



HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Historic Hunterdon County Courthouse

71 Main Street

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

September 21, 2021

5:00 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 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."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Rich reported on county road and bridge closures resulting from Tropical Storm Ida. Eighteen roadways were impacted by bridge closures, washouts or heavy debris building up blocking access. Four of these roadways are now clear and re-opened thanks to the work of the ongoing work of the Department of Public Works. With respect to the Bridge Division, Mr. Rich noted there are approximately seventy bridges or culverts which require some level of repair. Mr. Rich also noted that infrastructure repairs will take time, but also stated the engineering staff is working hard to get a comprehensive cost proposal together so that funding can be put into place to get the repairs made as expeditiously as possible. There is an expectation that the cost of repairs will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Rich also announced that the County will be refreshing the Killed in Action Honor Flag in front of the Historic Courthouse, on October 7th, 2021, to commemorate the first response to the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, the launch of Operation Enduring Freedom. More information on the KIA Honor Flag renewal ceremony will follow.

Commissioner Holt reported on the Planning and Land Use Department and damages to County Parks from Tropical Storm Ida. The Parks Division is continuing to assess the damage and reported that there were 28 out of 50 properties that did not see damage from the storm, however, there were twenty-two properties that did. There was considerable damage done to the parks, trails, parking lots, bridges, ponds, and other park infrastructure, including the Arboretum located on State Route 31, and at Echo Hill Park. With the damages that were already assessed, we are seeing about half a million dollars in estimated damage thus far according to Mr. Holt. To find which parks and trails are closed, Commissioner Holt referred to the county website. Mr. Holt also noted that the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division with the help of the Office of Emergency Management staff, have created a survey that will allow nonprofits,

business owners and certain individuals to identify the location of their damage, the source of their damage, and the level of damage sustained. The Board thanks Ms. Patty Leidner and her staff for their work to pull this information together and make it available to the public. Mr. Holt also noted the farmland office is documenting everything that was lost as a result of Tropical Storm Ida, and the Local Farm Service Agency is applying to the USDA for assistance for local farmers in Hunterdon County that were impacted by the storm. Once more information is available, the FSA will be working assisting local farmers with applying for aid. Mr. Holt also noted that anyone with any questions pertaining to damage to historic properties can contact the Cultural and Heritage staff via phone, Facebook, or the website for more information.

Deputy Director Lanza commented on the September 15th Black Fly suppression program that the Pennsylvania DEP completed along the Delaware River and how this was the fifth and final suppression for this season. PADEP advised that the material that is used, BTI, is nontoxic to fish or other aquatic life or bees and other insects found along the waterways. Deputy Director Lanza announced that Prosecutor Robeson has appointed a new Chief of Detectives, Mr. Tim Drew, and a new first Assistant Prosecutor, Ms. Stacey Geurds McCleese and he provided a history of their backgrounds in public service. Deputy Director Lanza congratulated both on behalf of the Board.

Director Soloway, along with Commissioner Rich, commented on the upcoming KIA Honor Flag raising ceremony on October 7th and Director Soloway thanked Commissioner Rich for organizing the event. Director Soloway noted that she and Deputy Director Lanza joined with OEM Director Brayden Fahey and other staff members for a conference call with the County's Mayors about the ongoing response to Tropical Storm Ida. Director Soloway mentioned a list of resources that are available for those who are struggling after Tropical Storm IDA and referred county residents to FEMA and their Disaster Recovery Center that is located at the Union Fire House in Lambertville. Director Soloway thanked Hunterdon County employees who had donated items that were dropped off to Fisherman's Mark on September 16th. Director Soloway reported that the OEM Department will be assessing the damage to the County's waterways further this week to document and seek FEMA reimbursement. Director Soloway thanked Sheriff Brown for organizing the 9/11 Ceremony and thanked local law enforcement, fire and rescue volunteers that showed up to be apart of the Hunterdon County 9/11 Ceremony for the 20th anniversary.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION 2021-56 – ADOPTED, Recognizing World War II Veteran John Joseph Zullo, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION 2021-57 – ADOPTED, Recognizing September 2021 as National Preparedness Month

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION 2021-58 – ADOPTED, Recognizing the work of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program for organizing and executing a successful 2021 4H & Agricultural Fair.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION 2021-59 – ADOPTED, Designating the week of September 27 through October 3, 2021 as National Diaper Need Awareness Week in Hunterdon County.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

STORM UPDATE REPORT: Brayden Fahey, Public Safety Director

Commissioner Van Doren entered the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Update from the Sheriff's Department: Frederick Brown, Sheriff

Sheriff Brown provided an update on the recent scam phone calls people are receiving regarding damages from Tropical Storm Ida, and price gauging.

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

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

GRANTS, Michael Franchini, Assistant to the CFO

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-615 – RESOLVED, Accepting on behalf of the Health Department, the 2021 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant, in the amount of \$160,626.00, for the grant period 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021.

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 2021-616 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the acceptance of the 2022 Overdose Fatality Review Team (OFRT) grant award #OLPH21OFR007 in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-642 – RESOLVED, Approving the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grants, on behalf of the Hunterdon County Library, the New Jersey Public Libraries program, in an amount of \$13,791.64, for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

FINANCE, Janet Previte, CFO

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-617 – RESOLVED, Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2021 County Budget, for the FFY19 Victim Assistance (VOCA) Grant (V-52-19), for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$440,937.00, from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-618 – RESOLVED, Approving requisition #R1-04525, with Sky Printing, in an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00, for the purchase of ballots for the 2021 General Election.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-619 – RESOLVED, Approving requisition #R1-04536, with Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$84,618.00, for the purchase of a production copier for the print shop identified and approved in the 2021 capital budget.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Kevin Davis

American Rescue Funds Community Outreach Update: Mr. Davis reported on the American Rescue Funds community outreach activities. Mr. Davis noted this is the largest grant ever awarded to the County; twenty-four million dollars, twelve million dollars for 2021 and another twelve million dollars for 2022. These funds are to be used for the response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Davis reported that there was a virtual public open session on September 14th to receive input and questions based on these funds for the County. Mr. Davis commented that the funds unfortunately cannot be of assistance to the damages done from Tropical Storm Ida. Mr. Davis opened up a moment to let the Board ask any questions about this.

APPOINTMENTS

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-620 – RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Jeanne Cassano to the Hunterdon County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), term to be effective immediately through September 30, 2024.

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 - Approving the claims register dated September 21, 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

RESOLUTION - Approval of the executive and regular meeting minutes from September 07, 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-621 – RESOLVED, Approving the proposed sidewalk improvements along County Route 513 (portions of Bridge Street), for School Safe Routes in the Borough of High Bridge.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-622 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the salary adjustments for Board of Election members, effective January 1, 2021.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-623 – RESOLVED, Approving the amended salary increase for Lisa Skripko in the Hunterdon County Board of Elections.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-624 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and regular appointment of Laura Ryan as a Keyboarding Clerk 1, in the Hunterdon County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health Services.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-625 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Board of Elections to hire temporary Early Voting Site Workers.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-626 – RESOLVED, Approving the status change of Jake Moore from a Seasonal Laborer to a regular part-time Laborer 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Roads.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-627 – RESOLVED, Approving the provisional promotion of Zachary Sampson to the title of Senior Mechanic in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Vehicle Services.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-628 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and regular appointment of Devin M. Mullen as a part-time Maintenance Repairer in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Building and Maintenance.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-629 – RESOLVED, Approving the provisional appointment of Markus Jensen to the title of Senior Mechanic in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Vehicle Services.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-630 – RESOLVED, Approving the provisional promotion of Geordan Marrero to the title of Mechanic in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Vehicle Services.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-631 – RESOLVED, Approving the unclassified appointment of Ryan Preston as a Confidential Aide in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings & Maintenance.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-632 – RESOLVED, Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Board of Elections to hire temporary Early Voting Site Supervisors for Early Voting sites.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-633 – RESOLVED, Approving the voluntary title change of Francis M. Veneziale to the title of Public Safety Telecommunicator with the Certified Training Officer designation in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-634 – RESOLVED, Approving the assignment and designation as American Rescue Fund Coordinator to Andrew C. Russano of the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners Office.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-635 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign a Subordination Agreement for the property known as Block 40, Lot 11 in the Borough of High Bridge, which will be given to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$255,310.00.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-636 – RESOLVED, Approving the Hunterdon County Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan Update 2022, and submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission in the amount of \$283,709.00, for the grant period beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-643 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County, a Federal Surplus Property Program Eligibility Application, with the General Services Administration, for the acquisition of military surplus cargo trucks for the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-637 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from High Bridge Fire Department to host a coin toss on Saturday, November 27th, 2021, in front of the High Bridge Fire House from 7 AM to 4 PM.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-638 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from Whitehouse Fire Company No.1, Inc. to host a coin toss on November 12th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM and November 13th from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on County Route 523 in front of the firehouse (rain dates of November 19th and 20th).

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-639 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from the Hunterdon County Democratic Committee to host a Women's Rights Rally speaking program on Saturday, October 2, 2021, on the Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse steps from 10 AM to 1 PM.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Van Doren

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-640 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from the Delaware Valley Regional High School Cheer Team to host a coin toss on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and Sunday, October 24, 2021 at the intersection of Water Street, Bridge Street, and County Route 519 in the Borough of Milford.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-641 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from the Milford Merchants Association to host a Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 31st, on County Route 519, starting at 1 PM.

MOVED: Mr. Van Doren

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:27 PM on a motion by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Deputy Director Lanza and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Lindsay Heller, Secretary to the Board

**RESOLUTION
ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the County is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

LEGAL:

- Penn East Pipeline Litigation
- Potential claim against the County

I, Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Hunterdon, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete, and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners at a meeting held on June 01, 2021.

ROLL CALL	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Susan J. Soloway, Director						
John E. Lanza, Deputy Director						
Shaun C. Van Doren, Commissioner						
J. Matthew Holt, Commissioner						
Zachary T. Rich, Commissioner						

ADOPTED October 05, 2021

Brad Myhre, CLERK