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JOHN W. KING
NJAC President
Hunterdon County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Friday – March 11, 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 10:07 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*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder Chair*
Gerald M. Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder Director*
Gerard Balmir, *Hudson County Freeholder*
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*
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:

E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Gerald Seneski, *Gloucester County CFO/Treasurer*

Daniele Spence, *Gloucester County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Simmons*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Jennifer Gagnon, *Monmouth County Confidential Aid to Freeholder Director Rich*
Cathy Burd, *Morris County Deputy Administrator*
Matthew Jordan, *Passaic County Deputy Administrator*
Faith Vohden
Lori Buckelew, *Legislative Analyst for the NJ State League of Municipalities*
Michael Cerra, *Director of Government Affairs for the NJ State League of Municipalities*
Heather Jones, AIS, AINS, *Personal Line Account Representative for NJM Insurance Group*
Bina Kumar, *Managing Director – East Region for Nationwide*
Emanuel Mahand, *Program Director for DE, NJ, PA for Nationwide*
JillAnn Murphy, CPA, CGFM, CGMA, PSA, *Accountant – Governmental Section for Mercadieu, PC*
Jane Sharp, *Director of the Certified Public Management Program for Rutgers University*
Vic Scire, *Vice President of Marketing for Primepoint*
Stuart Schwerner, ATC, *Administrative Director for JAG Therapy*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Commissioner Elizabeth Connelly of the NJ State Department of Human Services addressed members of the Board with an update of the Department. She shared great news that on Monday, March 14th, \$11 million would be distributed to the counties for the purpose of Medicaid.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT - In the absence of NJAC Secretary-Treasurer and Essex County Freeholder Vice President Gill, NJAC 2nd Vice President and Monmouth County Freeholder Gary J. Rich, Sr. presented the following reports:
 - a. Meeting Minutes - The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of January 29, 2016 on a Warren/Mercer County motion.
 - b. NJAC Financials - The board unanimously approved the NJAC financials, dated February 29, 2016, on a Mercer/Cape May County motion.
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NJAC President King reviewed the following resolutions, which were passed as general consent matters on a Monmouth/Morris County vote:
 - a. 2016 Committee Assignments
 - b. National County Government Month - "Safe and Secure Counties"

NJAC President King advised the Board that he and Mr. Donnadio will be visiting various county Freeholder Board Meetings this year. On Wednesday, March 9th, they attended the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders Meeting and thanked Morris County for its hospitality and opportunity for them to speak about NJAC's goals and objectives for this year.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio announced that Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Executive prepared proclamations to the NJAC officers. The proclamations were presented to the members.

Mr. Donnadio reminded the Board 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 Investors Bank, PSEG, and NJM Insurance Group once again this year making it possible for the NJAC Foundation to provide some much needed financial assistance to an impressive group of hardworking students. Investors Bank will make a scholarship check presentation of \$21,000.00 to the NJAC Foundation at the NJAC Annual Conference on Friday, May 20th while PSEG will make its scholarship check presentation of \$12,000.00 on Thursday, May 19th.

This year's Annual Celebration of County Government takes place from May 18th through May 20th at Caesar's in Atlantic City. Some highlighted events include: an A cappella sign-off, the 2nd Annual Reporters' Roundtable, two Board of Directors' Meeting with scholarship check presentations, award ceremonies, the 5th Annual County Vocational-Technical Schools Cook-Off Challenge, affiliate group meetings, 24 accredited workshops, and opportunities to network with county and business leaders from across the State.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - NJAC 1st Vice President and Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons informed all board members that a copy of *State House News*, dated March 4, 2016, was enclosed in the provided packets prior to asking Mr. Donnadio to update the board members on legislation in which NJAC is active.

Criminal Justice Reform - NJAC and its twenty-one county members are committed to implementing Criminal Justice Reform as good public policy and as a means for reducing long-term operating expenses at county jails. NJAC is working with legislative leadership to have legislation introduced that would increase certain court filing fees and dedicate collected revenues to offsetting the costs associated with implementing and administering criminal justice reform.

Electronic Fund Transfers - NJAC is also working with legislators to sponsor legislation that would allow county governments to streamline their bill paying process by using electronic fund transfer technologies.

Transportation Trust Fund - NJAC continues to advocate for stable, dependable, and long-term source of dedicated funding for the Transportation Trust Fund and for an increase in Local Aid Allocations as a means to mitigate the reliance on local property taxpayer dollars.

Electronic Waste Recycling - Allen Weston, NJAC Legislative Director, reported that NJAC is working with the county recycling community to support legislation that would ensure manufacturers provide free and convenient electronic waste recycling

programs for all covered and collected electronic devices as county governments across the State are weighing whether to absorb electronic waste recycling costs or eliminate popular programs entirely.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the main Exhibit Hall at Caesar's in Atlantic City during its annual conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned on a Sheriff/Somerset County motion at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnadio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

John G. Donnadio, Esq.
NJAC Executive Director