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BETH E. TIMBERMAN
NJAC President
Salem County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Friday – December 2, 2011

Trenton Country Club - Oakland Room
201 Sullivan Way, Ewing, NJ 08628

The meeting was called to order by NJAC President and Salem County Freeholder Beth E. Timberman at 8:55 a.m.

After saluting the American flag, John G. Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director, called roll and a quorum was present.

Members in Attendance:

Frank Formica, *Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman*
Stephen O'Connor, *Cape May County Administrator*
Carol Clark, *Essex County Freeholder*
Jeffrey Dublin, *Hudson County Freeholder*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*
Robert D. Clifton, *Monmouth County Freeholder Director*
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*
Douglas R. Cabana, *Morris County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Beth Timberman, *Salem County Freeholder*
Peter Palmer, *Somerset County Freeholder*
Richard Zeoli, *Sussex County Freeholder Director*
Angel Estrada, *Union County Freeholder*
Richard Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*
M. Claire French, *Monmouth County Clerk*
Charles M. Miller, *Salem County Sheriff*
John Armeno, *Executive Director of the NJ Sheriff's Association*
Joseph Hannon, Esq., *Associate of Genova, Burns & Giantomasi and NJAC Labor Counsel*
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*
Michael Barrett, *Sr. Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Dick Lane, *Sr. Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*

Absent:

Bergen County
Burlington County
Camden County
Gloucester County
Hunterdon County
Middlesex County
Ocean County
Passiac County
County Executive

Also in attendance:

Lenora Boninfante, *Cape May County Director of Communications*
Brenda Casey-Anderson, *Regional Vice President–East Region of Nationwide Retirement Solutions*
Andrew Goldschmidt, *Director of Membership Marketing for NACo*
Anna Lustenberg, *Director of External Affairs for Verizon*
John Szeliga, *Director of External Affairs for Verizon.*

The minutes of the September 16th Board Meeting were unanimously approved on a Monmouth County/Surrogate motion.

Guest Speaker(s):

Andrew Goldschmidt, Director of Membership Marketing for the National Association of Counties (NACo), discussed the membership benefits and various programs offered through NACo. Such programs offered are the Prescription Discount Program; Dental Discount Program; US Communities - Cooperative Purchasing Program, which Governor Chris Christie recently signed off; Nationwide Retirement Solutions; and Grants Clearinghouse.

The NACo Annual Conference will be held in Pittsburgh of Alleghany County, PA from July 13th through July 17th, 2012. Members were encouraged to attend.

Joseph Hannon, Esq., Associate of Genova Burns & Giantomasi and NJAC Labor Counsel, informed board members about the firm and provided a brief update on labor law.

Official Reports:

1. **Nominating Committee Report** - Chair Stephen O'Connor read the report recommending the following for the 2012 slate of executive officers:

NJAC President	Richard D. Gardner, Warren County Freeholder
NJAC 1 st Vice President	Jeffrey Dublin, Hudson County Freeholder
NJAC 2 nd Vice President	M. Claire French, Monmouth County Clerk
NJAC Secretary/Treasurer	Angel Estrada, Union County Freeholder
NJAC Immediate Past President	Beth E. Timberman, Salem County Freeholder

On a motion by Monmouth County, seconded by Hudson County and carried by unanimous voice vote the recommendation for the NJAC 2012 Slate of Executive Officers was approved.

2. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report** - NJAC Secretary/Treasurer and Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director Richard Gardner presented to the Board the financial reports of NJAC and NJAC Benefits. The reports were unanimously approved on a Cape May/Union County motion.
3. **President's Report** - NJAC President and Salem County Freeholder Beth E. Timberman presented to the board members the following resolutions:
 - a. Resolutions honoring the services of Monmouth County Freeholder Robert D. Clifton and Gloucester County Freeholder Frank J. DiMarco were unanimously approved on a Clerk/Somerset County motion.
 - b. The resolution for the NJAC 2012 Budget was unanimously approved on a Cape May/Salem County motion.
 - c. The resolution for the NJAC 2012 Annual County Membership Dues was unanimously approved on a Hudson/Atlantic County motion.

- d. The resolution for the NJAC 2012 Reorganization Meeting was unanimously approved on a Union/Somerset County motion.
 - e. The resolution for the NJAC 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule was approved unanimously on an Essex/Warren County motion.
4. **Executive Director's Report** - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio informed the Board Members of his intentions for cost savings in 2012. The Annual Conference continues to be held at Bally's Atlantic City. The nightly room rates have been negotiated to a substantially lower cost making it more reasonable for registrants of the conference.

The term of the copying machine and printer for NJAC expired and another comparable machine and printer were negotiated at half the monthly cost of the old machines.

The cost of monthly rent was raised and the need to reduce the cost is necessary. Hudson County Administrator Abe Antun volunteered to be on a committee about seeking new property with the intention of reducing costs in rent.

County Membership Annual NJAC Dues were not increased again. It is hopeful that Middlesex and Hunterdon Counties rejoin the New Jersey Association of Counties. This would bring county membership to 100%.

The Reorganization Meeting for 2012 is set for January 24th. Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director Richard D. Gardner will be sworn in as President as well as the Executive Officers.

As stated earlier, the Annual Conference will be held again at Bally's Atlantic City. The dates have been contracted for the week of June 4th through June 8th. The Conference Committee will have to meet to decide the events of the days. It is understood that the conference is during Primary Election. It was suggested that brainstorming meetings be held with County Administrators, Planners, Finance Officer and Board Members regarding conference days and events.

NJAC Board Members were encouraged to serve on the board of the NJAC Foundation. The importance of the scholarship program was stressed. County Vocational-Technical High School graduates collectively received \$50,000 in scholarships from the NJAC Foundation in 2011. During the 2011 Golf Outing, the NJAC Foundation raised enough money to donate \$12,000 to the National Guard State Family Readiness Council (NGSFRC).

The NJAC staff was thanked for their efforts and dedication to organizing today's Summit on Police Consolidation.

4. **Legislative Committee Report** - Legislative Chair and Monmouth County Freeholder Director Robert D. Clifton informed all Board members that a copy of the Legislative Update was enclosed in the provided packets and turned this portion of the meeting over to Mr. Donnadio. Mr. Donnadio apprised board members on the status of

Assembly Bill 3480, the State Medical Examiners Act. As of November 30th, NJAC opposed this bill. Yesterday this bill was brought up in session and a new draft was provided for review.

Assembly Bill 3899, Direct Deposit, and Assembly Bill 4267, Blue Acres Projects, were also mentioned.

Other Business:

Mr. Donnadio has a meeting scheduled with Senator Joseph Vitale on January 5th regarding Senate Bill 2999.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2012. Details of the time and location will be emailed to members at a later date.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on a Monmouth/Hudson County motion.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donnadio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John G. Donnadio
NJAC Executive Director