



HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

71 Main Street, Administration Building

Second Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

July 20, 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

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Rich began the reports with an update on the Department of Public Works; the resurfacing Route 517 has started, and it will take about 120 days to complete. Route 651 in Kingwood will undergo construction on or about August 4th, weather permitting. Bridge N-1 in Clinton is undergoing repairs and is closed for vehicle traffic but is open for pedestrians use.

Mr. Rich reported that Kingwood Township had passed a resolution opposing the proposed Rockfall Mitigation project on State Route 29 just like the Hunterdon County Commissioner Board did. Mr. Rich appreciated Kingwood's position on the matter. The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board programs are continuing and there are numerous job opportunities available to the public. For more information, Mr. Rich suggested to go to their website.

Commissioner Holt congratulated Megan Muehlbauer for being the recipient of three awards that she received for her hard work and dedication to the Rutgers Extension Program. Mr. Holt reported on the recent milestone that Hunterdon County has reached with Farmland Preservation; over 35,000 acres of land has been preserved since 1985, along with 460 preserved farms in Hunterdon County. Mr. Holt recognized the Planning and Land Use Department and thanked the staff for their help, time, work, and dedication.

Deputy Director Lanza made brief comments about the recent state educational aid cuts to numerous school districts in Hunterdon County. In addition to the school aid cuts, Mr. Lanza noted that once again, the State of New Jersey is not using taxes collected on cell phone bills for their intended purpose of upgrading 9-1-1 systems across the State of NJ. Mr. Lanza thanked the Public Safety Department for their efforts this past Saturday night with heavy rain and flooding.

Director Soloway joined with Commissioner Holt on praising the amount of farmland preservation that has been completed and noted that open space is one of the key reasons to why Hunterdon County is the best county to live in. Ms. Soloway provided an update on the emergency training center. Ms. Soloway thanked U.S. Senator Corey Booker for adding the new emergency services training center to his list of recommended Congressional earmarks. Ms. Soloway also thanked Hunterdon County's Chief of Staff Brad Myhre, for his work as well as other staff on putting the application to the Senator's office together.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION 2021-41 – ADOPTED, Honoring Chloe Trevasikiss on receiving the Investors Foundation Scholarship Award from the New Jersey Association of Counties.

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 2021-42 – ADOPTED, Recognizing Junior Girl Scout Troop 80468 in receiving the Bronze Award.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

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

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township – Commented on the hunting resolution that is on the agenda for the meeting tonight. Ms. Sachau mentioned that if we could preserve land for farms, why can't the County preserve wildlife and trees. Ms. Sachau said that the County should advocate for nature too, and not just the farms.

GRANTS: Michael Franchini, Assistant to CFO

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-485 – RESOLVED, Accepting a SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant, in the amount of \$36,684.00, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-486 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, an application to NJ Transit Corporation for a grant under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act, in the amount of \$414,649.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-487 – RESOLVED, Resolution authorizing the Hunterdon County Director of Human Services to sign on behalf of the County, an application with NJ Transit pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act, in the amount of \$ 362,023.00 with an obligated \$181,011.50 County match.

MOVED: M. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Rich

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-488 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2020-12, for the furnishing and delivering of rock salt for snow and ice control for roads in bridges, to Morton Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$436,590.00 (\$48.51/ton).

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-494 – RESOLVED, Approving the regular appointment of Kimberly Sessock as a Family Service Worker, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, as of July 12, 2021, upon successful completion of her Civil Service examination.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-495 – RESOLVED, Approving the regular appointment of Daniel Voorhees as a Family Service Worker, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, as of July 12, 2021, upon successful completion of his Civil Service examination.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-496 – RESOLVED, Approving the regular appointment of Kelly Snyder as a Family Service Worker, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, as of July 12, 2021, upon successful completion of her Civil Service examination.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-497 – RESOLVED, Approving the regular appointment of Richard Booth as Veterans Service Officer effective July 13, 2021, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-498 – RESOLVED, Approving the transfer and unclassified appointment of Gregory Martoccio to the unclassified title Employee of the Board of Elections in the Hunterdon County Board of Elections.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-499 – RESOLVED, Approving the regular appointment of Stephanie Beach as a Public Health Nurse, effective July 13, 2021, in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Public Health Nursing.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-500 – RESOLVED, Approving the hire and provisional appointment of Lily Davis as a Public Health Investigator in the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-509 – RESOLVED, Approving the promotion and provisional appointment of Keith Paradiso to the position of Senior Fire Instructor in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Fire School Training Center.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-501 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Director and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hunterdon to execute a discharge of mortgage for Block 4, Lot 23 in the Borough of Milford in the County of Hunterdon.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-502 – RESOLVED, Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a Right of Way vegetation management plan with First Energy for the County Park properties located at the South Branch Reservation in the Township of Clinton and the Township of Franklin.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-503 – RESOLVED, Approving the 2021-2022 Controlled Hunting Program as submitted by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-504 – RESOLVED, Expressing the support of the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners for the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation's application for grant funding under the Community Navigator Pilot Program.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-505 – RESOLVED, Amendment to resolution 2021-288 to approve a Grant Agreement for the FY 2021 State Aid to Counties, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, for the resurfacing of County Route 604 and 635, located in the Townships of Bethlehem, Delaware, and Union, in the County of Hunterdon, in the amount of \$4,062,485.00 (state funds).

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-509 – RESOLVED, Approving the promotion and provisional appointment of Keith Paradiso to the position of Senior Fire Instructor in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Fire School Training Center.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

CORRESPONDENCE

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-506 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from Team Somerset Bicycling Club to use portions of Readington Road (Route 637) for their annual time trials on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

MOVED: Mr. Holt

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-507 – RESOLVED, Approving a request from the High Bridge Borough Police Department, requesting permission to use a portion of County Route 513 (between Fairview Avenue and West Main Street) for their Soap Box Derby on Saturday September 4th, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

MOVED: Mr. Rich

SECONDED: Mr. Lanza

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2021-508 – RESOLVED, Approving the request from Kingwood First Aid & Rescue Squad to host a coin toss on Saturday, September 4, 2021, Sunday, September 5, 2021, Saturday, November 27, 2021 and Sunday, November 28, 2021, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM on a portion of County Route 519.

MOVED: Mr. Lanza

SECONDED: Mr. Holt

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

ABSENT: Mr. Van Doren

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township, commented on resolution #15 on the Consent Agenda, and noted that dangerous chemicals should not be used for Right of Way vegetation management. Ms. Sachau had questions on repairs to the roads after the storm on July 17th and would like to see the claims register online as well with the agenda. Ms. Sachau also voiced her opposition to the County's permitted hunting program at certain County Parks properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:09 PM on a motion by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Commissioner Rich and carried by voice.

Commissioner Van Doren entered executive session at 6:11 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:23 PM on a motion by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Commissioner Van Doren and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

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:

PERSONNEL:

LEGAL:

- CWA Negotiations

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 July 20, 2021.

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

ADOPTED July 20, 2021

Brad Myhre, CLERK