

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**  
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JOHN A. CIMINO  
NJAC President  
Mercer County Commissioner

JOHN G. DONNADIO, ESQ.  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

*June 25, 2021*

Video Conference Meeting

10:00 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by NJAC President and Mercer County Commissioner John A. Cimino.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Maureen Kern *Atlantic County Commissioner Chairwoman*  
Daniel J. O'Connell, *Burlington County Commissioner*  
Johnathan Young, Sr., *Camden County Commissioner*  
Joseph Derella *Cumberland County Commissioner Director*  
Darlene Barber, *Cumberland County Deputy Commissioner Director*  
Brendan Gill, *Essex County Commissioner*  
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*  
Shaun Van Doren, *Hunterdon County Commissioner*  
John Cimino, *Mercer County Commissioner*  
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Commissioner*  
Nancy Pinkin, *Middlesex County Clerk*  
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*  
John Bonanni, *Morris County Administrator*  
John P. Kelly, *Ocean County Commissioner*  
Carl Block, *Ocean County Administrator*  
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*  
Ed Ramsay, *Salem County Commissioner*  
Shanel Robinson, *Somerset County Commissioner Director*  
Angela Garretson, *Union County Commissioner*  
James Kern, III, *Warren County Commissioner Director*  
Brian Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*  
Mary Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*  
Paula Sollami-Covello, *Mercer County Clerk*  
Diane Gerofsky, *Mercer County Surrogate*  
George Strachan, *Gloucester County Improvement Authority*  
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*  
Joe Hannon, Esq., *NJAC Labor Relations Counsel*  
Bob Werkmeister, *NJAC Transportation Consultant*  
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*  
Allen Weston, *NJAC Legislative Director*  
Loren Wizman, *NJAC Director of Business Development*  
Kimberly Nolan, *NJAC Office Manager*

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Jerry DelRosso, *Atlantic County Administrator*  
Bonnie Lindaw, *Atlantic County Comptroller*  
Charlene Webster, *Burlington County Director of Marketing and Communications*  
Catherine Binowski, *Camden County Assistant County Counsel*  
Dominic Vesper, *Camden County Deputy Administrator*  
John Carr, *Cumberland County Counsel*  
Jody Hirata, *Cumberland County Deputy Administrator*  
Celeste Riley, *Cumberland County Clerk*  
Kecia Burnett, *Essex County Director of Small Business Development & Affirmative Action*  
Erin Taliaferro, *Gloucester County Fiscal Officer*  
Cheryl Fuller, *Hudson County Director of Finance*  
Kevin Davis, *Hunterdon County Administrator*  
Geoff Perselay, *Monmouth County Deputy Administrator*  
Beti Bauer, *Morris County Director of Finance/CFO*  
Peter Danzi, *Morris County Grants Manager*  
Mary Jones Schaming, *Morris County Assistant Director of Operations*  
Julie Tarrant, *Ocean County Comptroller*  
Michael Fiure, *Ocean County Deputy Administrator*  
Danielle Ireland-Imhof, *Passaic County Clerk*  
John Bruno, *Somerset County HR Director*  
Tina Jalloh, *Somerset County Surrogate*  
Al Mirabella, *Union County Commissioner Chairperson*  
Peter Stuart, *Runbeck Regional Director of Sales*  
Jane Sharp, *Rutgers University, School of Public Affairs and Administration*  
John Minnella, *SHI International, District Manager*  
John Turba, *SHI International, Account Executive*  
Eric Seguin, *Solix, Inc., SVP of Client Relations*  
Cheryl Griffith, *TD Bank, Senior Vice President*  
Daniel Rodriguez, *TD Bank, Vice President*  
Gordon Thomas, *TD Bank, Vice President*  
Bob Sobol, *VHB, Manager Business Development*  
Matt Chase, *Executive Director, NACo*

## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) UPDATE, Matt Chase, President, NACo**

President Cimino introduced NACo Executive Director Matt Chase to provide an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and how counties may use the funding. Mr. Chase reviewed Treasury's Interim Final Guidance and addressed several questions presented by counties from across the nation. Mr. Chase stressed that counties should closely monitor Treasury's FAQ's for updates on eligible funding, reporting requirements, calculating revenue losses, strategies for claiming the monies, and more. Mr. Chase added that all funding must be incurred and obligated by December 31, 2024 and that all funding must be expended by December 31, 2026. Mr. Chase promised to make his power point presentation available as the request of the several members.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT – NJAC Secretary/Treasurer and Hunterdon County Commissioner Shaun Van Doren reported on the following:
  - a. Meeting Minutes/NJAC Financials – The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes dated March 26, 2021 on a Camden/Cumberland motion, and the NJAC financials dated May 31, 2021 on Union/Cumberland motion.
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NJAC President and Mercer County Commissioner John A. Cimino presented the following:
  - a. County Visits – President Cimino briefed the Board on his recent attendance at the Southern New Jersey County Commissioner's Association meeting in Camden County and his intention to attend the upcoming meeting in Cape May County. President Cimino expressed renewed interest in getting central and northern New Jersey associations up and running as has been discussed in the past. President Cimino thanked Mr. Donnadio for the Association's recent work on a number of important county initiatives and discussed the new perspective gained working on these issues as the Association's President.
3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio presented the following:
  - a. Annual Celebration of County Government– Mr. Donnadio indicated that the numbers for the upcoming Annual Conference in Atlantic City set for October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> are promising and hopes to see everyone there in-person for a terrific event.
  - b. NJAC Partnership with cashVest– Mr. Donnadio discussed NJAC partnership with cashVest through NACo to provide liquidity analysis and data analytic services for local governing bodies across the State.
  - c. NJAC Foundation Scholarships – Mr. Donnadio was pleased to inform the Board that the scholarship program has been back distributing scholarships at in-person events in multiple counties. Since 2011, the Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships to county vocational technical school graduates continuing their education in the Garden State.
4. STATE HOUSE NEWS – NJAC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor Presented the following:
  - a. Labor Negotiations Legislation – Mr. Donnadio provided an overview of legislation that would empower the public sector labor unions to negotiate previously non-negotiable items. Although the legislation has stalled for now, Mr. Donnadio expects the Legislature to reconsider the measure during the lame-duck session and urged Board members to strongly oppose the legislation with resolutions and by notifying their legislative delegations.
  - b. Early Voting – Mr. Donnadio reported that FY22 State budget includes approximately \$47.0 million for in-person early voting and language to reimburse counties if actual expenditures exceeds the \$47.0 million appropriated.

- c. Pension Reforms – NJAC had been working with the Senate President and public sector labor unions on legislation to reform the pension system as counties and municipalities endured double digit increases in their pension bills as employers in 2021. However, this legislation has stalled given the Association's strong opposition to the above noted measure that would empower the public sector labor unions to negotiate previously non-negotiable items.
- d. County Jail Prisoner Re-Entry – Mr. Donnadio discussed legislation that is on the Governor's Desk, which would authorize each county to hire a county reentry coordinator responsible for helping inmates navigate services and resources upon release from jail under certain circumstances. Grant funding is available for the position and for additional Medicated Assisted Treatment services.
- e. Ordinance Notification – Finally, Mr. Donnadio reviewed an NJAC initiative, also on the Governor's Desk, which would allow counties to transmit ordinances to constituent municipalities by email instead of by regular mail.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS – None.

*The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in-person.*

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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NJAC Executive Director