

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

JOHN W. KING  
NJAC President  
Hunterdon County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES TO FILE**

*December 9, 2016*  
Trenton Country Club  
West Trenton, New Jersey

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NJAC President and Hunterdon County Freeholder John King called the meeting to order at 9:00 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**

John King, *Hunterdon County Freeholder and NJAC President*  
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder and NJAC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
Gary Rich, *Monmouth County Freeholder Director and NJAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
Brendan Gill, *Essex County Freeholder and NJAC Secretary Treasurer*  
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder and NJAC Immediate Past President*  
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*  
Gerald Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder*  
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*  
Mike Laffey, *Cape May Director of Operations*  
E. Junior Maldonado, *Hudson County Freeholder*  
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*  
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*  
Douglas Cabana, *Morris County Freeholder*  
John Bonanni, *Morris County Administrator*  
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*  
Melissa DeCastro, *Salem County Freeholder*  
Brian Levine, *Somerset County Freeholder*  
George Graham, *Sussex County Freeholder*  
Bette Jane Kowalski, *Union County Freeholder*  
Vernell Wright, *Union County Freeholder*  
Richard D. Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder*  
Edward Smith, *Warren County Freeholder*  
Shaun Gulden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*  
John Armeno, *Executive Director, Sheriffs' Association of NJ*  
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*  
George Strachan, *Executive Director, Gloucester County Improvement Authority*

## **STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT**

John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*

Paul Anzano, Esq., *Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, NJAC General Counsel*

Brian Kronick, Esq. *Genova Burns, NJAC Labor Counsel*

### **1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT** *Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Brendan Gill*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 23, 2016.
- B. The Board unanimously approved NJAC financials dated October 31, 2016.
- C. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing annual county dues for 2017.
- D. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's proposed budget for 2017.

### **2. NOMINATION COMMITTEE** *Presented by Nomination Committee Chair Vernell Wright*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution nominating NJAC's 2017 slate of executive officers as follows: Hunterdon County Freeholder John King as Immediate Past President, Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi as Secretary/Treasurer, Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Monmouth County Freeholder Gary Rich as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons as President.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** *Presented by President John King*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's reorganization meeting as January 27, 2017
- B. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing its schedule of meetings for 2017.
- C. The Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Contract for 2017 to 2020.
- D. President King reflected on a busy and successful year as President; and, each executive officer congratulated him for his dedication and commitment to county government.

### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** *Presented by John Donnadio*

- A. The Executive Director provided an overview of the Association's Summit on Pension and Health Benefits.
- B. The Executive Director encouraged members to mark their calendars for the Association's 67<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> at Caesars in Atlantic City.

5. **STATE HOUSE NEWS** Presented by Heather Simmons

- A. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** - After more than one year of advocating for an amicable resolution to address NJAC's well documented concerns with the costs associated with implementing Criminal Justice Reform, NJAC has filed a complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates contending that the new law imposes an unfunded mandate.
- B. **TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND** - NJAC has requested a meeting with NJDOT Commissioner Richard Hammer to discuss Local Aid Allotments under the TTF and delay claims resulting from this summer's shutdown of projects funded by the TTF.
- C. **911 FEES** – NJAC is encouraging all 21 counties to adopt a resolution urging Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to properly allocate "911 System and Emergency Trust Fund Account (Fund)" monies to county and municipal 911 centers as recommended under federal law.
- D. **ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS** – NJAC has been working with New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, county finance officers, county purchasing officials, and other local government officials on regulations that will allow county governments to pay their bills electronically in mid-2017.
- E. Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon also addressed the Board to discuss his concerns with certain companies contacting local governments about using the Right of Way (ROW) to install wireless telecommunication facilities.

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

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