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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2017

MINUTES

Chair Colavita called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on January 12, 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 Deputy Clerk to the Board:

Present - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Koontz, Verrelli, Walter and Colavita
Absent – Freeholder Frisby

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Colavita led the 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 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.

2017 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

County Executive, Brian M. Hughes, presented the 2017 State of the County Address to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

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

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated December 16, 2016, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of November 28, 2016.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated January 3, 2017, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of December 5, 2016.

A communication was received from the Purchasing Department, dated January 3, 2017, RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of December 19, 2016.

A communication was received from Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo, Deputy Speaker, 14th Legislative District, December 6, 2016, RE: Response to Resolution No. 2016-528 supporting Senate Bill 2082 (S-2082).

A communication was received from Albert G. Santos, Clerk, Hudson County, dated December 12, 2016, RE: Resolution authorizing the New Jersey Association of Counties on behalf of the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County to file a Complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates.

A communication was received from Albert G. Santos, Clerk, Hudson County, dated December 22, 2016, RE: Resolution urging Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to properly allocate "911 System and Emergency Trust Fund Account" monies to County and municipal 911 centers as recommended under Federal Law.

A communication was received from Senator Shirley K. Turner, 15th District, dated December 27, 2016, RE: Regretfully declining her attendance at the 2017 Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholder's Reorganization Meeting.

A communication was received from Suzie Givone, Confidential Assistant to the Sussex County Clerk of the Board, dated January 4, 2017, RE: Resolution reappointing William Joseph as the Official Town Crier for the County of Sussex for 2017.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 10, 2017, RE: Questions from Freeholder Colavita.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated January 12, 2017, RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of January 10, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

With the exception of Resolution No. R-28, the Deputy 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 Walter, that:

RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-27 AND R-29 THROUGH R-40 ON THE AGENDA BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent -1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

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

NO. 2017-11 COUNTY OF MERCER 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

NO. 2017-12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE
CONTRACT WITH ANCHOR HOUSE, INC., FOR YOUTH
SHELTER SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO
DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 –
JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$50,000.00 –
JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (COUNTY
FUNDS)

- NO. 2017-13** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM FOR THE PROVISION OF HOUSING STABILITY SHALLOW SUBSIDY SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$138,712.00 (\$69,356.00; JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$69,356.00; JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (HOMELESSNESS TRUST FUND DOLLARS)
- NO. 2017-14** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF MERCER COUNTY FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION MENTORING SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018; AMOUNT: \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$50,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-15** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MERCER COUNTY FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$50,000.00 (\$25,000.00-2017; \$25,000.00 – 2018 [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2017-16** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MERCER COUNTY FOR SECONDARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$116,256.00 (\$58,128.00 JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$58,128.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-17** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$130,000.00; (\$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 [COUNTY FUNDS])
- NO. 2017-18** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON, FOR THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT (ICM) SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA) RECIPIENTS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND IF ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$83,500.00 (\$27,500.00 PREVENTION SERVICES; \$40,000.00 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT; \$16,000.00 FRINGE AND INDIRECT) SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) FUNDS. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2017-19** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY FOR SECONDARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$100,544.00 (\$50,272.00-JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-20** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH DAYTOP VILLAGE OF NEW JERSEY FOR FEMALE ADULT AND ADOLESCENT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 - \$45,000.00 [STATE FUNDS]; \$15,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]
- NO. 2017-21** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER CORPORATION FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$50,000.00 (\$25,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$25,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2017-22** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MERCER ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR SYSTEM MONITORING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS RESIDENTS OF MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$130,000.00 (\$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 –DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-23** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MILLHILL CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$80,000.00 (\$40,000.00 JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; & \$70,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-24** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH MOTLEK, LLC DBA FAMILY TRANSITION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SECONDARY PREVENTION MENTORING SERVICES FOR YOUTH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$140,000.00 (\$70,000.00-JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; & \$70,000.00-JANUARY 1, 2018) (COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2017-25** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS & LEARNING OF TRENTON FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$60,000.00 (\$30,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$30,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 [COUNTY FUNDS])
- NO. 2017-26** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH OAKS INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR SHELTER BED SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$1,680,000.00 (\$840,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; & \$840,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-27** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PREVENTION EDUCATION INC., PEI KIDS FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE PROGRAM SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$130,000.00 (\$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$65,000.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) [COUNTY FUNDS])

- NO. 2017-28** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH TRENTON CIVIL CIRCUS PROJECT DBA TRENTON CIRCUS SQUAD FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING/SCHOOL YEAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JUVENILES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$43,200.00 (\$21,600.00 – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017; \$21,600.00 – JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018) [COUNTY FUNDS]
- NO. 2017-29** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH UNITED PROGRESS, INC., (UPI) – TRENTON TREATMENT CENTER FOR INTENSIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT SERVICES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. AMOUNT: \$25,000.00 (COUNTY MATCH FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-30** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH UNITED PROGRESS, INC./TRENTON TREATMENT CENTER FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. AMOUNT: \$30,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]

- NO. 2017-31** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-389, ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2016 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T DBA RESCARE WORKFORCE SERVICES, FOR THE WFNJ TANF JOB SEARCH SANCTION PROGRAM – AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$3,000.00, RESULTING IN A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$147,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-32** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-390, ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2016 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T DBA RESCARE WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE WFNJ/TANF JOB SEARCH PROGRAM – “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$6,000.00 RESULTING IN A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$174,000.00 (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-33** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THE 2017 MERCER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017. AMOUNT: \$657,387.00 (STATE FUNDS)

- NO. 2017-34** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF A HMIS/SUPPORT STAFF SPECIALIST, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INPUT OF HOMELESS CASES/DATA INTO THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$122,000.00 (\$61,000.00 [JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017]; \$61,000.00 [JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018]) WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR (JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019). (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-35** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A CONTRACT RENEWAL APPLICATION AND CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MERCER COUNTY CHILDREN'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (CIACC). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. TOTAL FUNDS: \$37,243.00 (STATE FUNDS)
- NO. 2017-36** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 350 OF P.L. 1987 AND 1993 FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP). PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. AMOUNT: \$66,364.00 (STATE FUNDS – NO COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2017-37 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN AN EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE MERCER COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL GANG, GUN, AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE GRANT. TOTAL PROJECT: \$163,427.00 (\$163,427.00 – FEDERAL \$0 – COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT DURATION: JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017; GRANT NO. JAG 1-11TF-15

NO. 2017-38 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ROYAL PRINTING (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) FOR THE PRINTING OF VOTING AUTHORITIES, CANDIDATE, PARTY, AND ORGANIZATION CHALLENGER BADGES, OFFICIAL BADGES AND NUMBERED PAY VOUCHERS FOR DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD WORKERS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$80,000.00

- NO. 2017-39** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A FARM LEASE WITH SCOTT TAYLOR FOR THE LAND COMMONLY KNOWN AS "COUNTY OF MERCER" (FORMERLY MCNULTY), TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 AMOUNT PAID TO MERCER COUNTY: \$420.00
- NO. 2017-40** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A PORTION OF THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017. COST: \$36,000.00 COUNTY FUNDS
- NO. 2017-41** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO WORK TOGETHER IN PROVIDING SHELTER TO MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE EVENT OF A LARGE SCALE EMERGENCY OR DISASTER. PERIOD: OCTOBER 7, 2016 TO OCTOBER 7, 2021. COST: \$0.00

- NO. 2017-42** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE TO RECEIVE A SHELTER SUPPLY TRAILER ACQUIRED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
- NO. 2017-43** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE CITY OF TRENTON TO RECEIVE A SHELTER SUPPLY TRAILER ACQUIRED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
- NO. 2017-44** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO ALLOW MERCER COUNTY (OR A VENDOR OR CONTRACTOR) ACCESS TO THE JONES FARM FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PATROLLING THE PROPERTY WITH A SPECIALLY TRAINED DOG(S) TO CONTROL THE GEESE POPULATION FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. NO FEE

- NO. 2017-45** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: JANUARY 13, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$15,000.00
- NO. 2017-46** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH KLEINFELDER EAST, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: DECEMBER 31, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$40,000.00
- NO. 2017-47** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS WITH URBAN ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION OF THE REHABILITATION OF RUNWAY 6/24 (CONSTRUCTION) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 23, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2017. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$454,300.00

NO. 2017-48 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2012-573, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 29, 2012 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 3) TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT (NO. 220558) WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT), DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS (DOA) FOR FUNDING TO ACQUIRE AND INSTALL SECURITY FENCE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT – AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. NO CHANGE IN FUNDING LEVELS

NO. 2017-49 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-412 ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2016 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH LEVY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE CONVERSION OF EXISTING PROPANE FIRE TRAINING PROP TO TANKER TRAINING PROP AND RENOVATIONS TO THE DRILL TOWER AND RESIDENTIAL BURN BUILDING AT THE MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY. “AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT PERIOD THROUGH MAY 31, 2017” NO CHANGE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT

ADOPTED:

Ayes - 6. Nays -0. Abstain - 0. Absent -1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

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

NO. 2017-50 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE PROGRAM YEAR 2016 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (N.J. L.W.D.) AND MERCER COUNTY ONE-STOP AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017. AMOUNT: \$5,937,249.00 (PURSUANT TO US D.O.L. AND N.J. L.W.D. GUIDELINES WIOA FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018) STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

ADOPTED:

Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent -1.

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

Abstain – Freeholder Verrelli

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Ordinance Introduction seconded by Freeholder Walter:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD TRENTON ROAD (CR 535) AND ROBBINSVILLE-EDINBURG ROAD (CR 641), TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes -6. Nays- 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Ordinance Introduction seconded by Freeholder Verrelli:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD TRENTON ROAD (CR 535) AND ROBBINSVILLE-EDINBURG ROAD (CR 526), TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes -6. Nays- 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (CR 571) AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes -6. Nays- 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

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 Colavita, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

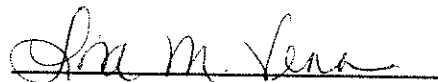
VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes -6. Nays- 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 1.

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

Absent – Freeholder Frisby

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:19 PM



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DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD



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INFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2017

MINUTES

Freeholder Board Chair Colavita called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 10, 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 Deputy Clerk to the Board:

Present – Freeholders Cannon, Koontz, Verrelli, Walter and Colavita
Absent – Freeholder Cimino, Frisby (who arrived at 6:02 P.M.)

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

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 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.

Chair Colavita welcomed newly elected Freeholder, Anthony S. Verrelli, to the Freeholder Board. The Board collectively congratulated him on winning the election and stated they looked forward to working with him.

Chair Colavita requested a moment of silence for John Zegarski, brother of retired Mercer County employee, Ziggy Zegarski. He stated the Zegarski family was well-known throughout Mercer County and the Democratic Party.

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

Ten (10) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of January 12, 2017.

Freeholder Walter stated that she was in contact with Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher-Muoio's office regarding students being tested for lead. She explained that students were tested for lead before enrolling in school and the results were not being shared with the school faculty. Freeholder Walter stated students who were found with elevated lead results should notify the school for proper education services. She stated most of the children qualify for special services but are not properly serviced because of the high cost of those services.

RESOLUTIONS

Nineteen (19) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of February 21, 2017.

Freeholder Frisby made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Competitive Contract with National Junior Tennis & Learning of Trenton for primary prevention afterschool programming/school year recreation activities for juveniles. He requested this Resolution be separated out of block due to a conflict of interest.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Mercer County Board of Social Services for the provision of a HMIS/Support Staff Specialist, responsible for the input of homeless cases/data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). She asked if this position would be in association with another contract.

Mr. Mair explained that after discussing this matter with Marygrace Billek, Director of Human Services, this service would benefit both the Mercer County Board of Social Services and the Mercer County Human Services Department.

Freeholder Cannon made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Mercer and the Township of Robbinsville to receive a shelter supply trailer acquired from the State of New Jersey. She asked if each township would acquire their own shelter trailer.

Andrew Mair, County Administrator, stated he would provide the Board with further information.

Freeholder Walter made reference to the following proposed Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc., to provide Program Management Services for the disadvantage business enterprise (DBE) program at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She asked who previously handled the DBE compliance reporting for the airport.

County Administrator Mair said he would inform the Board by the Formal Meeting on Thursday.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Herbert, Esq., Board Counsel, stated that he could not participate in any discussion regarding the Ordinances due to a conflict of interest.

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD TRENTON ROAD (CR 535) AND ROBBINSVILLE-EDINBURG ROAD (CR 641), TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

 2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD TRENTON ROAD (CR 535) AND ROBBINSVILLE-EDINBURG ROAD (CR 526), TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER

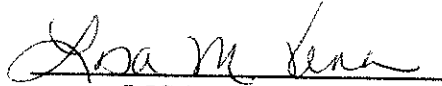
 3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (CR 571) AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER
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PUBLIC SECTION

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 6:43 PM

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LISA M. VENA

DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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Mercer County State of the County Address

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

Freeholder Chairman Pasquale Colavita and members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, I am pleased to deliver to you the 2017 State of the County.

As we enter 2017, I can proudly report that the state of the great County of Mercer is healthy and robust. We consistently meet the needs of our residents, and do so with a commonsense government that is willing to collaborate with public and private partners statewide to move Mercer County forward. I'd like to thank my Chief of Staff, Kelly Ganges, along with each and every Mercer County employee who performs their job with dignity and devotion, day in and day out. Let's give them a round of applause!

Year after year the unemployment rate in Mercer County continues to decline. Based on estimates from November 2016, Mercer's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, which was below the state average of 4.1 percent and the fifth lowest unemployment rate in New Jersey. That's a reflection of the hard work we've all put in to strengthen our local economy, yet I know that we can do better!

Unemployment has tremendous social and economic costs. Job creation and career development generates tangible social and economic benefits to a community. We can't emphasize more strongly the power – and pride – of a person holding steady employment and earning a fair, living wage.

A healthy economy begins with our younger residents by getting them entered into the workforce, and extends to middle-age adults who find themselves out of work and possibly facing a career change. We need to do everything we can to create employment and career opportunities so that all people, regardless of age or circumstance, can take care of themselves and their families, and contribute to the betterment of their communities. In Mercer County, we are laying new groundwork!

A year ago I announced the establishment of the Mercer County Partnership for Educational Attainment. The commission was tasked with developing strategies to help Mercer County residents who have earned some college credits to finally cross the finish line. Our 5-year target is to increase the percentage of residents with a college degree – or its equivalent – by 1 percent, or about 2,500 people. We are going to be aggressive on this, because currently there are more than 10,000 county residents who have taken some college courses, but have not completed a college degree for a variety of reasons.

Led by Dr. Jianping Wang, president of Mercer County Community College, the commission recently performed a survey of more than 200 businesses and organizations. From that survey, preliminary findings show that more than 80 percent of the respondents expect their business or organization to grow over the next 5 years. That is great news and a positive forecast! Additionally, almost 50 percent of respondents are currently seeking new, full-time employees. So we know the jobs are out there. But here is the kicker – 71 percent of respondents report difficulty finding qualified candidates to fill those jobs. Our challenge ahead is for us to work together to change that landscape. I thank Dr. Wang for her enthusiasm and leadership as we strive to give our residents the best shot at career opportunities in Mercer County.

Among the ways Mercer County is filling the talent gap is by tailoring the curriculum and programs at Mercer County Community College to meet the needs of employers, particularly those in the high-

demand technical industry. Under Dr. Wang, Mercer County Community College broke ground in August for a new Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory that will train students for jobs, using the latest in high-tech equipment.

The County College project will prepare students for careers in manufacturing, which has become a highly technical field that requires special skills. Through the establishment of this Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory, students will receive a quality education in a high-demand field that will serve as an asset to our business community. This new manufacturing laboratory is a good example of how we can respond proactively to market trends to keep the Mercer County economy strong.

Other programs have been created to help position people for new careers. The County College has launched an "experiential learning" program that will enable students to complete their education in a year or two, obtain gainful employment immediately upon graduation, and provide employers with a better trained and ready workforce.

Another program that is helping both employers and our younger jobseekers is the Mercer County Youth Career Connection. The YCC, which is run through our One-Stop Career Center, helps young adults ages 17 to 24 secure and retain jobs by helping them develop the skills needed to advance into a career. The YCC also teaches soft skills, those intangibles such as workplace etiquette and conversing. This program was created in response to employers' willingness to hire young adults who are ready to work, as long as those young adults had the skills to be competitive and attractive to prospective employers. It's designed to give working-age young adults the opportunity to join the workforce, and that's something that must remain a priority for all of us.

Our One-Stop Career Center continues to draw employers who are actively hiring and in search of strong, qualified candidates, and is planning two job fairs in the coming months -- one for adults and one for teens. In 2016, 105 employers held recruitment events at our One-Stop, where they found worthy candidates, many of whom polished their skills by partaking of job preparation workshops with us. I'm happy to report that 255 people were hired, and we are so excited to connect even more people with jobs this year.

As you may know, Mercer County on January 1 implemented the state-mandated Criminal Justice Reform Act, which is a result of a 2014 ballot question. Although Mercer County supports Criminal Justice Reform as good public policy, we are uncertain whether the reform will further reduce the number of low-risk individuals who could be released pending trial. We were able to reduce our population by seeing that low-level offenders who meet certain criteria be released for "time served" for very minor offenses. This undoubtedly saves Mercer County taxpayers thousands of dollars of cost to incarcerate individuals for these types of offenses. To illustrate, Mercer County Correction Center's average daily population has been at historic lows, around 600 inmates or less, compared with more than 1,000 about a decade ago, and I credit Warden Charles Ellis for his role in that success and thank him.

However, under Criminal Justice Reform, there has been a significant financial investment in order to comply with new rules on processing detainees. We've had to hire new assistant prosecutors, investigators and clerical staff, make some capital improvements and upgrade information technology. It stands to reason that fewer people in our jail equals cost reduction, but the reality is that unless we are able to shutter an entire unit at our correction center, there are no notable savings. We will be closely

monitoring outcomes related to bail reform and how it will affect the way we house inmates in our antiquated jail.

As a society, we know that one of the surest ways to keep people out of our jail is to build economic prosperity and equal opportunity. Once back in their community, what ex-offenders want is an opportunity for employment, an opportunity to receive job training ... to be given a second chance. By providing opportunity to succeed, we in turn strengthen our entire community and create stability. That is the ultimate reform and what we strive for in Mercer County.

While we are talking about reform, it's important that we address the prospects for our incarcerated youth as well. The goal of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative has been to reduce the number of incarcerated youths and put in place better reform strategies to get young offenders on the right track. We know that finding and keeping a good job is a challenge for undereducated young adults. Having a criminal record can be a deal breaker, so we've implemented a strategy to help give youth on probation a second chance.

Our World of Work program, which is funded by the Juvenile Justice Commission, offers teens on probation a chance at positive change. Statistics show that young adults on probation who are not in school or employed face a higher risk of violating a law and ultimately swirling deeper into the corrections system.

Like the Youth Career Connection, World of Work also teaches fundamental soft skills such as time management, good communication skills and the ability to accept criticism. The program pays the youth's salary for the first 12 weeks, leaving no burden on the employer, and a job coach offers guidance along the way. In 2016, 15 young adults were referred to the program and are in various stages of job training. I encourage business owners to consider how a second chance might pay big rewards for both themselves and a youth with challenges.

I'd like to thank Whole Earth health food store and Smoke House Bar-B-Que restaurant for stepping up and for unlocking the possibilities for these young adults. Let's give them a round of applause.

I know you're interested in what's going on at the airport and latest developments there. Economically, Trenton-Mercer Airport is a premier travel hub and economic engine both for the county and the region. The airport generates an annual economic output of more than \$106 million, and more than 2,000 jobs are attributable in some way to the facility. In December, Frontier announced that in 2017 it would expand its flight attendant base by up to 150 in our region. This means more job opportunities locally for flight attendants and pilots, and an even greater positive economic impact to the entire region.

A second major commercial air carrier, Allegiant, has now been operating at Trenton-Mercer Airport for more than two months, and that has gone very smoothly. I believe that having both Allegiant and Frontier here will spur greater competition and open the market to those who have been unable or unwilling to fly by offering competitive pricing, greater travel options and more convenience.

Currently, our greatest operational challenge is continuing to provide adequate space and modern-day convenience that travelers expect, in a terminal that is becoming increasingly ill-equipped for our growing customer base. Additionally, with the completion of the airport Master Plan, we will have a deliberate, well-conceived, well-researched document with which to guide future growth and activity in a region that is ripe for development.

Development is buzzing in Trenton as well. As you know, we opened our new, four-story criminal courthouse four years ago and we are now into the second phase of work, which is to renovate the Courthouse Annex. This multi-year project is a critical source of jobs for trade and labor organizations and provides a modern, safe working environment for the judiciary and hundreds of state and county employees. Also in Trenton, New Jersey Realtors moved into new headquarters, bringing 18 full-time staffers. The new building has transformed a vacant corner lot here on South Broad Street at Hamilton Avenue. Not far from the Realtors building, HHG Developers has broken ground on the first phase of their 138-unit multi-family Roebling Lofts, expected to be completed this year. Later phases include office space, restaurants and entertainment, and this type of development that is attracting talented, young millennials to our urban centers. It is exhilarating to hear the buzz of activity as this development begins to take shape!

And while we're busy promoting economic growth, we also must continue to work on behalf of those in Mercer County who need a helping hand. We do this every day through the work of Human Services Director Marygrace Billek and our Board of Social Services, now under the direction of Jeffrey Mascoll. The work of those two offices often touches the citizens among us who have the least, so I am especially proud of the work we've done to reduce homelessness in Mercer County. Our effort to ensure housing for veterans, families and individuals has garnered national recognition. Just a few weeks ago, we were honored by the National Alliance to End Homelessness in Washington, which celebrated Mercer County's successes in ending child and family homelessness, and recognized Mercer County as a model for other communities.

Along with our partners at the Board of Social Services, we could not have achieved such success without cooperation from the City of Trenton, Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness, Catholic Charities and this Freeholder Board, and I thank them. Truthfully, awards like this are bittersweet because no person should be without a place to call home. It is my goal to do everything in my power to ensure that every man, woman and child has a roof over their head and that every person who wishes to succeed is given a shot at the training and educational opportunities that will open doors to their dreams.

When I first took office as County Executive, I pledged to restore the citizens' faith in their government and promised integrity, efficiency and honesty. I am proud of how far we've come. I'm also proud of our record on economic development and job creation, and we have the data to back it up. Since my first days in office until today, Mercer County has seen an increase of 10,800 new jobs and we will increase that number!

When I take a look around, it's clear that Mercer County really stands out from the pack when it comes to economic development and quality of life, and many agree with me. Based on our workforce, economic strength and growth, Area Development Magazine's "Leading Locations" analysis lists Mercer County second out of 40 Mid-Atlantic Metropolitan Statistical Areas, beating out other desirable areas like Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.! We love being the leader and that ranking reaffirms what we already know – that Mercer County has a lot to offer employers, job seekers and residents.

I am so proud to be County Executive of the Greatest County, and I am committed to moving this county forward and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Our 376,000 proud residents are part of that success, and I look forward to continuing our partnership. Thank you!