interstate.
- Two weeks earlier, during a pre-show at the same circus in South Carolina, an elephant broke through a main door and ran into the arena. It was reported that about 100 people were on the floor.
- November 2009, an elephant escaped from the Family Fun Circus in Enid, Oklahoma and struck by an SUV on US Interstate 81.
- March 2008, three zebras with Ringling Brothers Circus in Baltimore escaped from their temporary enclosure and ran onto the traffic lanes. According to press reports, the same three animals had previously escaped in June 2007 in Colorado Springs.
- A lifelong animal trainer was clawed by a tiger during a performance at Hadi Shrine Circus in Evansville, Indiana, in November 2006. The trainer suffered injuries to his hand and leg.



Circus tigers and lions spend most of their lives in cages on the backs of trucks.



Circus animals are frequently moved through inappropriate public areas.



A three-month-old tiger cub is hit in the face to teach him to obey.



Action Request

- Please restrict the use of exotic and non-domesticated animals in traveling circuses in your jurisdiction.
- This ordinance will protect the safety of workers and the public.
- A wild animal circus ordinance is the only and best way to protect animal welfare.
- The use of domesticated animals in traveling circuses will not be affected.
- An educated public prefers humane entertainment without wild animal acts.
- A restriction on use of wild animals in traveling circuses lowers costs and animal-related accidents.

Cities around the world have recognized the importance of protecting both wild animals, and the public:

In the United States, 45 cities/counties in 21 states have taken action to restrict wild animals from traveling circuses (see separate list).

Prohibitions have been instituted on performing animals in traveling circuses in many cities and districts around the world, including in the UK (over 200), Australia, Brazil (8 districts, 4 states), Chile, Argentina (20 cities), Ireland, Spain, Canada, and elsewhere.

National measures to prohibit the use of wild animals, or selected species/uses, have been adopted in 27 countries around the world, including: Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, India, Israel, Malta, Peru, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Sweden and Taiwan. Similar laws are being discussed in: Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Uruguay, UK and US. (see separate list).

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