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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2019

MINUTES

Chair Cimino called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on January 24, 2019 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, Colavita, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Cimino
Absent – Freeholder Frisby (who arrived at 6:03 PM)

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Cimino 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 Cimino invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

There were no comments.

2019 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, presented the 2019 State of the County Address to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

Chair Cimino thanked the County Executive for his remarks and leadership.

Chair Cimino mentioned that the following dignitaries were in attendance of the meeting:

- Senator Shirley K. Turner, 15th Legislative District
- Senator Linda R. Greenstein, 14th Legislative District
- Assemblyman Roy Freiman, 16th Legislative District
- Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds- Jackson, 15th Legislative District
- Assemblyman Anthony S. Verrelli, 15th Legislative District
- Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson, Deputy Speaker, 14th Legislative District
- Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo, Deputy Speaker, 14th Legislative District
- Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, 16th Legislative District
- Paula Sollami-Covello, Mercer County Clerk
- Sheriff John A. "Jack" Kemler
- Diane Gerofsky, Mercer County Surrogate
- Mayor of Ewing Township, Bert H. Steinmann
- Ewing Councilwoman Jennifer Keyes-Maloney
- Ewing Councilman Kevin Baxter
- Ewing Councilman David Schroth
- Ewing Councilwoman Sarah Steward
- Hamilton Council President Jeffrey Martin
- Hamilton Councilman Anthony Carabelli Jr.
- North Ward Councilwoman Marge Caldwell-Wilson
- Ewing Municipal Clerk Kim J. Macellaro
- Yoshi Manale, Trenton Mayor's Chief of Staff
- Kari Osmond, District Director for Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman
- Princeton Councilman Dwaine Williamson
- Mercer County Community College President, Dr. Jianping Wang

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Formal Meeting of September 13, 2018

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Frisby, Koontz and Cimino

Abstain – Freeholders Colavita, Melker and Walter

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Department of Purchasing, dated January 10, 2019. RE: Minutes and Bid/Proposal Results for the Week of December 17, 2018.

A communication was received from Shirley K. Turner, Senator – 15th District, dated December 31, 2018. RE: Acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 2018-601, seeking financial support from both the Federal and State Governments to combat the Emerald Ash Borer.

A communication was received from Alberto G. Santos, Clerk, Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders, dated January 14, 2019. RE: Resolution authorizing the New Jersey Association of Counties, on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County to file a complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates.

A communication was received from Jamie D. Hawn, New Jersey American Water, dated January 4, 2019. RE: I/M/O the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. to change the levels of its purchased wastewater (sewerage) treatment adjustment clause.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 24, 2019. RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of January 22, 2019.

A communication was received from Daniel R. Benson, Assemblyman -14th District, dated January 22, 2019. RE: Acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 2018-601, seeking financial support from both the Federal and State Governments to combat the Emerald Ash Borer.

Freeholder Walter expressed her concern regarding the deadline for the County to submit amendments of the Community Forestry Management Plan to NJ Community Forest Council, in order to be eligible for the 2019 grants.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Freeholder Walter moved, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$68,699,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS "**BE ADDED**"

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

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 Koontz, that:
RESOLUTIONS NO. 1 THROUGH 26, ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

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

- NO. 2019-32** RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS
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- NO. 2019-33** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO TRUE & ASSOCIATES FOR AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM AND WAR FOR THE AIRPORT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$33,000.00 TERM: JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019
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- NO. 2019-34** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AWARD FOR THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION (JJC) JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI) INNOVATION FUNDING. AMOUNT: \$120,000.00 (GRANT FUNDS). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

- NO. 2019-35** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH DAYTOP VILLAGE OF NEW JERSEY, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF FEMALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$83,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-36** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MARYVILLE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$67,500.00 (\$30,000.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$37,500.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])
- NO. 2019-37** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MARYVILLE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT – DETOXIFICATION SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$17,500.00 (\$8,750.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$8,750.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])
- NO. 2019-38** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH NEW HOPE INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF INPATIENT WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT AND SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$85,000.00 (\$16,911.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$68,089.00 [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2019-39** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF MALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$119,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-40** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON FOR THE PROVISION OF LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE-YEAR. AMOUNT: \$15,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-41** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR ONE-STOP OPERATOR SERVICES FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019, PROGRAM YEAR 2020 AND PROGRAM YEAR 2021 (JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022). (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-42** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45, ADOPTED JANUARY 25, 2018 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ONE STOP CAREER CENTER INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS (ITA) - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A WFNJ-TANF YOUTH ENVISIONING SUCCESS PROGRAM (YES) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,489.00 "AMEND MOU TO REVISE THE PERIOD TO JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$81,638.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$79,851.00 (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)"

NO. 2019-43

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45, ADOPTED JANUARY 25, 2018 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ONE STOP CAREER CENTER INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS (ITA) - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE WFNJ-TANF SPECIAL INITIATIVE SANCTION AND PROGRAM COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,887.00 "AMEND MOU TO REVISE THE PERIOD TO JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$141,962.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$137,925.00 (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)"

NO. 2019-44

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE 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, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. AMOUNT: \$110,000.00 (\$55,000.00 – COUNTY FUNDS PER YEAR)

NO. 2019-45

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS APPROVES THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$25,000.00 TO THE HAMILTON POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST ACCOUNT ("CLETA" – FORFEITURE) FUNDS TO OPERATE THE SAFETY TOWN PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL YEARS.

- NO. 2019-46** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS APPROVES THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$25,000.00 TO PREVENTION EDUCATION INC., T/A PEI KIDS, FROM THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST ACCOUNT ("CLETA" – FORFEITURE) FUNDS TO OPERATE CRISIS INTERVENTION FOR THE CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE COUNSELING PROGRAM AND OTHER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL YEARS
- NO. 2019-47** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH TOM RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATES FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00 (CC2018-10)
- NO. 2019-48** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH RONALD A. CURINI APPRAISALS CO., INC., INC. FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE FOR (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00(CC2018-10)
- NO. 2019-49** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH STERLING DISANTO & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00(CC2018-10)

- NO. 2019-50** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S) AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE TRENTON HEALTH TEAM TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CLINICAL SERVICES AND NURSE CASE MANAGEMENT TO UNINSURED MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. AMOUNT: \$158,078.00 (\$93,590.00 STATE FUNDS; AND \$64,488.00 COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2019-51** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CHERRY WEBER & ASSOCIATES, TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 364.15 (STRUCTURE #1100-084), CARRYING LOCUST LANE OVER HARRY'S BROOK, PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER. TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$281,621.62
- NO. 2019-52** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH IH ENGINEERS, P.C., TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 441.4 (STRUCTURE #11D4104), CARRYING LOWER FERRY ROAD OVER SHABAKUNK CREEK, EWING TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. TERM: UNTIL COMPLETION OF SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000.00

- NO. 2019-53** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH J & J COURT TRANSCRIBERS, INC. FOR TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. PERIOD: AUGUST 15, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 16, 2019. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00
- NO. 2019-54** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH X-RAY IMAGING, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) VOTI X-RAY SYSTEM 62X42 TUNNEL MACHINES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO. CK04 (BID 18-25). TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,751.00
- NO. 2019-55** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED NOVEMBER 8, 2018 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR COUNTY SYSTEMS AND FACILITY REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) YEARS BASED ON THE INDEX RATE. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$650,000.00
(CK09MERCER2018-37)
- NO. 2019-56** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED DECEMBER 13, 2018 TO MIDLANTIC CONSTRUCTION LLC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 252.2 & 252.8 HOPEWELL-ROCKY HILL ROAD OVER BRANCH OF BEDENS BROOK, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,016,962.82. TERM: 150 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED
(AB2018-07)

NO. 2019-57 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$68,699,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS

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

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READINGS

Freeholder Colavita offered the following Ordinance Introduction, seconded by Freeholder Frisby:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-21, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 1993, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT - AMEND ORDINANCE TO INCREASE CERTAIN AIRFIELD FEES AND INCLUDE BADGING AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES (AMENDMENT NO. 3)

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter stated that she and Freeholder Melker attended a Trenton-Mercer Airport Public Meeting at the West Trenton Ballroom in Ewing, New Jersey.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter mentioned that she received a communication from Irene Goldman, requesting that Dr. Andrew Appel, Princeton University Professor, and Stephanie Harris, chairwoman of a voting integrity task force for the Coalition of Peace Action, attend a meeting to discuss voting machines.

Freeholder Colavita asked what would happen to the old voting machines once the new machines are purchased. Andrew A. Mair confirmed that he was unsure if they have residual value but the County auctions off all surplus equipment on a regular basis.

Freeholder Walter suggested the County to look into donating the voting machines to local high schools for High School Elections, to familiarize students with the voting process.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

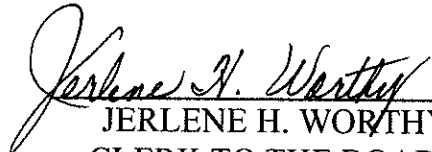
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Koontz and seconded by Freeholder Colavita, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52 PM



JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

"Schedule A"

Mercer County State of the County Address Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes, Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019

Freeholder Chair John Cimino and members of the Board, I am pleased to deliver to you the 2019 State of the County.

I'm also pleased to report that the state of our Great County is healthy as we begin a new year – a year we know will present wonderful opportunities but also enormous challenges.

As an administration we're a little older, and I like to think we are a little wiser. We have learned that success in many cases does not come without hardship. When we look back at what has been accomplished, it is easy to overlook the obstacles we had to overcome. But through hard work and perseverance, we found ways to get the job done. That is a testament to my cabinet, our division managers and their dedicated staffs – Mercer County employees who are steadfast in their commitment to provide the public with the best service possible.

We built a new criminal courthouse, saved the historic Petty's Run and reconstructed Jacobs Creek Bridge, none of which came without challenges. And we struggled to find solutions to one of the most distressing problems a human being can face – homelessness. Ultimately, the answer was something that now seems obvious – homes solve homelessness. Working with the Board of Social Services, the City of Trenton, the Rescue Mission and other partners, we have housed approximately 400 families and 600 singles in the past three years. In 2018 alone, our system permanently housed 263 children who were a part of family households.

The health of our County is reflected in other ways. Open space and recreation bring people together and are vital to our well-being and personal growth. We've continued to build and upgrade recreational facilities at our County parks, which to my mind make up the best park system anywhere. But we knew we still could do better. We saw a need to provide more affordable programs for Mercer County's underserved population, and the Park Commission has done this through expanded and more-diverse programming. We are now getting more people – especially from our urban center -- involved in activities at our Equestrian Center, Nature Center and other facilities, as well as concerts and events at the Festival Grounds and other venues.

Sustaining a healthy economy through productivity has always been one of my goals, and putting people to work is the way to achieve that. Last year we executed a "Direct Hire" program with our local trades, who deserve a fair share of the economy they help to build. This agreement allows the county to tap qualified men and women of the local union trades for specific projects or construction work on a temporary basis. It is an effective way to supplement the county's existing workforce, while avoiding a permanent and unnecessary burden on taxpayers. I'm pleased that we found a creative approach to utilizing local, skilled workers, and I thank the Freeholder Board for its support of this concept.

As our county government has been tested time and again, I have faced personal challenges too. As some of you know, I have a condition called trigeminal neuralgia, or TN, which can inflict severe pain to the nerves along my jaw. I don't share this tonight because I seek your sympathy. I share this because sometimes TN affects my speech, which I know can lead to whispers – What's wrong with Brian Hughes? But over the two decades I've lived with TN, I've learned to manage it – and to get through even the most difficult days and do the job that Mercer County voters elected me to do. I believe that having to endure this has strengthened my resolve. It has made me more determined than

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ever to finish what we've started here and achieve results that will make our County stronger and help create opportunities and increase prosperity for our residents. We all have challenges in life, but in our individual journeys we must carry on. Many of you have entrusted me with your own personal stories, and I truly thank you for that.

One piece of unfinished business is a goal I set three years ago when I established the Mercer County Partnership for Educational Attainment, an initiative aimed at strengthening the educational credentials of our workforce to help move the Mercer County economy forward. At that time I set a five-year goal of increasing the percentage of our workforce with a college degree or its equivalent by 1 percent or about 2,500 people. With the help of educators such as Dr. Wang, the President of Mercer County Community College and commission chair, members of the local business community and many others, the panel produced an excellent report on which I want to re-focus. The work of the commission will be a high priority in 2019.

Maintaining our aging infrastructure is one of the greatest challenges we face – across our nation, throughout New Jersey and here in Mercer County. We're well aware that every project our Department of Transportation and Infrastructure undertakes causes a temporary – and sometimes significant -- inconvenience for residents, businesses and people passing through our towns. In fact, the county's announcement on Facebook that we had reopened the Bakers Basin Road Bridge in Lawrence ahead of schedule, just before the Christmas holiday, generated reaction from more than 4,300 people. So it's clear that a lot of folks had been anxiously awaiting that piece of good news. But these projects are crucial to ensure that our roads and bridges meet the highest safety standards, and safety is always our top priority.

We also take engineering design very seriously, and here's an example. When the aforementioned Jacobs Creek Bridge was dismantled, the iron truss that dates to 1882 was removed and preserved. We had the truss restored last year as part of the Valley Road Bridge rehabilitation project near Howell Farm. That bridge reopened in November, and just this week we learned that the firm we hired to design the project – Genesis Engineering – will be honored with a Project of the Year Award from the Professional Engineers Society of Mercer County. Congratulations to Genesis and congratulations to our Engineering Division on another great job.

We know that Trenton-Mercer Airport plays an important role in the economic health of our region. With that in mind, we made some necessary improvements in recent years to help Trenton-Mercer remain viable. But Frontier Airlines now is generating more passenger traffic than we've ever seen here, and we're working hard to replace our outdated and undersized airport terminal with one that will accommodate existing passenger capacity, provide modern amenities and support future passenger growth. Public meetings have been held and more will be scheduled as we proceed through the project's design phase and the Environmental Assessment process, which is governed by the Federal Aviation Administration. As planned, we will conduct a public hearing in early summer on the full Environmental Assessment, which is required by the FAA. Modernization of our airport terminal continues to be the topic I am asked about most, and I am eager to advance this project.

Among the most pressing issues facing Mercer County is addressing the financial strain our Correction Center places on our property tax payers, while being mindful that incarcerated people returning to our communities must be given the best chance possible to succeed. The fact is Mercer County has the highest overtime costs in the state and the majority of those costs result from running our jail. Our facility is a last-century relic that requires heavy maintenance. Our inmate population is significantly reduced as a result of the 2017 Criminal Justice Reform Act – today we have just over

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400 detainees. Our preliminary financial analysis shows that I can reduce our overall county budget by at least \$12 million annually by regionalizing this service with another county.

Criminal Justice Reform has resulted in counties statewide evaluating whether it makes sense to operate a county correctional center. In 2014, Gloucester County and Cumberland County successfully regionalized, saving money for both. Hunterdon County also has closed its correction center and houses its inmates at Monmouth County Jail, about 60 miles away.

Out in our community, our taxpayers and elected officials insist on us devising creative solutions to run a more cost-effective correctional system. As more counties look for ways to share correctional services, our need for a solution that makes sense grows more urgent. We began considering the future of our Correctional Facility six years ago, and we must draw a conclusion this year.

Also unfinished in county business is our ongoing commitment to support our most vulnerable residents, whether they be at-risk youth, homebound older adults, the addicted, veterans of our armed forces or others who aren't looking for a handout, but simply need a helping hand.

Part of that commitment is the yearlong campaign that Mercer County undertook last spring to combat stigma associated with mental illness and addiction, and to support those who are impacted. I applaud everyone who signed an online pledge to help end stigma, and the local governments that passed resolutions pledging their support. I believe we have raised awareness. But mental illness continues to be a difficult conversation and it should not be. Until we eliminate stigma and discrimination within our community, and create an environment for hope and healing, we must continue this effort.

As I stand before you tonight, I am filled with pride to be your County Executive. We have much to celebrate in that Mercer County is healthy, strong and battle-tested. We have accomplished so much, but there is no time to rest on our laurels. The job of county executive is not simply a series of exciting new ventures and boxes checked. Every day is not a whole new ball game, and for me and my dedicated administration there is still so much work to be done. So it is with tremendous excitement that I officially announce today my intention to seek another term as your County Executive.

As some of you know, I come from a large and devoted family. I owe so much to each and every one of them. I would not be here before you tonight without the support and encouragement of the most important people in my life -- my wife Pamela Rago Hughes, and my son Sullivan Hughes.

I also owe a debt of gratitude to my Chief of Staff Kelly Ganges. Kelly has led the charge during my entire tenure as County Executive, and I truly cannot thank him enough. Please give Kelly a well-deserved round of applause.

Thank you for your time tonight. I am proud to be County Executive of the Greatest County. I look forward to working with this board and our community as we continue to enhance and expand the health and growth of Mercer County.

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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2019

MINUTES

Chair Cimino called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. on January 22, 2019 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, Colavita, Frisby, Koontz, Melker, Walter and Cimino

Chair Cimino 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.

At this time, Chair Cimino asked to have a moment of silence for Fred Gmitter, former Mercer County Freeholder.

COMMUNICATIONS

Six (6) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 24, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-six (26) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 24, 2019.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing 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. She asked if the Freeholder Board could receive a report on the aforementioned services provided.

Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk to the Board, declared that she did not receive Agreements for the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement (awarded through a non-fair and open process) with Cherry Weber & Associates, to provide preliminary engineering design services for the replacement of Mercer County Bridge No. 364.15 (Structure #1100-084), carrying Locust Lane over Harry's Brook, Princeton, County of Mercer.

Freeholder Koontz mentioned that he spoke to a constituent concerning the erosion occurring at the intersection of Harry's Brook and Harrison Street. He asked if the County could take a look at the intersection and follow-up.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-21, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 1993, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT - AMEND ORDINANCE TO INCREASE CERTAIN AIRFIELD FEES AND INCLUDE BADGING AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES (AMENDMENT NO. 3)

Chair Cimino asked who would bear the aforementioned cost.

Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, stated that the intent is to minimize the impact on the taxpayers by making the user of the services pay fees. He added that he would ask the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure to provide a list of the previous fees and proposed fees.

Freeholder Walter expressed her concerns regarding Fuel Flowage Fees.

Chair Cimino inquired about how the County decided on the range for the rates and charges.

Chair Cimino asked for clarification on the parking fees range for the surface lots. Freeholder Walter explained that there was discussion on a smaller range but they wanted to have flexibility for potential modifications. Freeholder Cannon requested to receive a copy of Ordinance No. 2013-21, which established the rates.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter expressed her concerns regarding the new proposed “Waters of the United States” definition. She added that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held an informational webcast on January 10, 2019 and would host a listening session on January 23, 2019. She explained that the EPA would accept public comment for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Walter acknowledged that the voting machines vendors would come before the Freeholder Board on February 26th and March 12th Freeholder Meetings.

Freeholder Walter mentioned that the New Jersey Complete Count Commission is holding a public meeting up North Jersey on February 20, 2019. She inquired if the County intended to comment.

NEW BUSINESS

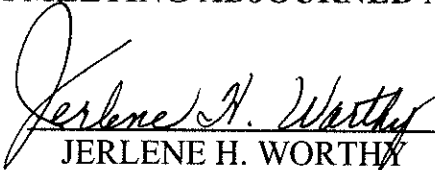
Chair Cimino commented that the County Executive would deliver the 2019 State of the County Address on January 24th Freeholder Meeting.

PUBLIC SECTION

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

There were no comments.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 PM


JERLENE H. WORTHY
CLERK TO THE BOARD