



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meeting Room
71 Main Street, Building 1, Second Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

June 6, 2023

I. **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 January 5, 2023, 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."

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich, Shaun Van Doren

Executive Session topics this evening include:

- Personnel Discussion- Board of Elections
- Contractual- Request from 4H Dairy for entertainment.

III. **5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

V. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VI. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Soloway Reported:

As co-liaison for veterans affairs, I have attend several area events to highlight issues

of importance to service men and women.

On May 21st, I visited with Project Horses for Forces in Long Valley, NJ. Project Horses offers comprehensive horsemanship programs for military veterans of all eras who have incurred visible or invisible wounds during their service. The organization's goal is to facilitate better re-integration into civilian & family life for those who find themselves "not quite home yet" as well as providing stress and anxiety reduction for those who need an atmosphere conducive to healing and restoration.

On May 28th, I joined Rolling Thunder at South County Fairgrounds for their 35th Anniversary, "Ride for Freedom." The annual ride is in support of the POW/MIA issue as well as our overall veterans community. More than 80,000 American Service Personnel are missing from previous conflicts and war, and this ride helps commemorate their memory and to ensure that they are not forgotten, and efforts continue to bring them home.

On Saturday, June 24th, I will be leading another veterans headstone cleaning event at Riverside Cemetery, in the Town of Clinton. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and those interested in volunteering can contact Hunterdon VSO Rich Booth. In addition to these events, earlier today, I traveled with Gretchen Larsen of our staff, to deliver a collection of baby items to Lyons hospital. The items were collected as part of a *Baby Shower Drive for Women Veterans*, that I recently led. A special thank you to members of the public and county staff their generosity. The staff at Lyons hospital were very grateful for the many brand-new items that were donated.

As liaison to the Prosecutor's Office, I recently attended the Prosecutor's Working Group Meeting to address Mental Health and the Special Needs Population. The 'Working Group' is focused on reviewing policies, programs, and protocols to maximize the effectiveness of Hunterdon County's response to those with disabilities or those in a mental health crisis.

The meets quarterly and shares information and engages in collaboration. This quarter, Hunterdon Medical Center and Tewksbury Chief Timothy Barlow presented. Chief Barlow spoke about the "Blue Envelope Program," that is being spearheaded by the Hunterdon County Chief of Police's Association.

The program provides a blue envelope to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, that contains written information and guidance to help facilitate effective communication with police officers, making traffic stops safer and less stressful for all parties involved.

Commissioner Van Doren Reported:

As liaison to the Department of Public Works, I have several updates for the public this evening related to our County's various bridges.

Hunterdon County's major bridges (those over 20 feet in span) are inspected by private consultants every 2 years in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The U.S. Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish these standards dating back to 1968. The original National Bridge Inspection Standards were published in 1971, creating our Nation's first nationally coordinated

bridge inspection program.

Periodic and thorough inspections of Hunterdon County's bridges is necessary to maintain safe bridge operation and prevent structural and functional failures. In addition, data on the condition and operation of our bridges is necessary for the County to make informed investment decisions as part of an asset management program.

For the first time, beginning in 2022, all the County's minor bridges (those 5 feet to 20 feet in span) are also being inspected through this program. The County is proactively doing this even though it is not federally mandated currently.

The results of the inspections can produce required "priority repairs," that differ on their degree of urgency that the Department of Public Works will seek to address with its in-house forces. Since 2022, County forces have completed 55 of the 206 priority repairs that it has received. Currently, 119 of the County's 725 minor bridges have been inspected, with the remainder to be completed in the as soon as possible.

The rehabilitation of the Historic Covered Bridge located in Delaware Township will begin this month. The covered bridge will be closed in the upcoming days, with its sister bridge remaining open to alternating traffic until June 20th to accommodate for school traffic. On June 20th both bridges will be closed for repairs and staging purposes. A detour has been posted. Repairs are expected to last a few months with an anticipated completion in early fall of 2023. Hahr Construction is the contractor completing the work, with a total project investment of approximately \$700,000.

The scope of the Covered Bridge work includes, removal and replacement of the existing red oak timber stringers and decking. The new timber stringers will be pressure treated southern yellow pine and the new decking will be white oak. The white oak components were special ordered, and have been stored and air drying since October of 2021.

In-conjunction with the decking replacement, the existing timber curbs and railings will be replaced with new timbers. The bridge will be cleaned and painted; including the structural steel superstructure and timber railings, trusses and siding. A new red cedar (hand split) shake roof will replace the existing shake roof. Additional repairs will also include replacing sections of damaged and deteriorated timber siding, repointing of the stone masonry throughout the substructure and miscellaneous structural steel repairs.

The Delaware Township Covered Bridge is an iconic historical symbol in our community and I'm happy to see this project coming to fruition.

As liaison to the Health Department, I wanted to share that the County's recent vision clinic was very successful. Over 29 people were seen and treated for various vision issues. Additional vision clinics are being planned in conjunction the New Jersey Department of Health and participating physicians.

Commissioner Lanza Reported:

On May 25th, I attended an event in Frenchtown Borough, sponsored by the USDA Rural Development Office, entitled, "Bridging Regional Economies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I was joined at the event by Deputy Director Jeff Kuhl, Economic Development Director Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelan, and our County Administrator and Frenchtown

Mayor, Brad Myhre. Representatives from Senator Robert Menendez and Congressman Tom Kean's office were also in attendance.

The event featured presentations by USDA New Jersey State Director, Jane Asselta and Pennsylvania State Director, Bob Morgan, followed by a walking tour of the downtown, and lunch at the Frenchtown Café.

The USDA highlighted the nearly \$7.6 million dollars of recent direct investment in both Hunterdon and Bucks Counties, as well as the nearly \$100 million in total investment in Hunterdon County over the last 20 years. The USDA's funding programs are diverse and help to fund things ranging from municipal facilities, firetrucks, wastewater treatment plants, sewer lines, technology upgrades, and home mortgages to name a few. In addition, the USDA highlighted their "Value-Added Producer Grant Program" which helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Flocktown Farm, in Hunterdon County, was a recipient of a \$250,000 Value-Added Producer Grant this year. The grant will be used to offset post-harvest labor, delivery labor and marketing costs associated with growing Gristmill Grange's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) membership. Flocktown Farm is expecting an expansion of 2,000 new members, which will result in new 14 full-time positions being created in the wash/pack barn for post-harvest handling of the raw commodity, along with 7 additional full-time drivers to help with the increase in demand.

Deputy Director Kuhl and I were both impressed by offering of grant and loan programs through the USDA and will be working together with our colleagues to arrange a special presentation for our local elected leaders and agricultural community.

As veterans co-liaison, I wanted to thank Commissioner Soloway for her recent efforts crisscrossing the County in support of our veterans. Commissioner Soloway and I recently placed American Flags together at the gravesites of veterans at local cemetery in observance of Memorial Day. Today, also marks the 79th Anniversary of D-Day, when U.S. and allied forces launched an attack against Hitler's Germany. More than 156,000 Allied forces participated in the invasion of Normandy, France to liberate the country and Western Europe from Nazi control. Tom Brokaw's words still ring true, those who fought in WWII are truly, "Our Greatest Generation."

In closing, in following up on Commissioner Soloway's remarks about the "Blue Envelope Program," I wanted to share that Sheriff Brown plans on working to raise awareness about this important program throughout Hunterdon County. I look forward to working collaboratively with Commissioner Soloway and the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff Brown on a public awareness campaign in the coming weeks.

Deputy Director Kuhl Reported:

I thank my colleagues for their reports as well as for their ongoing work as liaisons to

the County's various operations.

As Commissioner Lanza mentioned earlier, I joined him on May 25th in Frenchtown Borough for a special event hosted by the USDA, to highlight investments in Hunterdon County, and Bucks County, PA.

I found the presentation to be very interesting including an overview of the number of programs that are available to rural municipalities and farmers.

I will be working with Commissioner Lanza, and Administrator Myhre to pull together a special meeting for all 26 Hunterdon County municipalities and the USDA sometime in August.

As liaison to the Department of Human Services, I have several updates for the public this evening:

Over 700 preliminary applications have been received for the Section 8 voucher list. Staff at the Division of Housing have assisted a number of applicants with questions, and I congratulate Division Head Kevin Burghardt and his team for their continued work.

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services will distribute Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers to eligible senior citizens. To qualify, you must be 60 years or older, or turn 60 by July 31st 2023 and meet the household income guidelines: \$26,973 for a one-person household and \$36,482 for a two-person household.

A one-person household is eligible to receive \$50.00 to use at participating farm stands in New Jersey. The voucher will not be accepted at grocery stores and must be used by November 30th 2023.

You may complete the Senior Farmers Market Application Form online on the Senior Center website or in person at the Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington.

All Applications need to be completed and then returned in person to the Senior Center. Farmers Market Coupons can be picked up on Thursdays or Fridays from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm outside Building 1 (Senior Center). For more information call 908-788-1361 or 908-788-1362 and ask for Pia Rey-Doklan or Mary Connor.

On Monday, June 12th at 11:30 AM, the Senior Center is hosting "Gardening for Wildlife" for an informative and educational talk by Master Gardener Lisa Parent. Learn how to transform your garden into a haven for native species! The discussion will focus on plants that thrive in Hunterdon County. Pre-registration is required by June 9th Call 908-788-1359 to reserve your spot.

On Friday, June 16th at 1:00 PM, The Hunterdon County Senior Center will host a performance of Childhood Memories of World War II by the ghost of Queen Elizabeth II, and Linda Prieto. Seating is limited. Pre-register by calling 908-788-1359.

June 19th at 11:30 AM, The Hunterdon County Senior Center will present: Tech Talks with Joe Peters. This Session will focus on browsers like Chrome, Edge, Safari, Explorer; various search engines; "apps"; file management including backing up files; Word, Excel and emails. Pre-registration required by 6/14/23. Seating is limited. Call 908-788-1359 to register. Finally, last evening, I had the opportunity to address Hunterdon County Polytech's, Academy Awards Program. The event celebrated 57 Polytech graduates from three academies within the vocational high school.

Combined, the 57 graduates have earned nearly 400 college credits during their tenure at Polytech and secured over \$750,000 in scholarships for higher education. My congratulations again to each of the graduates.

VII. **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

1. Recognizing Pat Cerillo, a member of the Hunterdon Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus, as he is with the "Barbershopper of the Year Award".

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.**

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

During public comment, Barbara Sauchau of Raritan Township, addressed the board on the following:

- Questioned the need for Sheriff's Officers in County buildings.
- Resolution #25, addressed the Board on efficacy and need for COVID vaccines.
- Requested claims register to be emailed going forward, the Clerk of the Board acquired the corrected email from Ms. Sauchau following the meeting.

IX. **PUBLIC HEARING ON POSSIBLE SALE OF TRANSFER STATION**

Introduction of the Public Hearing on the Potential Sale of the Hunterdon County Transfer Station was given by Outside Counsel David A. Weinstein of the law firm, Archer and Greiner. Outside Counsel was introduced by County Counsel Katrina Campbell, informed the the public of the notices of the public hearing that were issued in correspondence to the announcement of the public hearing.

Mr. Weinstein remarked:

Good evening, Commissioners. So, excuse the computer, but I wrote it already. So the hearing you're about to conduct tonight is going to be conducted in accordance with the local land and buildings law that is going to aid you, as the commissioners of Hunterdon County in the potential sale of the county owned improvement known as the Hunterdon County Transfer Station Material Recovery Facility.

As you all know, it's located on Pettycoat Lane in Clinton Township. The report, as it was indicated, has been prepared in the courts. The requirements are local in the buildings law and it's assess both the benefits and the detriments of the sale, as well as the potential impact on the local flora and fauna. Again, as required by the local land and buildings law.

In addition, as was noted, the property owner is located within two-hundred feet of the property have been noticed, as well as the publications have been placed through the local paper as required by the local land and buildings law. The hearing was noticed with the requirements and is the first of two scheduled hearings, the second hearing will be on the 21st of June, if I remember correctly.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the commissioners with a public input as part of your decision making and to determine if the property should be sold by the county. The commissioners tonight you were here to receive public comment, to receive the hearing. Listen to them. It's not intended to be a public question answered. However, questions are encouraged and if people wish to provide questions, they should do so to the County Council or the county administrator and provide those questions so that they can, one, be answered and tow you can be aware of what those questions are.

People can ask questions tonight, but you are under no obligation to actually answer those questions this evening. However, you can tell people the questions can be answered as any question it's posed here at a public meeting. There will be no official action taken this evening on this matter either. The intent, again, is just to hearing to let the public express their opinion regarding what you're proposing to potentially do.

That action under the local land and buildings law cannot occur until 90 days after you decide if you are going to actually truly dispose the process to neighbors after the second hearing. That's the requirements under the law. You can take other actions in between, try to get an assessment of what the public interest is in purchasing. You can do all that, but you cannot ultimately agree to dispose of the assets until that 90 days has expired after the second hearing.

County Counsel Katrina Campbell clairified the the 2nd Public Hearing is scheduled for June 27th in Clinton Township. She believes Mr. Weinstein said the 21st, but it is the 27th.

1. Open Public Hearing on Possible Sale of Hunterdon County Transfer Station.

Motion: Moved **By:** Susan Soloway **Seconded:** John Lanza

Yes: Jeff Kuhl,, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

Public Comments:

- Kevin Davis of Raritan Township, addressed the Board, voicing his support of the transfer station sale due to upgrades that will cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars

2. Close Public Hearing on Possible Sale of Hunterdon County Transfer Station.

Motion: Moved **By:** Susan Soloway **Seconded:** John Lanza

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

Deputy Director Kuhl announced that the second Public Hearing will take place on June 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clinton Township Public Safety Building, 1370 Route 3 1N, 3rd Floor, Annandale, NJ 08801.

X. **GRANTS, Michael Franchini, Deputy CFO**

1. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the FY 2023 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$95,764.87.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
2. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the Public Safety Answering Point Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
3. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 SHIP Grant in the amount of \$31,000.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
4. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) Grant in the amount of \$610,436.73.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
5. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2023 County Budget, for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$1,209,564.00.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
6. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the Small Cities CDBG – COVID-19 CV3 Grant in the amount of \$273,935.00.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
7. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Grant in the amount of \$89,300.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

8. Approving an insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Grant in the amount of \$9,850.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

9. Approving the request for the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the FFY21 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant in the amount of \$242,227.00.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

10. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Grant in the amount of \$11,150.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

11. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Contract #VL24T13 to provide transportation services to Hunterdon County veterans through The LINK transportation system in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

XI. FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO

1. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023- 03 PROVIDING FOR COUNTY-WIDE LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$450,000 FROM THE LIBRARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** John Lanza
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

2. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-04 PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,642,800 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

3. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-05 PROVIDING ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$805,620 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

4. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023- 06 PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$374,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

5. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-07 PROVIDING ACQUISITION OF LANDS/PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECTS AND ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,445,000 FROM THE HUNTERDON COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND HISTORIC TRUST FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Susan Soloway **Seconded:** John Lanza

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

6. CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-08 PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,049,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

7. BOND ORDINANCE #2023-09 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$8,135,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,728,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

8. BOND ORDINANCE #2023-10 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BRIDGE AND CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$5,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,987,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

9. BOND ORDINANCE #2023-11 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$7,100,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,745,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** John Lanza

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

Brad acknowledges public hearing will take place on June 20, 2023 during the next Commissioner meeting which begins at 5:30 pm

XII. PLANNING & LAND USE

1. Approving the recommendations of the Cultural and Heritage Commission, of the administration of the County of Hunterdon's Special Project grant awards totaling \$22,500 for 2023 to: Trina Bardusco, Nathan Bishop, Hunterdon Art Museum, Roxey Ballet Company, Soupcon Salon, and the United Way.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

2. Authorizing the County Administrator, or the Deputy Administrator, to accept the award letter, on behalf of the County, for additional funding through the Highlands Council for completion of the Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Plan, GIS Parcel Update and Amended Scope of Work for the Hunterdon County Growth Management Plan.

Motion: Moved **By:** Susan Soloway **Seconded:** John Lanza

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

3. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Hunterdon Land Trust, for the acquisition of the Schwenderman property, Block 42, Lot 20 in the Raritan

Township, estimated 4.2 acres, in an amount not to exceed \$39,250.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

4. Approving a Municipal Grant to High Bridge Borough, for debt service related to the acquisition of the Lake Solitude Properties, Blocks, 4.07, 40 & 7, lots 1, 2 & 11.01 in High Bridge Borough, in an amount not to exceed \$11,409.50, on the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

XIII. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Economic Development Award to the Township of West Amwell.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
2. Unclassified Employee Benefits Policy Update.
Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich
3. Approving the appointment of Frank Bell to the unclassified title of County Department Head, in the Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use.
Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

XIV. APPOINTMENTS

1. Approving the appointment of Teresia Bost as a member to the Hunterdon County Mental Health Board (MHB), term to be effective immediately through May 31, 2026.
Motion: Moved **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

XV. 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.”

Motion: Moved **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Zach Rich

1. Approving the claims register dated June 06, 2023.
2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from May 16, 2023.
3. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Sheriff Frederick Brown to hire and regularly appoint David Castro as a Corrections Officer in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.
4. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Alec Solberg as a Geographic Information Specialist 2 in the Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use, Geographic Information System Division, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.
5. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to appoint Alexander Maillard as a County Investigator in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor contingent upon the outcome of post offer medical and background evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.
6. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Nicholas Kasimis as a Land Surveyor in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.
7. Approval the advancement of Martin Walsh from the Trainee position to Inspector, Mosquito Extermination, in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Division of Mosquito and Vector Control.
8. Approving the hire and seasonal appointment of Cole Mathews as a Seasonal Laborer in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation.
9. Approving a salary adjustment for Shawn Monk, Equipment Operator, this adjustment is provided per the CWA Local 1036 Rank and File collective bargaining agreement Article 10, Paragraph I, for completion of six months in title and per the negotiated side agreement.

10. Approving a salary adjustment for Matthew Fazekas, Equipment Operator, this adjustment is provided per the CWA Local 1036 Rank and File collective bargaining agreement Article 10, Paragraph I, for completion of six months in title and per the negotiated side agreement.
11. Approving a salary adjustment provided for the assignment of additional duties and responsibilities to Fatima Sadowski, Confidential Assistant, in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Human Resources.
12. Approving the action to hereby grant Garrett Dunlap a regular appointment as a full time Road Repairer 3 as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division.
13. Approves the action to hereby grant Michael Turri a regular appointment as a full time Road Repairer 3 as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division.
14. Approving the action to hereby grant Laura McDevitt a regular appointment as a full time Principal Account Clerk as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Communications Division.
15. Approving the action to hereby grant Matthew Tamburro a regular appointment as a full time Senior Communications Technician as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Communications Division.
16. Approving the action to hereby grant Laura Bush a regular appointment as a full time Principal Park Naturalist as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation.
17. Approving the action to hereby grant Cindy Mundy a regular appointment as a full time Keyboarding Clerk 3 as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation.
18. Approving the action to hereby grant Richard A. Miller a regular appointment as a full time Supervisor, Traffic Maintenance as of June 6, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division.
19. Approving the rehire of John Petersen as a Seasonal Inspector, Mosquito Extermination in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Division of Mosquito and Vector Control, contingent upon the successful outcome of post-offer medical evaluations.

20. Approving the rehire of Caitlyn Mazewski as a Seasonal Laboratory Assistant in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Division of Mosquito and Vector Control, contingent upon the successful outcome of post-offer medical evaluations.
21. Approving the rehire of Benjamin Crans as a Seasonal Inspector, Mosquito Extermination in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Division of Mosquito and Vector Control, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations.
22. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to execute, on behalf of the County of Hunterdon a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Hunterdon, Township of Readington, Township of Raritan, Hunterdon Land Trust, New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Raritan Headwaters Association for the purchase of Block 73, Lots 23.01 and 25 in Readington Township and Block 37, Lot 1 and Block 28, Lot 1 in Raritan Township.
23. Authorizing the Health Department to apply for a County Health Infrastructure Funding (CHIF) Grant with a total grant award of \$574,815.00.
24. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to accept on behalf of the Health Department, the 2023 Clean Communities grant award in the amount of \$95,764.87. The funding period is January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
25. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to accept on behalf of the Health Department a budget period modification to the Vaccine Supplemental Funding Grant to extend the end date of the grant from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024.
26. Authorizing the Commissioner Director and County Counsel of the County of Hunterdon to execute, on behalf of the County, the Hunterdon County Transportation System, the "Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Certifications and Assurances" for the Federal Transit Administration Assistance Program, and Annual Verification of Title VI Activities.
27. Authorization on behalf of the County, to approve the amended Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) By-Laws.
28. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to execute, on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a Side Letter of Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and AFSCME Council 63 Local 2097 for the 2023 Summer Compressed & Remote Schedule Program.
29. Approving the 2023 Summer Compressed and Remote Schedule Program for unclassified and unaffiliated employees.

30. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to execute, on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a Side Letter of Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and CWA 1036 for the 2023 Summer Compressed & Remote Schedule Program.
31. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign, on behalf of the County, updated Signature Specimen and Assurances forms from the State of New Jersey regarding FFY 2022 EMPG EMAA Grant, with reference to original Resolution 2022-423.
32. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson increasing the salaries of the unclassified/unaffiliated staff of the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
33. Authorizing the approval of the salaries of unclassified/unaffiliated staff of the Hunterdon County Board of Elections effective June 12, 2023.
34. Approving the action of a letter of support from the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to the Township of West Amwell in reference to NJDOT LTPF Grant Program.
35. Approving the action for the use of County resources by the Sons of the American Revolution for their event on June 25, 2023.
36. Approving the request from the Readington CERT team to waive permit fees for the use of the Overlook Pavilion at Deer Path Park on June 15, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm for a drill. The CERT team is composed of volunteer citizens who are trained in basic life safety and emergency preparedness skills.
37. Approving the request from The Califon First Aid Squad Inc. to hold a Coin Toss Collection on Saturday June 17, 2023 and Saturday September 19, 2023 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, along Rte 512 and Rte 513.
38. Approving the request from Hunterdon Flutterwheels Square Dance Club to use the Echo Hill Main Lodge. Approvals will be based on the Division of Parks and Recreation's programmatic needs and facility availability on the first and third Friday of the month commencing on the third week of September 2023 and continuing through the first week of June 2023.
39. Approving the request from Hunterdon Hiking Club to use the Arboretum Meeting Room. Approvals will be based on the Division of Parks and Recreation programmatic needs and facility availability on the second Thursday of the month commencing in June of 2023 and continuing through June of 2024.
40. Approving the request from ARC of Hunterdon County to use the Echo Hill Lodge. Approvals will be based on the Division of Parks and Recreation's

programmatic needs and facility availability to host dances commencing in June of 2023 and continuing through June of 2024.

41. Approving the request from NorthWest New Jersey Beekeepers Association to use the Echo Hill Lodge, and Deer Path Park at Round Mountain to house working beehives outdoors. Approvals will be based on the Division of Parks and Recreation's programmatic needs and facility availability commencing in June of 2023 and continuing through June of 2024.

XVI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sheriff Brown comments on smoke smell, 9-1-1 is asking not to call unless there is a true emergency. As the smoke/smell is from the Canadian wild fires

XVII. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT