



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

June 20, 2023

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

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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**

As co-liaison for veterans affairs, Commissioner Soloway stated she attended several area events to highlight issues of importance to service men and women.

On May 21st, she visited with Project Horses for Forces in Long Valley, NJ. On May 28th, she joined Rolling Thunder at South County Fairgrounds for their 35th Anniversary, "Ride for Freedom." And on Saturday, June 24th, she will be leading another veterans headstone cleaning event at Riverside Cemetery, in the Town of Clinton. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and those interested in volunteering can contact Hunterdon VSO Rich Booth. Commissioner Soloway reported earlier today she traveled with Gretchen Larsen of our staff, to deliver a collection of baby items to Lyons hospital. The items were collected as part of a *Baby Shower Drive for Women Veterans*. She thanked the members of the public and county staff their generosity. The staff at Lyons hospital were very grateful for the many brand-new items that were donated. As liaison to the Prosecutor's Office, Commissioner Soloway attended the Prosecutor's Working Group Meeting to address Mental Health and the Special Needs Population. The program provides a blue envelope to individuals with

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

As liaison to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner Van Doren shared several updates related to the County's various bridges. As liaison to the Health Department, Commissioner Van Doren shared that the County's recent vision clinic was very successful. Over 29 people were seen and treated for various vision issues. Additional vision clinics are being planned in conjunction the New Jersey Department of Health and participating physicians.

Commissioner Lanza reported he had the honor of participating in the opening ceremonies of the 8th Annual Hunterdon County Community Day. He was joined by his friend, and colleague, Director Rich, Congressman Tom Kean, Senator Doug Steinhardt, Prosecutor Renee Robeson, Chief of Detectives Tim Drew, Undersheriff Robert Smith, and Polytech Superintendent, Dr. Todd Bonsall. This year's event was particularly well attended, and Commissioner Lanza commend Chamber President Chris Phelan for all of his hard work on this event. As liaison to the Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Lanza reflected on several items including the Department's partnership with NJDOEM to host a workshop, and the Resolution that will be presented later in the agenda to award a contract to Ashbritt for disaster recovery services for the remainder of this year. Ashbritt has been identified as a preauthorized disaster recovery specialist by the State of New Jersey, and their services and preset pricing was determined through a state-based procurement process. Lastly, Commissioner Lanza shared that the Communications Divisions is continuing to actively recruit new Public Safety Telecommunicators. As co-liaison on veterans issues, Commissioner Lanza announced that the annual Veterans Recognition Medal Ceremony will occur on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. The program will once again be held at Building #1 at the Route 12 Complex and will be offered via livestreaming as well.

As liaison to the Department of Planning and Land Use, Deputy Director Kuhl shared several updates. As Human Services liaison, he shared several updates pertaining to the Senior Center. The Senior Center will host an Art Show Special Reception on June 23rd, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors can enjoy music and light refreshments while admiring the work of Hunterdon County's talented Seniors. Music will be provided by Ed Jankiewicz and the event is being sponsored through a grant from Cultural and Heritage Commission. Deputy Director Kuhl reported the Division of Housing advises that over 1,300 applicants were received via the housing choice waiting list. This was the first time, that Hunterdon County used a full online application process, and many applicants complimented the ease and convenience. As liaison to the Library, Deputy Director Kuhl shared a few highlights.

Director Rich stated he joined Commissioner Lanza at the 8th Annual Hunterdon County Community Day on June 10th which was a great event. He has heard through some friends that the "Touch A Truck," and returning "Reptile World" demonstration were among the favorites among local children. Director Rich stated he is excited to announce that the ribbon cutting for the Deer Path Park renovations will occur on

Thursday, June 29th at 4:30 p.m. The event will celebrate the installation of the County's first, all-inclusive and barrier-free playground, which is nearing final completion. Former Rutgers football star, Eric LeGrand will attending the ribbon cutting as the keynote speaker. Lastly, Director Rich reminded everyone that the annual Hunterdon County 4H Fair is just around the corner. The annual fair kicks off on Wednesday, August 23rd and concludes on Sunday, August 27th. He hopes to see everyone there.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing the Special Olympics of New Jersey for hosting their 2023 Walk and Support day at Deer Path Park in the County of Hunterdon
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** John Lanza
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
2. Recognizing Kendra Schroeder of the United Way upon her recognition as "Volunteer of the Year" by the United Way of Hunterdon County.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
3. Recognizing 'Juneteenth'
Motion: By: John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
4. Recognizing Cole Gillooly of Boy Scout Troop 49 upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** John Lanza
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
5. Recognizing Jimmy Benson upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
6. Recognizing Barbara Metzger upon her retirement from the Hunterdon County department of Human Services.
Commissioner Kuhl thanks Barbara for her years of service to the residents of Hunterdon County.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** John Lanza
Yes: Zachary Rich, Jeff Kuhl, John Lanza, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

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

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

Susan Lockwood, a Delaware Twp Committee Woman expressed her concerns regarding the replacement of County Bridge ED-262 on Dunkard Church Road. She stated it seems to be an unnecessary overbuild. She suggested maintaining the current bridge rather than replacing the bridge.

Marilyn Cummings, a resident of Stockton, spoke on behalf of Roger Byram the Delaware Township Historical Society President. He requested a traffic study be done to show that the road is not heavily traveled. Mr. Byram would also like to schedule a meeting.

Charles Taylor, a resident of Delaware Township expressed his concerns and opposes the replacement of the bridge and suggested only a new deck to save money.

Michael Hagerty of Dunkard Church Road expressed his concerns regarding the replacement of County Bridge ED-262.

Eda Smalls of Haynes Road stated she loves the country atmosphere and being able to walk on Dunkard Church Road. She expressed her concerns for safety if the bridge is replaced because cars will be more likely to speed.

Administrator Brad Myhre asks Henry Wieczorek the Principal Engineer from the Bridge Division to speak to project. Henry shared background information regarding the Bridge. He stated the first step was completing a Bridge Width Study to determine the appropriate width. The notice that DEP requires to be sent by certified mail was sent to all required individuals and no comments were received. Henry Wieczorek advised the tree is required to be removed no matter what work is done to the bridge. Based on the report, it is recommended the bridge be widened. He stated there is damage all around bridge. Henry Wieczorek approached Mr. Heggerty initially and advised the tree is in right of way, and the county offered landscaping. The bridge is not historically significant. He added that the funds will be pulled if not awarded before July 1st. DOT will not approve a one lane bridge.

Commissioner Kuhl asked the current bridge size and what the proposed bridge size will be. Henry Wieczorek stated the bridge will increase by 10 feet. Commissioner Soloway asked about structural integrity and if it is compromised? Henry Wieczorek advised that a qualified state inspector made the report and determined the bridge should be replaced. Commissioner Lanza, asked how certain Mr. Wieczorek is that we will lose funding if we wait 2 weeks? Henry Wieczorek informed that it is already delayed. Lanza stated he is skeptical we will lose funding if the Board approves this four days after July 1st. Commissioner Lanza would like to consider public comments and asked Ms. Lockwood if Delaware Township has passed resolution in either direction. Ms. Lockwood advises she spoke to mayor before meeting, and Mayor advised he is concerned. Director Rich asked how much this project is worth? He was advised it is a 1 million dollar project that is 100% state funded. County Administrator Myhre suggests Delaware Township hold an emergency meeting. Administration and County Counsel advised this item will be removed from the agenda and discussed in executive session.

IX. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM UPDATE, Marc Saluk, Director**

1. Awarding Holland Township funding of \$5,582.00 for the Township's efforts to revise their home-based business ordinance for the purposes of growing this sector of the Hunterdon economy.

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

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

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

X. **HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE, Meagan Q. O'Reilly**

1. Approving the recommendations of Human Services Department to award CDBG CV1 and CV3 grants to the Borough of Flemington.

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

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

No: None **Abstain:** Zachary Rich **Absent:** Brad thank Meagan for work

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

1. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign and accept, on behalf of the County, a County Gangs, Guns & Narcotics (JAG) Application and Subaward, for the Hunterdon County Gangs, Guns & Narcotics Task Force, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$33,834.00 with a county match of \$203,827.00, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, for the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.

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

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

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

2. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign, on behalf of the County, a Letter of Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for the period September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025 for the receipt of a Youth Leadership grant, State funding in the amount of \$10,730.00 for the purpose of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education programming through the County's Municipal Alliance Programs.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Open Public Hearing **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren

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

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

The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-04 PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,642,800 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

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

The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

4. FINAL ADOPTION OF CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-04 PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,642,800 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

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

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

The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Open the Public Hearing **By:** John Lanza **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl

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

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

The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments.

Motion: Close the Public Hearing **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

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

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2023-08 PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND

APPROPRIATING \$1,049,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Open the Public Hearing **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

The public hearing opened.

There were no public comments.

Motion: Close the Public Hearing **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Open Public Hearing **By:** Zach Rich **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

The public hearing opened.

There were no public comments.

Motion: Close Public Hearing **By:** Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** John Lanza

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

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

The public hearing opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

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

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

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

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

The public hearing opened.

There were no public comments.

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

The public hearing closed.

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

Commissioner Lanza stated he wanted to ensure this bond ordinance includes additional asphalt preservation methods besides chip seal.

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

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

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

XIII. PLANNING & LAND USE

1. Authorizing the Executive Director of the Cultural & Heritage Commission to sign and submit on behalf of the County, a Grant for Arts Projects application to the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$30,000.00 for administration and re-granting to local nonprofit organizations in the County of Hunterdon for the period of June 2024 through June 2026.

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

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

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

XIV. PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

1. Approving a contract award for year two for County Bid 2022-14 with Morton Salt Inc., to furnish and deliver rock salt for snow and ice control for roads and bridges. With the total amount to be expended, no to exceed \$728,400.00.

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

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

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

2. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-08 with CMS Construction Inc., for the replacement of County Bridge ED-262 Dunkard Church Road Over Tributary to the Third Neshanic River in the Townships of East Amwell and Delaware. Total amount to be expended, not to exceed: \$663,390.00.

This resolution was removed from this section of the agenda to be voted on after executive session.

3. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-11 to Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors Inc., for the Surface Treatment of County Route 605 and County Route 639 in Various Townships. Total amount to be expended, not to exceed: \$2,119,675.80.

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

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

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

4. Approving a contract award for County Bid 2023-12 with Denville Line Painting, Inc. for the application of Traffic Stripes on Various County Roads. Total amount to be expended, not to exceed: \$357,838.75.

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

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

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

XV. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre**

Res. #2: Lease agreement, letter of intent

ZR thanks JL,

JL thanks CC Mary Melfi - appropriate space, safe voting et al.

SS- Poll book stressing - consolidate operations

1. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign a Mutual Benefit & Use Agreement with AshBritt, Inc., for debris removal resulting from a storm or manmade event. Pricing and contract terms shall be governed by the State of New Jersey's procurement process using Solicitation #15-X-23742 #89511.

Res. #2: Lease agreement, letter of intent

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

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

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

2. Resolution authorizing lease agreement for Board of Elections.

Motion: By: None **Seconded:** None

Yes: None

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

XVI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding check #10402, check #10410, and check #10425.

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

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

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

Motion to approve check #10402, check #10410, and check #10425 listed on the Claims Register dated June 06, 2023.

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

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

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

1. Approving the claims register dated June 20, 2023.
2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from June 06, 2023.
3. Approving the hire and seasonal appointment of Ryan Drwal as a Seasonal Laborer

in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation.

4. Approves the amendment to Resolution 2023-450 of the unclassified appointment of Bonnie Abbate as a Confidential Secretary to County Commissioner in the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners Office.
5. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Clerk and Appointing Authority Mary Melfi to hereby grant Susan Evans a regular appointment as a full time Keyboarding Clerk 2 as of June 20, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Office of the County Clerk.
6. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Clerk and Appointing Authority Mary Melfi to hereby grant Isabella Cirillo a regular appointment as a full time Keyboarding Clerk 2 as of June 20, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Office of the County Clerk.
7. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Clerk and Appointing Authority Mary Melfi to hereby grant Rebecca Coleman a regular appointment as a full time Keyboarding Clerk 2 as of June 20, 2023 in the Hunterdon County Office of the County Clerk.
8. Approving the hire and seasonal appointment of Ethan Kassai as a Seasonal Laborer in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Roads Division, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation.
9. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Gabriel Garcia-Perez as a part time Library Associate in the Hunterdon County Library, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
10. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Cole Solsky as a County Park Ranger 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.
11. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Christopher Ryan as an Engineering Aide in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
12. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Anthony Guerriero as a Laborer in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Bridges, contingent upon the successful outcome of a post offer medical evaluation. Filling a Vacancy.
13. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Sheriff Frederick Brown to hire and

appoint Mark Walyga as a Corrections Officer in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division, contingent upon the successful outcome of post offer medical evaluations. Filling a Vacancy.

14. Approving a salary adjustment to Robert Craig Evans, Supervising Park Ranger, in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation.
15. Approving a salary adjustment provided for the assignment of additional duties and responsibilities to Ryan Preston, Confidential Aide, in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings and Maintenance.
16. Approving a salary adjustment to Daniel Bush, Division Head, in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation.
17. Approving the provisional promotion of Bryan Kinney to the title Senior Carpenter in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings and Maintenance.
18. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to provisionally promote Patricia Fonseca to the title Keyboarding Clerk II in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
19. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to provisionally promote Kimberly Ferrante to the title Keyboarding Clerk II in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
20. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to provide a salary adjustment to Anna Alicandro, Keyboarding Clerk II, in accordance with the CWA side agreement in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
21. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to provide a salary adjustment to Alyse Bastone, Keyboarding Clerk II, in accordance with the CWA side agreement in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
22. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to provide a salary adjustment to Christine Kilcomons, Keyboarding Clerk II, in accordance with the CWA side agreement in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
23. Approving the provisional promotion of Lily Davis to the title Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Environmental Health Services Division.

24. Approving the provisional promotion of Shalini Mathur to the title Supervisor Senior Citizen Activities in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disability and Veteran Services.
25. Approving the provisional promotion of Kaitlyn Paulmeno to the title Social Work Supervisor in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Work Services.
26. Approving the hourly rates for Instructors in the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Training Center, effective June 26, 2023.
27. Approving and setting the pay scale for Instructors within the Division of Emergency Services effective June 26, 2023.
28. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County, a Letter of Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for the receipt of State funding in the amount of \$103,198.00 for the purpose of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education programming through the County's Municipal Alliance Programs.
29. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Qualified Purchasing Agent to solicit competitive contracting for Opiate Fatality Review Team Coordinator, for the Department of Human Services.
30. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for the project known as: "Specifications for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements for County Route 579 Situated in Delaware, Raritan and East Amwell Townships, County of Hunterdon".
31. Approving the request from the High Bridge Fire Department to host a coin toss on July 15th, 2023 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at the South Branch Emergency Services building at 95 West Main Street.
32. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign, on behalf of the County, a Service and Occupancy Agreement with Robby Bennett, for the home at the Rt. 12 Case Farm, in Raritan Township, monthly rent to be \$1,256.81.
33. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign, on behalf of the County, a Service and Occupancy Agreement with Craig Evans, for the home at the La Port Estate, in Raritan Township, monthly rent to be \$1,024.81.
34. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign, on behalf of the County, a Service and Occupancy Agreement with Chris Mattson, for the home at the Miquin Woods, in Lebanon Township, monthly rent to be \$619.65.

35. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign on behalf of the County an Agreement between the County of Hunterdon and Rutgers Corporate Extension, the State University of New Jersey, for the 2023 Salary Reimbursements.

XVII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Marilyn Cummings requested a meeting with the county and Commissioner Van Doren. Commissioner Van Doren apologized for not responding to the meeting request and reiterated there was due notice to Delaware Township in 2019 and 2021.

Edith Smalls of Stockton stated she never received a certified letter in the mail regarding what the bridge would look like.

XVIII. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

County Counsel, Katrina Campbell, advised the Board reconvened in executive session to discuss Bridge ED-262 on Dunkard Church Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Soloway and seconded by Commissioner Lanza, followed by a voice carry to adjourn from executive session.

Administrator Brad Myhre advised Resolution #2 listed under the County Purchasing Agent, Ray Rule, authorizing a Contract Award for the replacement of County Bridge ED-262 over Dunkard Church Road will be removed from this evenings agenda and voted on at a later date. The Board requests Mayor Hertman convene an emergency meeting of Delaware Township's Governing Body to review this matter publicly before July 1, 2023. The Board requests Mayor Hertman report back to the County on this matter.

Motion to table the Contract Award of County Bridge ED-262 over Dunkard Church Road.

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

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

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

XX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on a motion by Deputy Director Kuhl, seconded by Commissioner Van Doren, followed by a voice carry.