

COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading.....July 20, 2023.....  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.....August 17, 2023.....  
Public Hearing.....

Date to County Executive.....August 18, 2023.....  
Date Returned.....August 21, 2023.....

Date Adopted:  
.....August 17, 2023.....

Date Resubmitted to Board.....

.....September 6, 2023.....

Approved as to Form and Legality



Effective Date

County Counsel

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VOTING MACHINES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,800,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,610,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COMMISSIONERS	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	COMMISSIONERS	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Cimino	X				✓		Cimino	X					✓
Frisby				X			Frisby	X				✓	
Lewis	X						Lewis				X		
McLaughlin	X					✓	McLaughlin				X		
Melker	X						Melker	X					
Stokes				X			Stokes	X					
Walter	X						Walter	X					

X—Indicates Vote      Abs.—Absent      N.V.—Not Voting  
Res.—Resolution Moved      Sec.—Resolution Seconded

Rejected  By Ben M. Hahn  
Approved   
Reconsidered   
By Board.....

County Executive  
Override    
Vote Aye Nay

Lucille R. Walter Chair of the Board  
Jerlene N. Worthy Clerk to the Board

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Mercer, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the County of Mercer, New Jersey ("County").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the County from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$3,800,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$3,610,000; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$190,000 for a portion of the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$3,610,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$190,000, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$3,610,000 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the County in an amount not to exceed \$3,610,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$750,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

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	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Acquisition of voting machines and related equipment for the Office of the Superintendent of Elections, together with the completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	\$3,800,000	\$190,000	\$3,610,000	15 years

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of, obligations issued to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The average period of useful life of the several purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes is not less than 15 years.

**Section 10.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$3,610,000 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 11.** The full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the County shall levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 12.** The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and available for inspection.

**Section 13.** The City hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceed of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the City prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 14.** The County hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds

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or bond anticipation notes is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposed, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such terms is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Ogden, Utah Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 15.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the County may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 16.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 17.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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## Notice of Pending Bond Ordinance and Summary

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, on July 18, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Mercer to be held at McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey, on August 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the County Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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## Bond Ordinance Statements and Summary

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the County Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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