



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

February 6, 2024

- I. **5:00 p.m. CONVENE:**
- II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- III. **5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- V. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VI. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Van Doren announced a picture summary of the Department of Public Work's 2023 accomplishments has been uploaded to their website. The Department had a productive year, completing over 11 million dollars in capital improvements. In 2023, just under 20 centerline miles of County roads were resurfaced, and 19 bridges or culverts were repaired or replaced. Commissioner Van Doren shared other maintenance projects that were completed in 2023. As liaison to the Health Department, Commissioner Van Doren shared an update on the latest COVID-19 vaccine. The Hunterdon County Health Department will also be providing free COVID-19 vaccine to residents who are insured, who are under-insured, and to those without insurance. Commissioner Van Doren reported the upcoming clinics will be held during the months of February and March at the Route 12 County Complex. More information can be provided by calling 908-788-1351 or by visiting the county website.

Commissioner Lanza reported the Office of Emergency Management is compiling damage assessments and cost estimates from the municipalities and nonprofits, to determine eligibility should the State of New Jersey seek a federal disaster declaration from the damage sustained from the January 9th storm. The County has already accounted for more than \$3 million in damages and costs, which well exceeds the threshold of \$593,156.20. Units of government, school districts, and private non-profits

should contact the OEM if they incurred costs because of the January 9th event. Commissioner Lanza congratulated Commissioner Van Doren who was sworn in as the 83rd President of New Jersey Association of Counties on January 26th. Commissioner Lanza also remind everyone about the *Hunterdon County Are You Ready to Vote Workshop* that is being led by County Clerk Melfi and Election Board Administrator, Beth Thompson. Two workshops will be held, the first on February 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the second on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Commissioner Lanza recognized Sheriff Brown who will be reporting later in the agenda on his school security shared services program.

Deputy Director Soloway shared an update regarding the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. The NJTPA has released an update of PRIME, and includes simplified data entry, streamlined user and administration interfaces, more powerful search and reporting features, and an updated programming platform to provide improved system performance. Deputy Director Soloway stated she attend the Hunterdon County Community Awareness resource Event that was held on January 24, 2024. A number of government and nonprofit agencies participated in the event, which was aimed at assisting members of the community facing housing insecurity.

Deputy Director Soloway reported on January 31st, she attended and spoke at the first ever Hunterdon County Homeownership Expo that took place at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. The event was a collaboration between Hunterdon County, the USDA Rural Development Office, and the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the forum was to bring together prospective homebuyers, realtors, lenders, the USDA Rural Development Office, and New Jersey Housing and Finance Agency under one roof.

Director Kuhl reiterated the statement he shared on behalf of the Board at the last meeting, opposing the potential housing of undocumented migrants at the former Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital on the Glen-Gardner and Lebanon Township border. A formal letter was sent to Governor Murphy expressing Hunterdon County's opposition which identified many of the concerns that were previously expressed publicly. Our Board will continue to remain vigilant and will actively monitor this ongoing situation. As liaison to the Hunterdon County Library, Director Kuhl highlighted that the County Library has several events planned for this month including celebrating Black History month. There is a special book display with recommended readings for Black History month and several movie selections as well. On Saturday, February 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the North Branch Library will be featuring Jaime & Nancy DeJesus as part of the Winter Concert Series.

VII. HUNTERDON COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE, Sheriff Frederick Brown

1. Update on the Sheriff's Officers stationed in Hunterdon County Schools.

Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred Brown provided a brief update regarding the Special Law Enforcement Officers in Schools Program. He added that two schools have recently joined the program. Sheriff Brown stated the program has been very well received, and they have received positive feedback from all schools. Deputy Director Soloway asked how many schools the Special Law Enforcement Officers are stationed at. Sheriff Brown advised there are six officers throughout four differnt

schools.

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Hunterdon County Vocational School students and staff upon their successful FCCLA Fall Leadership State Conference competition for Principles of Teaching 1 and 2.

Superintendent, Dr. Todd Bonsall thanked the Commissioner Board for recognizing the students and advisor who attended and competed at the FCCLA Fall Leadership State Conference. Dr. Bonsall introduced FCCLA advisor, Natalie Guarino. Ms. Guarino shared a brief synopsis of the Fall Leadership Conference and explained a few of the competitions.

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

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

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

2. Recognizing award recipients, Thomas Anderson, Kaitlin Sharkey, and Sydney Sharkey, for their exemplary dedication to the residents of Tewksbury and selfless commitment to the mission of the Tewksbury First Aid & Rescue Squad.

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

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

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

3. Recognizing Cub Scout Pack 61 in celebration of their 75th Anniversary.

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

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

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

4. Recognizing Henry Wieczorek upon his retirement from the Hunterdon County Public Works Department.

Director Kuhl thanked Henry Wieczorek for his dedicated service to Hunterdon County and its residents, on behalf of the Board, Director Kuhl wished him a happy and well deserved retirement. Commissioner Van Doren thanked Henry for his steady hand guiding the County through many projects over 25 years of dedicated service.

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

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

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person. (Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda)

X. GRANTS, Michael Franchini, Deputy CFO

1. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an Agreement

between The New Jersey Transit Corporation and the County of Hunterdon for SCDRTAP funding in the amount of \$723,526.00 2024 Allocation plus \$0 closeout balance for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

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

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

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

2. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute SH24010 Contract Modification #1 and revised Annex B-2 with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, revised from its' original amount of \$146,300.00 to \$162,800.00, State funding, for the additional Code Blue sheltering award of \$16,500.00.

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

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

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

3. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hunterdon to accept the award and to sign, on behalf of the County, an Award Notice, Award Conditions and Certified Assurances with the Juvenile Justice Commission, for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the receipt of State funding in the amount of \$303,094.00 for the purpose of community-based sanctions and services for juveniles through the County's Youth Services Commission.

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

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

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

4. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute a provider services contract with Prevention Resources, Inc. for the provision of Overdose Fatality Review Team Coordinator services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Department of Human Services 2023 Request for Proposals 0046-2023, for the period of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Funding for the term shall be in the amount not-to-exceed \$41,250.00.

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

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

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

XI. **FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO**

1. Approving the 2024 Temporary Budget Extensions.

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

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

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

XII. **PLANNING & LAND USE**

1. Authorizing the Executive Director of the Cultural & Heritage Commission to sign, on behalf of the County, a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey State Historical Commission for the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for grant administration and re-granting to municipalities and local non-profit organizations for history programming in the amount of \$45,000.00.

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

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

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

2. Approving the New Jersey Historical Commission County History Partnership Program (CHPP) grant awards for 2024, upon the recommendation of the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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

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

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

3. Approving the award of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Local Arts Program (LAP) grant awards for 2024, upon the recommendation of the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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

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

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

XIII. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE, Marc Saluk**

1. Approving a contract for County RFP 0087-2023, with Brand Enchanting Media, for 2024 Explore Hunterdon Comprehensive Tourism Marketing Campaign.

Economic Development Director, Marc Saluk, stated an RFP was issued last year inviting qualified and innovative marketing and PR service providers to collaborate this year to promote the *Explore Hunterdon, The Other Side of Jersey* tourism brand. The budget for the project is not to exceed \$150,000.00 and is being funded entirely by the New Jersey Highlands Council. The RFP selection committee, led by the Economic Development & Tourism Department, is recommending the contract be awarded to Brand Enchanting Media.

Deputy Director Soloway stated she is pleased to support this resolution. The *Explore Hunterdon* marketing campaign continues to be greeted with much praise and support from residents and small businesses alike. She added informing our own residents and visitors alike about all that Hunterdon County has to offer, is important to our economic sustainability, and maintaining and enhancing our existing farms, historic downtowns, and open spaces.

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

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

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

XIV. HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE, Meagan Q. O'Reilly, Administrator

1. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County, an equipment Lease Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation, for the purpose of assigning to the County of Hunterdon for use in the Consolidated Transportation System, the LINK, the following Section 5310 Program, Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas (CFDA 20.509) grant program.

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

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

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

2. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County, an equipment Lease Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation, for the purpose of assigning to the County of Hunterdon for use in the Consolidated Transportation System, the LINK, the following Section 5310 Program, Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas (CFDA 20.509) grant program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Authorizing the Director of the Division of Senior, Disabilities, and Veterans Services to sign on behalf of the County, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hunterdon County Bulldogs Marine Corps League for the Hunterdon County Veterans Emergency Transportation Support Program for the period of March 01, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Scott Seymour from Hunterdon County Bulldogs Marine Corps League stood and thanked the Board after the reading of the Resolution. Mr. Seymour stated "This is an amazing place to be a Veteran, Hunterdon County is all about Veterans."

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

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

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

5. Approving the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute contracts

for the provision of Human Services Programs for the period January 01, 2024, through December 31, 2026, as per the Department of Human Services 2024-2026 Request for Proposal 0065-2023. Funding will remain flat at \$1,007,865.00 per year, contingent upon funding availability and level of service achievements.

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

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

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

6. Approving the Hunterdon County Opioid Settlement Taskforce priority recommendations.

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

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

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

XV. **PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA**

1. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-26, with Samson Concrete & Masonry, for Rehabilitation of Deer Path Park Dam and Sediment Removal of Deer Path Park Pond in the Township of Readington, in an amount not to exceed \$1,308,997.00.

Commissioner Van Doren stated he is pleased the county is moving forward with the restoration of the Deer Path Park Pond and Dam. After several years of planning, engineering design work, and obtaining the needed NJDEP permits, we are finally able to move forward with the needed restoration work. The Deer Path Park Pond was destroyed by a significant rainstorm that occurred in July, 2016. Commissioner Van Doren thanked everyone on the County staff that has been involved in this project. He also thanked his budget co-liaison, Commissioner Lanza, for prioritizing the needed funding for this project, which is fully funded, and will be completed without issuing debt.

Director Kuhl added upon adoption of this resolution, surveying work is expected to begin by Samson Concrete & Masonry. Upon the needed surveying work being completed, rehabilitation of the dam will include construction and installation of a new drop box spillway, discharge culvert, downstream headwall, construction of wingwall with apron, and installation of gabion overtopping protection. The project will also include removing approximately 5,750 cubic yards of sediments from the pond and transporting and grading the sediments to a location within the project limits. Supplementary construction of fish habitats, fencing, and landscape items are also included as part of the final stages of the project. Director Kuhl reiterated that this project will be completed without issuing any debt to taxpayers.

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

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

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

2. Approving Requisition #R3-07811, with Queues Enforth Development, for 911 dispatch software maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$78,952.00.

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

3. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0088-2023, with Key-Tech, for Material Testing Services, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

4. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0089-2023, with French & Parrello Associates, for professional subsurface exploration and geotechnical assessment reporting, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

5. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0054-2023, with DMR Architects, for professional architectural, and related services for the Hunterdon County Justice Center, in an amount not to exceed \$207,200.00.

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

6. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2024-01, with Rex Technology Solutions Inc., for a Tactical Robot, total amount to be expended, not to exceed \$75,051.48.

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

XVI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Approving the Commissioner Director to send a letter of support on behalf of the Township of Readington, for Complete Street Technical Guidance offered through *Sustainable Jersey*.

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

2. Authorizing the County Administrator to work with the Budget Committee and necessary County personnel to create a \$1 million municipal infrastructure grant program.

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

3. Authorizing the County Administrator to work with the Budget Committee, County personnel and POSAC to create a \$1 million municipal parks enhancement grant.

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

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

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

XVII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Approving the re-appointment of Richard Horoschak to the Hunterdon County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), term to be effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2027.

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

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

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

XVIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

1. Approving the Claims Register dated February 6, 2024.
2. Approving the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2024.
3. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Kent Ridge as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works, Roads Division, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a vacancy.
4. Acknowledging the action of Appointing Authority and County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to hire and appoint Kayla Morales to the position of Advocate Trainee Victim Witness Program, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer screenings and medical evaluation. Filling a vacancy.
5. Acknowledging the action of Appointing Authority and Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi to hire and appoint Emily Ljubicic to the position of Keyboarding Clerk 1, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a vacancy.
6. Approving the hire and provisional appointment of Branna Raybon as a Program Development Specialist Community Service in the Department of Human Services contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a vacancy.
7. Approving the hire and unclassified appointment of Dina Klein as a Confidential Assistant in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism contingent upon

the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a vacancy.

8. Authorizing County Counsel to sign a side letter of agreement with CWA to provide a salary adjustment for Debra Bataille, Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Office of the County Clerk.
9. Approving Rebecca Hall, Division Head in the Department of Planning and Land Use, Division of Geographic Information Systems hereby be granted the following salary adjustment in accordance with successful completion of conditions of promotion.
10. Approving the action to hereby grant Seema Patel a regular appointment as a full time Senior Account Clerk as of February 6, 2024, in the Hunterdon County Department of Health.
11. Approving the action to hereby grant Samantha Weidele a regular appointment as a full time Senior Account Clerk as of February 6, 2024 in the Hunterdon County Finance Department.
12. Approving the action to hereby grant Katie McGann a regular appointment as a full time Supervising Clerk Transcriber as of February 6, 2024 in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services.
13. Approving the action to hereby grant Joan Sabo a regular appointment as a full time Supervising Library Assistant as of February 6, 2024 in the Hunterdon County Library.
14. Approving the promotion of Remon Sedrak to the title Human Services Specialist 3 in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services. Filling a vacancy.
15. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to change the status of Jay Hunter, Prosecutors Agent, to full time status. Filling a vacancy.
16. Approving the status change of Dayna Fennimore to per diem Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Communications Division.
17. Approving a request from Califon First Aid Squad to host a coin toss on May 18, 2024 and September 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the following location: County Route 512, East of CR-513 between Wade Farm Lane and Scheffer Court.
18. Approving a request from Ready Set Go Adventures to host a bicycling event throughout various County Roads on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until

1:00 p.m.

19. Approving a request from Flemington Jewish Community Center (Farmland Ride) to host a bicycling event using various roads throughout Hunterdon County, on Sunday, June 09, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
20. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign Change Order #1-FINAL, for County Route 635 Drainage and Safety Improvements in the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, with a decrease of \$41,812.77.
21. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign Change Order #1-FINAL, Replacement of Culvert B-24 on Charlestown Road (County Route 635) in the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, with a decrease of \$44,566.37.
22. Accepting the project known as the Replacement of County Culvert B-24 located on Charlestown Road (County Route 635) over unnamed Tributary to the Mulhockaway Creek in the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132. The final payment in the amount of \$92,990.22 to be made to CMS Construction, Inc.
23. Accepting the project known as the Replacement of Bridge RT-16 on County Route 523 in the Townships of Readington and Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132. The final payment in the amount of \$597,232.02 to be made to Midlantic Construction LLC.
24. Accepting the project known as the County Route 635 Safety and Drainage Improvements in the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132. The final payment in the amount of \$26,987.63 to be made to Capital Paving and Contracting LLC.
25. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, Change Order 1-FINAL with Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, for 2023 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program, in a decrease of \$89,209.50.
26. Authorizing the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board to sign, on behalf of the County, a release to pay Michael Hagerty and Suzanne Hertz \$2,150.00 to plant five (5) New Jersey native trees along the bank of the Third Neshanic River in connection with the Replacements of Bridge ED-262 project.
27. Authorizing the Division Head of Parks & Recreation, the Superintendent of Recreation, and the Hunterdon County CFO/CMFO to sign a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to carry out a project to improve the existing outdoor fitness trail at Deer Path Park.

28. Acknowledging a request from JCP&L (First Energy) requesting to provide transmission line vegetation management in several Hunterdon County Parks in 2024.
29. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the access agreement with the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA), to restore a section of the South Branch of the Raritan River.
30. Authorizing the Commissioner Director or Deputy Director and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the discharge of mortgage on Block 43, Lot 9 in the Township of West Amwell, Hunterdon County.

XIX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Steven Williams of Ringoes stated he would like the Commissioner Board to take a closer look at the location of utilizing the South County Park as the next All Inclusive Park in Hunterdon County. He believes the inclusive park is great but voiced his concerns regarding traffic, policing, infrastructure upgrades, and park maintenance. Mr. Williams suggested utilizing the 4-H area of the Fairgrounds.

Martha Gulick of West Amwell shared her concerns regarding the proposed all-inclusive park. Ms. Gulick's asked the Board what will happen with traffic, lighting, policing, and the use permeable asphalt. Administrator Myhre advised there would not be lighting and park rangers patrol all parks including South County. Ms. Gulick offered to supply input during planning phase after funding is acquired.

XX. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Lanza and seconded by Commissioner Van Doren.