

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
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M. CLAIRE FRENCH
NJAC President
Monmouth County Clerk

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTE TO FILE
December 12, 2014
Trenton Country Club
West Trenton, New Jersey

NJAC President and Monmouth County Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Claire French, *Monmouth County Clerk*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder*
John King, *Hunterdon County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Louis Cappelli, Jr., *Camden County Freeholder Director*
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Michael Laffey, *Cape May County Director of Operations*
Ken Mecouch, *Cumberland County Administrator*
Carol Clark, *Essex County Freeholder*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
John Cimino, *Mercer County Freeholder*
Gary Rich, Sr., *Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*
John Bonanni, *Morris County Administrator*
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*
Beth Timberman, *Salem County Freeholder*
Peter Palmer, *Somerset County Freeholder*
Richard Vohden, *Sussex County Freeholder Director*
John Eskilson, *Sussex County Administrator*
Vernell Wright, *Union County Freeholder*
Bette Jane Kowalski, *Union County Freeholder*
Al Faella, *Union County Manager*
Richard D. Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Edward Smith, *Warren County Freeholder Director*
Rob Garrison, *Bergen County Improvement Authority Director of Planning & Economic Development*
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*
John Armeno, *Executive Director for the NJ Sheriffs' Association*

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT

John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*

Paul Anzano, Esq., *Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, NJAC General Counsel*
Michael O'Connell, Esq., *Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, NJAC General Counsel*
Joe Hannon, Esq., *Genova Burns, NJAC Labor Counsel*
Mike Barrett, *Greenman-Pederson, NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Dick Lane, *Greenman-Pederson, NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Bob Werkmeister, *Greenman-Pedersen, NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Dominic Vesper, *Camden County Deputy Administrator*
Kimberly Wood, *Cumberland County Deputy Administrator*
Cathy Burd, *Morris County Deputy Administrator*
Emanuel Mahand, *Nationwide – Program Director*

1. **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT** *Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Heather Simmons*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 26, 2014.
 - B. The Board unanimously approved NJAC financials dated November 28, 2014.
 - C. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing annual county dues for 2015.
 - D. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's proposed budget for 2015.
2. **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** *Presented by Nomination Committee Chair Peter Palmer*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution naming the slate of executive officers for 2015.
3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** *Presented by President Claire French*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's reorganization meeting as January 30, 2015.
 - B. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing the schedule for board of director meetings in 2015.
 - C. President French highlighted that over 200 community and business leaders from across the State were registered for NJAC's Summit on the TTF, both panel discussions were approved for continued education credits by the Department of Community Affairs, and NJDOT Commissioner Jamie Fox would serve as the keynote luncheon speaker.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** *Presented by John Donnadio*
 - A. Executive Director Donnadio encouraged members to mark their calendars for the Association's 64th annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 6th through May 8th at Caesars in Atlantic City.
 - B. The Executive Director informed board members that he's in the process of updating the Association's strategic action plan, which he's been using as a guide to lead the organization for the past four years.

5. **STATE HOUSE NEWS** *Presented by First-Vice President Ann Cannon*

- A. First-Vice President Cannon discussed NJAC's efforts to inform the New Jersey Pension and Health Benefits Reform Commission that counties have met their pension obligations as employers and that the local pension systems are healthy. The Commission is expected to release its recommendation early in 2015.
- B. First-Vice President Cannon also discussed NJAC's advocacy to increase Local Aid allocations under the TTF as a means to mitigate the reliance on the collection of local property taxes, promote job growth and economic development, and ensure a safe and reliable transportation network.
- C. Executive Director Donnadio noted that he expects both houses to pass legislation that would authorize a county to establish a mosquito control reserve fund. NJAC's Board of Directors unanimously adopted this initiative as one of its top legislative priorities as it will empower county governments throughout the State to deliver services more effectively and efficiently while enhancing the level of service provided.

President French adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m., and encouraged members to network with guests and vendors.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donnadio". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.