



HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

71 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 3, 2021

5:30 p.m. CONVENE:

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 06, 2021, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Rich reported that "Purple Heart Day" is Saturday, August 7th and asked that the Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse be illuminated in purple on this day in honor of the Veterans of Hunterdon County. Mr. Rich commented on the KIA flag being replaced within all municipalities in Hunterdon County. Mr. Rich also requested that the Board vote on three additional matters for the meeting tonight; recommending purple lighting at the Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse on Saturday, August 7th, refresh all KIA flags in Hunterdon County with new ones, and also replace all KIA flags throughout municipalities in Hunterdon County

The Board acted moved the three matters with a single vote initiated by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lanza, and carried by voice count.

Commissioner Van Doren noted that he would defer to the Health Department update from Ms. Karen DeMarco, the Director of the Health Department later in the meeting. Mr. Van Doren reported on the State of New Jersey's review of the medical examiner program and the recent improvements that the state has made. The reports did not focus on Hunterdon County, but rather ensured that compliance the new statues were taking place. The Department of Health's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Steven Diamond of Mid-Atlantic Medical Examiners, is in full compliance with the state statues, and all medicolegal death investigators obtain certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Commissioner Holt participated in a New Jersey Council on the Arts virtual meeting on June 28th. The call focused upon FY 2022 funding which has been enhanced by federal CARES Act grants. During the meeting, it was learned that the county local arts program will receive nearly triple the amount of annual funding for the Local Arts Programs from the State Council on the Arts this year. The grant, now \$200,000.00, will provide funding to support local artists and art agencies in Hunterdon County, and help them get back on their feet after the most challenging year. Mr. Holt congratulated the Cultural and Heritage Commissioner, Director Carrie Fellows, and all who helped increase this grant funding.

Deputy Director Lanza reported on the County's Department of Public Safety, and the steps that were taken to prepare for the serve weather that was predicted on July 29th. The County's OEM Coordinator and Public Safety Director, Brayden Fahey, was recently recognized by the International Association of Emergency Managers and received the designation as a Certified Emergency Manager. Mr. Lanza congratulated Mr. Fahey and thanked him for his commitment to public safety and emergency responses in the County.

FINANCE, Michael Franchini, Assistant to the CFO

See Page 08-03-2021 – 3A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-511 – RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2021 County Budget, for the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$36,684.00, from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway

PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

See Page 08-03-2021 – 3B RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-512 – RESOLVED, Approving requisition #R1-03887, with Election Systems & Software, in an amount not to exceed \$428,390.00, for the purchase of voting machines for early voting.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Lanza, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

Mr. Holt commented on the state of New Jersey returning to in person voting for the upcoming November election, and noted the resolutions on the agenda for consideration tonight will provide new technology voting machines that are necessary for early voting, along with 298 new electronic poll books for the election on November 2nd. Mr. Holt thanked County Purchasing Agent Ray Rule for his efforts to ensure there was competitive pricing from the vendors.

Director Soloway thanked Mr. Holt for his comments and stated the schedule for the early voting will occur October 23rd through October 31st, and the polls will be open from 10 AM to 8 PM on weekdays and Saturdays, and on Sunday's the polls will be open from 10 AM to 6 PM. Ms. Soloway advised that the Board of Elections has three in person early voting locations in Hunterdon County; North Branch Library in Clinton, Main Library in Flemington, and South County Fairgrounds in East Amwell Township. Ms. Soloway mentioned that voters can also vote again by mail. Ms. Soloway extended her thanks and congratulated the election team for their work and time for preparing this for the County of Hunterdon.

See Page 08-03-2021 – 3C RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-513 – RESOLVED, Approving requisition #R1-03907, with Election Systems & Software, in an amount not to exceed \$400,860.00, for the purchase of electronic pollbooks.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Lanza, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

HEALTH UPDATE: Karen DeMarco, Director: Ms. DeMarco updated the Board on the recent COVID-19 cases in Hunterdon County. Ms. DeMarco reported that Hunterdon County's Community Transmission Level went from moderate to substantial in the last few days. Ms. DeMarco informed all that even if vaccinated, you should still wear a face covering indoors. Ms. DeMarco concluded her report by saying that the Health Department continues to provide vaccines by appointment at this time and will also continue to provide testing with the Hunterdon Medical Group and Vault Medical Services.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis: Mr. Davis reported that the grant funded WiFi Park project at the Library Headquarters is now operational as of today. There are benches and picnic tables, including two ADA picnic table located on the patio outside of the library. Mr. Davis thanked the Buildings & Maintenance, the Division of Information Technology, and Communications Division for completing this project. Mr. Davis mentioned a discussion with other county administrators occurred regarding the use of American Rescue Funds, on July 21st, which was hosted by NJAC. All counties are taking a deliberative approach to this matter and the US Treasury rules are not final yet.

HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDER SERVICES AGREEMENTS: Meagan O'Reilly, Director

See Page 08-03-2021 – 3D RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-514 – RESOLVED, Authorizing a Provider Services Contract with Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, for the provisions of community-based services known as Intensive Outpatient for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$166,566.00 (\$55,522.00 per County fiscal year).

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Rich, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-515 – RESOLVED, Authorizing a Provider Services Contract with Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, for the provision of community-based services known as Outpatient Drug Free, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$166,473.00 (\$55,491.00 per County fiscal year).

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Van Doren, Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lanza, Ms. Soloway

CONSENT AGENDA

“All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.”

See Page 08-03-2021 – 3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - Approval of the claims register dated August 3, 2021.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

ROLL CALL (AYES):

RESOLUTION - Approval of the executive and regular meeting minutes from July 20, 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-516 – RESOLVED, Approving the specifications for the resurfacing and safety improvements of County Route 635, in the Townships of Union and Bethlehem, in the County of Hunterdon.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-517 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a contract for purchase for a property known as the Saum Farm, located at Block 74, Lot 4, in the Township of Readington, for approximately 50.7 acres, with the Township of Readington.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-518 – RESOLVED, Authorizing Bid #2020-08, final payment to Zone Striping in the amount of \$5,593.70, for the project known as the 2020 Application of Traffic Stripes on various County Roads throughout the County of Hunterdon.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-519 - RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign, on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, Final Change Order #1 with Zone Striping, decreasing the amount of the contract by \$22,562.14, for the project know as the 2020 Application of Traffic Stripes on Various County Roads throughout the County of Hunterdon.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-520 - RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, a Right of Way Vegetation Management Plan with First Energy for the County Park property, know as Union Furnace Preserve, located on Van Syckles Corner Road in Union Township.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-521 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, a Right of Way Vegetation Management Plan with First Energy for the County Park property, know as Jugtown Mountain Preserve, located on Mine Road in Bethlehem Township.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-522 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Renée M. Robeson to hire and appoint Timothy J. Drew, to the unclassified title Chief of County Investigators, in the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-523 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Renée M. Robeson, to hire and appoint Manuel A. Montez to the unclassified title of Prosecutor's Agent, in the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-524 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and regular appointment of Michaela A. Mills as a part-time Library Assistant, in the Hunterdon County Library.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-525 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and unclassified appointment of Margarete JeanMichel, to the title of Employee Board of Elections, in the Hunterdon County Board of Elections.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-526 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renée M. Robeson to hire and appoint Stacey M. Geurds McCleese to the unclassified title First Assistant Prosecutor, in the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-527 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and unclassified appointment of Steve M. Frustaci as a Confidential Aide in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Building and Maintenance.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-528 – RESOLVED, Approving the base pay and regular rate contractual increases, per the Agreement with the Communication Workers of America 1036, Nonsupervisory and Supervisory employees in the Hunterdon County Library.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-529 – RESOLVED, Approving the request from Hunterdon Hills Kennel Club to park RVs at the South County Park (Case Farm Area) for an event on August 5, 2022 through August 8, 2022.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-531 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, an amendment to the contract with Vault Medical Services of NJ, for the expansion of COVID-19 testing, in the amount of \$395,558.00

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-532 – RESOLVED, Moving the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioner meetings to the Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse for the remainder of 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway:

CORRESPONDENCE

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-530 – RESOLVED, Approving a road opening hardship request for 84 Beaver Avenue in the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:12 PM on a motion by Director Soloway and seconded by Commissioner Rich and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Lindsay Heller, Secretary to the Board