



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

June 16, 2026

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 liaison to the Department of Public Works, reported that the department continues to advance stormwater management and regulatory compliance efforts, noting the County's receipt of a \$120,000 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection grant for updated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) GIS mapping, in addition to a previously awarded \$150,000 Highlands Council grant, bringing total outside funding for these initiatives to \$270,000. He stated that MS4 mapping is underway, department-wide safety and stormwater training continues, and Public Works supported the Hunterdon County 250th Anniversary Parade by providing security barriers and participated in Hunterdon County Community Day by displaying equipment and vehicles for the public. Commissioner Rich also highlighted the department's ongoing support of capital improvement projects, including gazebo installations at the Arboretum and Deer Path Park, roadway improvements associated with the Echo Hill Dam restoration project, and the completion of in-house masonry restoration work on County-owned historic structures in Tewksbury Township. On behalf of Commissioner Van Doren, he also shared a Health Department update reminding

residents that tick-borne diseases remain among the County's most frequently reported communicable diseases and encouraged the public to take precautions during peak nymph-stage deer tick season by performing tick checks, using repellents, and contacting the Health Department with any questions regarding prevention or removal.

Deputy Director Kuhl, liaison to the Planning and Land Use Department, reported that the U.S. Small Business Administration has made low-interest federal disaster loans available to assist eligible small businesses and private nonprofit organizations impacted by the April 19–22 spring freeze, following the U.S. Department of Agriculture's designation of all 21 New Jersey counties as natural disaster areas due to widespread agricultural losses. He noted that affected farmers may apply for emergency loans through the USDA Farm Service Agency, while eligible small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofit organizations may qualify for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and encouraged impacted agricultural producers and businesses to review the available assistance programs. In Commissioner Van Doren's absence, Deputy Director Kuhl also announced that the Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services will hold its annual public hearing on July 17, providing residents an opportunity to learn about current programs and offer feedback on aging services, with both in-person and virtual participation available.

Director Lanza reported that he joined County Clerk Mary H. Melfi, Sheriff Fred W. Brown, and County Prosecutor Renée M. Robeson in opening the 11th Annual Hunterdon County Community Day, thanking the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, event sponsors, participants, and County staff for contributing to the event's success. He also highlighted the successful America 250th Parade held in downtown Flemington, commending the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, the Hunterdon 300th Committee, ShopRite of Hunterdon County, volunteers, participants, and spectators for celebrating the nation's history and Hunterdon County's Revolutionary War heritage. Director Lanza further noted that several ordinances on this evening's agenda support key County priorities, including Department of Public Works equipment purchases, facility improvements, and continued investments in open space and farmland preservation, emphasizing that all projects are fully funded under the County's longstanding pay-as-you-go philosophy without the issuance of debt. As liaison to the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority, he also announced the launch of the Authority's new municipal lending program, with Readington Township, Holland Township, Clinton Township, Raritan Township, Milford Borough, and Lambertville City participating in the inaugural note program, explaining that the initiative leverages the County's AAA bond rating to reduce municipal borrowing costs and provide long-term savings for local taxpayers.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Jaden Perez 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

2. Recognizing Dr. Todd Bonsall upon being selected as Hunterdon County Superintendent of the Year.

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 Patricia Brazdovic Upon Her Retirement from The Arc of Hunterdon County.

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)

No public comment.

IX. GRANTS, Michael Franchini, Deputy CFO

1. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation, in the 2026 County Budget, for the 2025-2026 Municipal Alliance GCSUD Grant in the amount of \$103,198.00.
2. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the FY25 PSAP Upgrades & Consolidation Grant in the amount of \$654,052.00.
3. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the 2026 JJC State/Community Partnership (SCP) Grant in the amount of \$207,479.00.
4. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the 2026 JJC Family Court (FC) Grant in the amount of \$95,615.00.
5. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the 2026 Comprehensive Alcohol Grant in the amount of \$253,789.00
6. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the SFY26 Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Grant in the amount of \$110,526.31.
7. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the FFY24 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant in the amount of \$193,813.00.
8. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the FFY24 SART/FNE Grant in the amount of \$142,393.00.

9. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the FY24 STOP VAWA Grant in the amount of \$9,624.00
10. Requesting the insertion of an item of revenue and the like sum as an appropriation in the 2026 County Budget, for the SFY25 Arrive Together Grant in the amount of \$84,106.00

Motion: To approve Grant Resolutions #1 - 10

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

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

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

X. **FINANCE, Andrew Bernath, CFO**

1. Bond Ordinance 2026-02.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

2. Adoption of Bond Ordinance 2026-02; Providing for Various 2026 Capital Improvements, by and in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$8,760,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,342,857 Bonds or Notes of the County to Finance Part of the Costs thereof.

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. Bond Ordinance 2026-03.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

4. Adoption of Bond Ordinance 2026-03; Providing for Various Roadway Improvements, by and in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$8,250,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,857,142 Bonds or Notes of the County to finance part of the Costs thereof.

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. Bond Ordinance 2026-04.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

6. Adoption of Bond Ordinance 2026-04; Providing for Various Bridge and Culvert Improvements, by and in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$7,515,000 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,157,142 Bonds or Notes of the County to finance part of the Costs thereof.

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

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

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

7. Capital Ordinance 2026-05.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

8. Adoption of Capital Ordinance 2026-05; Providing Acquisition of Various Vehicles by, in and fo the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$1,187,939 from the Capital Fund Balance to pay for the Cost thereof.

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

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

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

9. Capital Ordinance 2026-06.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

10. Adoption of Capital Ordinance 2026-06; Providing for Acquisition of Various Heavy Equipment, in and for the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$991,000 from the Capital Fund Balance to pay for the cost thereof.

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

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

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

11. Capital Ordinance 2026-07.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

12. Adoption of Capital Ordinance 2026-07; Providing for Acquisition of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and General Capital Improvements, in and for the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$582,500 from the Capital Fund Balance to pay for the cost thereof.

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

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

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

13. Capital Ordinance 2026-08.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

14. Adoption of Capital Ordinance 2026-08; Providing for Information Technology Improvements, in and for the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$4,163,462 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the cost thereof.

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

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

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

15. Capital Ordinance 2026-09.

Motion: To Open the Public Hearing

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

Motion: To Close the Public Hearing

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

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

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

16. Adoption of Capital Ordinance 2026-09; Providing Acquisition of Lands/Properties and/or Development Easements for Open Space and Farmland Preservation Projects, Various General Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Equipment by, in and for the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$4,560,000 from the Hunterdon County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland Preservation and Historic Trust Fund to pay for the cost thereof.

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

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

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

XI. PLANNING & LAND USE

1. Authorizing the Department of Planning and Land Use to apply for funding from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a Bicycle Network Corridor Assessment and Prioritization Study, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00.

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

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

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

XII. PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

1. Approving Requisition #R26-3755, with Carahsoft Technology Corporation, for Aspire Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$135,900.00.

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

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

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

XIII. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to initiate competitive contracting for the Hunterdon County Code Blue Warming Center, for the Department of Human Services.

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. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Readington Township Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$7,400,000.
3. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Holland Township Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$6,200,000.
4. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Clinton Township Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$1,700,000.
5. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Milford Borough Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$1,800,000.
6. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Lambertville City Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$3,600,000.
7. Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey of Payment of Principal of and Interest on the Governmental Loan Project Notes, Series 2026 (Hunterdon County Guaranteed) (Raritan Township Project) of the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not exceeding \$3,600,000.

Motion: To Introduce Ordinances 2026-10, 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13, 2026-14, and 2026-15

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

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

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

The second reading and public hearing for these ordinances will be July 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Commissioner Meeting Room.

8. Authorizing the Fee Schedule for the manufacture and provision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to Hunterdon County municipalities and other local government entities.

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

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

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

The second reading and public hearing will be on July 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Commissioner Meeting Room.

XIV. APPOINTMENTS

1. Approving the appointment of Joanne McLees as a member to the Hunterdon County Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Advisory Council, term to be effective immediately through June 16, 2028.

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 appointment of Kathleen Wilson as a member of the County Human Services Advisory Council, term to be effective immediately through June 16, 2029.

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. Approving the re-appointment of Teresia Bost as a member of the Hunterdon County Mental Health Board (MHB) term to be effective immediately through June 16, 2028.

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

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

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

XV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the consent agenda excluding Resolution 29

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 June 16, 2026.

2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from the May 19, 2026 meeting.
3. Approving the hire and provisional appointment of Catherine Pepe as a Administrative Clerk in the Hunterdon County Office of the Superintendent of Schools. (Filling a vacancy)
4. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Monique Gray as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services. (Filling a vacancy)
5. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Sheriff, Frederick Brown, to hire and provisionally appoint Dylan S. Dabrowski as a Correctional Police Officer in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office. (Filling a vacancy)
6. Approving the hire and regular appointment of Matthew Martinez as a Human Services Aide in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services. (Filling a vacancy)
7. Approving the hire and seasonal appointment of Nathaniel Johnson as a Seasonal Laborer in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Bridge Division. (Filling a vacancy)
8. Approving the provisional promotion of Jacklyn Graham to the title of Keyboarding Clerk 2 in the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services.
9. Approving the provisional promotion of Timothy Kosakowski to the title of Tree Maintenance Worker 1 in the Department of Public Works, Division of Roads. This promotion is provided per the CWA Local 1036, Rank and File collective bargaining agreement.
10. Approving the provisional promotion of Brandon DeVito to the title of Road Repairer 1 in the Department of Public Works, Division of Roads. This promotion is provided per the CWA Local 1036, Rank and File collective bargaining agreement.
11. Approving the action to hereby grant a regular appointment to Debra L. Somers as a full-time Senior Park Naturalist as of June 16, 2026, in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation. (No change in salary)
12. Approving the action to hereby grant Summerlea Bruschi a regular appointment as a full-time Keyboarding Clerk 3 as of June 16, 2026, in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services. (No change in salary)

13. Approving the salary and title change for James Hunt to full-time Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Parks and Recreation. (Filling a vacancy)
14. Approving Modification #3 to the Local Aid & Economic Development Agreement for the Replacement of Bridge 1050-161, County Route 579 over Norfolk Southern Corporation-Lehigh Valley Main Line, in the Township of Bethlehem and Borough of Bloomsbury to reflect a change from the previous amount of \$691,785.70 to \$731,323.02 causing an increase of \$39,537.32 in the agreement.
15. Requesting a time extension with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), for the project known as the Roadway Reconfiguration & Bridge Rehabilitation, Woodsville Road at State Route 31 & County Bridge WE-74, Woodsville Road over Peter's Brook, in the Townships of East Amwell & West Amwell, County of Hunterdon.
16. Requesting a time extension with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), for the project known as the Replacement of County Bridge R-168, Barley Sheaf Road over Pleasant Run, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon.
17. Requesting a time extension with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), for the project known as the Replacement of County Bridge R-124, Holland Brook Road over Holland Brook, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon.
18. Requesting a time extension with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), for the project known as the Replacement of County Bridge R-170, Locust Road over Pleasant Run, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon.
19. Approving a request from Kingwood Township First Aid & Rescue Squad to host coin tosses on the following dates: August 8 & 9, September 12 & 13, October 10 & 11, and November 28 & 29, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the following locations: County Route 519, 1/8 mile South of Route 12 and County Route 519, 1/8 mile North of Route 12.
20. Authorizing the County of Hunterdon, Health Department to apply for and accept funding from the New Jersey Department of Health Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) Program 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$119,372.00 and authorized the Commissioner Director to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this grant.
21. Authorizing the Health Department Director, Karen DeMarco, to sign contracts with Outfront Media and the Motor Vehicle Network for health education messaging and Health Department program advertisement.
22. Authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to initiate competitive contracting for the Human Services Community Programs, for the Department of Human Services.

23. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign Contract #SH26010 in the amount of \$192,280.00 (State funding) with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, to assist families and individuals at risk of homelessness, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
24. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute an Amended Community Development Block Grant CV1 & CV3 Grant Agreement for \$27,166.53 in additional funding to carry out various approved projects and authorizing the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the amended agreement between the County of Hunterdon and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
25. Approving the ongoing research by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in the study of insect control for Japanese Knotweed at the Melick's Bridge section of the South Branch Reservation in 2026.
26. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign and accept, a FFY25 Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Application, for the Hunterdon County Victim Witness Assistance Victim Services Project, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$15,178.00, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, for the Office of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor.
27. Authorizing PSE&G to conduct Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Practices in various County Parks.
28. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an access agreement with the Raritan Headwaters Association for the Rockafellows Mill Dam removal.
29. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign a contract with the New Jersey State Police for Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR).
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich
No: None **Abstain:** Susan Soloway **Absent:** Shaun Van Doren

XVI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Guy Citron, a resident of Tewksbury Township, commented on prior remarks made by Assemblyman Erik Peterson alleging that the 2025 gubernatorial election was stolen and questioned the Board's responsibility to address such claims. He referenced Director Lanza's previous response that addressing the Assemblyman's statements was not within the Board's responsibilities and argued that public officials and institutions have a broader obligation to defend truth in order to maintain public trust in government. Mr. Citron stated that trust is fundamental to the effective functioning of elections, courts, public services, and government as a whole, and asserted that defending the truth is an essential component of public service. He concluded by asking the Board whether they agreed with his perspective.

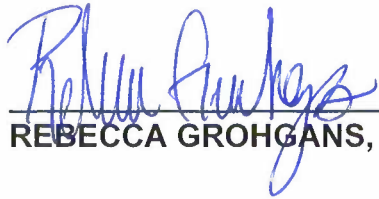
XVII. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:21 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Rich p.m., seconded by Deputy Director Kuhl, followed by a voice carry.

Respectfully submitted and transcribed by:



REBECCA GROHGANS, CLERK