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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2023

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 6:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Charles Boyer, Pastor of Greater Mt. Zion Church, Trenton, New Jersey.

Commissioner Cimino called for a moment of silence in honor of the recent passing of Commissioner Pasquale A. Colavita, Jr., who served on the Mercer County Commissioner Board for many years. Commissioner Cimino stated that Commissioner Colavita dedicated his life helping others.

Following the Invocation, Girl Scouts Troops 70644 and 70654 led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag.

The National Anthem was performed by Commissioner Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.,

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.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECT

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly re-elected
COMMISSIONER NINA D. MELKER

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Wayne P. DeAngelo,
New Jersey State Assemblyman of the 14th Legislative District .

The Clerk to the Board read the Certificate of Election for newly elected
COMMISSIONER CATHLEEN LEWIS.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Honorable Sarah G. Crowley, ALJ, New
Jersey State Office of Administrative Law.

At this time, the Clerk to the Board called the Roll Call of the 2023 Mercer County Board
of County Commissioners:

John A. Cimino

Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.,

Cathleen Lewis

Kristin L. McLaughlin

Nina D. Melker

Terrance Stokes

Lucylle R.S. Walter

As the next order of business, the Clerk announced that a nomination was in order for the Chair of the Board for 2023.

Commissioner McLaughlin placed in nomination, the name of **COMMISSIONER LUCYLLE R.S. WALTER** to serve as Chair of the Board. Commissioner Lewis seconded the nomination.

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

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF LUCYLLE R.S. WALTER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2023

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Commissioner Walter by the Honorable Louis S. Sancinino, Chief Judge of the Hamilton Municipal Courts.

Chair Walter then called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2023.

Commissioner Melker placed in nomination, the name of **COMMISSIONER JOHN A. CIMINO** to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board. Commissioner Frisby seconded the nomination.

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

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF JOHN A. CIMINO TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2023

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

Ayes - Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

The Clerk announced the results of the vote.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Commissioner Cimino by the Honorable Wayne P. DeAngelo, New Jersey State Assemblyman- 14th Legislative District

Commissioner Chair Walter 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.

Commissioner Cimino moved, seconded by Commissioner Melker that:

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 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 – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

Commissioner Frisby offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin:

- NO. 2023-1 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHES MEETING DATES FOR CONFERENCE AND
FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR
THE YEAR 2023
- NO. 2023-2 APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A CIMINO AS DIRECTOR ,
REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF THE NEW JERSEY
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2023
- NO. 2023-3 APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL T. FRISBY, SR., AS
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD
OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
FOR THE YEAR 2023
- NO. 2023-4 ADOPTION OF RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE MERCER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 2023
- NO. 2023-5 COUNTY OF MERCER - 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS

- NO. 2023-6 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN
- NO. 2023-7 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. 2023- 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. 2023-9 APPOINTMENT OF ROB DAVIS AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- NO. 2023-10 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL W. HERBERT, ESQ, AS COUNSEL TO THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

Chair Walter then proceeded to announce the Commissioner Board's Standing Committees for 2023, as follows:

Budget and Fiscal Affairs	Chair- Member-	Terrance Stokes Cathleen Lewis
Economic Growth	Chair- Member-	John A. Cimino Samuel T. Frisby, Sr.
Inter-Governmental Relations	Chair- Member-	Nina D. Melker Kristin L. McLaughlin
Health and Human Services	Chair- Member-	Samuel T. Frisby, Sr., Cathleen Lewis
Planning	Chair- Member-	Kristin L. McLaughlin Terrance Stokes
Organization, Rules and Procedures	Chair- Member-	Lucylle R. S. Walter Nina D. Melker

At this time, Chair Walter welcomed County Executive Brian M. Hughes to make remarks.

Mr. Hughes welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. He congratulated re-elected Commissioner Lucylle R.S. Walter as the Chair, welcomed newly elected Commissioner Cathleen Lewis to the Mercer County Board of Commissioners and expressed how he looked forward to working with the Board on various projects. Next, he thanked outgoing Chair Nina Melker for her dedication and commitment. Mr. Hughes then proceeded to thank the Clerk to the Board, Jerlene H. Worthy, for her wisdom and professionalism. Mr. Hughes commended his Chief of Staff, Kelvin Ganges, County Administrator, Lillian L. Nazzaro, and Deputy Administrator, Aaron Watson, for their hard work and devotion to Mercer County.

Mr. Hughes' acknowledgements also included his show of gratitude to former Commissioner Andrew Koontz for his commitment in improving the parks in Princeton and throughout the County, and also, to Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo and the building trade unions for their hard work.

Mr. Hughes spoke of the challenges Mercer County would face in 2023; but strongly expressed that with the continued help of his Administration and the Commissioner Board, that they would continue to do what is best for the residents of Mercer County. He concluded by thanking everyone for their support and letting them know that he indeed looked forward to serving as the County Executive again.

At this time, the members of the Commissioner Board wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting. Each Commissioner spoke briefly about the past year and what would be upcoming in 2023. The Board thanked the County Executive Brian M. Hughes, the Administration, the employees of Mercer County, Commissioner Melker for her outstanding leadership as Board Chair in 2022, and former Commissioner Andrew Koontz for his service and dedication while serving on the Board. They also thanked their families & friends for their continued support. Finally, the Board thanked the Clerk of the Board, Jerlene H. Worthy and her staff, the Research Director Robert Davis, and their confidential aides for their hard work. (See remarks by Commissioners, Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

Commissioner Cimino noted that the Board made history by being the first majority-female Board ever in Mercer County. Commissioner Stokes felt that being a Commissioner was about serving the community, and continuing to advance the County meaningfully. He said that he looked forward to working closely on the Set-Aside Program to ensure that all individuals, particularly women and minorities can compete economically with businesses. Chair Walter made reference to James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States "I like the noise of democracy." She noted that she loves the noise of democracy to have discussions that are able to reach Resolutions. She also pointed out that she was an advocate of the "Net Zero Tree Loss Policy," a Resolution that the Board approved. Chair Walter then mentioned that she looked forward to the new terminal at the Trenton-Mercer Airport and hopes the County will establish an Airport Advisory Board to allow individuals to participate in the changes and provide their perspectives openly and transparently. Finally, Chair Walter welcomed the public to attend the board meetings to participate in the noise of democracy.

At this time, Chair Walter acknowledged the elected officials and dignitaries.

The Benediction was delivered by Reverend Charles Boyer, Pastor of Greater Mt. Zion Church, Trenton, New Jersey.

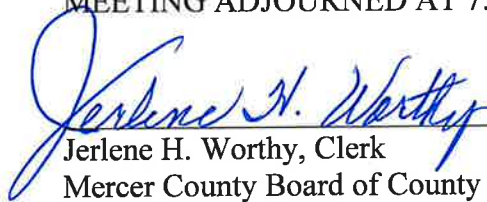
A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Commissioner Frisby, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, which motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Frisby, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.



Jerlene H. Worthy, Clerk

Mercer County Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Meller

Schedule 'A'

HAPPY NEW YEAR! IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVELEDGE TO SERVE AS A MERCER COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND I AM SO HONORED TO HAVE BEEN RE-ELECTED FOR ANOTHER TERM. IT WAS TRULY A PLEASURE TO HAVE SERVED THE PAST YEAR AS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSIONER BOARD.

I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE AMAZING PARTNERS IN MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – WE WORKED TOGETHER, UNITED TO ENSURE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND I THANK EACH OF THEM FOR BEING WONDERFUL TEAM MEMBERS TO ME DURING MY TERM AS THE CHAIR. I WELCOME OUR NEW COMMISSIONERS AND MY RUNNING MATE – CATHLEEN LEWIS. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND I KNOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AND I KNOW YOU WILL SERVE MERCER COUNTY WELL. CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCYLLE WALTERS AS YOU TAKE OVER AS OUR CHAIR – I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP AND GUIDANCE YOU PROVIDED TO ME AS MY VICE CHAIR AND I KNOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY AS YOU LEAD THE COMMISSIONER BOARD. CONGRATULATONS TO JOHN CIMINO AS OUR NEW VICE CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND MENTORSHIP. I WANT TO THANK ANDREW KOONTZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO MERCER COUNTY – I ENJOYED SERVING WITH YOU AND BEING YOUR RUNNING MATE.

I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COOPERATION THEY PROVIDED TO ME AS THE CHAIR. TOGETHER WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MANY IMPORTANT PROJECTS – AND I AM MOST PROUD OF THE ARP PROGRAM FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES WHICH WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT I WORKED ON WITH MY COLLEAGES AS THE CHAIR.

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY IS SOMETHING I TRULY ENJOY – I CONTINUE TO SIT ON NUMEROUS NON-PROFIT BOARDS AND I PLEDGE TO MERCER COUNTY TO ALWAYS SERVE OUR CONSTITUANTS KNOWING THAT WE MAY NOT ALWAYS AGREE BUT KNOW THAT WHEN I MAKE A DECISION IT IS BASED ON WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE BEST FOR THE COUNTY.

THANK YOU TO MY WONDERFUL FAMILY THAT ALWAYS SUPPORTS ME AND IS TRULY THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS – MY HUSBAND MICHAEL AND OUR DAUGHTERS, DAUGHTER IN LAW, OUR BONUS DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR SHARING ME WITH THE COMMUNITY I SERVE.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ASSEMBLYMAN WAYNE DEANGELO FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO SWEAR ME IN. YOU ARE A DEAR FRIEND AND A

GREAT LEADER IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE SUPPORT MY FRIENDS IN LABOR HAVE PROVIDED IS CRUCIAL AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU.

THANK YOU TO OUR COUNTY CHAIR – JANICE MIRANOV FOR HER HARD WORK ON OUR CAMPAIGN – WORKING TO ENSURE MY RE-ELECTION.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT GIVE A HUGE THANKS TO THE STAFF, ROB DAVIS, MIKE SABO AND ALL OF THE AIDES. YOU ALL WORK HARD BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE SURE THINGS GET DONE AND IT IS APPRECIATED. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CLERK MISS COOKIE WORTHY AND HER STAFF – YOU TRULY WERE THERE TO SUPPORT ME AS CHAIR AND HELPED TO KEEP ME ORGANIZED AND ON TASK ALWAYS.

LASTLY, THANK YOU TO ALL THE FRIENDS THAT ARE HERE TONIGHT. WHAT I CHERISH THE MOST AS A COMMISSIONER IS THE RELATIONSHIPS I HAVE BUILT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING ON THESE RELATIONSHIPS AS WE WORK TOGETHER FOR MERCER COUNTY.

THANK YOU

From: Commissioner Lewis

Yesterday I was honored to be sworn in as a Mercer County Commissioner. Below are my remarks from the meeting

Yesterday was my last Lawrence Township Council meeting, and today I sit on this new dais. This quick change seems to sum up life as of late. For so many of us it seems like life has been in fast forward since we got out of quarantine. Knowing this I tried to take the last week of 2022 to slow down, and to really reflect on the work ahead. It was just about a year ago that I started on a journey to get to this dais. That journey was not always easy, so first and foremost let me thank my family. First for engaging in a real conversation about what this change would mean in the long and short term for us. Second for putting up with what at the time seemed like endless phone calls and events. Third for always supporting me and our shared commitment to our community.

It is that commitment that truly propelled this journey. It would be easy to see the progress that was being made in Lawrence and decide to continue to work within my municipality. But my service in Lawrence highlighted the need for stronger county partnership with our municipalities. My own experiences showed me a need for changes in how the county connected with its residents. Many of those changes are changes that I helped to tackle within my own community.

What I learned there was that past success can not continue without a commitment to encouraging new voices and new ideas. Our communities change and as elected officials it is our duty to meet our residents where they are, to learn and to listen to find out how to serve better.

Knowing this, I began to think about how to best effectuate those changes. For those who know me, you know that the lens that matters most is my children, not just what is best for them, but what provides the best example. In addition to my own girls, I have the privilege of being a leader to 2 Girl Scout Troops, where we learn about how to identify problems and then deciding how best to solve them within our communities.

Through that lens, the answer became easy, if I saw a need for a change, a change I thought I could help create then I needed to be part of that change. I am encouraged by how that message has resonated.

And so I arrive on this dais committed to deepening the county's communication with residents and our municipalities. Committed to advancing policies that strengthen our commitment to sustainability and economic growth for all our residents. Committed to being part of the revitalization and growth of our Capital City. And committed to working with all our government partners to encourage transparent, good government that serves our communities.

I arrive on this dais hopeful for the new year, but I was reminded by Jane Goodall in her "Book of Hope," that hope is action. In her book she says

"It is important to take action and realize that we can make a difference and this will encourage others to take action and then we realize we are not alone and our cumulative actions truly make an even greater difference. That is how we spread the light. And this, of course, makes us ever more hopeful."

And so I enter this room hopeful for change and thankful for all the people who will join me in that hope.

First thankful to my girl scouts who joined me here today. Thankful to my colleagues on this dais who have welcomed me. And thankful to my Lawrence council colleagues Thankful to my fellow Federation of Mercer Democratic Women who have encouraged and challenged me over the years. Thankful to Judge Crowley, who in her past life helped show me what it meant to be local Lawrence leader. I am thankful to Representative Rush Holt who introduced me to Mercer and New Jersey politics and showed me the power of representation.

Thankful to the many friends and mentors I see in the audience, Chairwomen and Mayor Janice Mirnov, Assemblyman Dan Benson, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds Jackson, and so many others who have all taught me about service and leadership over the years.

And the biggest thank yous are reserved for my family. For my girls, who remind me of why this work is important each day and to my partner who makes it possible to this work and encourages me in those days when it seems futile.

And lastly thank you to the residents of Mercer for your faith in me.

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