



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

February 4, 2025

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

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Resolution Entering into Executive Session.

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

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

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

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

IV. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

VI. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Rich reported North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) recently issued its FY24 Annual Report. During the last fiscal year, the NJTPA programmed a record \$6 billion for more than 200 projects and programs throughout the 13-county region. The NJTPA is also in the process of updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which guides all the work that NJTPA performs and ensures our region remains eligible for federal funding. Residents can contribute to this process by participating in a survey entitled, *Connecting Communities*, a long-range transportation plan designed to detail new programs and recommend policies and transportation investments for the next 25 years, including projects in Hunterdon County. As liaison to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner Rich shared that he visited the recently reconstructed County Bridge A-45 in Alexandria Township along with Deputy Director Van Doren and Commissioner Soloway. Bridge A-45 is the biggest frame structure in Hunterdon County. Commissioner Rich congratulated the Division of Engineering, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, the project design consultant, and Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. who was the contractor.

Commissioner Kuhl shared several updates from the Hunterdon County Library. The Library is hosting a Mini Art Show that will feature artwork prepared by local artists during March. Those interested in participating can pick up free canvases. Artwork must be dropped off at the Main Branch Library by March 1st to participate. The North Branch County Library is featuring its Winter Concert Series on Saturday at 2 p.m. In honor of Black History Month, the library put together a number of recommended fiction and non-fiction books. Commission Kuhl also shared the Hunterdon County NAACP is hosting a Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, February 23rd. Commissioner Kuhl added the Senior Center will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 28th with a luncheon in the Senior Center Auditorium. Lunch will be prepared by Polytech and Russ Martone will provide entertainment. The registration lottery closes on February 10th at 3:00 pm.

Director Lanza shared that Commissioner Board hosted its first in a series of Shared Services Forums, which brought together governing body members and some municipal officials to discuss and learn about existing shared services opportunities offered by the county and explore new opportunities for shared services across municipalities. Director Lanza thanked Deputy Director Van Doren for facilitating the meeting, as well as the Department/Division Head presenters, Karen DeMarco from the Department of Health, Bob Thurgarland of Central Services, Ray Rule from the Purchasing Division, and James Keehbler from the Hunterdon County Library. Nineteen of Hunterdon's twenty-six municipalities were present at the forum and our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th. As liaison to the Hunterdon County Sheriff and County Clerk's Offices, Director Lanza shared the dates for the 2025 Ident-A-Shred events have announced. The first event will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the Route 12 County Complex. Director Lanza shared several updated from the Hunterdon County Health Department regarding COVID-19 and Influenza outbreaks. The Hunterdon Health Department is providing updates to its website, and residents are urged to stay informed.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing award recipients Armin Schlotterbeck, Blake Johnstone, Drew Patykula, and John Gorman for their exemplary talents and dedication to the residents and visitors of Tewksbury Township and the selfless mission of the Tewksbury First Aid & Rescue Squad.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
2. Recognizing Thomas Daniels for his remarkable donation of the "Patriot Jacket" and unwavering support of Hunterdon County veterans and Historical Preservation efforts.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
3. Recognizing Eagle Scout: Raaid Hasani of Troop 571 upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
4. Recognizing Hunterdon County Vocational School District's *Environmental Sustainability and Engineering Academy* and *Animal Science Program* FFA Students for their participation in the 2024 Fall Career Development Events.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
5. Recognizing February as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren

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

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

Director Lanza acknowledged an email that was received by Ms. Jean Public of Raritan Township. He advised County staff would address her concerns later this week. Ms. Public's email is attached at the end of the meeting minutes.

Director Lanza welcomed Mr. Ras Baraka, Mayor of Newark, New Jersey.

Mayor Baraka thanked the Board and stated he is here in Hunterdon County with residents to speak about the flag he saluted before the meeting, and paying homage to the people that protected our rights at home and abroad. He added they are

specifically protecting the right to freedom of religion, freedom to assemble, the right to not be illegally be searched and seized, and the constitution of the United States. Mayor Baraka added he is with members of Hunterdon County NAACP. He shared a story about a raid that happened in Newark, New Jersey. Mayor Baraka advised he held a press conference to ensure there is no debate about the Constitution of the United States and the 4th Amendment. Mayor Baraka asked the Commissioner Board to protect people's 4th Amendment Rights, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and everything that makes people all over the world come to the United States.

Bradd Powell, a resident of Raritan Township and President of Hunterdon County NAACP, introduced the Hunterdon County NAACP. Mr. Powell stated for four years, we have worked to unite the different communities that make up Hunterdon County. They have helped the County celebrate Black History Month, Juneteenth, and have begun building an alliance with United Way of Hunterdon County and Hunterdon Medical Center. Mr. Powell shared the mission of Hunterdon County NAACP. He stated the recent events in the news are cause for concern and the unprecedented use of ice raids that target immigrant communities is causing observable changes in Hunterdon County. Mr. Powell stated the residents who make Hunterdon County a wonderful place to live have become afraid to leave their homes. They feel that their pursuit of the American dream will be interrupted or terminated. Mr. Powell stated the NAACP of Hunterdon County is here to show they value their contributions, and they stand in solidarity. Mr. Powell asked the County Commissioners to adopt a resolution that would be presented by the Chairman of Hunterdon County NAACP.

Guy Citron, a resident of Califon Borough and Chairman of Hunterdon County NAACP, read the proposed resolution to the Commissioner Board.

Brian Virella stated he grew up in a household that taught him the meaning of respect and that in this country, you can be whatever you want to be. Mr. Virella stated he lives the most amazing life and in the United States, we are accepting people, a community of neighbors. He went on to say he is afraid our country is changing and not for the better. Mr. Virella encouraged the Commissioner Board to pass the resolution presented by the NAACP.

Susie Mont, a resident of Ringoes, stated the vast majority of immigrants are good neighbors, good friends, and good co-workers. Ms. Mont added, she is not afraid of her neighbors, and she believes in a country where immigrants make us great. She looks forward to making new friends and urges the Board to consider and pass the resolution.

Keayland Jazz McCormick, resident of Flemington Borough, urged the Commissioner Board to take a strong decisive stance publicly and administratively on the actions of the immigration and custom enforcement agencies that are occurring nationally and globally. She strongly supports the NAACP's resolution and urges the Board to adopt it. Ms. McCormick added, the scare tactics and stereotypes that have been used to conduct recent raids are publicity stunts that are unconstitutional and morally wrong. They are part of this community, and she stated they should be treated with dignity. She added there is a severe lack of empathy, and these immigrants have boosted our economy. She would like the County Commissioner and everyone in attendance to stand up to the unconstitutional and immoral actions that are occurring.

Debbie Christiansen, a resident of High Bridge, stated her parents were Holocaust survivors, her grandmother was not. She shared a story of the last time her mother saw her grandmother. Ms. Christiansen stated the trauma still impacts her mother after 80 years. She asked the Commissioners and the public to do whatever they can to prevent the same trauma from impacting a new generation of our immigrant friends. She asked that the Board pass the NAACP resolution.

Tatiana Aries, a resident of Flemington and an immigrant. She stated she came to this country because her parents believed that they were going to give her and her sisters a better future here. Coming to the United States she believed it was the promise land where everyone wants to live. Ms. Aries stated she worked hard, got educated and did all the things she was told to do. She stated she is afraid to open her door, and afraid

drive down her street in a city that she lives in and pays taxes in. She stated she should not be afraid to live in a country that she is a resident in. She added, she has had slurs thrown at her outside her house. Ms. Aries stated her family moved to Hunterdon County because they believed it was the best place to raise their son. She added, she shouldn't have to carry her passport around with her, she shouldn't be afraid to leave her house, and she shouldn't have to be afraid for her community.

Gary, a resident of Tewksbury Township, stated he was speaking on behalf of a dead person. He shared that his grandmother and dad were removed from their house when his father was 3 years old during World War I. Gary reported that weeks before his grandmother died, she explained it's the little things that start because it makes it easier for bad people to do bad things and when you grow up, stand against it. In closing, he added we will feel the impact economically if immigrants are deported.

Jesse Villars, a resident of and business owner in Lambertville, encouraged the Commissioner Board to pass the resolution presented by NAACP. She also asked that the Commissioner Board do everything in their power to put into place protections against ICE. As a business owner and concerned resident, she asked how the County justifies the use of local resources to enforce federal immigration laws. She encouraged the Board to pass the resolution presented by the NAACP.

Torin Dilley, a Hunterdon County resident, shared she is in attendance and speaking tonight for her friends and co-workers who are afraid to be here for the exact reasons that have been outlined. She added, there are people who are afraid to be here, in this venue, one that is here to support them, because of what is going on in the country and State of New Jersey. Ms. Dilley asked that the Board pass and support the resolution.

Kate DeLuca, a resident of Readington Township, addressed her concerns regarding the celebration that took place when an Executive Order took place regarding temporary protection status. She added, temporary protection status is a legal application through the government and seeing her community celebrate their deportation makes her think the issue is not who is and is not legal. Asked the Board to support the NAACP resolution.

Maria Bartelli, a resident of Franklin Township, thanked the Commissioners for their service to the residents of Hunterdon County. Ms. Bartelli stands before the Board as a granddaughter of immigrants and a daughter of a World War II veteran. She hearkens back to the pledge to honor our veterans and the sacrifices they made for the ideals that we hold to in this country; the freedom, the democracy, the Bill of Rights, and the amendments, granting all of us better conditions in this world. Ms. Bartelli thanked the first responders who protect our community. She stated there is something greater at stake, for this nation and for this world.

Brandon Arias, resident and Council Member of Flemington Borough, shared that his family came here as immigrants, they worked hard and came here for a better life. His family has owned a business in Flemington for 22 years. He asked the Board to stand with the NAACP's resolution.

Brian Hodges, a resident of High Bridge Borough, stated our people are under threat. The ICE raids that are being discussed are targeting more than just the undocumented immigrants, they are targeting people they do not like and that do not "fit the mold". Mr. Hodges added, the people of Hunterdon County are under threat.

Mariah (Bonnie) Duncan stated she has served the Hunterdon County community for 25 years through United Way. During her time with United Way, Ms. Duncan has lived and worked with every stratum of human beings in the community. People say the safety of Hunterdon County is one of the things people appreciate most. Ms. Duncan added, right now, people are not feeling safe. She supports the resolution and hopes to find ways to bridge the differences we have and support every individual that lives in the community.

John Mishoni, a resident of Tewksbury Township, stated it is document that ICE activity has been based on anonymous phone calls. He added, US citizens are taken

away because they cannot prove they are a citizen at that moment because they aren't carrying their papers. Mr. Mishoni asked how many of us carry our papers? He asked that every member of the community receive the same protections that he receives.

Jennifer Santoro, a resident of Clinton Township, reminded everyone of the year, she stated we can't allow this, it is 2025 and we are still fighting for the constitution of our country. She informed everyone she is a registered republican, a woman and a Christian living in a blue state and a red county. Ms. Santoro added that the Board has an opportunity to make a huge statement in one of the safest counties in the country to stand up against the atrocities of the minorities happening right now. She urged the Commissioners to read Leviticus 19:33-34.

Alexa Offenhaurer, a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County and a Professor at Raritan Valley Community College, stated in addition to having the opportunity to make a statement as a red county that you are going to stand up for law and order, you also have the other opportunity which is to refuse to pass a low bar request to pass the NAACP's resolution.

Sue, a resident of High Bridge, stated she is reasonably patriotic. Her father came to New Jersey the 1950s, loved American History and was a real patriot. She added her son's father, a Canadian immigrant, is scared. He is a legal immigrant but is afraid he will get picked up because he is Asian. She stated you cannot determine who is and is not legal by looking at someone.

Mary Deal, a resident of Tewksbury Township, stated she is a lawyer, and there is nothing more she loves more than the law. She asked that the Board take part in this important moment to pass the resolution presented by NAACP.

Chris Landis, a Flemington Borough resident, stated he does not want to see the people who come to our country and do the right things and abide by the law, be scooped up without any process. He added we need to pass this so members of our community know that we have their back.

Heather Lee Skullee stated she is from Edison, and opening store on Main Street, Flemington. She stated her husband is an immigrant, but he is more than that. Ms. Skullee added her husband is a business owner, one of the hardest workers, a professional musician, and a provider. She stated, millions of people share his story. She urged everyone to learn about the lives and struggles of immigrants who come to America seeking a better future. She stated, no one should have to live in fear, and no one is illegal. Ms. Skullee stated her husband is Colombian and travels to New York daily for business. Lately, he has become cautious about carrying proper identification. She urged the Board to support people who may not look like them or share the same background as them.

Monica Scott, a resident of Lopatcong, shared history of her family. She stated we are at this place in 2025 because people in power don't always recognize that they have the power, and they should do the right thing.

Piper Doyle, a resident of Readington Township, stated as a student at North Hunterdon High School, she knows there are students that face the risk of being detained by ICE. She added, the people she sits and works with everyday are some of the most kind, strong, and hardworking people she has met. She asked the Board to pass the NAACP's resolution.

Amy West, a resident of Flemington Borough, encouraged the Board to pass the NAACP's resolution. She also asked them to consider how they would explain to their children about what is going on.

Sharon Dorkie of Lambertville, stated she has a middle-school aged daughter who was upset after she overheard some students joking about the potential of an ICE raid at her school. She added, our children are in school learning about the Constitution and about the Bill of Rights. What do we tell them about this? She asked that the Board please pass the resolution.

Lisa Elis, a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, felt the need to remind everyone that the people they are referencing are not illegal. In closing, she told the Board we need you to pass this resolution.

Betsy Driver, former Mayor of Flemington Borough, stated right here where you meet, there is a significant immigrant population. Ms. Driver stated, they pay taxes, they contribute immensely to the community, and they make the County and Flemington Borough beautiful in diverse ways. When Ms. Driver served as Mayor, she stated she got to know the members of the Commissioner Board as reasonable and thoughtful individuals despite being on opposite ends of the political spectrum. She added since the third week of January; her friends and neighbors have gone into hiding. People are scared. Ms. Driver stated we are a nation of immigrants, send these residents a message that you stand behind them and you will keep them safe by adopting the resolution.

Nicole Airs, a resident of Clinton, stated there is a plethora of things that are being done that are against the law. She added, stand up and do what is right, vote for this.

Tyler Lawson, a Pittstown resident, advised the resolution simply states that the Commissioner Board wants ICE to follow the law. He added, each of you took an oath to abide by constitutional law, and if they don't sign the resolution, he's not sure why they took the oath.

Carrie David, a resident of Alexandria Township, stated she grew up learning that America was a melting pot, but she feels as though that sentiment has changed. She urged the Board to pass the resolution. In closing, she stated, passing this resolution will give their children and future generations a country they can actually be proud of.

Linda Zimmerman, a resident of Clinton Township, shared that a few days ago, her husband expressed his worries about possibly being detained. She shared her feelings and added, this is just the beginning. Ms. Zimmerman asked the Commissioners pass the resolution presented by the NAACP.

Alex Theodore, a resident of Lambertville, explained the relationship between the elected officials and the residents. He added, the residents are feeling fragile and insecure, and they are losing faith and asked the Board to give them a reason to keep their faith by passing the resolution.

Dan Connor, resident of Franklin Township, shared a story of a Korean War Veteran needing assistance in a senior assisted living center, but there was no staff able to be found. Mr. Connor added, his biggest fear is finding out his mother had fallen and there was no one there to help her. Some staff, possibly undocumented or just scared, have stopped going to work.

Bevin Ellison, a resident of Phillipsburg, stated he has a non-profit organization, *Trans Care 4 Us*. Ellison added, as a transgender black man, I am afraid. He is afraid to leave his house and go to the office. Ellison stated they help the community, and the community helps LGBT. Ellison asked the Board not to segregate them.

Colleen Beagan, a resident of High Bridge, asked the Board to pass the resolution. Ms. Beagan added, we need to stand up to ICE conducting these raids. She advised she devoted her entire education learning about terrorism because she lost many family members during 9/11. Ms. Beagan stated she is worried about how the future generations are being shaped if we do not stand up against the ICE raids. Janet Crane, a resident of Tewksbury Township, stated we need to protect our families. She asked the Board to stand up for everyone in attendance and in return they will do the same.

Director Lanza thanked the public for their comments and advised the Board will review the proposed resolution and consider when all five Board members are present. Director Lanza asked for everyone's grace to review the proposed resolution before adopting it.

Commissioner Kuhl thanked the public for their comments. He stated the Board respects each of the public comments made, they believe in the rule of law and the constitution. Commissioner Kuhl advised he has not had a chance to review the proposed resolution nor has County Counsel.

IX. **FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO**

1. Approving the 2025 Temporary Budget Extensions.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren

X. **PLANNING & LAND USE**

1. Approving the 2025 New Jersey Historical Commission County History Partnership Program (CHPP) grant awards as recommended by the Cultural & Heritage Commission.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
2. Approving the 2025 New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Local Arts Program (LAP) grant awards as recommended by the Cultural and Heritage Commission.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren

XI. **PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA**

1. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0078-2024, with Key-Tech for Material Testing Services, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
2. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0079-2024, with French & Parrello Associates for subsurface exploration and geotechnical assessment reporting (soil testing), in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
3. Approving requisition #R25-1163, with Fire and Safety Services LTD, for a change order for the new mobile command unit, in an amount not to exceed \$55,602.78.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
4. Approving requisition #R25-1216, with Signal Electric Corporation for the Route 12 Complex Campus Lighting, in an amount not to exceed \$64,019.00.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren
5. Approving requisition #R25-1217, with Gen-EL Safety & Industrial Products LLC for an Area Monitor, in an amount not to exceed \$71,643.33.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren

XII. **COUNTY COUNSEL, Katrina C. Doyle, Esq.**

1. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to send a letter of support on behalf of Brightspeed's application to the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity (NJBIDE) grant program to enhance high-speed internet offerings for Hunterdon County residents.

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

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

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

2. Approving a professional services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Inc. for professional Engineering Services to update stormwater mapping on County roads in municipalities in the Highlands Region for NJDEP MS4 compliance, in an amount not to exceed \$297,215.00.

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

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

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

XIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Approving the re-appointments of Alan Horton, Paul Grefe, and Jim Hedden to the Hunterdon County Construction Board of Appeals, terms to be effective January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

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

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

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

2. Approving the appointments to the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Advisory Council, terms to be effective January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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

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

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

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

1. Approving the Claims Register dated February 04, 2025.
2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting.
3. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Donna Triplett as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services. (Filling a vacancy)
4. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renee Robeson to hire and appoint Marissa E. Herminston as a Prosecutor's Agent in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
5. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Rachel Feinberg as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Library. (Filling a vacancy)
6. Approving the provisional promotion of Haley Sutphin to the title of Program Development Specialist in the Department of Human Services, Division of Human Services. (Filling a vacancy)
7. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Sheriff Frederick Brown to provisionally promote Samantha Simila, as a Keyboarding Clerk 2 in the Hunterdon County Sheriff Office.

8. Approving the provisional promotion of Jigishaben Patel to the title Human Services Specialist 1 in the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services.
9. Approving the action to hereby grant Mallory Manz a regular appointment as a full time Social Worker, Aging as of February 4, 2025, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services.
10. Approving the action to hereby grant Daniel J. Amiano a regular appointment as a full time Social Worker, Aging as of February 4, 2025, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services.
11. Approving the action to hereby grant Jamie Sloyer a regular appointment as a full time Public Health Nurse as of February 4, 2025, in the Hunterdon County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing.
12. Approving and amendment to Resolution 2025-78 approving the promotion and provisional appointment of Walter Carey as a full-time Supervising Bridge Construction Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Bridge Division.
13. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Township of Readington for Gasoline.
14. Approving Open Space funding for the acquisition of Block 48, Lot 56 in the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon.
15. Authorizing the Director to sign a MOA extension with the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office regarding the replacement of County Route 579 (Church Street) Bridge over Norfolk Southern-Lehigh Valley Main Line (Hunterdon County Structure No. 1050-161), in Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough.
16. Approving the Specifications for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements of County Route 620 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, as recommended by the County Engineer, and authorizing the County Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for this project.
17. Approving a request from Califon First Aid Squad to host a Coin Toss on May 17, 2025, with a rain date of May 18, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on County Route 512 East of County Route 513 near Wade Farm Lane and Scheffer Court in Califon.
18. Approving the ongoing research by the State of New Jersey Division of Agriculture for the study of insect control for Japanese Knotweed at the Melick's Bridge section of the South Branch Reservation in 2025.
19. Approving the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to stock trout in the Sunnyside section of the South Branch Reservation as well as the Landsdown Trail as recommended by the State Fisheries Biologist.
20. Authorizing AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador (WMA 8), Hunterdon County Parks, the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, and the Raritan Headwaters Association to collaboratively work together to address the ecological challenges facing the stream bank at the Melick's Bridge section of the South Branch Reservation in Clinton Township.

21. Authorizing the Sourland Conservancy to conduct a multiyear internship program focusing on the ecological preservation of rare plant species in the 90-mile region.
22. Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with Raritan Township, (employee: Nicholas Villa) for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies which may arise throughout Hunterdon County, through the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Team ("SWAT Team").
23. Authorizing the Hunterdon County Department of Health to apply and accept a renewal of the Radon Awareness Program (RAP) Grant 2025 through the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$2,000.00.
24. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign and accept the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Award in the amount of \$153,536.00 (local county match of \$137,286.00) for the period of July 01, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
25. Establishing the 2025 meeting dates and times for the Solid Waste Advisory Council.
26. Authorizing the Department of Human Services to submit the Section 5310 Grant Application to New Jersey Transit, for the purchase of two (2) extended cutaways, two (2) standard cutaways, and one (1) minivan to support the County's LINK Transportation System in the amount of \$300,000.00.
27. Approving an updated Memorandum of Understanding regarding the administration of Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) Programs and authorizing the Division Head of Social Services, Lisa Piazza Long, to approve and sign this document.
28. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign the Contract for Performance of Area Plan Contract Services, with Hunterdon Helpline, Inc. for the Friendly Visitor Program, for the period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2027, in the amount of \$24,120.00 (\$8,040.00 per year).
29. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign the Contract for Performance of Area Plan Contract Services, with Hunterdon Helpline, Inc. for the Volunteer Shopper (Housekeeping Taxonomy) Program, for the period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2027, in the amount of \$38,307.00 (\$12,769.00 per year).
30. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign the Contract for Performance of Area Plan Contract Services, with Hunterdon Helpline, Inc. for the Telephone Reassurance Program, for the period of January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2027, in the amount of \$77,283.00 (\$25,761.00 per year).

XV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No additional public comments.

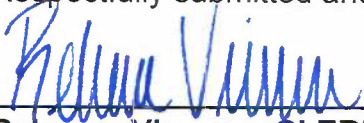
XVI. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Kuhl, followed by a voice carry.

Respectfully submitted and transcribed by:


 Rebecca Viersma, CLERK