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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FORMAL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on July 20, 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, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, and Walter

Absent- Commissioners Frisby and Stokes

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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The 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.

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**PRESENTATION**

Chair Walter began by thanking all the scholarship recipients and their families for attending the meeting. Chair Walter read aloud all the names of the scholarship recipients and congratulated them on their success thus far and offered words of encouragement as they embark on their College journey.

Dr. Preston, President of Mercer County Community College thanked the Board for their scholarship program and addressed the scholarship recipients. Dr. Preston offered words of encouragement, and reminded the students to keep their eyes on the prize, always push forward, and enjoy the experience that College has to offer.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Formal Meeting of March 23, 2023

**VOTE ON MINUTES**

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

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

Absent- Commissioners Frisby and Stokes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Formal Meeting of April 13, 2023

**VOTE ON MINUTES**

**Ayes – 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent -2.**

Ayes – Commissioners Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, and Walter

Abstain – Commissioners Cimino

Absent- Commissioners Frisby and Stokes

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### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated June 19, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP results for the week of June 5, 2023.

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated June 20, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid / RFP results for the week of June 12, 2023.

A communication was received from Isamar Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, dated July 5, 2023: RE: Minutes and Bid results for the week of June 26, 2023.

A communication was received from Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner, State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, dated June 15, 2023: RE: Green Acres Project Fields and Lighting at Mercer County Park.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated July 12, 2023: RE: Appointment Requiring Commissioners Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated July 13, 2023: RE: Hudson Mercer Agreement Questions and Answers

A communication was received from Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq., County Administrator, dated July 18, 2023: RE: Commissioner Questions for July 18, 2023

### RESOLUTIONS

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

Commissioner McLaughlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, that:

**RESOLUTIONS NO. R-1 THROUGH R-58 ON THE AGENDA “BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK”**

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Commissioner Cimino offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Melker:

- NO. 2023-471** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE ARC MERCER, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS PROGRAM FOR MERCER COUNTY CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$43,053.00 (COUNTY FUNDS).
- NO. 2023-472** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE ARC MERCER, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$99,988.00 (\$52,500.00 PEER GROUPING FUNDS; \$47,488.00 COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-473** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC. (PCIL) FOR THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$41,536.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023- 474** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ISLES INC, FOR A WIOA OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. TOTAL: \$171,984.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-475** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH JOANNE C. LOCKE FOR THE PROVISION OF SYSTEM MONITOR FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025. AMOUNT: \$294,000.00 (\$78,000.00 [COUNTY FUNDS]; \$56,000.00 [CITY OF TRENTON (COC) FUNDS]; \$13,000.00 [REENTRY STATE FUNDS]).

**NO. 2023-476** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T, LLC DBA EQUUS WORKFORCE, FOR THE WFNJ GA/SNAP JOB READINESS, CASE MANAGEMENT, JOB PLACEMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$48,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-477** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T, LLC DBA EQUUS WORKFORCE, FOR THE WFNJ TANF, JOB SKILLS TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (JSTDRTE) & JOB PLACEMENT (JP) PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$84,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-478** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR E&T, LLC DBA EQUUS WORKFORCE, FOR THE WFNJ TANF OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING (OCCU), JOB SKILLS TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (JSTDRTE) & JOB PLACEMENT (JP) PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$99,950.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-479** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH ARM IN ARM, FOR THE WFNJ TANF OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING (OCCU), JOB SKILLS TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (JSTDRTE) & JOB PLACEMENT (JP) PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$60,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-480** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATALYST SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE WFNJ GA/SNAP JOB READINESS, CASE MANAGEMENT, JOB PLACEMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$135,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-481** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO "EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND" A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CHILD CARE CONNECTION, FOR THE WFNJ TANF CHILD CARE REFERRAL SERVICE PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$65,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-482** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HOMEFRONT INC., FOR THE WFNJ TANF COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (CWEP), EDUCATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (EDRTE), JOB SKILLS TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (JSTDRTE) & JOB PLACEMENT (JP) PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$200,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-483** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH HOMEFRONT INC., FOR THE WFNJ TANF OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING (OCCU), JOB SKILLS TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT (JSTDRTE) & JOB PLACEMENT (JP) PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$200,000.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-484** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH TASK, INC. DBA TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN, FOR THE WFNJ GA/SNAP COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY, CASE MANAGEMENT & JOB READINESS PROGRAM; ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$54,450.00. (STATE FUNDS-NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-485** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH COUNTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC., FOR A LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONVERSION SYSTEM FOR THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$280,000.00.
- NO. 2023-486** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO SIRSIDYNIX TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE SYMPHONY LIBRARY COMPUTER SYSTEM. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024. AMOUNT: \$135,000.00 (LIBRARY FUNDS).
- NO. 2023-487** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A FY’23 GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE MERCER COUNTY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RE-ENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES TO INMATES RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$786,353.00 [NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY2023] (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-488** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$206,361.00 (DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION [D.E.D.R] FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2023-489** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM [DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION (DEDR) FUND]. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$206,361.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-490** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR THE 2024 COUNTY HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (CHIF) GRANT (#OLPH24CHI017). PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$853,653.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-491** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS (OFRT) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$75,000.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-492** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE STRENGTHENING PATHWAY B GRANT #OLPH24PHC056. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$89,365.00 (STATE FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-493** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-151, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ), DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF THE INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC) PROGRAM. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00 (FY23 COUNTY FUNDS)." REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$18,000.00 (FY23 COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-494** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-180, ADOPTED MARCH 9, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR THE IMPLEMENTING OVERDOSE PREVENTION STRATEGIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (IOPSL) GRANT. "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS) AND TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT PERIOD." REVISED PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$300,000.00 (FEDERAL FUNDS) (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

**NO. 2023-495** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A SUB-GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE (EMAA) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. TOTAL AWARD: \$110,000.00 (\$55,000.00 FEDERAL FUNDS; \$55,000.00 IN-KIND MATCHING FUNDS) PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

**NO. 2023-496** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH PRIMEPOINT LLC TO PROVIDE PAYROLL PROCESSING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1,2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,2025 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$645,150.00 (YEAR ONE \$326,575.00 YEAR TWO \$ 318,575.00) (CC2023-13)

**NO. 2023-497** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH UNION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UCEDC) TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JULY 1,2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,2024 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$350,000.00 (CC2023-05 ARPA)

**NO. 2023-498** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH SMBX LLC., TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JULY 1,2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,2024 WITH OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$500,000.00 (CC2023-05 ARPA)

**NO. 2023-499** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO “EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND” A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE ONE-STOP OPERATOR SERVICE. ONE- YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$40,000.00 [STATE FUNDS NO COUNTY FUNDS]

- NO. 2023-500** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH CENTRAL JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT CLIENTS IN MERCER COUNTY. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. AMOUNT: \$15,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-501** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH THE LENOX LAW FIRM TO REPRESENT MERCER COUNTY, COUNTY EMPLOYEES JEFFREY GOLOMB AND ROBERT HARTMAN IN CERTAIN LITIGATION ENTITLED EBRON V. COUNTY OF MERCER, ET AL. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$30,000.00. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2023-502** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR THE ADOBE SOFTWARE RENEWAL WHICH INCLUDES ADOBE PDF WRITER, ADOBE PROFESSIONAL, PHOTOSHOP AND OTHER EDITING SOFTWARE FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. PERIOD: JUNE 22, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 21,2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$21,909.92 (CK04-BERGEN BID#22-24)

**NO. 2023-503**

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: \$233,579.00 (\$138,580.00 – FEDERAL; \$94,999.00 – COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT DURATION: JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2023. GRANT NO: JAG 1-11TF-21.

**NO. 2023-504**

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: \$217,023.00 (\$107,642.00 – FEDERAL; \$109,331.00 – COUNTY MATCH). PROJECT DURATION: JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022. GRANT NO: JAG 1-11TF-20

**NO. 2023-505** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SUB-GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SFY 2023 OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT PROGRAM. PROJECT PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT \$105,263.15 (STATE: \$105,263.15; COUNTY MATCH: \$0.00). GRANT SUBAWARD NO: SFYOHH-11-2023

**NO. 2023-506** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH ADDICTION RECOVERY MANAGEMENT & MARKETING LLC. TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE. PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$30,000.00.

**NO. 2023-507** ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT WORK FOR EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, PO BOX 556 FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727, FOR THE PAVEMENT RESTORATION OF WHITEHORSE MERCERVILLE ROAD – CR533, TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

**NO. 2023-508** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, PO BOX 556 FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727, FOR THE PAVEMENT RESTORATION OF WHITEHORSE MERCERVILLE ROAD – CR533, TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. DECREASE: \$141,818.52 (-12.29%) REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,011,694.61

**NO. 2023-509** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT WITH AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY, 100 MAIN STREET, WEST COLLINGSWOOD HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY 08059, FOR PAVEMENT RESTORATION OF QUAKERBRIDGE ROAD (CR533), LOCATED IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP – DECREASE: -\$56,738.47 (-3.51%) – REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$1,557,581.47

**NO. 2023-510** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE SOUTH BROAD STREET (US ROUTE 206) BRIDGE (STRUCTURE NO. 140.2) OVER ASSUNPINK CREEK IN THE CITY OF TRENTON – TOTAL: \$3,000,000.00.

**NO. 2023-511** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL'S COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF INGLESIDE AVENUE (CR631) AND STATE ROUTE 31 INTERSECTION, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER

- NO. 2023-512** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-426, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KS ENGINEERS, P.C., TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITTING COST FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 217.2, (STRUCTURE #11B1702) CARRYING CHURCH ROAD OVER THE DELAWARE & RARITAN CANAL TRIBUTARY, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER. INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$25,000.00 REVISED AMOUNT: \$224,650.98.
- NO. 2023-513** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY24 SAFE STREETS TO TRANSIT PROGRAM. GRANT AMOUNT: \$212,267.50.
- NO. 2023-514** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-451, ADOPTED MAY 26, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC SUPPLY PRODUCTS LLC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FISHEYE VIDEO DETECTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERCER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AMEND RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD. REVISED PERIOD: MAY 23, 2022 THROUGH MAY 22, 2024. CONTRACT AMOUNT REMAINS THE SAME. (AMENDMENT NO. 1) (AB2022-18)

- NO. 2023-515** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH FLASTER GREENBERG PC, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT RELATING TO AIRPORT FACILITY, ADJACENT USES AND OTHER AIRPORT RELATED MATTERS. PERIOD: AUGUST 14, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.
- NO. 2023-516** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH DY CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT AIRFIELD LIGHTING VAULT REPLACEMENT (DESIGN, PERMITTING AND BIDDING SERVICES) PROJECT. PERIOD: JUNE 23, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$249,172.69
- NO. 2023-517** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH DY CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT REPLACEMENT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND BIDDING SERVICES) PROJECT. PERIOD: JUNE 23, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2024. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$816,510.87

**NO. 2023-518** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO CONSTRUCT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) GRANT AMOUNT: \$400,000.00 (100%)

**NO. 2023-519** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-440, ADOPTED JUNE 8, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ON-AIPOINT CONSTRUCTION (PHASE II) PROJECT AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMEND RESOLUTION TO DECREASE FAA FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3,227,675 (-\$372,325); COUNTY OF MERCER AMOUNT: \$358,631.50 (-\$41,368.50). REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$3,586,306.50 (-\$413,693.50)

**NO. 2023-520** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-307, ADOPTED MARCH 24, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AWARD OF BID CONTRACT WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARPET AND FLOORING INSTALLATION AND REPAIR FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM WITH OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR BASED UPON THE INDEX RATE. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE TOTAL BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$85,000.00. REVISED NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT: \$570,000.00. CONTRACT PERIOD REMAINS THE SAME. (AMENDMENT NO.1) (CK09MERCER2021-22)

- NO. 2023-521** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 30,2023 TO MERCER GROUP INTERNATIONAL OF NJ., INC FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES FOR VARIOUS MERCER COUNTY FACILITIES. PERIOD: MAY 1,2023 THROUGH APRIL 30,2026 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) YEARS BASED ON THE INDEX RATE. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$996,475.00(AB2023-06)
- NO. 2023-522** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 18, 2023 TO MERSHON CONCRETE LLC. FOR CONCRETE FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR BASED ON THE INDEX RATE. PERIOD: JUNE 24, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 23, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$489,348.00 (CK09MERCER2023-05)
- NO. 2023-523** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED APRIL 26, 2023 TO HEATH LUMBER CO., FOR LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. PERIOD: MAY 23, 2023 THROUGH MAY 22, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$176,000.00 (CK09MERCER2023-06)
- NO. 2023-524** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MAY 9, 2023 TO FIRST LOCKSMITH, LLC. FOR LOCKSMITH SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED PARTS FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND ONE (1) YEAR. PERIOD: AUGUST 2, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2024. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$42,500.00 (CK09MERCER2023-07)

- NO. 2023-525** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED JUNE 30,2023 TO CMS CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR REPLACEMENT OF MERCER COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 441.4 CARRYING LOWER FERRY ROAD (CR 643) OVER SHABAKUNK CREEK LOCATED IN EWING TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY. TOTAL AMOUNT \$1,269,183.00. TERM: 115 CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (AB2023-27)
- NO. 2023-526** APPOINTMENT OF JAYSON MAKSYMOVICH TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY VO-TECH BOARD
- NO. 2023-527** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION DBA AECOM TISHMAN TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. PERIOD: UNTIL COMPLETION OF PROJECT. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,192,561.00
- NO. 2023-528** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ELECTIONS. PERIOD: JULY 24,2023 THROUGH JULY 23,2025. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,691,806.00 (YEAR ONE \$3,493,556.00; YEAR TWO \$ 198,250.00)

**VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

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

The Board discussed in length the process in which the County issues Bonds and the capital budget. The Board expressed their concerns of passing this Ordinance without having passed the County's budget.

Commissioners Cimino and Lewis both expressed their concerns with using the money from capital budget to pay for new voting machines since it was not disclosed and advertised to the public that funds would be used for that purpose.

County Administrator Lillian Nazzaro, Esq., made the Board aware that passing this Ordinance would allow the County the opportunity to repay themselves when the bonds were issued. She also expressed to the Board she was confident that the Commissioners would be able to vote and pass the budget before dispensing funds and the second reading of this Ordinance

**VOTE ON ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

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

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

Absent- Commissioners Frisby and Stokes

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

There was no comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION**

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

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

Absent- Commissioners Frisby and Stokes

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**FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:49 PM**



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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**INFORMAL MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on July 18, 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, Lewis, McLaughlin, Melker, Stokes and Walter

Absent- Commissioners Frisby

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

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The 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.

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**MINUTES**

1. Formal Meeting of December 8, 2022
2. Formal meeting of December 20, 2022

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Four (4) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of July 20, 2023

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Fifty-eight (58) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of July 20, 2023.

Commissioner Cimino made reference to Resolution R-26, authorizing to execute a Competitive Contract with Primepoint LLC to provide payroll processing and administration services for the County of Mercer. He asked the Administration if they had plans to utilize Primepoint to assist in keeping track of professional licensing of employees?

County Administrator Nazzaro, Esq., responded that they were looking into all capabilities of Primepoint.

Chair Walter asked whether FMLA was processed through Primpoint or done manually. She believed the Board of Social Services handled the FMLA process manually.

County Administrator Nazzaro, Esq., responded she believed all personnel matters were handled through Primepoint.

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The Board discussed at length a proposed Resolution authorizing to execute an Agreement with Dominion Voting Systems Inc., for the purchase of Election equipment and support services for elections. This Resolution authorized the purchase of 520 voting machines and related voting equipment for Election Day voting in Mercer County.

Commissioner Lewis asked if there was an estimated cost?

County Administrator Nazzaro responded roughly 3.7 million dollars would be expended with an expected delivery time of the machines within two to three weeks.

Chair Walter made the board aware of the possibility of savings and reimbursements available to the County through PSE&G for the installation of the new equipment at the warehouse.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded that she would have to gather additional information in reference to reimbursements, it was her understanding that the PSE&G rebate program would only apply if it was a County-owned building, however the County does not own the warehouse.

Commissioner Lewis questioned if there was a plan to test the machines upon delivery.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded that Dominion would be on-site to assist the County's IT Department with the installation of all equipment received.

It was the will of the Board to add this Resolution to the Agenda for Thursday's Formal Meeting.

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The next order of business discussed at length was the Hudson County contract. Chair Walter wanted to give the Board an opportunity to discuss the Resolution prior to adding it to the Agenda.

Commissioner Melker expressed her concern with the financial aspect of this potential move. She understood there would be a significant savings to the County of Mercer and believed this decision was too important to make without having a clear savings analysis.

Commissioner Cimino mentioned he was uncomfortable not having a full slate of Board members to vote on a Resolution of such magnitude.

The Board concurred.

Administrator Nazzaro Esq., responded that the Board had been given the contract and financial report in March 2023, she also mentioned that a lot of finances have been used to settle litigation surrounding this area. She clarified that litigation concerning the PBA had been dismissed and the Administration had settled with their office. She also noted the only change in the contract that was voted on previously was the daily rate per inmate.

Chair Walter believed an additional factor that changed were the census numbers. In the year 2019 when the report was completed the census was 350 and currently the census was 501. Chair Walter observed that as the number of inmates increased more officers would be needed. She worried this was not reflected in the original report. Chair Walter felt this could work but believed the current proposed plan did not make fiscal sense.

Commissioner Stokes questioned if Hudson County was still committed to this Contract. He believed with the inmate population rising, the County would truly not see any savings

County Administrator Nazzaro, requested Warden Ellis and Mr. Dennis J. Enright, Principal, from NW Financial Group to come forward and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Warden Ellis responded that Hudson County would still accept Mercer County inmates, however, due to the lack of movement from Mercer County, they have accepted additional contracts to accept inmates from other county jails.

Chair Walter asked if one portion of the jail could be cleared out to complete all necessary repairs, returning the items back into the pod after completion, and continue that practice throughout the facility.

Warden Ellis responded that due to the construction process and staffing concerns this would be a more difficult way to complete the repairs.

Chair Walter questioned if the County was utilizing Sheriff Officers at the Correction Center to assist with staffing?

Warden Ellis responded, no, but officers were assisting at the hospitals previously.

Commissioner Lewis questioned what the daily census would be at Mercer County's facility if the Agreement went into effect.

Warden Ellis responded Mercer's facility holds 300 inmates.

Chair Walter requested the projected savings in the first year?

Mr. Enright responded approximately 8 million dollars and understood the Board's hesitation; however, he believed the County's operational cost were not affected. He discussed that keeping the jail in its current state would not allow the County to save any money due to the major open projects that need to be done and the ineffective design of Mercer County's facility.

County Administrator Nazzaro informed the Board that she had been approached by Camden County's, Deputy Business Administrator, to discuss the possibility of a regional jail. She explained the State of New Jersey has granted Camden County 20 million dollars to conduct their study. She also believed that the trend of regional jails was on the rise, and this was something the Board may want to consider in the future.

Commissioner Cimino responded that he would like more information on this.

County Administrator Nazzaro answered that she would pass along the request.

Chair Walter allowed members of the public to address the Board regarding this topic specifically. Mr. David Beckett, PBA 167 Representative, was called to address the Board. Mr. Beckett believed that closing down the Mercer County facility would not save the County any money. Mr. Beckett discussed the issues with personnel, lack of construction and transportation of the inmates between Mercer and Hudson. He believed that the Administration should begin fixing section by section until the projects were complete. He stated that the PBA Union was open and willing to have discussions to work on the correction center to begin the rehabbing process.

Mr. Donald Ryland, Hamilton resident and President of the PBA Local 167 addressed the Board and concurred with Mr. Beckett's comments. In addition, Mr Ryland believed that if routine maintenance was done at the facility, the jail would not be in the condition its currently in.

After seeing no interest, it was the will of the Board to not add this Resolution to the Formal Agenda.

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Commissioner McLaughlin made reference to Resolution R-32 authorizing to execute a contract with SHI International Corp., for the Adobe software renewal which includes Adobe, PDF Writer, Adobe Professional. Photoshop, and other editing software for the County of Mercer through the County of Bergen Cooperative pricing system for the office of Information Technology. She questioned if Commissioner Aides would have access to this software.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded yes, and added she would follow up with the Director of Information Technology to get the Aides computers updated with the software.

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Commissioner Lewis referenced Resolution R-43, authorizing to submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY24 Safe Street Transit Program. She asked why this project was chosen since the cemetery does not connect any residential areas. She wondered why transportation funds were being used for this project?

Ms. Judy Winkler, Board member of the cemetery, was in attendance and was able to answer the question. She addressed the Board and explained due to the way the Grant was distributed, the grant uses a half mile from the transit facility, they were looking at the state office buildings and workers that use the train, and trying to make the connection and after further research they found this connection to be the cemetery.

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Chair Walter made reference to the late starter Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Tishman Construction Corporation DBA AECOM Tishman to provide professional engineer owner's representative and construction management services for the Trenton-Mercer Airport capital improvements. She questioned if there was a clause allowing the County to recover funds if there were oversights on their part?

County Administrator Nazzaro responded she would look into this and bring the information back to the Board.

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County Administrator Nazzaro gave the Board an update on the forensic audit . She reported that the DeLuca team had one interview to conduct and has requested to present their final report in September, due to pre-planned vacations.

Chair Walter responded if the report was completed prior to the September meetings, she would like the report distributed to the Board in advance and the DeLuca team can present the report in September.

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Chair Walter requested an update on the budget.

Administrator Nazzaro Esq., responded she anticipated the budget to be presented in August. She made the Board aware that the State still had the introduced budget and was waiting to receive the amended budget, once the Commissioners revised the amended budget.

Clerk to the Board, Jerlene H. Worthy, and Chair Walter made the recommendation to hold a Special Formal meeting to approve the budget.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Walter made the recommendation that the Administration cover any incurred cost municipalities expended due to mailing estimated tax bills. She believed if there was money available then the County should cover the cost, since it was a function of the County.

County Administrator Nazzaro responded that she would bring the recommendation back to the County Executive.

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

Mr. Jason Rogers, Trenton resident, and member of the “Fathers and Men United for a Better Trenton” addressed the Board to announce they would be hosting their 16<sup>th</sup> annual back to school event on August 26, 2023. He mentioned that the organization would be leaving a donation box on the first floor for school supply donations. Mr. Rogers explained that children were able to come have a good time and get the materials they may need to go back to school. They provide backpacks for the children with school supplies, free haircuts, food, and activities for the children to partake in. He thanked the Board and Administration for always supporting the group in all their efforts to help out the community.

Chair Walter applauded them for showing children that some adults actually care. She mentioned that this group of men lead with love and its apparent in all the events they host for the community.

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Mr. Mark O'Dea a Pennington resident, addressed the Board in reference to the Penneast pipeline property. He gave some history on his property and the way he became the owner. He recalled a conversation with Leslie Floyd, Director of Planning about twelve months prior, about the property. It was mentioned during that conversation that the County of Mercer did not have any interest in purchasing the property. He told the Board he was unsure how to proceed. Mr. O'Dea explained to the Board that he was committed to preserving the farmland and was looking to have a conversation with County partners to maintain and keep his property.

County Administrator Nazzaro believed the lawyers for both Mr. O'Dea and the County have been in conversation in reference to this matter. She was unsure how much could be discussed since it is was on gong litigation.

Chair Walter acknowledged that attorneys were already involved and the Board would allow them to sort through the situation.

Mr. John Hart a Titusville resident, addressed the Board regarding the same matter. He concurred with Mr. O' Dea and added that there should be more questions asked if the Board was unsure when voting on Resolutions that could impact residents directly

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**ADJOURNMENT**

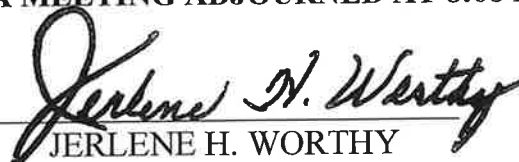
A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Commissioner Mclaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Lewis, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

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

Ayes – Commissioners Cimino, Lewis, Mclaughlin, Melker, Stokes, and Walter  
Absent- Commissioner Frisby

**AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM**

  
JERLENE H. WORTHY  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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