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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF MAY 12, 2016

MINUTES

Chair Cannon called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02PM on May 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 announced the Roll Call of the Clerk to the Board:

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

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

The Deputy 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Freeholder Walter, seconded by Freeholder Colavita, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of September 24, 2015
Formal Meeting of October 22, 2015
Formal Meeting of November 12, 2015
Formal Meeting of December 10, 2015

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0.ASBENT-0

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

On the motion of Freeholder Frisby, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of October 8, 2015

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-6. NAYS-1.ABSTAIN-0.ABSENT-0

Ayes- Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Walter and Cannon

Nays- Freeholder Koontz

On motion of Freeholder Frisby, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, the Minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of November 24, 2015

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-5.NAYS-2.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Nays- Freeholder Carabelli and Cimino

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent, dated April 20, 2016, RE:Minutes and bid results for the Week of March 28, 2016.

A communication was received from Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent, dated April 26, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of April 11, 2016

A communication was received Louis E. Imhof, III Clerk of the Board, dated April 26, 2016, RE: Resolution in Support of the adoption of New Jersey Assembly Resolution NO.47

A communication was received from Sonya G. Harris, Clerk of the Board, dated April 14, 2016, RE: Resolution urging Government Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to dedicated a funding mechanism for County Government 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 David Miller, CFO County of Mercer, dated May 10, 2016, RE:2016 Mercer County Budget Adjustments.

A communication was received from Andrew Mair, County Administrator, dated May 12, 2016, RE: Determining Speed Limits **(See Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof)**

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Freeholder Colavita moved, seconded by Freeholder Frisby, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO.1 THROUGH 10 AND 12 THROUGH 18, AND 20 THROUGH 22 **BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Colavita moved, seconded by Freeholder Frisby, that:

NO.2016-216 POTENTIAL PURCHASE, LEASE OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY WITH PUBLIC FUNDS; ANTICIPATED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING A POTENTIAL REGIONAL JAIL

NO.2016-217 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A STATE CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL TEL LINC FOR INMATE TELEPHONE CONTROL SERVICES AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017 (NO COST TO THE COUNTY)

NO.2016-218 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROJECT FREEDOM TO PROVIDE DAY PROGRAM SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES . PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2018, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXTEND: \$13, 836.00 (\$6,918.00; JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 AND \$6,918.00; JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO.2016-219 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEM, INC, FOR THE WINEDS SYSTEMS AND FOR ELECTIONS SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND THE COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016 (WINEDS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE: \$36,500.00- ELECTIONS DAY SUPPORT SERVICES \$50,000.00) AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$86,000.00
- NO.2016-220 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2015-571, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 24, 2015 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRENTON-OFFICE ON AGING TO PROVIDE A SOCIALIZATION AND RECREATION PROGRAM TO SENIOR RESIDENTS OF MERCER COUNTY . PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR "AMEND RESOLUTION TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$346,635.00 (\$11,408.00 STATE COLA FUNDS; \$167,82.00 SSBG FUNDS; AND \$167,399.00 PROVIDER MATCH FUNDS) RESULTING IN A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$720,845.00
- NO. 2016-221 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE DETENTION OF MERCER COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. AMOUNT: \$225.00 PER DIEM PER JUVENILE

- NO.2016-222 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$22,104.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO.2016-223 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EWING TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$31,228.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO.2016-224 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$78,832.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO.2016-225 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$18,536.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO.2016-226 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$21,708.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO.2016-227 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH INTERSTATE CONTRACTING AND EXCAVATING COMPANY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NO.863.10, CARRYING MAXWELL AVENUE OVER TIMBER RUN. HIGHTSTOWN MERCER COUNTY. DECREASE: \$2,881.33 (0.44%) REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT : \$645,286.24
- NO.2016-228 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-137, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 27, 2014 AND AUTHORIZE THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF BRIDGE NO.212.12 AND BRIDGE NO.218.1 WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY AID FOR VARIOUS BRIDGES IN MERCER COUNTY. AMOUNT REMAINS: \$2,675,900.00
- NO.2016-229 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THAT AN OPEN SPACE TAX OF \$0.025 PER \$100.00 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE BE LEVIED IN COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO BE DEPOSITED IN AN OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND
- NO.2016-230 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 3, 2016 TO BIO-REFERENCE LABORATORIES, INC., FOR LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES END CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$131,968.20 PERIOD: MAY 16, 2016 THROUGH MARCH15, 2018, WITH AN OPTION TO EXCEED ONE (1) YEAR

- NO.2016-231 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 3, 2016 TO GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY, LLC FOR ONE (1) CASE 621f ARTICULATED WHEEL LOADER FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: MAY 12, 2016 THROUGH MAY 11, 2017, TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$156,491.00
- NO.2016-232 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 29, 2016 TO GARDEN STATE BOBCAT, INC. FOR ONE (1)BOBCAT TOOLCAT 5600 FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM FROM MAY 12, 2016 THROUGH MAY 11, 2017, TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$62,699.45
- NO.2016-233 AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 18, 2016 TO M-B COMPANIES, INC., FOR ONE (1) TRUCK MOUNTED THERMOPLASTIC MELTING SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM PERIOD: MAY 12, 2016 THROUGH MAY11, 2017. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$203,273.63
- NO.216-234 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES THE MONTH OF MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
- NO.2016-235 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 RIKER DANZIG SCHERER HYLAND PERRETTI, LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION INVESTIGATION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$100,000.00 PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 (COUNTY FUNDS)

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Koontz stated that he serves on the Board of Corner House in Princeton.

Freeholder Cimino offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Walter:

NO.2016-236 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
 AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE
 AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON TOWNSHIP FOR THE
 PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING
 FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION
 PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017.
 TOTAL AMOUNT: \$28,056.00 (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-6.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-1. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Walter and Cannon

Abstain- Freeholder Koontz

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

NO.2016-237 APPOINTMENT OF JERLENE H. WORTHY AS CLERK TO
 THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The Freeholder Board concurred with the wisdom and advice that Ms. Worthy provides to the board.

Audrey Harrison- Bennett thanked the Freeholder Board for allowing Jerlene Worthy to serve as the Clerk for many years.

NO.2016-238 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Freeholder Carabelli offered the following Ordinance Introduction, seconded by Freeholder Koontz:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON ETRA ROAD (CR571) BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

ORDINANCE –SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ALONG VILLAGE ROAD EAST (CR644) IN THE SEGMENT FROM A POINT 1, 187 FEET EAST OF EDINBURG ROAD TO SOUTHFIELD DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

The Deputy Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated May 11, 2016 whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications, and therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statue, and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Cannon announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Freeholder Koontz moved, **TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**, seconded by Freeholder Walter.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Cimino offered the following Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Walter:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ALONG VILLAGE ROAD EAST (CR644) IN THE SEGMENT FROM A POINT 1, 187 FEET EAST OF EDINBURG ROAD TO SOUTHFIELD DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

ORDINANCE –SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON CARTER ROAD (CR 569) TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute, and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Cannon announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Freeholder Cimino moved, **TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**, seconded by Freeholder Carabelli.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Koontz offered the following Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Cimino:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-3

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON CARTER ROAD (CR 569) TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

ORDINANCE –SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,150,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,150,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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Chair Cannon announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Freeholder Colavita moved **TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING** seconded by Freeholder Carabelli.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

Freeholder Carabelli offered the following Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Frisby:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,150,000.00 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,150,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

AYES-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS:

Freeholder Frisby stated that he received several calls regarding the fallout of the fireworks at the Trenton Thunder field and that the debris is in a residential area.

Freeholder Cannon said the ashes that come down from the fireworks should be away from people.

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-7.NAYS-0.ABSTAIN-0. ASBENT-0

Ayes – Freeholder Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:43PM



LISA VENA

DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

Schedule "A"

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Aaron T. Watson, Deputy Administrator/Director
Department of Transportation & Infrastructure
George A. Fallat, P.E.
Mercer County Traffic Engineer

TO: Andrew A. Mair
County Administrator

DATE: May 12, 2016

RE: **Determining Speed Limits**

This memorandum is intended to provide a summary of how speed limits and school speed limits are determined in Mercer County. I would note that these practices are consistent throughout the United States.

The first step in identifying an appropriate speed limit requires conducting field studies which measure speeds of 100 vehicles in each travel direction. The recommended speed limit is determined as the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling (termed the 85th percentile speed). The procedure set forth for conducting field measurements for posting speed limits recognizes that each road segment consists of specific characteristics that influence driver speed and that a single speed limit should not be applied to particular condition. For example, some State highways have posted speeds of 55 MPH while others are set at 45 MPH. The roads may be similar in terms of width, alignment and traffic volume, but other characteristics that influence driver speed must be considered, such as presence of pedestrians, and roadside development. Use of field surveys inherently considers all of these variables. In summary, there is no "one size fits all" approach in setting speed limits. Each road and road segment must be evaluated separately and individually.

The use of the 85th percentile as a basis for setting speed limits is an established practice that is supported by the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of

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Transportation Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which serves as the basis for the application and design of all traffic control devices throughout the country, allows a reduction to the next 5 MPH increment below the 85th percentile speed for posting speed limits. There may be other mitigating factors such as the presence of pedestrians or crash history that should be considered for setting speed limits. However, these circumstances would need to be examined on a case by case basis.

Although applicable New Jersey Motor Vehicle Law (N.J.S.A 39) does not dictate the parameters or methods of the engineering study, the MUTCD, as well as several well-established professional organizations and nationally recognized publications recommend use of the 85th percentile speed for posting speed limits. Studies and publications have also documented the serious adverse traffic safety and operational consequences, including increased tailgating, difficulty exiting or crossing the road, unsafe passing and increased crashes, resulting from posting speed limits significantly below the 85th percentile speed limit. There is also an issue of liability when there is a lack of credible evidence or data to support the posted speed limit. Therefore, we are extremely cautious of speed limit reductions and implementing an intended safety improvement that is likely to have the opposite effect from what was initially desired.

Once the posted speed limit is determined, school speed limits are then set at 10-15 MPH below the normal posted speed limit. Setting school speed limits 20MPH or more below the 85th percentile speed is both unrealistic and is inconsistent with New Jersey State Department of Transportation and other New Jersey county practices.

I would note that as of December, 2008, State legislation was adopted giving counties the ability to adopt certain regulations, including speed limits, without approval from the Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Transportation. The County Engineer, under certification as a Professional Engineer, can set speed limits on county roadways. However, under the provisions of this legislation, the establishment of the speed limit must be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

In conclusion, Mercer County's procedures for establishing speed limits and school speed limits have been consistent with both state and federal guidelines as well as other New Jersey county policies and practices.



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INFORMAL MEETING OF MAY 10, 2016

MINUTES

Chair Cannon called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:01PM on May 10, 2016, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Present – Freeholders Carabelli, Cimino, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Walter and Cannon

SUNSHINE LAW:

The Deputy 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, the Board concurred to enter into an Executive Session to discuss:

PERSONNEL MATTERS AT THE PARK COMMISSION

The Agenda Meeting recessed at 6:07PM

The meeting reconvened at 6:35PM
All Board members were present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Formal Meeting of September 24, 2015
2. Formal Meeting of October 8, 2015
3. Formal Meeting of October 22, 2015 (Special Formal)
4. Formal Meeting of November 12, 2015
5. Formal Meeting of November 24, 2015
6. Formal Meeting of December 10, 2015

COMMUNICATIONS:

Six (6) Communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 12, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS:

Twenty-three (23) Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of May 12, 2016.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALKS ON ETRA ROAD (CR571) BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE-SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

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ORDINANCE- SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,150,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,150,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Miller, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Administrator spoke briefly about new County website design and thanked the Freeholders for their input.

Freeholder Board decided to add an additional \$200,000 to provide legal services regarding the Mercer County Park Commission investigation.

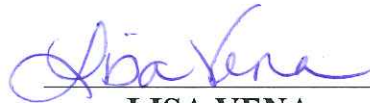
Mr. Miller said the amount will not have an overall impact on the budget.

PUBLIC SECTION:

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

There were no comments.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:06PM



**LISA VENA
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD**