

# NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

*County Government with a Unified Voice*

BETH E. TIMBERMAN  
NJAC President  
Salem County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO  
Executive Director

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

*Notes to File*

June 15, 2011

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The following members of NJAC's Board of Directors participated in the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting held in the Tivoli Room of Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City at NJAC's 61<sup>st</sup> annual conference. *Please note that this "Notes to File" format will replace the "Meeting Minutes" for this meeting only.*

Stephen O'Connor, Cape May County Administrator  
Frank D. Formica, Atlantic County Freeholder  
Louis Magazzu, Cumberland County Freeholder  
Jeffrey Dublin, Hudson County Freeholder  
Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder  
Robert D. Clifton, Monmouth County Freeholder  
Anthony DeNova, Passaic County Administrator  
Beth E. Timberman, Salem County Freeholder  
Peter Palmer, Somerset County Freeholder  
Angel Estrada, Union County Freeholder  
John Eskilson, Sussex County Administrator  
Richard Gardner, Warren County Freeholder  
M. Claire French, Monmouth County Clerk  
John G. Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director

### MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors approved the Meeting Minutes from the April 15, 2011 meeting held in Committee Room 4 of the State House Annex in Trenton.

### CONFERENCE UPDATE

NJAC President and Salem County Freeholder Beth Timberman and Executive Director John Donnadio presented the Board with an update of the conference, which included 75 vendors, 17 of the 30 workshops approved for continuing education credits, and Governor Chris Christie as the keynote speaker.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

- Lisa Cole of Nationwide Retirement Solutions highlighted the success of NACo's 457 Deferred Compensation Program and noted Nationwide's commitment to helping public employees achieve financial security in retirement.
- Andrew Goldschmidt of NACo discussed the benefits of NACo's Prescription Discount Card Program, which is intended to provide some relief to the uninsured and underinsured who face high prescription drug costs. Mr. Goldschmidt also invited everyone to attend NACo's annual conference in Portland, Oregon; and, provided information on the 2011 election for NACo Second Vice President - ultimately won by Linn County Iowa Supervisor Linda Langston.

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

NJAC Secretary/Treasurer and Warren County Freeholder Richard D. Gardner presented the financials for NJAC and the NJAC Benefits, LLC. The Executive Director noted that it is the intention of the Finance Committee to dissolve the LLC by the end of the year. The Board of Directors approved the financials.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Timberman requested a vote on the following resolutions.

- Resolution - urging the State of New Jersey to separate the local government Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) from the State PERS and PFRS.
- Resolution - opposing **ASSEMBLY, NO. 3285** (*Wisniewski*), which requires certain public contract bid advertisements to contain certified cost estimates and specifies grounds for the rejection of all bids.

The Board of Directors approved both resolutions. The Board also encouraged the Executive Director to strongly support the pension and health benefits reform legislation proposed by Governor Christie, Senate President Steve Sweeney, and Speaker of the General Assembly Sheila Oliver. The measure was signed into law on June 28, 2011.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director encouraged board members to visit the vendors, attend the workshops, and enjoy the DJ and Chatterband.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In addition to pension and health benefits reform as noted above, NJAC First Vice President and Monmouth County Freeholder Robert D. Clifton and the Executive Director discussed the following issues:

- Projected Cost Estimates - on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and on behalf of NJAC, Somerset County Purchasing Official Mary Louise Stanton testified before the Assembly Transportation Committee in opposition to **ASSEMBLY, NO. 3285** (*Wisniewski D-19*). In summary, this legislation requires certain public contract bid advertisements to contain certified cost estimates and specifies grounds for the rejection of all bids. Although the Committee favorably reported the bill, Mary Lou did an outstanding job at turning four yes votes into no votes.
- County Medical Examiner Offices - NJAC has met with the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association (NJSFDA) over the past several weeks to discuss our concerns with **SENATE, NO. 2395/ASSEMBLY, NO. 3480** (*Vitale D-19/Bateman R-16*), which revises the "State Medical Examiners Act"; and, of which NJSFDA is supporting. NJAC is primarily concerned that the bill as introduced is far reaching and creates a system similar to that of how the county prosecutors' offices function where counties fund the offices, but maintain little control over the fiscal, personnel, or operational matters.

## NEW BUSINESS

Cape May County Adjuster Rita Fulginiti discussed the efforts of the county adjusters and finance officers to reform the complex rate setting methodology used by the State House Commission to establish "per diem rates" and the "county blended rate" for county indigent patients housed in State psychiatric hospitals.

*The meeting was adjourned.*

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