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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017

MINUTES

Chair Colavita called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on February 23, 2017, 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 - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Verrelli, Walter and Colavita

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Colavita called 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 Colavita invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Formal Meeting of September 22, 2016

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Frisby, and Koontz

Abstain – Freeholders Cimino, Verrelli and Walter

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

Formal Meeting of October 20, 2016

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Abstain – Freeholders Frisby and Verrelli

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated February 6, 2017, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of January 16, 2017.

A communication was received from John E. Lanza, Freeholder Director of Hunterdon County, dated February 2, 2017, RE: Resolution encouraging the State of New Jersey to reallocate funding to the Department of Environmental Protection to continue the successful Black Fly Suppression Program.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated February 13, 2017, RE: Appointment Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated February 14, 2017, RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Andrew Mair, County Administrator, dated February 23, 2017, RE: Answers to Freeholder Questions from February 21, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Frisby, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-19 ON THE AGENDA BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Freeholder Koontz offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Cannon:

- NO. 2017-116** INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF THE 2017 BUDGET

- NO. 2017-117** RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

- NO. 2017-118** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ) TO CONNECT TCNJ STUDENTS AND FACULTY WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN RECIPROCAL COLLABORATIONS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$89,916.00 (\$44,958.00 – 2017; \$44,958.00 – 2018 [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2017-119** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND THE PRINCETON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PLAN, MARKET, COORDINATE AND EXECUTE THE 2017 MERCER COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$12,500.00. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO APRIL 30, 2017

- NO. 2017-120** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS TO SUPPORT LOCAL ARTS PROGRAMS. AMOUNT: \$96,280.00 (COUNTY MATCH: \$13,180.00) PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017
- NO. 2017-121** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARC/MERCER, INC., TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES AT 240 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018. AMOUNT: \$106,729.28
- NO. 2017-122** DEED OF DEDICATION FROM JAMES CANTY, 1680 NORTH OLDEN AVENUE, EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, 08638 TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING, EWING TOWNSHIP. FUNDS REQUIRED: \$1.00
- NO. 2017-123** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY FOR SUPPORT IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 330.1, ALEXANDER STREET OVER STONY BROOK AND BRIDGE NO. 331.11, ALEXANDER STREET OVER A BRANCH OF STONY BROOK, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, MERCER COUNTY – TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT: \$250,000.00

- NO. 2017-124** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH FIRM OF GENOVA BURNS, LLC, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-125** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH SAPHIRE + ALBARRAN, ARCHITECTURE LLC TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$150,000.00
- NO. 2017-126** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO SAPHIRE + ALBARRAN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$150,000.00

- NO. 2017-127** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 24, 2016 TO C.J. HESSE, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF RUNWAY 6-24 AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMOUNT: \$5,568,168.10 PROJECT COMPLETION TIME: ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (115) WORKING DAYS FROM THE NOTICE TO PROCEED (AB2016-20)
- NO. 2017-128** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTS ASSEMBLY BILL A-4077 WHICH REVISES AND CODIFIES THE SCHEDULE FOR CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREEN ALONG WITH OTHER IMMUNIZATION AND WELLNESS CHECKS AS PRECONDITION OF A CHILD'S INITIAL ENTRY INTO A SCHOOL SYSTEM
- NO. 2017-129** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEALTH MONTH
- NO. 2017-130** REAPPOINTMENT OF ANN SUABEDISSIN TO THE MERCER COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NO. 2017-131 REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE MERCER COUNTY
COUNCIL ON AGING

CLAIRE W. CANNON
DORIS E.P. HODGES
SARITA L. WILSON

NO. 2017-132 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE MERCER COUNTY MENTAL
HEALTH BOARD

DAN RAPPAPORT
SHARON NEMETH
MARY J. GOEPHERT

GEORGE BYRD
GH FRIEDLANDER

NO. 2017-133 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE
MERCER COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

VERONICA JONES
SCOTT CLEMENSON
DIANE MCNEIL BROWN
ELIZABETH MAHER-MUOIO
SCOTT NEEDHAM

MARYGRACE BILLEK
MARGARET GOULD
NINA MELKER
DR. JIANPING WANG
PAUL PERKINS

NO. 2017-134 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SUPPORTS ASSEMBLY BILL A-2338 WHICH REVISES
THE “PET PURCHASE PROTECTION ACT” AND
ESTABLISHES NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PET
DEALERS AND PET SHOPS

ADOPTED:

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

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

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Cimino made reference to a news article that was published in the Trenton Times this past weekend. He spoke about the 653-acre former American Cyanamid complex which has been vacant for over a decade. Freeholder Cimino asked if the County would have any input when it came to the redevelopment plans of the property. He asked for further clarification on the matter.

Mr. Michael Herbert, Board Counsel, explained that the County would have very limited input on the project. He stated that the site is zoned for commercial use and there is an application for residential and commercial components. Mr. Herbert explained the matter was still on-going and in the very early stages of conception.

The Board agreed that this matter would be of high importance to how the future of Mercer County and its residents are affected.

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

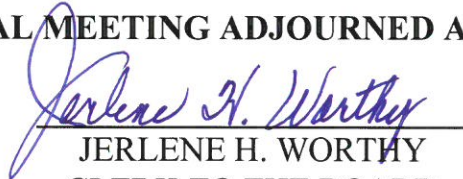
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Koontz and seconded by Freeholder Cimino, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 PM



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Colavita called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on February 21, 2017, 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 Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz, Verrelli, Walter and Colavita

Chair Colavita 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 Informal 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.

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, requested a moment of silence for longtime Mercer County resident, Richard J. Coffee. He stated that Mr. Coffee was a driving force in Mercer County for numerous years and spoke of his many contributions to the area. County Executive Hughes said his legacy will live on through the Mercer County Park system, which was named after him in recent years.

Chair Colavita requested a moment of silence for James P. 'Jamie' Fox, who was an extremely influential person in the State of New Jersey.

2017 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET MESSAGE

County Executive Hughes presented the Board of Chosen Freeholders with the 2017 Mercer County Budget. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

Chair Colavita thanked County Executive Hughes for presenting the Board with a budget that outlined no tax increase for Mercer County residents. He stated the Board would do their due diligence when reviewing the budget.

MINUTES

1. Formal Meeting of September 22, 2016
 2. Formal Meeting of October 20, 2016
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At this time, Chair Colavita invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Five (5) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 23, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

Nineteen (19) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 23, 2017.

Freeholder Koontz made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service Agreement between the Trustees of Princeton University for Support in the Planning and Design for the Bridge Replacements of Mercer County Bridge No. 330.1, Alexander Street over Stony Brook and Bridge No. 331.1, Alexander Street over a branch of Stony Brook Princeton, New Jersey, Mercer County – Trustees of Princeton University. Freeholder Koontz congratulated the Administration on an excellent job negotiating with Princeton University on this project. He was pleased with the overall outcome and was looking forward to seeing the end results. Freeholder Koontz commented on the bridge's dilapidated state and the necessity of this undertaking.

Andrew Mair, County Administrator, stated that County Engineer, Gregory Sandusky, has done an outstanding job handling this project.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Professional Service Contract with the Firm of Genova Burns, LLC, to provide legal services. She requested a breakdown of the costs that have been expended with this firm.

Arthur Sypek, Esq., County Counsel, explained that on-going litigation was expected to come to an end regarding one legal matter. He stated that it would be somewhat difficult to estimate exact amounts until the end of the year.

Freeholder Walter discussed the following proposed Resolution authorizing payment to Sapphire + Albarran and Engineering Services for Construction projects at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

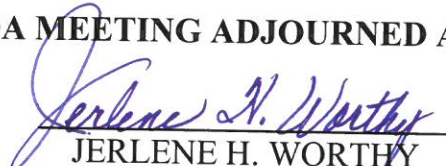
County Administrator Mair said he would discuss the matter with County Counsel for further details.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

There were no comments.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 PM


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CLERK TO THE BOARD

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2017 Budget Address
Brian M. Hughes, County Executive
Mercer County, New Jersey
Presented before the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Chairman Colavita, members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

It is my great pleasure to appear before this board to discuss the 2017 Mercer County proposed budget. This document represents our effort to provide the best possible government to our constituents in the most cost-effective manner to the taxpayer.

The budget process is not limited to a few weeks of the year. It is a thoughtful, long-term process that takes into account our past and what we predict for the future. Each of my budget proposals has been generated with cooperation from our Department Directors and Constitutional Officers, and I thank them for being here tonight. I would also like to thank Deputy Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Dave Miller, who year after year, looks out for every penny.

Last month, I reported that the State of our great County is excellent.

Although we're still feeling the effects of the recession in some areas, I'm pleased to report that the economic health of Mercer County is good and getting better.

According to Niche.com a ranking and review site used by real estate search engines and prospective homeowners, Mercer County earned A-grades in the categories of great Public Schools, Outdoor Activities, Nightlife, Diversity and Health and Fitness; and received high B grades for Commutability and being great for Families. Those grades reflect what we already know. Mercer County's excellent schools, tourist destinations, award-winning parks and diverse educated workforce continues to make us a top place to raise a family and grow a business, and is a great sense of pride to all of us in this room.

For the third consecutive year we have seen a slight uptick in ratable growth, and job growth in Mercer County continues to improve. Mercer's unemployment rate today is 3.5 percent and is tied for the 5th lowest in the state.

The increase in ratables is a good sign, but we are still nowhere near where we were in 2009. According to county tax records, each and every prior administration had the advantage of a sharply increasing ratable base, which makes it easy to maintain a level or decreasing county tax rate. The county ratable base reached its pinnacle in 2009 with a value of \$48.5 billion. From 2009, it decreased every year until 2015, when we began to see green shoots of growth. Even with this year's slight increase, the ratable base is still only \$44.5 billion or about \$4 billion less than in 2009.

Consistently positive economic news allows us to maintain our AA+ bond rating and shows agencies such as Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's that we have our fiscal

house in order, and allows us to take advantage of the lowest possible interest rates, saving millions of dollars for our residents.

Now, let me discuss the important facts of this year's budget proposal. There is no tax rate increase.

Tonight I am proposing to you a balanced operating budget for 2017 in the amount of \$316.9 million that is under the state-mandated cap.

For this year's budget plan, I am recommending we utilize \$10.7 million – less than half of our surplus, leaving an almost \$12 million balance. Given the increase in prices across the board, this is no small feat that we've been able to build our surplus. This is a healthy balance and along with providing cash flow for unforeseen circumstances, it gives investors confidence that we are able to meet our obligations.

Of this total budget, \$263 million will be collected locally through property tax. Again, there is no increase to the county tax rate.

I am proud to say that we continue to adhere to fiscal policies that are austere and responsible, while serving the needs of our constituents. We have established a County government that is transparent, responsive and efficient, one that ensures that services are offered in a manner that is reliable and honest.

While we will continue to provide a government that understands its limits and acts in the most cost-effective manner to our taxpayers, we also remain committed to supporting our most vulnerable residents. As we face the threat of federal-level cuts to essential programs and services, it's more important than ever that we be there for those who need us most. We will not neglect the homeless and the poor. We will not neglect at-risk youth, homebound older adults, people with disabilities and those who struggle with substance abuse. We will not neglect our veterans and minority populations. Supporting our most vulnerable residents not only is our governmental duty, it is our moral duty.

Thank for your time tonight, and I look forward to working with you over the next several months to produce a compassionate and fiscally responsible budget that best serves the citizens of Mercer County.