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Gloucester County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES TO FILE

December 8, 2017

Trenton Country Club
West Trenton, New Jersey

NJAC President and Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons 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

Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder and NJAC President*
Mary Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk and NJAC Secretary Treasurer*
John King, *Hunterdon County Freeholder and NJAC Immediate Past President*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*
Lou Cappelli, *Camden County Freeholder*
Gerald Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder*
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
Mike Laffey, *Cape May Director of Operations*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*
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*
Peter Palmer, *Somerset County Freeholder*
Carl Lazzaro, *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*
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*

Joe Hannon, Esq. *Genova Burns, NJAC Labor Counsel*

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT *Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Melfi*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 22, 2017.
- B. The Board unanimously approved NJAC financials dated October 31, 2017.
- C. The Board unanimously approved the 2016 Annual Audit of NJAC.
- D. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC annual county dues for 2018.
- E. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's proposed budget for 2018.

2. NOMINATION COMMITTEE *Presented by Nomination Committee Chair Peter Palmer*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution nominating NJAC's 2018 slate of executive officers as follows: Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi as President, Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill as 1st Vice President, Cape May County Freeholder Marie Hayes as 2nd Vice President, Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino as Secretary/Treasurer, and Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons as Immediate Past President.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT *Presented by President Heather Simmons*

- A. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing NJAC's reorganization meeting as January 26, 2018
- B. The Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing its schedule of meetings for 2018.
- C. President Simmons reflected on a busy and successful year as President; and, board members congratulated her for her dedication and commitment to county government.

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

- A. The Executive Director provided an overview of the Association's Summit on the Opioid Crisis and Resources for Recovery.
- B. The Executive Director encouraged members to mark their calendars for the Association's 68th annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 9th through May 11th at Caesars in Atlantic City.

5. **STATE HOUSE NEWS** *Presented by John Donnadio*

- A. LAME DUCK SESSION – NJAC expects a very busy lame-duck session as Governor Christie will leave office after 8 years, and Democrats will control both houses of the Legislature by wide margins.
- B. INTEREST ARBITRATION - NJAC will continue to work with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and other stakeholders on urging the State Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on bidding interest arbitration awards.
- C. COUNTY LEGISLATIVE GOALS – NJAC plans to share its short and long term legislative goals with Governor Phil Murphy shortly after he takes office on January 16th.

President Simmons 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 "Donnadio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial letter.