



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

September 5, 2023

I. **5:00 p.m. CONVENE:**

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: By: John Lanza **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

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 earlier today, she had the opportunity to present Robert (Bob) Gibson with a proclamation from the Commissioner Board in recognition of his 100th birthday. Mr. Gibson is a resident of the Borough of Hampton, and a proud and distinguished WWII veteran. Mr. Gibson served in the U.S. Army as part of the D-Day invasion at Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Just last year, he was selected by the 'Best Defense Foundation' to return to the beaches of Normandy, where he valiantly fought more than 80 years ago in defense of our freedom. Commissioner Soloway wished a happy 100th birthday to this great American Patriot!

As veterans co-liaison, Commissioner Soloway reminded those in attendance tonight, that the County is sponsoring another veteran headstone cleaning event. The next cleaning event will take place on Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Locust Grove Cemetery in Pittstown. If you are interested in helping, please contact Hunterdon County VSO, Rich Booth at 908-788-1361.

Commissioner Soloway stated throughout the past couple of weeks, she has been traveling around Hunterdon County engaging in a number of events, including attending the annual 4H Fair Opening Ceremony, and welcoming Congressman Tom Kean and Senator Cory Booker to the Emergency Services Training Center for a visit. Congressman Kean and Senator Booker have each submitted a Congressional Directed Spending Request toward Phases 2 and 3 of the new Emergency Services

Training Center Complex. We certainly appreciate their support toward this worthy project.

Commissioner Soloway stated she recently accompanied Director Rich at the Career Center of Hunterdon County Polytech, to celebrate receipt of the remaining money needed to begin work on the new, full-time, Hunterdon County Vocational School Building. She believes this project will benefit generations of Hunterdon County students for years to come and it will also help to stem the tide of our young people leaving this area for outside educational opportunities.

Commissioner Van Doren reported on several updates as liaison to the Department of Public works. He reported joining the Director of Sales and Marketing for Asphalt Paving Systems, Walter Percy, for an on-site demonstration to observe the application of Slurry Seal, an industrial grade asphalt surfacing product on County Route 518, in West Amwell Township. Slurry seal is an industrial-grade asphalt surfacing product, with principal materials and fillers that are combined with water for easy application. Some of the advantages of slurry sealing include its low cost, its ability to both correct existing problems, and prevent future problems, adding to the aesthetic value of existing pavement appearance and the product's durability. Pavement preservation was considered and funded in the FY23 budget. Pavement preservation is another tool to assist the Board in keeping county roadways among the best in the State of New Jersey. Slurry seal extends the life of existing roadways in both a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner and is being utilized by several counties throughout the state to extend the useful life of existing infrastructure.

Commissioner Van Doren shared information regarding the County's ongoing recovery from Tropical Storm Ida. The storm resulted in loss of life and widespread damage throughout Hunterdon County. The Public Works and Engineering Division has worked hard in the ongoing recovery, to ensure that the County's infrastructure has been returned to working order. Commissioner Van Doren stated an example of the ongoing Ida work is a resolution on this evening's Consent Agenda, which authorizes our County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for repairs and debris cleanout of County Culvert Q-170 on Wescott Drive in Raritan Township. Upon completion of the work on County Culvert Q-170, one additional major Ida repair exists, which is the repair of County Bridge WD-120, on Hamp Road in West Amwell Township. The bridge was completely washed away during the storm. The Office of the County Engineer is currently in the permitting process, which includes obtaining needed historical review by the State Historical Preservation Office. The hope is that construction on Bridge WD-120 might begin in 2025.

As liaison to the Health Department, Commissioner Van Doren acknowledged Director Karen DeMarco, who is in attendance this evening and will be reporting on some important health related information later in the agenda.

Lastly, Commissioner Van Doren stated he enjoyed joining with Commissioner Soloway, Deputy Director Kuhl, Sheriff Brown and others recently in providing an overview of the proposed Emergency Services Training Center to our federal representatives. The new Burn Building Training Facility, which is just about completed, represents Phase 1 of this important investment in public safety.

Commissioner Lanza reported on Thursday, August 24th, he joined with members of the New Jersey Legislature, and fellow Commissioners from Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties, to attend a bill signing with Governor Murphy establishing Central Jersey, as a tourist region. The signing took place in the historic district of Somerville, at the Wallace House, an old Dutch Parsonage. The signing of this bill establishes the Garden State will restructure its tourism map to include and promote Central Jersey and all it has to offer, including its scenic towns, natural parks, and wineries. Central Jersey will now be made up of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties. The new law requires the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism to promote Central Jersey businesses. The law also redirects some federal aid supporting tourism marketing to regions in need of economic relief and dictates that at least 10 % of the Division of Travel and Tourism's annual

appropriation be dedicated to highlighting agritourism, including visits to farms, craft beverage makers, farm-to-table restaurants, farmers' markets, and agriculturally themed festivals.

As liaison to the Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Lanza acknowledged the efforts of Department Director, Brayden Fahey, and Training Center Coordinator, Frank Ur for spearheading the recent visits by Congressman Tom Kean and U.S. Senator Cory Booker. Unfortunately, some professional obligations prevented him from attending. He thanked his colleagues Commissioners Soloway and Van Doren, and Deputy Director Kuhl for attending. A special thanks also to Sheriff Brown, Prosecutor Renee Robeson, Chief of Detectives Tim Drew, and Senior Assistant Prosecutor, Tangerla Thomas, municipal officials, and county staff for being in attendance as well.

In closing, as liaison to the Board of Elections, Commissioner Lanza acknowledged Board of Elections Superintendent, Beth Thompson who has some important information to share about the Board of Elections new office space later this evening.

Deputy Director Kuhl reported as liaison to the Department of Human Services, the Senior Center will host an 8-week Guided Autobiography workshop led by Galen Tinder. The Guided Autobiography (GAB) method is based on the concepts of priming autobiographical memories; using common themes of life and engaging in a group process to tell one's life story. These weekly sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. from September 6th through October 25th. The workshop is limited to nine participants, please call 908-788-1359 to register. On Monday September 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., the Hunterdon County Senior Center presents Women of the Seas and Stars: Adding "Pink" to the "Blue Frontier" with Carol Simon Levin. Interested seniors can pre-register by calling 908-788-1359. The Senior Center will host a Magic Show on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Pre-registration is required by September 22, please call 908-788-1359 to register.

As Commissioners Soloway and Van Doren noted earlier, Deputy Director Kuhl also had the opportunity to join with them in presenting an overview of the proposed Emergency Services Training Center to Congressman Kean and Senator Booker. Deputy Director Kuhl shares in his colleague's appreciation for Congressman Kean and Senator Booker working together to help deliver important federal funding toward this critical public safety training facility.

Deputy Director Kuhl thanked and congratulated the members of the 4H Fair Committee on organizing another great event this year. It appeared that the crowd was back to pre-pandemic levels, and he had the opportunity to participate in several events including: Presenting a plaque to the Mount Airy Dairy Club on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary, and Judging the 4-H Club Displays. Deputy Director Kuhl's family has been involved in the fair for many years, and he hopes that they continue to keep this great tradition well into the future.

Director Rich thanked his colleagues for their reports as well as their ongoing work as liaisons to the County's various operations. He conveyed August was a busy month and unfortunately with the recent celebration of Labor Day, we know summer is officially over. Director Rich gave a special thanks to Mayor Beverly Koehler and the Lebanon Township Governing Body for hosting us this evening. He stated each year, the Board makes it priority to take our meetings on the road, to hear directly from our constituents and increase participation in our democratic process. We are grateful to each of you in attendance today.

Director Rich reported as mentioned earlier, we had another outstanding 4H Agricultural Fair that was very well attended. Director Rich and his colleagues had the opportunity to honor some outstanding 4H club leaders as well as organizations like the Mount Airy Dairy Club that celebrated their 100th anniversary this year. Agriculture is very much a part of the bedrock of Hunterdon County and ensuring that our farmers are successful is critical to open space land and quality of life.

Director Rich conveyed just a few weeks ago, we celebrated receiving the remaining funding needed

from the State of New Jersey to start work on the new, Hunterdon County Vocational School, known as Polytech. Thanks to a partnership between Hunterdon County Vocational School District and the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, a new, state-of-the-art facility will be constructed at the North Hunterdon High School campus that will allow for full-time vocational training. The new facility will offer among other programs, HVAC/Plumbing Technology; Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Advanced Manufacturing & Aeronautical Sciences; Welding Technology; Diesel Technology; and an Electrical Technology program. The new facility will enable our students to gain skills in high demand fields, with strong starting wages, and without being settled with tens of thousands of dollars in college debt. Director Rich reported the new vocational school will be built without Hunterdon County issuing any debt for its construction. This is a result of careful budget planning and a grant that covers 75% of the cost of the facility from the State of New Jersey.

Lastly, Director Rich reported he continues to receive a great deal of positive feedback about the new barrier-free playground at Deer Path Park. He encouraged everyone to go for a visit if they haven't already done so. He conveyed it is truly an amazing recreational opportunity for our residents and children, especially those with limited mobility. During the recent 4H Fair, we shared a concept plan for another similarly designed playground facility in the southern part of Hunterdon County. Director Rich was told the concept plan generated a lot of excitement from attendees at the fair. He stated the State of New Jersey is expected to announce an upcoming grant cycle for this type of project and he believes the county is well situated to compete for these funds.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Chiari Awareness Month in the County of Hunterdon.

Ms. Katie Hutchins introduced herself, her mother, Kristin Hutchins, and her father, Lenny Hutchins. Ms. Hutchins suffers from Chiari Malformation, a rare congenital condition in which the brain tissue extends into the spinal canal, causing severe headaches and neck pain. Mrs. Hutchins explained Katie has undergone two brain surgeries which help manage the symptoms, but it does not cure the condition. Katie has experienced symptoms of Chiari Malformation since she was young. Symptoms include dizziness, neck pain, headaches, and a falling sensation. Katie was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation in 2019. She is currently enrolled in Hunterdon Central Polytech's Law Enforcement Program, following in the footsteps of her father a dispatcher. The Hutchins family is hoping to bring awareness to Chiari Malformation by hosting a walk at Deer Path Park on September 23rd. Commissioner Rich announced the Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library will be illuminated purple the week leading up to the walk in order to raise awareness of Chiari Malformation.

Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

2. Recognizing Lebanon Township resident Josh Rich upon his over 50 years of dedicated public service to the Township of Lebanon.

Commissioner Rich invited Lebanon Township Mayor, Beverly Kohler to introduce Mr. Josh Rich and speak of his many years of service to Lebanon Township. Mayor Kohler thanked Mr. Josh Rich for his 53 years of service on the Planning Board. She stated Mr. Josh Rich was appointed to the Planning Board in January of 1970 and became chair of the board the following year. Mr. Josh Rich served as chair of the Planning Board for 30 years. Mr. Josh Rich was also an active member of the Board of Education in the 1970s and served on Hunterdon Medical Center's Board of Trustees. Mayor Kohler spoke of Mr. Josh Rich's deep roots in Lebanon Township and his dedication to the Township. Mr. Chris Rich, son of Mr. Josh Rich, spoke on behalf of his father. Mr. Chris Rich conveyed his father has been an inspiring role model despite

the challenges he has faced with his health. These challenges have not slowed him down or deterred his commitment to the Township and the residents of the Lebanon Township. Mr. Josh Rich thanked all those who were able to attend tonight's meeting and gave special thanks to Mayor Beverly Kohler for orchestrating this tribute. Mr. Josh Rich thanked his wife of 60 years, Karen, for her support over the years. Mr. Josh Rich thanked the Board for the honor.

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

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

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

3. Recognizing World War II Veteran and former Hampton Township Mayor, Bob Gibson, upon his 100th Birthday.

Commissioner Solloway stated she had the honor of attending Mr. Bob Gibson's 100th Birthday Celebration at the VFW in Glen Gardner accompanied by Mr. Gibson's fellow veterans.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, 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)

Sheriff Fred Brown reminded everyone Saturday, September 9th is shredding day at the Hunterdon County Route 12 Complex and Monday, September 11th is the 9/11 memorial beginning at 8:30 a.m.

IX. **Health Department Update, Karen DeMarco**

1. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2024 County Health Infrastructure Program Grant in the amount of \$287,407.00.

Ms. Karen DeMarco stated the first item on today's agenda is for a County Health Infrastructure Grant. These are new grant dollars for the County Health Department and are provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. The goal of funds is to support public health infrastructure, staffing and public health services with a focus on health equity. Health Department staff have developed projects to support services and programs that are not otherwise funded through county sources or other grants. The CHIF funds are being utilized for 4 main projects. To expand transportation services for healthcare related appointments to increase access to clinical services for residents. The Department is exploring private partnerships to provide transportation. Purchase COVID vaccine and supplies, with the conclusion of the free federal distribution program. The move to commercialization means that most insurance programs will continue to provide free vaccine, and the health department will continue to provide vaccine free to the uninsured by purchasing vaccine through these grant funds. The Health Department is exploring the potential of offsetting staff salaries related to grant management. And lastly, the CHIF grant funds will be utilized to purchase equipment for the County Hazardous Materials

Response team. The analyzer being purchased will allow County Hazmat technicians to rapidly identify substances in the field. The analyzer uses non-contact method and can be used to analyze through glass, plastic bags, and bottles, providing protection from potentially hazardous exposure. This makes it extremely easy to perform chemical analysis of powders, liquids, gels, and mixtures without coming into direct contact with the substances themselves - adding for improved responder safety. This project was selected due to the high cost of the equipment and the increase in hazmat calls.

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

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

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

2. Hazmat response in Hunterdon County for Calendar Year 2023.

Ms. Karen DeMarco stated the next item she has on the agenda is for Hazardous Materials Response Unit. The Hunterdon County Hazardous Materials Response Unit (HMRU) is the sole Hazmat Team serving all municipalities of Hunterdon County, with mutual aid assistance provided to Warren and Somerset Counties. The Team is a program managed through the County Health Department and Department of Public Safety, with the largest funding source as the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) grant with the Health Department. The Hazmat Coordinator for the county is Andrew Camp, who also serves as the Deputy OEM Coordinator and a member of the Public Health Preparedness team with the Health Department. The Team serves as the response arm of the NJDEP, and partners routinely with the NJ State Police. The team aids municipal police and fire, local business entities and residents of Hunterdon County. The Health Department relies on cost recovery and County Capital requests to fund equipment purchases. The team struggles to fund high dollar purchases, while maintaining current equipment and training needs of team members. The members of the team are comprised of staff and volunteers from the Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management and Communications Divisions, Health Department, and Division of Parks who are trained to the New Jersey State Police Hazardous Materials Operations Level 2 and/or Technician Level 3.

For the year 2023, the hazmat team is experiencing an increase in calls and responses. Ms. DeMarco stated to date there have been 90 calls requiring a county hazmat response, and this number exceeds call volumes from 2022. In just the last month, calls include, E-Bike Li-Ion battery explosion inside the garage of a two-story middle of the row townhome resulting in fire. Compromised battery cells required them to be overpacking by Hazmat to render safe and for proper disposal. The battery was even in the bike itself or plugged into a charger at the time of the fire. Back-to-back jack-knifed tractor trailers, two nights in a row in almost the exact same location on Route 78 in Union Township at almost the exact same time 1:49 AM & 1:45 AM. Hazmat teams are called to contain diesel fuel or other hazardous substances. Liquid Oxygen Leak (4-46 liter cylinders actively leaking from being overfilled) at a healthcare facility requiring the relocation of patients inside the structure, as well as a response from Linde Air Products Emergency Team. And a

possible Liquid Natural Gas leak at a manufacturing facility, the investigation is ongoing investigation.

The responses of the hazmat team can range from minor fuel spills to brush fires, to building fires, water rescues, and the latest and increasing response relates to lithium-ion batteries. The Hunterdon County hazmat team has completed training and is staying up to date on the latest guidance related to fires and device failures related to ebikes, tablets, robotic vacuum cleaners, or an electric vehicle. Fires related to lithium-ion batteries are not easy to extinguish and may reignite, and the hazmat team has purchased equipment to contain the item before proper disposal. Ms. DeMarco thanked the members of the Hunterdon County Hazmat Team for their dedication and diligence in their responses to protect the residents of the County.

Commissioner Soloway asked how many individuals were on the team? Ms. DeMarco advised there are 2 Duty Officers who serve on call 24/7 who rotate every two weeks, and there are 10 responders who accompany them.

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

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

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

X. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPATE, Beth Thompson**

1. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Board of Elections to apply for a Seal Asset Tracking System Program Grant for deployable assets.

Ms. Thompson thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak regarding the Election Security Grant. She explained maintaining a record for the allocation and placement of security seals to voting machines via an asset tracking system is a requirement set forth by the State Division of Elections. The Division of Elections had a system in place that they used for years that was provided by the State until they retired the old voting machines.

With the purchase and requirement to update the voting equipment for both election day and early voting, the Division of Elections needs a new and improved system that will accommodate the requirements to track these new assets from each of the delivery points. The asset tracking system will track the delivery of their assets from their warehouse to the proper polling location by scanning the bar codes. The software system will then update the division on the delivery and do the same on the return. This will give the Board of Elections staff the opportunity to ensure that all their assets have been delivered to the proper location and then returned to the warehouses without question.

Ms. Thompson explained the Seal Asset Tracking System Program Grant will be utilized to purchase both hardware and software and will be there to apply annually for any yearly maintenance or license fees. The purchase will include training by the vendor for all staff, including the Building and Grounds Department who deliver and return the equipment, and will include the total integration of their assets into the system.

Ms. Thompson advised the overall benefit, besides it being paid for by the State, is that it will help improve asset security, reduce operational costs, and enhance resource allocation. If approved, the expected implementation will take about 3 to 4 months and would be ready for the 2024 Election year.

Ms. Thompson conveyed the grant will cover up to \$30,000 to pay for both the software and hardware. The proposed three-year contract with EASYVOTE is approximately \$19,312 and would be roughly \$5,000 for hardware peripherals.

Ms. Thompson thanked the Board in advance for considering the application and emphasized the Division's commitment to asset management and operational efficiency.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

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

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

XI. **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 2023-2024 Veterans Transportation Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

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

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

2. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2023 WIC/Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant in the amount of \$5,478.00.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

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

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

3. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the Municipal Alliance (GCADA) Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$10,730.00.

Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

4. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2024 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant in the amount of \$18,468.00.

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

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

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

5. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2023 County Budget, for the 2024 Right to Know Grant in the amount of \$9,618.00.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

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

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

XII. **FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO**

1. Final Adoption of Amendment of Capital Ordinance 2023-05.

Motion to open the public hearing on the amendment of Capital Ordinance 2023-05

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

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

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

Public hearing opened. No comments.

Motion to close the public hearing on the amendment of Capital Ordinance 2023-05

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

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

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

Public hearing closed.

2. Final Adoption of Amendment of Capital Ordinance 2023-05.

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

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

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

XIII. **PLANNING & LAND USE**

1. Approving the Site Specific Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan.

Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

2. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Hunterdon Land Trust, for the acquisition of the Lipka property, Block 24, Lot 7 in the Raritan Township, estimated 14.4 acres, in an amount not to exceed \$88,625.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

3. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to New Jersey Conservation Foundation, for the acquisition of the Holland property, a portion of Block 20, Lot 14 in the Raritan Township, estimated 12 acres, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

XIV. **PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA**

1. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-17, with Setcon Industries, Inc., for calcium chloride solution for snow and ice control. In an amount not to exceed \$44,480.00.

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

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

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

2. Approving Contract Modification #3 Professional Engineering Services for the Scoping and Development for Hunterdon County Route 513/Interstate Route 78/Interchange #15.

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

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

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

3. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0066-2022, with V-COMM, LLC, for professional engineering/consulting services for the Verano Tower Site in the Township of Readington. In an amount not to exceed \$128,500.00.

Motion: By: John Lanza **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

4. Approving a contract award for year two for County Bid 2022-18, with Superior Office Systems for maintenance service and supplies for the County and Library copiers. In an amount not to exceed \$38,594.79.

Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

5. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-19, with Capital Paving & Contracting LLC, for the resurfacing of County Routes 519, 579, and 639 in the Townships of Alexandria, Bethlehem, Clinton and Holland. In an amount not to exceed \$1,683,865.40.

Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

No: None **Abstain:** Zachary Rich **Absent:**

6. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05006 with Electronic Service Solutions, doing business at PO Box 3051 in West Caldwell, New Jersey 07007-3051 for the purchase of microwave equipment, not to exceed \$99,999.68; the commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts #C-04-55-2309-118.

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

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

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

7. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-18, to Whitmoyer Ford Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Two 2023 or Newer Ford Police Interceptors Utility. In amount not to exceed \$108,000.00.

Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

8. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-04736 with PMC Associates, doing business at 8 Crown Plaza Unit 106 in Hazlet, New Jersey 07730 for the purchase of radio base station equipment for the police south technology upgrade, not to exceed \$157,700.00; and the commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts #C-04-55-2309-117.

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

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

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

9. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-04957 with National Auto Fleet Group, doing business 490 Auto Center Drive, California 95076 for the purchase of a pickup truck, not to exceed \$48,469.14; and the commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts #C-04-55-2307-805. The Chief Financial Officer of the County of Hunterdon has certified the availability of funding in the County Budget.

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

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

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

10. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05138 with Open Systems Integrators Inc., for the purchase of and installation of access control systems for the Main Branch and North Branch County Libraries, not to exceed \$150,957.97; and
The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # 3-12-01-020-795 & C-04-55-2303-102.

Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

11. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05295 with Groff Tractor Mid Atlantic LLC, for a backhoe for the Department of Public Works, in an amount not to exceed \$152,123.00.
The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2304-107.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
12. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05311 with Murray Paving & Concrete LLC, doing business at 210 South Newman Street Suite 1 in Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for exterior/interior repairs to the Mosquito Vector Services Building at the Route 12 Complex, in an amount not to exceed \$236,448.13.
The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2309-109.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
13. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05279 with Hogan Security Group LLC, for the purchase of and of installation of cylindrical lock set replacements for the Route 31 County Complex, not to exceed \$82,173.60; and The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2309-103.
Motion: By: John Lanza **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
14. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05345 with Independence Constructors, Inc., for the removal of the underground fuel storage tanks and the installation of new above ground fuel storage tanks at the Route 12 Garage, not to exceed \$306,862.00. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts #C-04-55-2309-119.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
15. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05500 with E.O. Habegger Co., Inc., for the purchase of a fuel tanks and associated equipment for the Route 12 Garage, not to exceed \$330,235.95. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2104-168 & C-04-55-2309-119.
Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** John Lanza
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Zachary Rich, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
16. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05551 with Direct Flooring, for the Senior Center flooring replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$66,486.00. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2309-114.

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

17. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05577 with Murray Paving & Concrete LLC, doing business at 210 South Newman Street Suite 1 in Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for the Deer Path Park cedar pavilion repairs, in an amount not to exceed \$124,093.77. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2211-200 & C-04-55-2307-103.

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

18. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05594 with Weatherproof Technologies Inc., for flat roof restoration for the Communications Center, not to exceed \$55,605.19. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2309-108.

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

19. Approving the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05595 with Weatherproof Technologies Inc., for roof replacement for the Communications Center, not to exceed \$122,735.76. The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts # C-04-55-2309-108.

Commissioner Lanza thanked Mr. Rule for all his hard work.

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

XV. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Approving an updated Mobile Device Management Policy for the County of Hunterdon.

Administrator Bradley Myhre thanked Mr. Frank Bell, Mr. Justin Tibbets, and Mr. Ray Rule for all their hard work and dedication to the fuel tank program. There is only one garage left that requires an underground fuel tank to be removed. Mr. Myhre advised this is good news from an insurance standpoint as well as from an environmental standpoint. The fuel tank program is used by many throughout the County in shared service.

Mr. Myhre stated the Mobile Device Management Policy was developed by County Counsel, Ms. Katrina Campbell and I.T. Director, Jim McAlister to be added to the Hunterdon County Employee Manual pending the Board's approval. This policy was developed due to the large number of cell phones deployed amongst County

staff. The policy will ensure devices are used appropriately and to inform staff how devices can be exploited by hackers. Mr. Myhre advised this policy will serve as a framework for education and enforcement.

Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

2. Adopting a resolution opposing H.R. 3372, Which Would Establish a 10-Year "Pilot Program" for States to Test 91,000 Pound Trucks on Their Roads.

Administrator Bradley Myhre conveyed the next resolution is opposing a bill that is currently in Congress. There are concerns from the National Association of Counties as well as the National Association of County Engineers.

Commissioner Van Doren was advised last month, by Hunterdon County Engineer Tom Mathews, that the Society of County Engineers is unanimously opposed to H.R. 3372, a bill in the House of Representatives, that would establish a 10-year "pilot program" for states to test 91,000-pound trucks. This increase in allowable truck weight represents a nearly 14% increase over the current limit of 80,000 pounds on our nation's roadways. Outside experts estimate that New Jersey has 355 bridges that would be at risk of being compromised by the higher weight limits, with local governments likely being forced to deal with the financial consequences, which are estimated at nearly \$1.4 billion. Hunterdon County is home to numerous historic bridges, stone arch culverts, and restricted weight structures that would be at even greater risk if these heavier weight trucks were to be permitted on our roadways. In addition, large tractor trailers that deviate off prescribed routes, are already causing many problems for Hunterdon's municipalities, especially those with small, historic downtowns. Now is not the time to exacerbate the problem with heavier weight trucks on our already congested roadways. Commissioner Van Doren encouraged passage of this resolution and plans on asking all 26 of our municipalities to pass similar resolutions which can be transmitted to our federal officials.

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

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

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

XVI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda minus checks 10474, 10486, and 10491 from the August 15, 2023 Claims Register and Resolution #3.

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

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

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

1. Approving the Claims Register dated August 15, 2023 minus check numbers: 10474, 10486, 10491

2. Approving the Claims Register dated September 05, 2023.
3. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to grant Emily Stiff a regular appointment as a full time Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator as of September 5, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications.
4. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to hereby grant William Swaney a regular appointment as a full time Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator as of September 5, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications.
5. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to grant Margaret Conroy a regular appointment as a full time Keyboarding Clerk 4 as of September 5, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation.
6. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Nicholas Wanko as a Road Repairer 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division upon successful training and receipt of a Commercial Driver's License Class A.
7. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Alyssa DeLuca to the title Social Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veteran Services. Filling a Vacancy.
8. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Marianne Sievers to the title Librarian 2 in the Hunterdon County Library. Filling a Vacancy.
9. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Gloria Lamborn to the title of Senior Library Assistant in the Hunterdon County Library. Filling a Vacancy.
10. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote and reclassify Rebecca Viersma to the unclassified title Confidential Secretary to County Commissioner in the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners Office. Filling a Vacancy.
11. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Richard D. Miller to the title Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications. Filling a Vacancy.
12. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Sarah Pike to the title Librarian 2 in the Hunterdon County Library. Filling a Vacancy.

13. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Alexander Samilow to the title Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications. Filling a Vacancy.
14. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Kenneth Strunk to the title Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications. Filling a Vacancy.
15. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to promote Gretchen Vallat to the title Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications. Filling a Vacancy.
16. Approving the promotion and provisional appointment of Ashton Durborow as a Bridge Repairer 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division upon successful training and receipt of a Commercial Driver's License Class A.
17. Confirms the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to hire Faison Peters as a Social Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Housing contingent upon the successful outcome of a post-offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
18. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to hire and appoint Vincent Gambardella to the title County Investigator in the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.
19. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to appoint Andrew A. Russano as a per diem Emergency Response Specialist in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Division for duties specific to FEMA reimbursements. Filling a Vacancy.
20. Confirms the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to hire Jaelle Chambers as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation contingent upon the successful outcome of a post-offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
21. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to hire Mallory Manz as a Social Worker, Aging in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Work Services contingent upon the successful outcome of a post-offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
22. Confirming the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to hereby grant John Silliman a regular appointment as a full-time Supervising Communications

Technician as of September 5, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Communications.

23. Confirms the action of Appointing Authority Brad Myhre to grant Trevor Smith, full time Equipment Operator, a temporary/interim salary adjustment in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with CWA Local 1036 for temporarily filling the role of General Road Supervisor.
24. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, for the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office (Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force), the subrecipient for the grant titled: State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 Operation Helping Hand Grant Program, for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.
25. Authorizing Commissioner Director to sign NRCS Form CPA-1265, CPA-1265 Appendix, and CPA -1266 in relation to the Barnes Farm Preservation.
26. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute, on behalf of the County of Hunterdon, a Security Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and Hunterdon County Vocational School District (Polytech).
27. Authorizing the Commissioner Director or Deputy Director, to sign on behalf of the County, the revised Contract Agreement #C00192, C00194, C00195 (formerly Contract #AHKC) with the Department of Children and Families for the revised provision of \$75,665.00 State Funding and reflecting the increase in provision in cash match funds from the original amount of \$17,890.00 to the revised amount of \$19,142.00 as required for State Social Services Block Grant Funding.
28. Approving PSE&G and their vendor AKRF, Inc. to provide Right of Way vegetation management on the maintenance easement of Block 80, Lot 10, also known as Heron Glen Golf Course. Selective pesticide treatments will also be part of the easement maintenance.
29. Authorizing the use of a courtesy permit, allowing the Hunterdon County 4H Cloverbuds to provide litter pick in various Hunterdon County Parks. Parks will supply locations and Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling will supply the needed supplies and gear for the litter pickup.
30. Authorizing the Commissioner Director or Deputy Director to sign and accept on behalf of the County and the Health Department, the 2024 Right to Know (RTK) grant award in the amount of \$9,618 for the period 7/1/2023- 6/30/2024.
31. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an acknowledgment between The New Jersey Transit Corporation and the

County of Hunterdon reflecting a budget modification to reprogram funds in the amount of \$86,531.23 from the 2022 SCDRTAP closeout resulting in an increase of SCDRTAP funding from the original amount of \$610,436.73 (\$574,338.00 2023 Allocation plus \$36,098.73 closeout balance) to the new amount not-to-exceed \$696,967.96 (\$574,338.00 2023 Allocation, \$36,098.73 closeout balance, plus \$86,531.23 reprogramming 2022 closeout) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

32. Approving the Request from Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company to host a run on various County Road ways on August 12, 2023.
33. Approving the request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to host a Bike Ride event on County Roads through multiple Municipalities in the County, starting and ending at Spruce Run Recreational Area, on Saturday September 9, 2023. No road closures required.
34. Approving a request for Tewksbury First Aid and Rescue Squad to host a coin toss on Friday September 8, 2023 from 3:00 pm-8:00 pm at the intersection of Lamington Road, Rt. 523 and Rt. 517 in Oldwick. With a rain date of September 15, 2023.
35. Approving the request from Del Val Cheer to host a coin toss event on September 30, 2023 in the Borough of Milford at the intersections of Bridge Street, Wake Street, and County Rt 519. With a rain date of October 1, 2023.
36. Approving the request from Fairmount Fire Company to host a coin toss on September 22, 2023 at the intersection of County Route 512 and 517 in the Township of Tewksbury.
37. Approving the request from Whitehouse Fire Company to host a coin toss event on: Friday November 3, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 6:00pm and Saturday November 4, 2023 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; located at County Highway 523, 271 Main Street, Whitehouse Station.
38. Approving a request from Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company to host a coin toss on September 16, 2023 at the following locations: Traffic light at Frontage Road and CR-625, the intersection of CR-614 and Frontage Road, and the intersection of Highway 173 and Charlestown Road.
39. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Qualified Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the project known as: The Cleaning of Culvert Q-170 Situated in the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon.
40. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Qualified Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the project known as: Removal of High-Risk Trees on County Route 651 Situated in the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon

41. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, Change Order #1-FINAL with Grade Construction, for the Rehabilitation to Bridge R-24 on Mill Road, Readington Township; in an increase of \$64,394.97
42. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, Change Order #1-FINAL with Voller's Excavating & Construction Inc., for Emergency Repairs to Bridge Q-37 due to Hurricane IDA in a decrease of \$15,338.67.
43. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, Change Order #1-FINAL with Grade Construction, for Emergency Repairs for W-115 on Alexauken Road, Raritan Township in a decrease of \$52,001.79.
44. Accepting the project known as the Rehabilitation of Bridge R-24 located on Mill Road in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132.
The final payment in the amount of \$126,535.82 to be made to Grade Construction.
45. The Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners hereby accepts the project known as the Emergency Repairs for Bridge W-115 on Alexauken Creek Road in the Township of West Amwell County of Hunterdon. This acceptance is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132.
The final payment in the amount of \$209,143.53 to be made to Grade Construction, 110 Pennsylvania Ave, Patterson NJ 07053.
46. The Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners hereby accepts the project known as the Q-37 Emergency Repairs from Hurricane Ida, in the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon and; this acceptance is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132.
The final payment in the amount of \$5,381.68 to be made to Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc., 3311 Route 22 East, North Branch New Jersey 08876.
47. Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the following project: Chevrolet Tahoes.
48. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for the following services: Accounting and Consulting Services for the American Rescue Plan Program.
49. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for the following services: Employee Benefits Consultancy and Brokerage Services.
50. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for the following services: Professional Assistance in Research and Content Creation for the www.hunthistory.org Initiative for the Cultural & Heritage Commission.

51. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for the following services: Medical Director Services.
52. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the project known as: Concrete Pads For The Emergency Services Training Center.
53. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for the following services: Various Professional Engineering and Related Services for Hunterdon County for the Year 2024.
54. Designating Meagan Q. O'Reilly as the Fair Housing Officer for The County of Hunterdon.
55. Approve the purchase of commodity(s)/service(s), requisition(s), #R3-05392 with Software House International, for a process review and improvement study for the Communications Center, in an amount not to exceed \$95,093.66.
The commodity(s)/service(s) will be purchased under Accounts 3-01-25-0253-224.
56. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to accept on behalf of the Health Department, the County Health Infrastructure Program 2024 award #OLPH24CHI003 in the amount of \$287,407.00 for the period 7/1/2023-6/30/2024.
57. Approving amendment No. 1 to the Grants-in-Aid Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and NJDOC for the Re-Entry Coordinator Program.
58. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County, the Subrecipient Non - Vehicle Asset Management NJ Transit Policy and Subrecipient Certification of Use.
59. Authorizing the Department of Human Services (DHS) to apply for Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County Grants in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of expanding the Disaster Response Crisis Counselors (DRCC) program in Hunterdon County.
60. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works to submit an electronic grant application using LBFN monies originally identified as LBFN-2017- Replacement of Hunterdon County Bridge Br-0007 Q-48, and reallocate monies to LBFN-2022-Reconstruction of Hunterdon County Bridge T-19-S-00021, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, on behalf of Hunterdon County.
61. Motion to approve check numbers: 10474, 10486, 10491
Motion By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

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

62. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from August 01, 2023.

Commissioner Director Zach Rich indicated prior to the roll call vote that he intended to abstain.

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

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** John Lanza, Zachary Rich **Absent:**

XVII. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

XVIII. **ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Susan Soloway commented on the recent slurry seal project and indicated high praise for the innovative and cost-effective process.

Commissioner Shaun Van Doren congratulated Deputy Director Jeff Kuhl on his victory at 2023 Hunterdon 4H Fair hail bail toss.

XIX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)**

None.

XX. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.