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JOHN W. KING
NJAC President
Hunterdon County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Friday – January 29, 2016
Senate Chambers of the State House
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

The meeting was called to order by 2015 NJAC President and Mercer County Freeholder Ann M. Cannon at 11:09 a.m. Mrs. Helen King led the flag salute, and afterwards, John G. Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director, called roll and a quorum was present.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John King, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder*
Gary J. Rich, Sr., *Monmouth County Freeholder*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder Chair*
Brendan W. Gill, *Essex County Freeholder Vice President*
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*
Louis Cappelli, Jr., *Camden County Freeholder Director*
Gerald M. Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder Director*
Darlene Barber, *Cumberland County Administrator*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
John Bonanni, *Morris County Administrator*
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*
Peter S. Palmer, *Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Richard Vohden, *Sussex County Freeholder*
Vernell Wright, *Union County Freeholder*
Richard D. Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder*
Brian M. Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*
Mary H. Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*
George Strachan, *Executive Director for Gloucester County Improvement Authority*
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*
Allen Weston, *NJAC Legislative Director*
Loren Wizman, *NJAC Director of Business Development*
Kimberly Nolan, *NJAC Office Manager*
Michael O'Connell, Esq., *Member of Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, PC and NJAC General Counsel*
Brett Pugh, Esq., *Member of Genova Burns LLC and NJAC Labor Relations Counsel*
Richard Lane, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Bob Werkmeister, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*
Gregory Johnson, *SVP/Branch Manager of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leonard Lance, *United States Congressman – NJ Legislative District 7*
Honorable Christopher “Kip” Bateman, *Senator of NJ Legislative District 16*
Honorable Jack Ciattarelli, *Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 16*
Honorable Erik Peterson, *Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 23*
Pastor Nathaniel Tuckey, *South Ridge Community Church of Clinton*
Michael Hickman, *Photographer & Owner of Mike Hickman Photography*
Charlene Webster, *Burlington County Director of Strategic Planning & Marketing*
Dominic Vesper, Jr., *Camden County Deputy Administrator*
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Kimberly Wood, *Cumberland County Deputy Administrator*
Dan Knitzer, *Confidential Aide to Freeholder Vice President Gill*
Daniele Spence, *Gloucester County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Simmons*
Matt Holt, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*
Suzanne Lagay, *Hunterdon County Freeholder Director*
John Lanza, *Hunterdon County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Rob Walton, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*
Dana Gootman, *Hunterdon County Deputy Clerk of the Board*
Frederick Brown, *Hunterdon County Sheriff*
Frank Cordero, *Hunterdon County Undersheriff*
Frank J. Della Serra, *Hunterdon County Undersheriff*
Susan Hoffman, *Hunterdon County Surrogate*
George Wagner, *Hunterdon County Chief of Staff*
Shana Taylor, *Hunterdon County Counsel*
Brad Mhyre, *Hunterdon County Human Resources Director*
Dr. Kimberly Metz, *Hunterdon County Vocational-Technical School District Superintendent*
Pat Colavita, *Mercer County Freeholder Vice-Chair*
Eric Puliti, *Mercer County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Cannon*
M. Claire French, *Monmouth County Clerk (retired)*
Christine Giordano-Hanlon, *Monmouth County Clerk*
Jennifer Gagnon, *Monmouth County Confidential Aid to Freeholder Director Rich*
Cathy Burd, *Morris County Deputy Administrator*
Matthew Jordan, *Passaic County Deputy Administrator*
Brett Radi, *Somerset County Clerk*
Stephen Gruchasz, *Sussex County Administrator*
Bette Jane Kowalski, *Union County Freeholder*
Edward Smith, *Warren County Freeholder*
Helen King
Jason King
Megan Jones-Holt
Faith Vohden
Paul Muir, *Mayor of Bethlehem Township*
Susan Soloway, *Mayor of Township of Franklin*
Bill Bischoff, *Republican Executive Committee Member*
Ronald Sworen, *Republican Committee Municipal Chair & former Freeholder*
Jim Benton, *Executive Director for New Jersey Petroleum Council*

Patty Cadigan, *Deputy State Librarian for the NJ State Library*
Tricia Dain, *Administrative Assistant for CFG Health Systems, LLC*
Michael Darcy, *Executive Director for the NJ State League of Municipalities*
Michael Egenton, *Executive Vice President of Gov't Relations for NJ State Chamber of Commerce*
Barry Gleissner, *Survey/GIS Manager for AECOM, Inc.*
Jim Jacob, *Vice President of Business Development for Primepoint*
Bina Kumar, *Managing Director – East Region for Nationwide*
Amy Magnuson, *Special Projects Manager for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority*
Geoffrey Perselay, *President for Perselay Associates, Inc.*
Denise Rahaman, *Operations Director of Corrections for CFG Health Systems, LLC*
Linda Reina, *President & CEO of Claims Alliance*
Mark Roberts, *Manager of National Accounts for Careington International*
David Sarmir, *Investment Advisor for Nationwide*
Judy Savage, *Executive Director for NJ Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools*
Vic Scire, *Vice President of Marketing for Primepoint*
Robert Sobol, *Business Development Manager for Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc.*
John Szeliga, *Director of External Affairs for Verizon*
Harry Thibodeau, *Chief Operating Officer for PharmaCare*
Bernie Vitti, *Executive Director of Business Development for PharmaCare*
David Weprin, *Managing Director of Stern Brothers & Co.*

BOARD MEETING

- Pastor Nathan Tuckey of the South Ridge Community Church in Clinton provided the invocation.
- Honorable Christopher “Kip” Bateman, Assemblyman of New Jersey Legislative District 16, administered the oath of office to NJAC’s 2016 Board of Directors, executive officers and 2016 President John W. King.
- US Congressman Leonard Lance provided the keynote remarks to the board members and guests. He reminded all of the value and importance of county government and its leaders, and alphabetically recited all 21 counties.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. NJAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio presented the 2016 slate of executive officers to the board members. The board unanimously approved the slate of officers on a Somerset/County Clerk motion.

NJAC President – John W. King, Hunterdon County Freeholder
NJAC 1st Vice President – Heather Simmons, Gloucester County Freeholder
NJAC 2nd Vice President – Gary J. Rich, Sr., Monmouth County Freeholder
NJAC Secretary-Treasurer – Brendan W. Gill, Essex County Freeholder Vice President
NJAC Immediate Past President – Ann M. Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder Chair

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NJAC President King reviewed the following routine business items and resolutions, which were passed as general consent matters on a Passaic County/County Surrogate vote:

- a. December 18, 2015 Meeting Notes to File
- b. Financials, dated December 31, 2015
- c. Resolution - NJAC 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule
- d. Resolution - NJAC 2016 Annual County Dues
- e. Resolution - NJAC 2016 Annual Budget

NJAC President King reviewed the following resolutions for professional appointments, which were passed as general consent matters on a Cape May/Warren County vote:

- a. Resolution - NJAC General Legal Counsel
- b. Resolution - NJAC Labor Relations Counsel
- c. Resolution - NJAC Accountant/Auditor

NJAC President King reviewed the following ceremonial resolutions, which were passed as general consent matters on a Mercer/Sussex County vote:

- a. Resolution - National County Government Month
- b. Resolution - Career and Technical Education Month

NJAC President King recognized special guests and thanked those in attendance for their support. Additionally, President King reminded members of the audience that NJAC has accomplished a great deal on behalf of counties and continues to do so. Much effort has been made with regard to the Transportation Trust Fund, the 2% property tax cap, pension and health benefits, interest arbitration, and bail reform to name just a few.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio thanked Freeholder Cannon for her leadership and support to NJAC as President and presented her with an award and bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Donnadio thanked those who attended and supported the December 18, 2015 Summit on Bail Reform and Prisoner Re-Entry. Over 200 county and business leaders from across the State attended the event. This was a successful one day event in which Elie Honig, Director of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice served as the keynote speaker.

Mr. Donnadio also pointed out that the NJAC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Counties. It is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational-technical school and county college students of New Jersey. The Foundation has partnered with business leaders such as Investors Bank, PSEG, NJM Insurance Group, Wells Fargo, and Verizon. Through the generosity of these prominent companies, the Foundation has had the opportunity to provide some much needed financial assistance to an impressive group of hardworking students. During the past five years, NJAC Foundation has

donated more than \$160,000.00 in scholarships to over 300 county vocational-technical school graduates.

NJAC's Conference Committee met on January 22nd to discuss this year's 66th annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 18th through May 20th at Caesar's in Atlantic City. This year's event includes the 5th annual county vocational-technical school cook-off challenge, a reporters' roundtable discussion, 24 accredited workshops, and the opportunity to network with county business leaders from across the State.

Judy Savage, Executive Director for the NJ Council of County Vocational -Technical Schools, discussed the rules and selection process of the 2016 cook-off challenge. Automatic entries for 2016 include: Hunterdon County as the County of the 2016 NJAC President and Cumberland County as the as the 2015 People's Choice Gold Award. Schools from Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union, and Warren Counties are also automatic entries since they did not participate last year and met the required application deadline. The Hudson County Schools of Technology was selected from a drawing to compete for the remaining slot. Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Mercer and Middlesex counties participated in last year's competition and also applied to compete this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 6 of the NJ State House Annex.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned on a Somerset/Morris County motion at 11:52 a.m.

Members and guests were invited to attend the lunch reception catered by the Hunterdon County Polytech High School students and staff. The reception was held at the West Gallery of the NJ State Museum located at 205 West State Street in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

John G. Donnadio, Esq.
NJAC Executive Director