



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

December 5, 2023

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

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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 Prosecutor Renee Robeson and Chief of Detectives Timothy Drew, welcomed Hunterdon County educators and law enforcement personnel for an annual school safety and security program. The program highlighted the commitment of the Hunterdon County school systems and law enforcement agencies to work together to provide our children with safe environments to learn and grow. Commissioner Soloway announced the Commissioner Board is sponsoring a Holiday Collection for Safe in Hunterdon. Collection boxes are placed throughout various County Buildings. Commissioner Soloway shared exciting news regarding a recent plan announced by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to launch a 10-year, \$176 million effort to improve five intersections, upgrade interchanges and traffic signals, and reconstruct roadways near Port Newark, with the help of a \$44 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding

America program.

Commissioner Van Doren shared that the Division of Public Health Nursing is providing their monthly Brunch and Learn series for seniors on Friday, December 15th. The session is free of charge, and seniors can attend from either 10am to 11am, or 1pm to 2pm. He reported that the Bridge Division has completed the in-house steel repairs to the historic covered bridge in Delaware Township. The contractor is finishing up some remaining items and the hope is that the bridge work will be completed by the end of the year. As the 1st Vice President to the New Jersey Association of Counties, Commissioner Van Doren highlighted an upcoming '*Summit on Homelessness*' that NJAC is sponsoring on December 15th. Commissioner Van Doren thanked Chris Phelan, Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, for attending this evening's meeting and will provide an update later in the agenda.

Commissioner Lanza acknowledged Sheriff Brown who will be speaking about the renewal of the shared services agreement with Warren County, to continue to house Hunterdon County's inmates later in this evening's agenda. The agreement with Warren County has been in place since 2020, and Hunterdon County has enjoyed a strong working relationship with our counterparts to the north. In conjunction with Sheriff Brown, the Commissioner Board has achieved additional savings for county taxpayers by transferring our inmates to Warren County which had a lower daily inmate cost than was offered by Somerset County in the past. As liaison to the Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Lanza share that this past weekend, the Department assisted emergency service organizations at both the Clinton and Flemington Holiday Parades. Due to supply chain issues, this was the first opportunity for the Department to deploy a state-of-the-art cache of radios which we procured using \$100,000 in FY22 capital funds. The radios allow first responders to operate a variety of networks that exist throughout the region. In addition to the Commissioner led holiday drive for 'Safe in Hunterdon' that Commissioner Soloway previously announced, the County constitutional officers will be collecting food in support of the Flemington Area Food Pantry.

Deputy Director Kuhl pointed out that there are a number of items on tonight's agenda including awarding grants as recommended by the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, to pursue a significant amount of additional land preservation throughout the county. The continued preservation of open space and farmland is essential to maintaining Hunterdon County residents' high quality of life and protecting our local environment. This board has and will continue to make land preservation a leading policy priority. Deputy Director Kuhl stated Natalie Zaman, the County's Executive Director of the Cultural and Heritage Commission is in attendance this evening and will be providing an overview of the new website, huntART.org. He conveyed this past weekend, he joined his colleagues, Commissioner Van Doren and Director Rich, to review the 'PitBulls' financial literacy program that was held at Main Branch Library. Teens participated in three rounds of increasing difficulty of the simulation. Each time they were given a combination of money and a stock portfolio of their choosing. It was a fun way to bring financial literacy skills to Hunterdon County Teens. As liaison to the Department of Human Services, Deputy Director Kuhl joined Prosecutor Robeson this past weekend, at a pancake breakfast hosted by the Stigma Free Task Force. The event was designed to bring together nonprofit providers and other resources for

interested community members on the topic of mental health. The event was well attended.

VII. HUNTERDON COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE, Sheriff Frederick Brown

Sheriff Fred Brown shared information regarding the new contract with the Warren County Correctional Center. The increase in price is reflected due to the increase of food and medical service costs. He conveyed the County is every happy with the service Warren has provided. Sheriff Brown recommended the Board approve the contract.

1. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners and the Hunterdon County Administrator to sign, on behalf of the County, a Shared Services Contract with the County of Warren for the Provisions of Adult Inmate Facilities.

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

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

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

VIII. Update on SCORE and Ongoing Partnership between Hunterdon County Commissioners and the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Chris Phelan from the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce provided an update on SCORE and the Ongoing Partnership between the Hunterdon County Commissioners and the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce. He conveyed the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation is grateful for the opportunity for the ongoing Partnership with the Commissioners and County of Hunterdon on expanding direct services to their Business Community through the Center for Business & Entrepreneurship. The support has enabled the Chamber to expand the resources for their business community substantially over the past six months. Mr. Phelan announced this past June the Center launched its partnership with SCORE which has been providing confidential, expert counseling to the business and nonprofits community. He shared a few of the programs that are on the horizon for 2024. Mr. Phelan stated one of the exciting initiatives for 2024 is the launch of their partnership with CO.STARTERS, a nationally based organization which helps communities build vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystems by equipping them with the best tools and resources needed to support entrepreneurs from all industries. CO.STARTERS will help the Center for Business & Entrepreneurship build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem here in the County that will develop pipelines of support for entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey. In addition, with the support of the Commissioners and the County of Hunterdon, the Chamber is looking to launch Youth-Based Leadership & Entrepreneurship programing targeted at the high school level. Youth leaders will be inspired to remain deeply rooted in their community and hopefully contribute to their ultimate return to Hunterdon as residents, future adult leaders, and entrepreneurs. Mr. Phelan thanked the Commissioners for their support, and stated the Foundation Board and himself look forward to continuing to work with the Commissioners and the County of Hunterdon on strengthening the business community.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.

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

Ms. Marianne Mathewson and Mr. Doug Mathewson of Lebanon Borough expressed their concerns regarding the truck traffic on Cherry Street in the Borough of Lebanon. Ms. Mathewson shared photos with the Board. County Administration advised they offered the guidance of the County Engineering Division and the Borough declined assistance and advised they would reach out if needed. Deputy Director Kuhl suggested having GPS change the routes, so the trucks are not driving on Cherry Street. The County Administrator advised he will reach out to the Lebanon Borough Clerk and again offer the County Engineering Division's assistance with this matter.

X. PARKS & RECREATION, Dan Bush

Dan Bush, Parks & Recreation Division Head, stated if approved by the Commissioner Board, the YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties will be partnering with Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation to offer 8 weeks of Nature camp programming to the community at Echo Hill Park. The camp will run from June 24 through August 16 for children in grades Kindergarten - 6th. Families will have the opportunity to enroll their children in half-day programming or a full-day camp option. Each week of camp will be centered on a different theme, providing children a variety of fun, unique, and engaging educational opportunities throughout the entire summer.

1. Authorizing the Parks & Recreation Division Head to sign, a Program Agreement between the YMCA of Bucks County and the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, for a Summer Camp Program.

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

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

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

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 2022 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant in the amount of \$162,000.00.

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

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

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

2. 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 \$16,450.00.

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

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

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

XII. FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO

1. Public Hearing & Adoption Capital Ordinance 2023-15, General Capital Improvements to the Hunterdon County Arboretum.

Motion to open the public hearing on the adoption of Capital Ordinance 2023-15.

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

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

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

Public hearing opened. No comments.

Motion to close the public hearing on the adoption of Capital Ordinance 2023-15.

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

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

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

Public hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Capital Ordinance 2023-15.

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

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

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

2. Public Hearing & Adoption Capital Ordinance 2023-16, Improvements to the Dams at Deer Path Park and Echo Hill Park.

Motion to open the public hearing on the adoption of Capital Ordinance 2023-16.

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

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

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

Public hearing opened. No comments.

Motion to close the public hearing on the adoption of Capital Ordinance 2023-16.

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

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

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

Public hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Capital Ordinance 2023-16.

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

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

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

3. Authorizing the 2023 Budget Transfers as recommended by the Hunterdon County CFO.

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

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

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

XIII. PLANNING & LAND USE

1. Update from Culture And Heritage on the launch of www.huntart.org.
Ms. Natalie Zaman shared information regarding a program that Culture & Heritage, the Senior Center and the Office of Veteran Affairs collaborated on. On November 17, 2023, Culture & Heritage brought Frontline Arts to the Senior Center to work with Veterans and Seniors. Frontline Arts is an organization founded by a veteran and is run by veterans. Their mission is to connect communities through socially engaging arts practices rooted in papermaking and printmaking. The organization makes paper out of recycled veteran uniforms. Ms. Zaman shared several pieces of artwork that were created at the November 17th workshop.
Ms. Natalie Zaman conveyed the Culture & Heritage Commission partnered with the Office of Economic Development to create a microsite that lives on the Explore Hunterdon website. The goal of the www.huntart.org website was to allow artists to expose their work with their community. The website features photos from previous events held in Hunterdon County, including the Jazz Festival, the Hunterdon Art Museum, Music Mountain Theatre, and Show Kids Invitational Theatre. The website includes a map of Hunterdon County similar to those found on the Explore Hunterdon website. Clicking icons will provide details about museums, music venues, galleries, and more all located in Hunterdon County. These can all be added to your trip planner. Ms. Zaman shared www.huntart.org stickers and reusable bags with all attendees.
2. Authorizing a Site Specific Amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan for a new NJPDES permit for the expansion of the South Hunterdon Regional High School in the Township of West Amwell (Block 11, Lot 16).
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

XIV. PLANNING & LAND USE, Grants

1. Approving a Municipal Grant to East Amwell Township, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, for the update and completion of a Farmland Preservation Plan, at the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.
Motion: By: John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
2. Approving a Municipal Grant to Raritan Township, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000.00, for the historic preservation and restoration of the Bank Barn at the Dvoor Farm, at the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

3. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Delaware River Mill Society, in an amount not to exceed \$42,800.00, for roof repair on the Prallsville granary/silo, located at 24 Risler Street (Route 29), Stockton, NJ – block 2, lot 5, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

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

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

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

4. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Borough of High Bridge, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the restoration of the Solitude House, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

5. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to Holland Township for the restoration of the Riegle Ridge Grandstand, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for carpentry repair and refinishing on the Riegel Ridge grandstands, located at Block 6, Lot 2 in Holland Township, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

6. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the exterior painting on the Doric house, located at 114 Main Street, Flemington – block 23, lot 2, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

7. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to Readington Township, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for the restoration of the Thomas Bowman House, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

No: None Abstain: None Absent:

8. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Tewksbury Historical Society, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, for restoration of the Headquarters Building, upon

the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

Yes: Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway

No: None **Abstain:** Shaun Van Doren **Absent:**

9. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to the Hunterdon Land Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the restoration of the Bank Barn at the Dvoor Farm, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

10. Approving a Historic Preservation Grant to Lebanon Township, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, for the restoration of the Lebanon Township Museum, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

XV. **PLANNING & LAND USE, Open Space Acquisitions**

1. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Raritan Headwaters Association, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the acquisition of the Solis property, Block 21, Lot 4 in Readington Township, estimated 4.4 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

2. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00, for the acquisition of the Prendes property, Block 21, Lot 2.04 in the Raritan Township, estimated 41.5 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

3. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Hunterdon Land Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00, for the acquisition of the Adickes/Lopez/Piazza property, Block 49, Lot 72 in the Lebanon Township, estimated 50 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

4. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Hunterdon Land Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for the acquisition of the Prendes property, Block 33, Lot 13.01 in Kingwood Township, estimated 15 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

5. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Clinton Township, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, for the acquisition of the Windy Hill Road property, Block 82, Lot 54 in Clinton Township, estimated 92 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

6. Approving an Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant to Tewksbury Land Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$315,000.00, for the acquisition of the Matarazzo property, a portion of Block 15, Lot 17 in Tewksbury Township, estimated 26 acres, upon the recommendation of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

XVI. **PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA**

1. Approving Requisition #R3-07275, with Eplus Technology, Inc, for Firewall Annual Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$67,523.93.

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

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

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

2. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0055-2023, with Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., for Accounting and Consulting Services for the American Rescue Plan Program in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

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

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

3. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0061-2023, Big Beast Media Consulting, Inc., for Professional Assistance in Research and Content Creation for the www.hunthistory.org Initiative for the Cultural & Heritage Commission in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

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

4. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0066-2022, with IH Engineers, P.C., for professional engineering, and related services for the Wescott Drive Culvert Stream Stabilization, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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

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

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

5. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0072-2023 for a consultant to assist in the preparation of indirect cost allocation plans and indirect cost rates based upon financial and statistical information for the County's fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

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

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

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

XVII. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Authorizing the creation of a standalone Department of Human Resources and changes to the County's Table of Organization.

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

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

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

2. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board to sign, on behalf of the County, a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the LBFN 2024 Replacement of Bridge Q-48 on Kuhl Road in the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon.

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

Yes: John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

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

XVIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Approving the Re-Appointment of Keith Schwartz to the Hunterdon County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) term to be effective immediately through December 31, 2025.

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

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

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

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. Approving the Claims Register dated December 5, 2023.
2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from November 21, 2023.
3. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Jacklyn Graham as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Division of Social Services contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a vacancy.
4. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Haley Sutphin as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disability and Veteran Services contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer evaluations. Filling a vacancy.
5. Approving the appointment of Karen Walsh as a part-time, per-diem Fitness Instructor in the Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer evaluations. Filling a vacancy.
6. Approving the appointment of Amparo Villa as a part-time, per-diem Fitness Instructor in the Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer evaluations. Filling a vacancy.
7. Authorizing the appointment of George C. Paieda to the unaffiliated title of Director of County Facility Security Operation, Office of County Administrator.
8. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the following project:
Tactical Robot
9. Approving the Hunterdon County Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan for the years 2024-2026 and the 2024 Funding Application to access \$303,094.00 in State funds from the Juvenile Justice Commission, for the grant period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.
10. Authorizing the Sourland Conservancy, located at 83 Princeton Avenue, Suite 1A, Hopewell NJ 08525-2020, to conduct a multi-year Internship Program focusing on the ecological preservation of rare plant species in the 90-mile region.
11. Authorizing a FY24 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) grant application to the New Jersey Office of Information Technology to support costs associated with the

upgrade to Next Generation 911 technology.

12. Authorizing the proposed 2023/2024 Salary Reimbursement Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.
13. Authorizing Amendments to various County Personnel Policies.
14. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners to sign a Settlement Agreement with PBA 188.
15. Approving the Assistant County Engineer's recommendation to rescind the 15 ton weight limit for Bridge R-24 on Mill Road in the Township of Readington, and adopt an unrestricted weight limit, to be effective immediately.
16. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board to sign, on behalf of the County, a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Replacement of Bridge E-243 located on Van Lieus Road In the Township of East Amwell.
17. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to execute the Lease with FYNB, LLC for the property at 1 Walter Foran Blvd, conditioned upon the approval of the final negotiated lease terms by County Counsel.

XX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XXI. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XXII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

The Board reconvened into executive session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss Property and Casualty Insurance Contract and County Health Benefits Contract. County Counsel, Katrina Campbell advised action may be taken but is not likely.

The Board adjourned from executive session at 7:07 p.m.

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:08 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Lanza and seconded by Commissioner Soloway, followed by a voice carry.