



HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse, 71 Main Street

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 17, 2021

5:30 p.m. CONVENE:

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting a copy of the Revised Annual Meeting 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 August 04, 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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Holt reported that the Hunterdon County 4H Fair will be starting next week and commented on the performances, times, dates, rules, and restrictions for the public to enjoy and follow.

Commissioner Rich reported on the recent transportation grants that have been awarded to Hunterdon County by the State of New Jersey. Mr. Rich also reported on county road and bridge projects with projected timelines for implementation. Mr. Rich also spoke about the chip seal and slurry seal process with County Roads. Mr. Rich also reported on the KIA flag distribution efforts to Hunterdon municipalities.

Deputy Director Lanza provided updates on the Public Safety Department. Mr. Lanza also spoke about the diversion of 9-1-1 fees by the State of New Jersey that have costed localities nearly \$1.5 billion in lost revenue. These funds are being used by the State of New Jersey as general revenue and not for their intended purpose of upgrading County 9-1-1 centers. Mr. Lanza also spoke about recent tornado warnings and watches over the last few days. There are new protocols and a checklist for Hunterdon County residents to use for severe weather events including a sign up for emergency texts and calls from Hunterdon County. Mr. Lanza commented that he wants to make a few comments on the Concord Energy Services once it is time on the agenda.

Commissioner Van Doren reported on the ongoing testing and vaccination clinics for COVID-19 in Hunterdon County. The County Health Department has Moderna and J&J vaccinations, and is currently preparing for booster shots, if and when needed. Mr. Van Doren noted there will be an update later in the agenda by Health Department Director Karen DeMarco. Mr. Van Doren also commented on the New Jersey Emergency Rental Relief assistance program from the State of New Jersey. Mr. Van Doren reminded residents that the rental assistance program is through the State of New Jersey and not through the County. There are online applications that landlords and renters can apply for.

Director Soloway also reported on the recent slurry seal project that she observed last week. Director Soloway provided updates on the effectiveness of the slurry seal process. Ms. Soloway announced that there will be a federal officer who was at Ground Zero on September 11th, 2001 and that he will be speaking at the 9/11 ceremony. There will also be 50 County first responders who aided at Ground Zero that will be in attendance.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATION 2021-50 – RESOLVED, Recognizing August 31, 2021 as International Overdose Awareness Day in the County of Hunterdon.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

PROCLAMATION 2021-51 – RESOLVED, Recognizing the opening of the new Flemington Treatment Services Opioid Addiction Treatment Center.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

(Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda)

ELECTRICITY GENERATION SUPPLY SERVICE BID REVIEW Vicki Molloy, CEP of Concord Energy Services

RESOLUTION 2021-560 – RESOLVED, Award of County Bid 2021 to Great American Gas and Electric LLC for electric generation supply service at a rate of \$0.08333/kWh.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

Ms. Soloway thanked the County staff and Ms. Molloy for their collective hard work to once again save the taxpayers money on energy bills.

HEALTH UPDATE, Karen DeMarco, Director

Ms. DeMarco provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and rising cases in Hunterdon County.

GRANTS: Janet Previte, CFO

RESOLUTION 2021-533 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign and accept on behalf of the County, a Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant for FY2022 from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA), in the amount of \$200,000.00.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

RESOLUTION 2021-534 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission to accept a County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

HUNTERDON HARVEST INITIATIVE, Marc Saluk, Economic Development Director / Patricia Leidner, GIS Division Head

RESOLUTION 2021-535 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Division of Geographic Information Systems; Division of Planning; Department of Economic Development; and Rutgers Cooperative Extension to promote and distribute a non-compulsory survey to the Hunterdon agricultural community and the creation of an interactive mapping application.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-536 – RESOLVED, Authorizing Hunterdon County to participation in the New Jersey Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS) Program.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

FARMLAND, Bob Hornby, Farmland Coordinator

RESOLUTION 2021-537 – RESOLVED, Authorizing final cost share approval for the acquisition of development easement on the property owned by Meghan Walker, designated as Block 42, Lots 1 and 1.02 in the Township of Franklin, totaling approximately 31.8 acres pursuant.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

PLANNING AND LAND USE, Carrie Fellows, Director

RESOLUTION 2021-538 – RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant to Readington Township, for fees related to the acquisition of Block 25, Lot 59 in Readington Township, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, at the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

RESOLUTION 2021-539 – RESOLVED, Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Frenchtown Borough, for the acquisition of the Thompson property, Block 17, Lots 2, 2.02, and 2.05 in the Borough of Frenchtown, estimated 71 acres, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Holt, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway
Commissioner Rich commented on the importance of these grants. Frenchtown's Open Space Acquisition is an important piece to the County and how to help preserve the land.

RESOLUTION 2021-540 – RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Delaware River Mill Society, located in the Borough of Stockton, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-541 – RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Lambertville Historical Society, located in the City of Lambertville, for the interior restoration of the Lambertville Jail, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-542 – RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Thomas Bowman House, for the roof replacement and restoration, located in the Township of Readington, in an amount not to exceed \$35,750.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-543 – RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant for the Solitude House, located in the Borough of High Bridge, in the amount of \$44,500.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-544 – RESOLVED, Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to Tewksbury Historical Society, for the roof replacement and restoration of the Headquarters Building, located in Township of Tewksbury, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Van Doren

PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

RESOLUTION 2021-545 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2021-14, for the application of traffic stripes on various County roads, to Zone Striping, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$295,333.77.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

RESOLUTION 2021-546 – RESOLVED, Approving requisition #R1-03994, with Election Systems & Software, in an amount not to exceed \$60,500.00, for the purchase of a scanner and software for elections.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 2021-547 – RESOLVED, Appointing Jane Ricketts to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), for a term to be effective immediately through August 31, 2023.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-548 – RESOLVED, Appointing Matheson Westlake to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), for a term to be effective immediately through August 31, 2023.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

AGENDA ITEM – RESOLVED, Approval of the claims register dated August 17, 2021.

Removal of check #9765

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Rich

Approval of the Claims Register without check #9765

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION – RESOLVED, Approval of the executive and regular meeting minutes from August 3, 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-549 – RESOLVED, Approving the promotion and provisional appointment of Amy Westover as a Librarian II in the Hunterdon County Library.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-550 – RESOLVED, Approving the conversion of appointment of Brittany Kollmer, part-time temporary Graduate Nurse, to that of a part-time provisional Public Health Nurse, in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Division of Public Health Nursing.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-551 – RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Faustina Stacher, a Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, per the CWA Local 1036, Rank & File collective bargaining agreement.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-552 – RESOLVED, Approving a salary adjustment for Douglas Nichuck, a Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, per the CWA Local 1036, Rank & File collective bargaining agreement.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-553 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to advertise for competitive bids for the Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse restoration and rehabilitation.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-554 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County, the Grant Agreements and Deed of Easements for the Kollmer preservation purchase consisting of Block 6, Lot 7 in the Township of Kingwood.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

RESOLUTION 2021-555 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County, the Grant Agreement for the Onuschak preservation purchase consisting of Block 30, Lot 13 in the Township of Franklin.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2021-556 – RESOLVED, Approving the donation of three dogwood trees and a memorial plaque at Deer Path Park from Linda Batz, in memory of Alois Martin Batz, Sr. upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

Commissioner Rich reported on the benches and trees for the families and loved ones of the ones who passed and how this brings beauty to Hunterdon County, and help to all who mourned.

RESOLUTION 2021-557 – RESOLVED, Approving the donation of a memorial tree and plaque at the County Arboretum from the Dolan Family, in memory of Joseph Dolan upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-558 – RESOLVED, Approving a donation of a memorial bench at Heron Glen Golf Course, from the McCreesh Family, in memory of Jake McCreesh upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION 2021-559 – RESOLVED, Approving the donation of a memorial tree and plaque at Deer Path Park from Michele Robbins, in memory of Mary Ellen Martir upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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)

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Van Doren and seconded by Mr. Lanza and followed by a voice carry.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Commissioner Van Doren and seconded by Commissioner Lanza and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Lindsay Heller, Secretary to the Board