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RICHARD D. GARDNER
NJAC President
Warren County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday - January 24, 2012

**State House Annex - Committee Room 11
Trenton, New Jersey 08608**

The meeting was called to order by Incoming NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Richard D. Gardner at 10:01 a.m.

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

Members in Attendance:

Richard Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Jeffrey Dublin, *Hudson County Freeholder*
M. Claire French, *Monmouth County Clerk*
Angel Estrada, *Union County Freeholder*
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*
Gerald M. Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder Director*
M. Susan Sheppard, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Stephen O'Connor, *Cape May County Administrator*
Carol Clark, *Essex County Freeholder*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Matthew Holt, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*
Ronald Sworen, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*
Blanquita Valenti, *Middlesex County*
Lillian Burry, *Monmouth County Freeholder*
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*
Margaret Nordstrom, *Morris County Freeholder*
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*
Theodore "TJ" Best, Jr., *Passaic County Freeholder*
Richard Zeoli, *Sussex County Freeholder Director*
Bette Jane Kowalski, *Union County Freeholder*
Thomas DeGise, *Hudson County Executive*
Donald De Leo, *Hudson County Surrogate*
Barbara Netchert, *Hudson 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*
Paul Anzano, Esq., *Partner of Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, PC and NJAC General Counsel*
Michael O'Connell, Esq., *Associate of Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, PC and NJAC General Counsel*
Michael Barrett, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*

Absent:

Atlantic County
Bergen County
Burlington County
Camden County
Gloucester County
Ocean County
Salem County

Dick Lane, Sr. Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant
Loren Wizman, NJAC Executive Assistant
Kimberly Nolan, NJAC Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance:

Colleen Burns, Vice President of Premier Healthcare Resources
Michael Dougherty, Business Development of Energy Solutions Group
Janette Gardner
Robert Larsen, Major Account Manager of Raritan Valley Disposal
Josh Locke, Northeast Territory Manager of AMCAD
Anna Lustenberg, Director of External Affairs for Verizon
Gary Smalley, NJ Area Municipal Manager for Republic Services of NJ
Harold Spence, President of CAMCA
John Szeliga, Director of External Affairs for Verizon

Judge Darlene J. Pereksta, Superior Court Judge of Trenton, performed the swearing in of the 2012 NJAC Board of Directors.

NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director Richard D. Gardner announced that Salem County Freeholder Beth Timberman could not attend today's meeting due to some health concerns. NJAC President Gardner thanked Immediate Past President Timberman for her leadership during her presidency of NJAC. He also thanked members for the opportunity to lead the board and looks forward to working with everyone in 2012.

The minutes of the December 2, 2011 Board Meeting were unanimously approved on a County Surrogate/County Clerk motion.

Official Reports:

1. **NJAC Nominating Committee Report** - Stephen O'Connor, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Cape May County Administrator, presented the 2012 slate of executive officers. Mr. O'Connor noted that M. Claire French serves on the Nominating Committee and abstained from the vote when the committee met (via conference call) in November 2011. On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by Middlesex County, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Slate of Executive Officers was unanimously approved.

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

2. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report** - NJAC Secretary-Treasurer and Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada asked John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director, to present the financial reports of NJAC and NJAC Benefits to the board members. On a Mercer County motion, seconded by County Sheriff, and carried by voice vote, the financial reports were unanimously approved.

3. **President's Report** - NJAC President Gardner asked for motions on the following:

- a. Resolution - 2012 Annual Dues - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio informed the board members that this is the third consecutive year that county membership annual dues were not being raised year. On a Union County motion, seconded by County Clerk, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Annual Dues Resolution was unanimously approved.
- b. Resolution - 2011 Budget - On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by Middlesex County, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Budget was unanimously approved.
- c. Resolution - NJAC Committees and Chairs - Mr. Donnadio notified the board of the 2012 Committees and Chairs. They are as follows:

Legislative Affairs, Chair & Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin
Finance, Chair & Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada
Personnel, *Vacant*
Conference, Chair & Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French
The Rent is Too High, *Vacant*

A memorandum was issued to all board members on January 17th requesting they contact the NJAC office with their show of interest. Not many responses have been received and this resolution will be tabled until the March 16th, 2012 meeting.

- d. Resolution - NJAC Legal Counsel - On a Mercer County motion, seconded by Monmouth County, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Legal Counsel was unanimously approved.
- e. Resolution - Labor Relations Counsel - On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by a Union County motion, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Labor Counsel was unanimously approved.
- f. Resolution - Accountant/Auditor - On a County Executive motion, seconded by a Hudson County motion, and carried by voice vote, the 2012 Labor Counsel was unanimously approved.
- g. Resolution - NJAC 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule - On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by Middlesex County motion, and carried by voice vote this resolution was unanimously approved.
- h. Resolution - National County Government Month (April 2012) - The National Association of Counties (NACo) has set National County Government for April. NACo has yet to forward the resolution onto the State Associations. For now, this order of business is tabled and will be discussed for approval at the March 16th, 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting.

4. **Executive Director's Report** - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio thanked Freeholder Timberman for her leadership as President, support and dedication to NJAC.

Mr. Donnadio thanked all those who attended and supported the December 2nd, 2011 Summit on Police Consolidation.

Objectives and goals for NJAC in 2012 were mentioned:

- a. Legislation priorities;
 - b. New hire of a Legislative Director;
 - c. Hold workshops with 75% - 80% CEU's at the NJAC Annual Conference;
 - d. Have the County Finance Officers, Purchasing Officials, Planners, and Administrators hold their meetings at the NJAC Annual Conference.
5. **Legislative Committee Report** - Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin 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 informed board members that legislative sessions had resumed. New matter of discussion is the county operated nursing homes. Medicaid rate reductions imposed by the Department of Health and Senior Services hit county governments disproportionately hard. County operated nursing homes stand to lose approximately \$13,444,823.00 in Medicaid reimbursement revenue with no practical means to make up the difference.

NJAC has several meetings scheduled with legislative leaders over the next several weeks to discuss developing a solution that will allow county governments to continue providing a high standard of care to a vulnerable population.

Other Business:

Hudson County Surrogate De Leo complimented the NJAC staff on the distribution and concise content of the State House News. The State House News is an update on legislation emailed bi-weekly to county officials.

Mr. Donnadio is meeting with Acting DCA Commissioner Richard E. Constable III on February 13th in Trenton. The purpose of the meeting regards streamlining the refunding bond process. Board members and administrators were invited to attend the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4 of the NJ State House Annex.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. on a Hudson/Warren County motion.

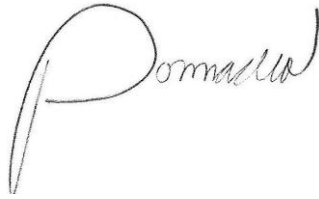
Board members and guests reassembled at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Chambers for the Swearing-In Ceremony of NJAC President Gardner and Executive Officers. Former New Jersey State Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco administered the Oath of Office. NJAC President Gardner and Executive Committee members were congratulated by Former NJ State Governor

DiFrancesco. NJAC President Gardner thanked everyone for their support and is looking forward to leading NJAC in 2012.

On behalf of the NJAC Board of Directors, NJAC President Gardner presented a plaque for Freeholder Timberman for her leadership in 2011. Salem County Clerk of the Board, Earl Gage, accepted the award in her absence. NJAC President Gardner also recognized county officials, dignitaries and honored guests in the audience. Guests were invited to Room 109 for a reception catered by the culinary students of Warren County Technical School.

The ceremony ended at 11:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donnadio", written over a large, stylized capital letter "D".

John G. Donnadio
NJAC Executive Director

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