

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
County Government with a Unified Voice!

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Mercer County Freeholder

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES TO FILE

December 18, 2015
Trenton Country Club
West Trenton, New Jersey

NJAC President and Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon called the meeting to order at 9:10 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

Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder and NJAC President
John King, Hunterdon County Freeholder Director and NJAC 1st Vice President
Heather Simmons, Gloucester County Freeholder and NJAC 2nd Vice President
Gary Rich, Monmouth County Freeholder Director and NJAC Secretary/Treasurer
Ross Angilella, Camden County Administrator
Gerald Thornton, Cape May County Freeholder Director
E. Marie Hayes, Cape May County Freeholder
Brendan Gill, Essex County Freeholder Vice President
Abe Antun, Hudson County Administrator
Blanquita Valenti, Middlesex County Freeholder
Teri O'Connor, Monmouth County Administrator
Douglas Cabana, Morris County Freeholder
John Bonanni, Morris County Administrator
Beth Timberman, Salem County Freeholder
Peter Palmer, Somerset County Freeholder
Anthony DeNova, Passaic County Administrator
Richard Vohden, Sussex County Freeholder
Stephen Gruchasz, Sussex County Administrator
Vernell Wright, Union County Freeholder
Richard D. Gardner, Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director
Edward Smith, Warren County Freeholder Director
John Armeno, Executive Director of the NJ Sheriffs' Association

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT

John G. Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director
Michael O'Connell, Esq., Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, NJAC General Counsel
Joe Hannon, Esq., Genova Burns, NJAC Labor Counsel
Dick Lane, Greenman-Pedersen, NJAC Transportation Consultant

1. **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT** *Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Gary Rich*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 25, 2015.
 - B. The Board unanimously approved NJAC financials dated November 30, 2015.
 - C. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing annual county dues for 2016.
 - D. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's proposed budget for 2016.

2. **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** *Presented by Nomination Committee Chair Peter Palmer*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution nominating NJAC's 2016 of executive officers, which include: Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon as Immediate Past President, Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill as Secretary/Treasurer, Monmouth County Freeholder Gary Rich as 2nd Vice President, Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons as 1st Vice President, and Hunterdon County Freeholder John King as President.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** *Presented by President Ann Cannon*
 - A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's reorganization meeting as January 29, 2016.
 - B. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing the schedule for board of directors' meetings in 2016.
 - C. President Cannon highlighted that over 200 community and business leaders from across the State were registered for NJAC's Summit on the Bail Reform and Prisoner Re-entry.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** *Presented by John Donnadio*
 - A. Executive Director Donnadio encouraged members to mark their calendars for the Association's 66th annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 18th through May 20th 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 plans to use as a guide to lead the organization. The plan will included initiatives to meet with freeholder boards across the State and develop new sources of revenue for the organization.

5. **STATE HOUSE NEWS** *Presented by First-Vice President John King*
 - A. First-Vice President King discussed a package of county governance bills that would place a 2% budgetary cap on independent State and county entities funded entirely or in part by county taxpayer dollars; require county superintendents of elections to comply with a county's administrative code; authorize all county sheriffs to hire Class Two police officers for court security; increase certain court fees to help offset court security equipment costs; authorize counties to impose a 1% hotel tax; and, requirement municipalities to notify counties of long-term property tax abatement agreements.

 - B. NJAC is in the process of meeting with legislative leadership from both houses and on both sides of the aisle to discuss the costs associated with implementing

bail reform set to begin in March of 2016 for the four pilot counties of Camden, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex, and the remaining counties in 2017. The initial data suggests that it will cost these four counties approximately \$6.0 to \$7.0 million in court facility improvements and new staff for prosecutors and sheriffs. NJAC is working to secure funding for counties in the next State budget.

President Cannon adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m., and encouraged members to network with guests and vendors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pomella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".