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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. on June 8, 2023, in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

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The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Clerk to the Board:

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

The Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

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

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At this time, Chair Walter invited members of the public to comment on any item listed on the Agenda.

There were no comments.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion of Commissioner Frisby, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, the minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of January 12, 2023  
Formal Meeting of January 26, 2023

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion of Commissioner Cimino, seconded by Commissioner Melker, the minutes of the following meeting were approved:

Formal Meeting of February 9, 2023

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**Ayes – 5. Nays - 0. Abstain - 2. Absent -0.**

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

A communication was received from Senator Shirley K. Turner, Senator- 15<sup>th</sup> District, dated May 11, 2023: RE: Acknowledged receipt of Resolution No. 2023-285, recognizing April 2023 as National Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Mercer County.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro Esq., County Administrator, dated June 7, 2023: RE: Commissioner Questions for June 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Frisby, moved, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, that:

**RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-35 ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

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

**NO. 2023-413**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR AT-RISK MERCER COUNTY SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

**NO. 2023-414**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR AT-RISK MERCER COUNTY SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

**NO. 2023-415**      MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES FOR AT-RISK MERCER COUNTY SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- NO. 2023-416** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-880 ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ALLOCATED AMOUNT TOWARDS PROGRAMS REVISED AMOUNT: \$250,000.00 AND UP TO \$850,000.00 AUTHORIZATION PERIOD TO REMAIN THE SAME. (AMENDMENT NO. 1)
- NO. 2023-417** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH WOMANSPACE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$53,150.00 (SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-418** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL PACKAGE WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MERCER COUNTY CHILDREN'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (CIACC). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$37,243.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-419**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH V.E. RALPH AND SON INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NARCAN NASAL SPRAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (CK04-CONTRACT #22-14) TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$95,000.00.

**NO. 2023-420**

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-469, ADOPTED JUNE 23, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) IN MERCER COUNTY. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,432.00 REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$70,806.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-421**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR, REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, AND LEAD INSPECTOR/RISK ASSESSOR SERVICES. PERIOD: MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024 ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS. AMOUNT: \$87,900.00 (\$7,325.00 PER MONTH). (EWING TOWNSHIP FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-422**

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, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. AMOUNT: \$169,539.00 (\$105,051.00 FEDERAL FUNDS; AND \$64,488.00 COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-423**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR STEIN FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE AIMS JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED AT THE MERCER COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024. NOT TO EXCEED: \$31,500.00. (COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-424**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH MERCER COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DISPATCH. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

**NO. 2023-425**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH MERCER COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES. NO COUNTY FUNDS. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

- NO. 2023-426** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH INTERSTATE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, L.P. TO PROVIDE BILLBOARDS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$20,710.00.
- NO. 2023-427** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S.) CONTRACT WITH FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE PHARMACY BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$39,960.00. PERIOD: APRIL 24, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2024.
- NO. 2023-428** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE FIRM OF RIKER DANZIG SCHERER HYLAND PERRETTI, LLP, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION INVESTIGATION. AND SERVICES RELATED TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY V. KEVIN B. BANNON, IND. NO. 17-10-185. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$100,000.00 PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024. (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-429** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) TO AWARD CONTRACTS IN VALUE OF \$17,500.00 AND UP TO THE COUNTY'S BID THRESHOLD

**NO. 2023-430**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FUNDING AND EXECUTE SUBSEQUENT SUBGRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE MERCER COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL GANG, GUN, AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCES GRANT. TOTAL PROJECT: \$269,112.00 (\$171,369.00 - FEDERAL; \$97,743.00 - COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT DURATION: JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021. GRANT NO: JAG 1-11TF-19

**NO. 2023-431**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE THE 2023 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND SALARY AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY COST \$327,743.00. TERM: JANUARY 1, 2023 UNTIL TERMINATED OR AMENDED, AS PROVIDED IN THE MOU.

**NO. 2023-432**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE LOUIS KAHN BATHHOUSE AND GROUNDS AT THE EWING SENIOR CENTER AND COMMUNITY CENTER (FORMERLY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER) COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED: \$235,500.00.

**NO. 2023-433**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS SURVEYING INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A PROPERTY SURVEY AWARDED (THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) ON THE PENNEAST PIPELINE COMPANY PROPERTY, BLOCK 72, LOTS 9 AND 9Q0105, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP. PERIOD: SURVEY DUE IN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS. PERIOD: JUNE 8, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2024. COST NOT TO EXCEED \$7,200.00.

- NO. 2023-434** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PENN EAST PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 72, LOT 9, & 9Q0105, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL. TOTAL COUNTY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,165,000.00.
- NO. 2023-435** ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM CHUC LOC ENTERPRISE, LLC TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING ALONG BLOCK 364, LOT 66, EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS: \$1.00
- NO. 2023-436** ACCEPTANCE OF A PARCEL OF LAND FROM CDNJ PLAZA LLC, 61 PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD, WEST WINDSOR, NEW JERSEY, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A ROAD WIDENING PROJECT ON PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$53,350.00.
- NO. 2023-437** ACCEPTANCE OF PERMANENT SLOPE EASEMENT, PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT & TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CDNJ PLAZA, LLC, LOCATED AT 61 PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD, WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, 08550, TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A ROAD WIDENING PROJECT LOCATED ON PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN ROAD (CR571), WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED: \$21,650.00.
- NO. 2023-438** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR IMPROVEMENTS ALONG HAMILTON AVE (CR 606) FROM JOHNSTON AVE TO KUSER RD (CR 619)/WARD AVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER (AB2021-43B). PERIOD: NOTICE TO PROCEED TO JULY 18, 2023. INCREASE AMOUNT: \$11,450.96 REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,001,964.09.

- NO. 2023-439** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH OXFORD COMMUNICATIONS INC., FOR CUSTOM WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,650.00.
- NO. 2023-440** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ON-AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL CONSTRUCTION (PHASE II) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$3,600,000.00 (90%); COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$400,000.00 (10%). TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$4,000,000.00.
- NO. 2023-441** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL OFF-AIRPORT (DESIGN, SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PERMITTING PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$377,100.00; COUNTY OF MERCER APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$41,900.00. TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: \$419,000.00.
- NO. 2023-442** REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED ON APRIL 19, 2023 FOR RIPARIAN ZONE MITIGATION CREDITS IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA #11 FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT (AB2023-14)
- NO. 2023-443** REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED ON MAY 5, 2023 FOR MERCER COUNTY ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES IN MERCER COUNTY (AB2023- 13)

- NO. 2023-444** PARTIAL AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 28, 2023 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR VARIOUS OILS AND LUBRICANTS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND SIX (6) MONTHS. PERIOD: MAY 23, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2023. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$59,000.00 (CK09MERCER2023-03)
- NO. 2023-445** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MAY 10, 2023 TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING INC., FOR REHABILITATION OF COUNTY BRIDGE #140.4 (STRUCTURE #1100051) CARRYING MONTGOMERY STREET OVER ASSUNPINK CREEK LOCATED IN CITY OF TRENTON, MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,126,473.00 TERM: 210 WORKING DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED. (AB2023-18)
- NO. 2023-446** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE JUNE 2023 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2023-447** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

**VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

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

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cimino wanted to wish Steinert's varsity softball team the best of luck at their championship game coming up. He hoped they would return with the trophy, and join the Ewing girls basketball team as State Champs!

The Board concurred.

**At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the agenda.**

There was no comment.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Cimino and seconded by Commissioner Frisby, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

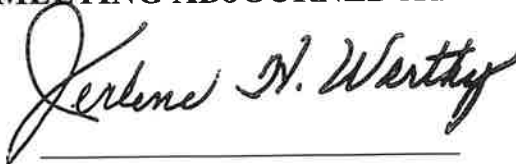
**VOTE ON MOTION:**

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

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**FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 PM**



*Jerlene H. Worthy*

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**JERLENE H. WORTHY  
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**PRESENTATION**

Chair Walter introduced Teska Frisby of Moms Demand Action. Mrs. Frisby addressed the Board and thanked the Commissioners for their support and hard work over the years. Mrs. Frisby spoke about Moms Demand Action mission, which was to educate the community and work along local, state and federal election figures to create sensible gun laws to keep all residents of our community safe.

Commissioners Walter and Frisby thanked the organization for their work and assistance in the community and the fight to keep the conversation about gun safety in the forefront.

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**MINUTES**

Formal Meeting of January 12, 2023  
Formal Meeting of January 26, 2023  
Formal Meeting of February 9, 2023

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

One (1) communication was discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 8, 2023

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Thirty-Five (35) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of June 8, 2023.

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Commissioner Cimino made reference to Resolution R-14, authorizing to execute an Agreement with Interstate Outdoor Advertising, L.P. to provide billboards for the Mercer County Board of Elections for the General Election. Commissioner Cimino questioned the County's billboard located on the New Jersey turnpike, he mentioned the current billboard could not be viewed from the Turnpike due to unkept foliage and the installation of a sound barrier. He asked the Administration if they could look into the matter.

County Counsel, Paul Adezio, Esq., provided updated information regarding the billboard to the Board. He made them aware that the land the billboard sits on was owned by the Robbinsville School district.

Commissioner Cimino responded that he felt if the Billboard could not be viewed from the turnpike than it should be raised up or tore down.

Commissioner Stokes requested more information be provided on the billboard.

Commissioner Cimino responded that on the New Jersey Turnpike the County has a billboard advertising the County, however, drivers cannot see it due to the condition of the surrounding area being unkept. He felt it does not provide the County with the proper advertising in that condition.

Commissioner Frisby suggested the County hire a third party to removing the County's information off the billboard.

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County Administrator, Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., discussed case updates for Resolution R-16, authorizing to execute a Professional Service Contract with the firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti, LLP, to provide legal services regarding the Mercer County Park Commission investigation and services related to State of New Jersey V. Kevin B. Bannon. County Administrator Nazzaro Esq., mentioned that there was astay of the civil proceedings and the case has not moved forward.

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Commissioner Cimino made reference to Resolution R- 17, Mercer County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to award contract in value of \$17,500.00 and up to the County's bid threshold. Commissioner Cimino asked why the amount listed in the title of the Resolution did not reflect up to \$44,000.00? County Administrator responded that it was the will of the Board to see contracts with those respective amounts.

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Commissioner Frisby made reference to the following proposed Resolutions R-25 and R-26 discussing road widening projects. Commissioner Frisby questioned how much of the road would be widened, and does it include bike lanes.

County Administrator Nazzaro Esq., responded that bike lanes were always considered during road widening projects. She replied that she would follow up with the information and get back to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Walter spoke about her visit to the Henry J. Austin Center and did a walk through to see the changes that were being put into the center. Chair Walter spoke about the updated state of the art room with state of the art equipment, and the holistic approach used at the facility. She was impressed with all the necessary upgrades at the Center and was pleased to know that so many services would be offered at one place and could assist our communities and most vulnerable.

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Commissioner Frisby discussed the Primary Election. He spoke to his personal experience on Election Day with respect to the consolidation of polling locations. Commissioner Frisby felt that the chosen polling locations were not the best locations and could potentially not be ADA compliant. Commissioner Frisby recommended that the Board look at these particular issues going forward when polling locations were announced.

Commissioner Lewis asked Commissioner Frisby to provide clarification on the type of consolidation he was referencing because she was aware that the consolidations were done due to the lack of poll workers and the re-districting of voting districts.

Commissioner Stokes added that he had a very different experience when early voting for the Primary Election. Commissioner Stokes shared that he felt there was an overabundance of poll workers during the early voting process. He would like to have an additional discussion on how the Board of Elections were allocating their resources.

County Administrator Nazzaro Esq., discussed with the Board the necessity of the polling location changes. She mentioned that a number of polling locations throughout the County had to be closed and/or consolidated to allow for voting in those districts. Administrator Nazzaro clarified that the amount of poll workers at early voting sites were dependent upon how many voting districts were present. She believed that it was two poll workers per district, and if there were more than one district, there would be more poll workers present.

Commissioner Frisby added that the poll workers at his voting location were very knowledgeable and well trained.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS**

County Administrator Nazzaro gave the Board an update on the forensic audit taking place in the County. She mentioned the firm was currently interviewing employees and going through financial records. She believed the investigation would be completed by the end of July.

Chair Walter asked who was present during employee interviews?

County Administrator Nazzaro believed that it was only the Deluca team and the employee.

Chair Walter mentioned that she had been approached by employees who had been interviewed with concerns of retribution for their answers given.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded that she had not heard of any concerns and recommended the employee bring any concerns up to the Deluca interviewing team.

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Chair Walter asked the Administration when the final budget would be completed?

County Administrator Nazzaro responded that the State required the 2022 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) be completed before they would accept the 2023 budget.

Chair Walter requested that any amendments to the Budget be given to the Board three or four days in advance so the Board had enough time to review documents and submit any questions to the Administration.

Commissioner McLaughlin asked what would happen if a line item that was funded in the temporary budget got cut in the adopted budget?

Chair Walter and Administrator Nazzaro explained that there were a lot of variables that go into funding each line item and that would depend on the situation since the budget is a "living" document that is always evolving and changing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Nazzaro Esq., shared that the County Executive had great news to share in reference to responses from grading houses and she shared with the Board the S&P report and Moody's report. County Administrator Nazzaro discussed the S&P report maintains the County's AA+ long term rating. She mentioned that because the County has scored so well, the their credit watch has been removed.

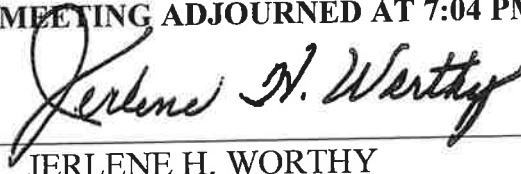
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Commissioner Lewis shared with the Board that a few Girl Scouts from Mercer County were honored from the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey and she believed it would be a great if the Board honored the young ladies for all of their success and accomplishments,

The Board concurred.

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**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 PM**



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JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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