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JOHN W. KING
NJAC President
Hunterdon County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Friday – June 24, 2016
State House Annex Building – Committee Room 6
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

The meeting was called to order by John King, NJAC President and Hunterdon County Freeholder, at 10:03 a.m. After saluting the American flag, 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*
Brendan W. Gill, *Essex County Freeholder Vice President*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder Chair*
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Richard Vohden, *Sussex County Freeholder*
Vernell Wright, *Union County Freeholder*
Ed Smith, *Warren County Freeholder Director*
Brian M. Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*
Mary H. Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*
James Blanda, *Executive Director for Camden 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*
Joseph Hannon, Esq., *Partner of Genova Burns LLC and NJAC Labor Relations Counsel*
Bob Werkmeister, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Laffey, *Cape May County Director of Operations*
Daniele Spence, *Gloucester County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Simmons*
Jennifer Gagnon, *Monmouth County Confidential Aid to Freeholder Director Rich*

Matthew Jordan, *Passaic County Deputy Administrator*
Faith Vohden, *Sussex County*
Emily Hammer, *Chief Marketing Officer of DI Group Architecture*
Jim Jacob, *Vice President of Business Development for Primepoint*
Eileen Leahey, *Director of External Affairs of PSEG*
Erica Rosso, *Consumer Safety Coordinator of NJM Insurance Group*
Vic Scire, *Vice President of Marketing for Primepoint*
Jane Sharp, *Director of CPM Program for Rutgers University*
Robert Sobol, *Business Development Manager of Brinkerhoff Environmental Services*
Bernie Vitti, *Executive Director of Business Development for PharmaCare*
Joe Whalen, *VP of Sales & Marketing for Integrity Health*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Matthew Moench, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Chris Christie, addressed board members on staff changes in the Governor's Office and offered to serve as a resource for county governments.

Ron Wildman, Information Technology Project Manager for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), discussed virtual courtrooms and the use of video conferencing as a resource to implement Criminal Justice Reform.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT - NJAC Secretary-Treasurer Gill, presented the following reports:
 - a. Meeting Minutes - The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of March 11, 2016 on a Mercer/Hudson County motion.
 - b. NJAC Financials - The board unanimously approved the NJAC financials, dated June 20, 2016, on a Cape May/Monmouth County motion.
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NJAC President King congratulated NJAC staff, members of the conference committee, business associates, and affiliates groups for a stellar 66th Annual Conference which took place at Caesar's in Atlantic City. President King informed board members that he and Mr. Donnadio have visited several county freeholder boards throughout the State to discuss NJAC's goals and objectives. President King also invited everyone to attend NJAC's annual night of baseball and fireworks at the Arm & Hammer Ball Park in Trenton to watch the Trenton Thunder take on the Altoona Curve at 7:00 p.m. on July 28th. NJAC has reserved a suite, which accommodates a maximum of 30 guests with food and refreshments.
3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio reiterated the compliments of President King on the annual conference. Mr. Donnadio also congratulated Union County Freeholder Vernell Wright for being this year's recipient of the Maurice Fitzgibbons Freeholder of the Year Award. An honorable mention was also given to the culinary staff and students of the Cumberland County Technical Education

Center for winning the Gold medal in the People's Choice Award at this year's 5th Annual County Vocational Technical School Cook-Off Challenge. For the first time this year, NJAC hosted an Acapella Sing-Off where students from Atlantic Cape Community College and Union County College did a fantastic job during the Exhibitors' Reception. Mr. Donnadio also thanked NJ Manufacturer's Insurance Group, PSEG, and Investors Bank for their generous donations to the NJAC Foundation scholarship program. Both PSEG and Investors Bank made check presentations at the annual conference on May 19th and 20th.

Mr. Donnadio pointed out that Somerset County Freeholder Peter Palmer has served 30 years as a Freeholder and 20 years on the NJAC Board of Directors; and recommended naming the county service awards, given at the annual conference, the Peter S. Palmer County Service Award. It was approved on a Monmouth/Cape May County motion.

Mr. Donnadio also noted the following: This year the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference is being held in Los Angeles County - Long Beach, California from July 22nd through July 25th. If registering on-line at www.nac.org/annual, then the registrant receives a \$25.00 savings and instant confirmation. All were encouraged to attend. NJAC is once again partnering with Rutgers University to offer continuing education through the County Administrators Training Program. This year the program will be held on Friday, September 23rd and September 30th. Details will soon be posted on www.njac.org. Again, the Trenton Country Club will be the venue for this year's winter Summit which is to be held on Friday, December 9th, at 9:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Currently there is no theme and suggestions are welcomed during the summer. As in past years, NJAC would like to begin publicizing for this event starting in September.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - NJAC 1st Vice President Heather Simmons informed all board members that a copy of *State House News*, dated June 10, 2016, was enclosed in the provided packets.

Criminal Justice Reform - NJAC is working to include a \$21.0 million budget resolution in the 2017 State budget and will continue to work with the Administrative Office of the Courts to reduce the costs associated with implementing Criminal Justice Reform and providing court security.

Electronic Fund Transfers - Legislation that would allow county governments to pay their bills electronically is on currently Second Reading in both houses and NJAC expects the measure to be on the Governor's desk shortly. Under current law, counties must pay their bills by writing paper checks and this initiative would streamline the bill paying process.

Transportation Trust Fund - NJAC continues to advocate for increasing Local Aid Allocations under the Transportation Trust Fund to \$400.0 million as a critical component of the bipartisan transportation funding plan currently being considered.

NJAC Legislative Director Allen Weston provided the Board with a report on legislation dealing with blood lead levels in children, which Burlington County brought to NJAC's attention. It was noted that the standards used by the State of New Jersey are outdated, however, moving to the standard currently utilized by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as proposed, would be extremely costly for local health departments. NJAC has relayed this matter to both the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor's Office; and, funding is expected to be included for this matter in the State Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4 of the State House Annex Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned on a Warren/Sussex County motion at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

John G. Donnadio, Esq.
NJAC Executive Director