

August 1, 2023

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset was held on the above at 12:00 pm via zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Robinson

Kelly L. Mager, Clerk of the Board, stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice transmitted to the Courier News on July 28, 2023.

Kelly Mager, Clerk of the Board, informed the Board and any viewing public that, for public access, questions for the public session should be emailed to Countyboardmeeting@co.somerset.nj.us or by raising their hand within the Zoom meeting.

Roll Call -----

PRESENT: Drake , Sooy, Singleterry, Robinson

ABSENT: Marano

ALSO PRESENT: County Counsel J. DeMarco, County Administrator C. Mahr, Sheriff D. Russo, Undersheriff P. Kaminsky, Chief F. Apisa, Y. Childress, M. Kosensky, J. Shain

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SINGLETERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION:

R23-1498

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR HOUSING OF SOMERSET COUNTY ADULT FEMALE DETAINEES

WHEREAS, Somerset County recognizes the essential purpose of promoting public safety while providing the best care and conditions for adult female detainees in the Somerset County Correctional Facility (“SCCF”); and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Adult Corrections Center (“MCACC”) has the capacity to provide Somerset County with housing for Somerset County adult female detainees; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both the County of Somerset and the County of Middlesex to enter into a share services agreement providing for the detention of Somerset County’s adult female detainees in the MCACC, which will result in a more economical operation of the SCCF and significant annual cost savings to Somerset County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., that the County of Somerset shall be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the housing of Somerset County adult female detainees at the MCACC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of this Board shall be and is hereby authorized to execute said Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the County of Somerset, and the Clerk of this Board shall be and is hereby directed to attest said Shared Services Agreement and affix thereto the corporate seal of the County of Somerset; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County of Middlesex.

THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, WAS ON ROLL CALL ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
NOT PRESENT: MARANO

COMMISSIONER DRAKE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION:

R23-1499

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, Department of Community Affairs, has made funding available to support local programs that commence or expand recreation & leisure services for persons with disabilities, improve the status of persons with disabilities as members of the total society and promote the least restrictive environment in providing recreation and leisure services for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for direct program cost associated with delivering recreation program opportunities to persons with disabilities.; and

WHEREAS, Department of Finance and Administrative Services will have completed the application/proposal for said award in accordance with Department of Community Affairs regulations: and

WHEREAS: The Application shall further provided that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset will agree to a cash match of 20% of the funds supplied by the Department of Community Affairs. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash or direct recreation program staff salary is hereby certified and 0% of the match will be made up of in-kind services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the Director of the Board be and are hereby authorizing the Department of Finance and Administrative Services to submit an application for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant, accept and expend specific funding to awardees, pending application review, from Department of Community Affairs for Funding not to exceed \$35,000.00.

THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOOY, WAS ON ROLL CALL ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
NOT PRESENT: MARANO

PUBLIC PORTION

At this time Director Robinson asked for a motion to open the public portion of this meeting. Commissioner Sooy made a motion, duly seconded Deputy Director Singleterry, to open the public portion of the meeting.

No emails, phone calls, or questions were received from the public asking to be heard in public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Drake, duly seconded by Deputy Director Singleterry, to close the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion made and duly seconded the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly L. Mager
Clerk of the Board