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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2016

THE WAR MEMORIAL

ONE WEST LAFAYETTE STREET

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

The Clerk to the Board called the meeting to order on the above date at the War Memorial Building, One Lafayette Street, Trenton, New Jersey, at 6:05 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Father Gerard Lynch, Pastor of Saint Ann's Catholic Church.

Following the Invocation, the Clerk to the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag.

The National Anthem was led by Shira Johnson-Brown.

The Clerk to the Board announced in accordance with the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, {Chapter 231, 1975}, Notice of this meeting had been mailed to the Trentonian, Trenton Times and Princeton Packet Newspapers, as well as having been posted in the Administration Building and Courthouse at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Freeholder Chair Frisby thanked everyone for attending tonight's Reorganization Meeting. He thanked County Executive Brian M. Hughes for his leadership and congratulated him on his re-election. He also thanked members of the Administration, giving special thanks to Kelvin Ganges, Chief of Staff; Andrew Mair, County Administrator; and the County Counsel's Office. He recognized his new aide Aubrey Mollinedo for her dedication and commitment. He also thanked members of the Freeholder staff, the Research Director, Board Counsel, and the Clerk to the Board and her staff for all their hard work. He recognized elected officials and former elected officials in the audience.

SWEARING IN OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRIAN M. HUGHES

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for the newly Re-elected COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRIAN M. HUGHES.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable John J. Hughes, United States Magistrate Judge.

County Executive Hughes welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He congratulated Freeholders Ann Cannon, Pat Colavita, Samuel Frisby and County Clerk, Paula Sollami-Covello, on their re-election. He added that once again, the voters have recognized the hard work and passionate service they bring to Mercer County. He also thanked his wife, Pamela, and his son, Sullivan, for their continued support. He acknowledged his Chief of Staff, Kelly Ganges, the members of his cabinet, and all Mercer County employees for their outstanding work. He reflected on successes that have taken place over the past years as well as his excitement and commitment to leading the County for the next four years. Lastly, he said that government is a sacred public trust, and it is incumbent upon all of us to uphold the highest principles of good government and to honor the privilege of being in public service.

SWEARING IN OF FREEHOLDERS ELECT

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER ANN M. CANNON.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Linda R. Greenstein, New Jersey State Senator- 14th Legislative District.

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re- elected FREEHOLDER PASQUALE "PAT" COLAVITA, JR.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Linda R. Greenstein, New Jersey State Senator- 14th Legislative District.

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected FREEHOLDER SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable James J. Florio, Former Governor of the State of New Jersey.

At this time the Clerk to the Board called the Roll Call of the 2016 Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Ann M. Cannon

Anthony P. Carabelli

John A. Cimino

Pasquale "Pat" Colavita

Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.

Andrew R. Koontz

Lucylle R.S. Walter

As the next order of business, the Clerk announced that nominations were in order for Chair of the Board for 2016.

Freeholder Carabelli placed in nomination, the name of Freeholder Ann M. Cannon for Chair of the Board. Freeholder Colavita seconded the nomination.

The Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she proceeded to call for the vote.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF FREEHOLDER ANN M. CANNON TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2016

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

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

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Freeholder Cannon by the Honorable Elizabeth Maher Muoio.

On behalf of the entire Board, Freeholder Chair Cannon presented outgoing Chair Freeholder Frisby with a gavel plaque in recognition for his leadership as Chair of the Board in 2016.

Chair Cannon then called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2016.

Freeholder Koontz placed in nomination, the name of Freeholder Pasquale "Pat" Colavita, Jr., to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2016. Freeholder Carabelli seconded the nomination.

The Clerk inquired as to any further nominations. Hearing none, she called for the vote.

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF PASQUALE COLAVITA, JR. TO
SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2016**

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

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

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Freeholder Colavita by the Honorable Daniel R. Benson, New Jersey State Assemblyman - 14th Legislative District

Freeholder Chair Cannon asked the Clerk to the Board if there was any further business to come before the Board. The Clerk advised that there were ten{10} Resolutions required to be adopted at this meeting.

Freeholder Cimino moved, seconded by Freeholder Colavita that:

“RESOLUTIONS NO.’S 1 THROUGH 10
ON THE AGENDA, **BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE IN BLOCK

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

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

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

- NO. 2016- 1 BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS ESTABLISHES
MEETING DATES FOR CONFERENCE AND
FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR
THE YEAR 2016

- NO. 2016- 2 APPOINTMENT OF ANN M. CANNON
AS DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD
OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2016

- NO. 2016- 3 APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. CIMINO AS
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING
THE BOARD, OF THE NEW JERSEY
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE
YEAR 2016

- NO. 2016- 4 ADOPTION OF RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF MERCER COUNTY FOR 2016

- NO. 2016- 5 COUNTY OF MERCER - TEMPORARY BUDGET 2016

- NO. 2016- 6 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES
FOR ALL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NJ

NO. 2016-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE FROM
TIME TO TIME OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES
AUTHORIZED BY VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES
OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

NO. 2016 - 8 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION TO
REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM
THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR NOTES TO BE
ISSUED UNDER VARIOUS ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS HERETOFORE ADOPTED UNDER
THE LOCAL BOND LAW AND THE LOCAL
BUDGET LAW

NO. 2016-9 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT DAVIS AS DIRECTOR
OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE
MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS

NO. 2016-10 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL W. HERBERT, ESQ,
AS COUNSEL TO THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD
OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

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

Chair Cannon then proceeded to announce the Freeholder Board's Standing Committees for 2016, as follows:

Budget and Fiscal Affairs	-	Chair	-	Anthony P. Carabelli
		Member	-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
Economic Growth	-	Chair	-	John A. Cimino
		Member	-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita, Jr.
Inter-Governmental Relations	-	Chair	-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
		Member	-	John A. Cimino
Health and Human Services	-	Chair	-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
		Member	-	Andrew R. Koontz
Planning	-	Chair	-	Pasquale "Pat" Colavita, Jr.
		Member	-	Lucylle R.S. Walter
Organization, Rules and Procedures	-	Chair	-	Anthony R. Koontz
		Member	-	Anthony P. Carabelli

SWEARING IN OF MERCER COUNTY CLERK

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for the newly Re-elected COUNTY CLERK, PAULA SOLLAMI-COVELLO

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Judge Maria Marinari Sypek.

County Clerk Paula Sollami-Covello, congratulated the County Executive and Freeholders on their re-election. She also acknowledged her family for their continued support. She stated she is honored to have the privilege of continuing to serve as the County Clerk and will continue to work hard for the residents of Mercer County. She said that in Mercer County good government has worked effectively and efficiently, and progress has been made. She added that the County Clerk's office is moving to 240 West State Street for 2 years while the Mercer County Courthouse is being renovated.

At this time, Freeholder Chair Cannon thanked her fellow Board members for supporting her in assuming the position of Board Chair. She thanked her aide, Eric Puliti and the Clerk to the Board's office. She thanked the outgoing Chair Frisby for his leadership and dedication. She spoke briefly of the year ahead and said she looked forward to working with County Executive Hughes and his Administration for a continued commitment to service to the residents of Mercer County.

Freeholder Koontz thanked his wife, aide Mario Laurenti, Clerk to the Board staff and Research Director Rob Davis for their hard work.

Freeholder Frisby thanked his family and all the individuals who supported him during this past election. He spoke of his dedication as the chair of the Freeholder Board and looked forward for a successful year ahead.

Freeholder Cimino also thanked his family for their continued support and wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

Freeholder Walter wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked her family for their dedication and commitment.

Freeholder Carabelli thanked his family for their support while he served on the board for over 40 years. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Freeholder Vice- Chair Colavita thanked his lovely family, aide Lisa Feldman, and the Clerk to the Board staff. He thanked Mercer County residents for believing in him to serve as a Freeholder. He added to always have a positive attitude, never listen to negative people and fulfill your dreams.

At this time, Toni Walker graced the stage with a musical selection.

The Benediction was delivered by Reverend Darrell L. Armstrong, Pastor – Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ.

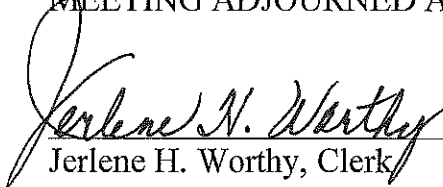
A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Freeholder Carabelli, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, which motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02P.M.



Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk

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