

**January 23, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset was held on the above immediately following the 5:00 pm Work Agenda Session and was streamed live to the Somerset County website and to the Somerset County Facebook page.

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 was provided on January 9, 2024 as follows:

1. Noticed and Published in the Courier News.
2. Posted on the Official County Bulletin Board.
3. Filed with the County Clerk.
4. Distributed to all persons requesting such information.

Kelly L. Mager Clerk of the Board, stated that the meeting was being digitally recorded and livestreamed on the Somerset County website

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](mailto:Countyboardmeeting@co.somerset.nj.us) and that the public may participate in the meeting by commenting on the Facebook livestream or by calling (908) 231-7075.

Roll Call -----

PRESENT: Drake, Singleterry, Marano, Sooy  
ABSENT: Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Counsel J. DeMarco, Administrator C. Mahr, Clerk of the Board K. Mager, H. Burgos, M. Frost, P. McCall, T. Boccino, W. Lane, A. Slutsky, J. Tyrie, J. Shain, S. Zabawa, Y. Childress, T. Jenkins, S. Stanley, K. Barry

**CITATIONS:**

At this time, the following Citations were issued.

Somerset County Superintendent of the Year

- Dr. Michelle Aquino

Somerset County Teacher of the Year

- Corinne Laurie

**PROCLAMATION:**

At this time, the following Proclamation was issued.

***MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH 2024***

***WHEREAS***, on April 29, 2023, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Joint Resolution No. 6 by the Senate and the General Assembly of the State Of New Jersey, designating the month of January of each year as “Muslim Heritage Month”; and,

***WHEREAS***, Muslims are the world’s second largest religious population with approximately 1.9 billion followers, more than 300,000 in the State of New Jersey, and an estimated 10,000 in Somerset County; and,

***WHEREAS***, Muslims have directly contributed positively to the growth and diversity of Somerset County in all aspects, including education, government, medicine, philosophy, mathematics, culinary culture, architecture, and the arts; and,

**WHEREAS**, Somerset County resident, Sadaf Jaffer is the first Muslim American woman to serve as a Mayor in the United States, and, along with Sham Haider is one of the first two Muslim American women be elected to the New Jersey legislature; and,

**WHEREAS**, Somerset County resident, Bernice “Tina” Jalloh is the first Muslim American woman to be elected as County Surrogate in the state of New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, Muslims strive to promote a mutual understanding between all religious groups and sects while fostering peace, prosperity, and kindness amongst our communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for public education and discourse to promote awareness of the invaluable contributions of the Muslim community and to combat religious discrimination and bigotry in our society; and,

**WHEREAS**, Somerset County is proud to honor the history and contributions of Muslims in our local communities, across our nation, and around the world;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize *January 2024* as *National Muslim Heritage Month* in the County of Somerset and urge all citizens to learn about and recognize the numerous contributions made by Muslims throughout history, and specifically contributions towards our local communities and County.

**THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

(Appointment Resolutions can be found at the end of this document)

Somerset County Improvement Authority (R24-218)

- John Kitchen

Somerset County Library Commission (R24-219)

- Daniel Sheffield

Senior Citizen and Disability Transportation Advisory Board (R24-220)

- Mary Kate Sarles

Open Space Advisory Committee (R24-221)

- Saad Toor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- January 11, 2024

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARANO, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, WAS ON ROLL CALL APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

## **ORDINANCES**

At this time, Counsel DeMarco stated that due to the postponement of the previous meeting and the holiday, adequate notice was not able to be provided for the public hearing related to the following Ordinances and therefore no action on the ordinances would be taken at this meeting.

**AT THIS TIME, DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOOY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BELOW LISTED ORDINANCE. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARANO, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED**

ORD24-100

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT ALONG BONNIE BURN ROAD  
COUNTY ROUTE 695, WATCHUNG BOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Somerset that;

SECTION I. Speed limits for both directions of traffic along Bonnie Burn Road, County Route 695, in Borough of Watchung shall be established as follows;

ZONE 1. 25 MPH from State Route 22 Vally Road.

SECTION II. Regulatory and Warning signs, conforming to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, shall be erected and maintained to effect the above-designated speed limits.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law and upon approval by the Somerset County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all previous ordinances or resolutions establishing speed limits on the aforementioned roadway(s) or portions of the roadway(s) herein described are hereby repealed.

**AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD REGARDING THE LISTED ORDINANCE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOOY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARANO, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER MARANO MOVED TO CARRY ORDINANCE ORD24-100 TO THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 MEETING.**

**THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, WAS CARRIED ON A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

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ORD24-101

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET, NORTH MAIN STREET, FINDERNE AVENUE COUNTY ROUTES 533 AND 633, MANVILLE BOROUGH, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Somerset that;

SECTION I. Speed limits for both directions of traffic along South Main Street, North Main Street, Finderne Avenue County Routes 533 and 633, in Borough of Manville, Bridgewater Township, shall be established as follows;

ZONE 1. 35 MPH from the southerly border of Manville Borough line to Haran Avenue.

ZONE 2. 25 MPH from Haran Avenue to 450 feet north of Dukes Parkway.

ZONE 3. 35 MPH from 450 feet north of Dukes Parkway to South Avenue.

ZONE 4. 40 MPH from South Avenue to State Route 28.

ZONE 5. 25 MPH from State Route 28 to State Route 22.

SECTION II. Regulatory and Warning signs, conforming to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, shall be erected and maintained to effect the above-designated speed limits.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law and upon approval by the Somerset County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all previous ordinances or resolutions establishing speed limits on the aforementioned roadway(s) or portions of the roadway(s) herein described are hereby repealed.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED HEREUNDER ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED UPON IN ONE MOTION. ANY PERSON MAY REQUEST THAT AN ITEM BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.**

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS 24-227 TO 24-299 WILL REMAIN UNUSED**

**COMMISSIONER DRAKE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:**

R24-200

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Commission of the Status of Women which is committed to advocating for all women in Somerset County by providing an effective forum to identify and address women's issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on the Status of Women currently has eleven members each serving a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to expand the terms of members to permit individuals time to develop programs and to ensure continuity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the terms of office for members of the Commission on the Status of Women of Somerset County are hereby extended to three-year terms to be implemented as follows:

1. 4 members to serve from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026
2. 4 members to serve from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025
3. 3 members to serve from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

R24-201

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FY 2024

WHEREAS the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and County of Somerset desire to enter into an Equitable Sharing Agreement (for 2024) and Certification (of funds received in 2023) with the Federal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners that Nancy DiVito, the Assistant to the Administrator for the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, is hereby authorized to execute the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the Federal Government, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

R24-202

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HIGH DEFINITION LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION EQUIPMENT AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF COUNTY ROUTE 518, GEORGETOWN FRANKLIN TURNPIKE, EASTBOUND 170 FEET EAST OF SPRING HILL ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, at the request of the Township of Montgomery, the County will permit the installation of the High Definition License Plate Recognition Equipment on Georgetown Franklin Turnpike, County Route 518, 170' east of Spring Hill Road in the Township of Montgomery; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has indicated its willingness to allow the installation of High Definition License Plate Recognition Equipment; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a license agreement approved as to form and content by County Counsel with the Township of Montgomery for the purposes aforesaid, a copy of said agreement on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset be and they are authorized to execute said agreement.

R24-203

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, The Township of Bedminster has requested that the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation provide accessible transportation services to senior residents of Bedminster, beyond that which is currently provided by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Bedminster has reserved the sum of \$182.90 per day to fund the provision of said transportation services for Bedminster senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation has determined that accessible transportation services can be provided by using an existing vehicle to accommodate the needs of Bedminster Township; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset and the Township of Bedminster have agreed that this service can be provided one day per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contractual agreements on behalf of the County of Somerset, and that the County is authorized to submit and collect reimbursements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Bedminster and the Somerset County Division of Transportation.

R24-204

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE BOROUGH OF NORTH  
PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO RESIDENTS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 TO  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, The Borough of North Plainfield has requested that the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation provide accessible transportation services to senior residents of North Plainfield, beyond that which is currently provided by the County; and,

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Borough has reserved the sum of \$182.90 per day to fund the provision of said transportation services for North Plainfield senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation has determined that accessible transportation services can be provided by using an existing vehicle to accommodate the needs of North Plainfield Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset and the Borough of North Plainfield have agreed that this service can be provided four days per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contractual agreements on behalf of the County of Somerset, and that the County is authorized to submit and collect reimbursements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough of North Plainfield and the Somerset County Division of Transportation.

R24-205

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN TO  
PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO RESIDENTS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, The Township of Warren has requested that the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation provide accessible transportation services to senior residents of Warren, beyond that which is currently provided by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Township of Warren has reserved the sum of \$368.21 per day to fund the provision of said transportation services for Warren senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation has determined that accessible transportation services can be provided by using an existing vehicle to accommodate the needs of Warren Township; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset and the Township of Warren have agreed that this service can be provided one day per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contractual agreements on behalf of the County of Somerset, and that the County is authorized to submit and collect reimbursements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Warren and the Somerset County Division of Transportation.

R24-206

AMENDING RESOLUTION R21-233 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO NJ TRANSIT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR A GRANT UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for a general public transportation program of projects in other than urbanized areas under Section 5311 of the General Transit Act, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset submitted an application to NJ Transit Corporation to obtain funding in amount of \$141,212.00 for period covering January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the NJ Transit Corporation is allowing an additional \$1,000 award, to bring the total grant award up to \$142,212.00;

WHEREAS, all the other provisions in Resolution R21-233 will remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners that Somerset County Transportation can accept the increased grant award of \$1,000.00 and that all the other provisions in Resolution #R21-233 will remain intact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the Director of the Board and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contractual agreements on behalf of the County of Somerset and that the County is hereby authorized to submit for and accept reimbursements.

R24-207

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY WORKING GROUP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset according to the State Department of Homeland Security, the Attorney General's Office, that the Somerset County Working Group (CWG) has been established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize and endorse the CWG and support its mission mandated by the Attorney General to facilitate the planning function required to support the federal state homeland security grant award program to prepare for, respond to and mitigate a large emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following updated list of CWG members be officially approved for the three-year term ending December 31, 2025:

Lisa Werner	Chairman, OEM Coordinator
Shanel Y. Robinson	Commissioner Director
Samantha Zabawa	Director of Fiscal Operations
John McDonald	Somerset County Prosecutor
Thomas White	Prosecutor's Administrative Liaison
Frank Roman	Police Chief Representative
Glenn Miller	Fire Coordinator
Timothy Ring	EMS Coordinator
Jonathan Durland	Hazardous Materials Team Representative
Dr. Terry Clancy	Health Officer
Jaime Gutierrez	Critical Infrastructure Coordinator
Kayla Pipas Keller	Domestic Preparedness Coordinator
Louis Sasso	Hospital Liaison
James Edwards	Population 1
Michael Lapotasky	Population 2



Tara Machos  
Evan Visone  
Brian Doering

County Grants Coordinator  
NJSP OEM Liaison  
OHSP Liaison

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

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

**COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:**

R24-208

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR  
2021 ROAD RESURFACING AND ADA COMPLIANCE PROGRAM  
VARIOUS ROUTES, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CONTRACT NO. 21002  
RESOLUTION NO. R21-889; 7/27/2021**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are to be provided for in the duly adopted budget of the County of Somerset, Line Item (04-215-161-12-454-812), \$11,554.14, (04-215-201-12-454-812), \$109,525.73, (04-215-211-12-454-812), \$17,359.36, (04-215-221-12-454-812), \$14,922.33, 04-215-230-11-454-812, \$1,100.00. Total Amount \$154,461.56; and,

WHEREAS Schifano Construction Corp., Middlesex, NJ has completed a project entitled "2021 Road Resurfacing and ADA Compliance Program, Various Routes, Various Locations, Contract No. 21002 and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Engineer has determined that a change to the bid item(s) in the contract specifications is necessary for the project's completion; and,

WHEREAS, said change is in conformance to the contract plans and specifications; and,

WHEREAS, said change is quantified by Final Change Order #3; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Engineer has reviewed Final Change Order #3; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has approved Final Change Order #3 and finds it necessary; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Office of the County Engineer have inspected said project and found the same to be completed in accordance with the contract plans and specifications and the contractor having submitted the documents required for final payment which were approved by County Counsel; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of Change Orders #1-#3 does not exceed 20% of the original contract amount; and,

Item No	Description	Contract Price	Change Quantity	Amount
6	SILT FENCE	\$0.01	-4,000.00	-\$40.00
7	INLET FILTER, TYPE 1	\$1.00	-100.00	-\$100.00
9	BREAKAWAY BARRICADES	\$1.00	-25.00	-\$25.00

10	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 48" X 18"	\$1.00	-4.00	-\$4.00
11	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 30" X 24"	\$1.00	-18.00	-\$18.00
12	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 24" X 18"	\$1.00	-4.00	-\$4.00
13	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 48" X 30"	\$1.00	-23.00	-\$23.00
14	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 48" X 48"	\$1.00	-3.00	-\$3.00
15	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 60 X 30"	\$1.00	-3.00	-\$3.00
16	CONSTRUCTION SIGNS, 24" X 12"	\$1.00	-2.00	-\$2.00
17	TEMPORARY TRAFFIC STRIPES, 4"	\$0.01	-100,000.00	-\$1,000.00
18	TRAFFIC CONES	\$1.00	-50.00	-\$50.00
19	DRUMS	\$1.00	-50.00	-\$50.00
21	TEMPORARY SIDEWALK	\$1.00	-100.00	-\$100.00
22	TRAFFIC DIRECTORS , POLICE	\$1.00	-139,131.13	-\$139,131.13
23	TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES	\$1.00	-50,000.00	-\$50,000.00
24	PORTABLE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN	\$500.00	-6.00	-\$3,000.00
25	ILLUMINATED SOLAR ASSISTED ARROW BOARD, 4' X 8'	\$100.00	-2.00	-\$200.00
26	TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKERS	\$1.00	-3,988.00	-\$3,988.00
27	ASPHALT PRICE ADJUSTMENT	\$1.00	36,654.93	\$36,654.93
28	FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT	\$1.00	21,522.44	\$21,522.44
29	EXCAVATION, TEST PIT	\$10.00	-25.00	-\$250.00
30	DENSE-GRADED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, 4" THICK	\$1.00	-500.00	-\$500.00
31	DENSE-GRADED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, 6" THICK	\$4.60	-1,654.00	-\$7,608.40
32	REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT	\$5.00	-244.00	-\$1,220.00
33	HMA MILLING, 3" OR LESS	\$2.33	2,885.00	\$6,722.05
34	HMA MILLING, 3" TO 6"	\$3.50	-1,000.00	-\$3,500.00
35	COURSE AGGREGATE, NO. 57	\$20.00	-10.00	-\$200.00
36	POLYMERIZED JOINT ADHESIVE	\$0.32	-1,494.00	-\$478.08
37	TACK COAT	\$0.01	-28,838.00	-\$288.38
38	HMA 9.5 M64 SURFACE COURSE	\$82.20	2,279.91	\$187,408.60
39	HMA 19M64 BASE COURSE	\$65.00	-327.51	-\$21,288.15
40	MEMBRANE WATERPROOFING	\$1.00	-210.00	-\$210.00
41	CORE SAMPLES, HOT MIX ASPHALT	\$150.00	-15.00	-\$2,250.00
42	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE PIPE	\$50.00	112.00	\$5,600.00
43	12" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS IV COMB. DRAIN	\$155.00	-21.00	-\$3,255.00
44	18" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS IV COMB. DRAIN	\$165.00	-4.00	-\$660.00
45	MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE	\$100.00	-10.00	-\$1,000.00
47	INLET, TYPE A	\$4,500.00	-1.00	-\$4,500.00
48	INLET, TYPE B	\$5,000.00	1.00	\$5,000.00
51	ABANDON INLET	\$500.00	1.00	\$500.00
52	MANHOLE, 4' DIAMETER	\$6,000.00	5.00	\$30,000.00
54	CURB PIECE	\$300.00	-38.00	-\$11,400.00
55	CURB PIECE, 10"	\$360.00	15.00	\$5,400.00
56	RECONSTRUCTED INLET USING EXISTING CASTING	\$325.00	-7.00	-\$2,275.00
57	RECONSTRUCTED INLET, TYPE B, USING NEW CASTING	\$1,170.00	1.00	\$1,170.00
58	RESET EXISTING CASTING	\$225.00	-39.00	-\$8,775.00
59	NEW MANHOLE CASTING	\$670.00	1.00	\$670.00
60	RECONSTRUCTED MANHOLE, USING EXISTING CASTING	\$450.00	-1.00	-\$450.00
61	BICYCLE SAFE GRATES	\$355.00	10.00	\$3,550.00
62	HOT MIX ASPHALT DRIVEWAY, 4 1/2" THICK	\$55.00	-203.00	-\$11,165.00
63	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, REINFORCED, 6" THICK	\$113.00	10.83	\$1,223.79
64	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, REINFORCED, 8" THICK	\$153.75	-33.33	-\$5,124.49
65	REMOVAL OF SIDEWALK/DRIVEWAY	\$12.30	233.62	\$2,873.53
66	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, 4" THICK	\$101.00	319.10	\$32,229.10

67	RESET PAVERS	\$128.12	-2.00	-\$256.24
68	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE	\$251.12	-12.81	-\$3,216.85
69	REMOVAL OF CURB	\$6.15	833.50	\$5,126.03
70	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER	\$10.25	-334.00	-\$3,423.50
71	9" X 20" CONCRETE VERTICAL CURB	\$59.00	1,077.50	\$63,572.50
72	GRANITE CURB	\$59.00	-58.00	-\$3,422.00
73	TRAFFIC STRIPES, THERMOPLASTIC, 4" WIDE	\$0.50	14,708.00	\$7,354.00
74	TRAFFIC STRIPES, THERMOPLASTIC, 6" WIDE	\$0.70	34,738.00	\$24,316.60
75	TRAFFIC STRIPES, THERMOPLASTIC, 8" WIDE	\$1.54	-401.00	-\$617.54
76	TRAFFIC STRIPES, THERMOPLASTIC, 24" WIDE	\$4.31	932.00	\$4,016.92
77	TRAFFIC MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC, LEFT ARROW	\$113.00	32.00	\$3,616.00
78	TRAFFIC MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC, RIGHT ARROW	\$113.00	-8.00	-\$904.00
79	TRAFFIC MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC, STRAIGHT ARROW	\$113.00	-10.00	-\$1,130.00
80	TRAFFIC MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC, ONLY	\$123.00	4.00	\$492.00
82	TRAFFIC MARKINGS, THERMOPLASTIC, YIELD LINE SYMBOL	\$128.00	-30.00	-\$3,840.00
83	TRAFFIC MARKINGS, THERMOPLASTIC, BIKE LANE WITH ARROW	\$359.00	-10.00	-\$3,590.00
84	TRAFFIC STRIPES, EPOXY, 4" WIDE	\$1.54	-660.00	-\$1,016.40
85	TRAFFIC STRIPES, EPOXY, 6" WIDE	\$2.56	-660.00	-\$1,689.60
86	TRAFFIC STRIPES, BLACK EPOXY CONTRAST, 9" WIDE	\$2.05	-660.00	-\$1,353.00
87	TRAFFIC STRIPES, BLACK EPOXY CONTRAST, 17" WIDE	\$6.15	-660.00	-\$4,059.00
88	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC STRIPES	\$5.12	-100.00	-\$512.00
89	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC MARKINGS	\$10.25	-50.00	-\$512.50
90	RPM, BI-DIRECTIONAL, AMBER LENS	\$30.75	174.00	\$5,350.50
91	RPM, MONO-DIRECTIONAL, AMBER LENS	\$30.75	-17.00	-\$522.75
92	RPM, MONO-DIRECTIONAL, WHITE LENS	\$30.75	-3.00	-\$92.25
93	SIGN, 12" X 18"	\$46.13	18.00	\$830.34
94	SIGN, 24" X 8"	\$41.00	-3.00	-\$123.00
96	SIGN, 24" X 18"	\$92.25	-3.00	-\$276.75
97	SIGN, 30" X 30"	\$192.70	3.00	\$578.10
98	SIGN, 36" X 36"	\$287.00	-1.00	-\$287.00
99	SIGN, 48" X 30"	\$312.50	0.00	\$0.00
100	3" RIGID METALLIC CONDUIT	\$97.40	-22.00	-\$2,142.80
103	TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE, 2 CONDUCTOR	\$3.59	-253.00	-\$908.27
104	TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE, 10 CONDUCTOR	\$4.89	-141.00	-\$689.49
107	GROUND WIRE NO. 8 AWG	\$4.61	10.00	\$46.10
113	BORROW TOPSOIL	\$1.00	-351.00	-\$351.00
114	TOPSOIL SPREADING, 4" THICK	\$3.00	-1,914.00	-\$5,742.00
115	FERTILIZING & SEEDING, TYPE D	\$0.55	-1,914.00	-\$1,052.70
116	STRAW MULCHING	\$0.55	-1,914.00	-\$1,052.70
117	RELOCATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM	\$1,500.00	-1.00	-\$1,500.00
118	TREE REMOVAL, 6" TO 18" DIAMETER	\$750.00	-1.00	-\$750.00
119	TREE REMOVAL, 18" TO 30" DIAMETER	\$1,000.00	-2.00	-\$2,000.00
120	TREE REMOVAL, OVER 30" DIAMETER	\$1,500.00	-2.00	-\$3,000.00
909	HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT	\$80.00	312.00	\$24,960.00
918	RECONSTRUCT INLET, TYPE E USING NEW CASTING	\$2,350.00	1.00	\$2,350.00
921	STRIPING RE-MOBILIZATION	\$5,500.00	1.00	\$5,500.00
				\$154,461.56

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Engineer has computed the final project cost to be \$6,887,992.24, which is an 18% increase of the original contract amount of \$5,821,416.50.

The final amount being outlined as follows:

Original Contract	\$5,821,416.50
Change Order #1	\$701,422.84
Change Order #2	\$210,691.34
Change Order #3	\$154,461.56
Adjusted Contract Amount	\$6,887,992.24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the aforesaid project and Change Order reflecting the final project costs are hereby approved and the project accepted by the County of Somerset; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Financial Director is hereby authorized to issue a Change Order making the final project costs as listed above and is authorized to release final payment.

R24-209

**VOID**

R24-210

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSULTANT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO VERDANTAS LLC FOR POTABLE WELL MONITORING- FOR PARK COMMISSION FACILITIES, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, R23-217; DATED JANUARY 24, 2023

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file in the County of Somerset, line item \$23,000.00 (01-203-26-011-454-940); and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners entered into an Agreement with Verdantas LLC on January 24, 2023, Engineering Services for Potable Well Monitoring- For Park Commission Facilities, Somerset County, New Jersey, R23-217; and,

WHEREAS, the contract was awarded as a Professional Service Contract in accordance with 40A: 11-5 (1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, Verdantas LLC, Wilmington, DE 19808 has submitted a Consultant Agreement Modification No. 1 for Engineering Services for Potable Well Monitoring- For Park Commission Facilities, Somerset County, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset as follows:

That the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a contract Verdantas LLC for Modification No. 1 for \$23,000.00 of additional money for Engineering Services for Potable Well Monitoring- For Park Commission Facilities, Somerset County, New Jersey.

1. Amendment to be approved as to form and content by County Counsel for a new contract total covering all fees, costs, and disbursements, not to exceed \$55,388.00.
2. That the engagement of the above named have been in conformance with a Fair and Open Process for Exempt Service exception, Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) Professional Services.
3. Neither party shall be responsible for any resulting loss or obligation to fulfill duties as specified in any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement if the fulfillment of any term or provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any revolutions, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergencies, strikes, floods, fires, acts of God, or by any cause not within the control of the party whose performance is

interfered with which by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent or in the event the County of Somerset is unable to obtain funding for the project for which this contract pertains or in the event the source of funding is curtailed by any act of any governmental body, including the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, if the fulfillment of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any court order, or action or injunction or other such agreement, this Agreement shall become voidable by the County of Somerset by notice to each party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of contract award be published as required by 40A:11-(1)(a)(i).

R24-211

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF VALLEY ROAD (CR 512) BRIDGE OVER THE PASSAIC RIVER, SOMERSET COUNTY BRIDGE NO. H1110/MORRIS COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 1400-539, TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS, SOMERSET COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset properly advertised seeking Requests for Proposals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted budget of the County of Somerset, line item \$999,985.88 (02-213-23-799-454-280); and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Preliminary Engineering for the Replacement of Valley Road (CR 512) Bridge over the Passaic River, Somerset County Bridge No. H1110/Morris County Bridge No. 1400-539, Township of Bernards, Somerset County and Township of Long Hill, Morris County, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ has submitted a proposal to perform the aforesaid services; and,

WHEREAS, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc, Bridgewater, NJ is a Professional Services Firm affording professional services of the type and nature required to properly carry out the aforesaid and their particular abilities and capacities have been previously demonstrated in work in Somerset County and are recognized by the Office of the Somerset County Engineer and by the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset as follows:

1. That the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to perform the aforesaid professional services and to be compensated in accordance with the fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the Board. Total amount of this contract covering all fees, costs and disbursements not to exceed \$999,985.88 to be approved as to form and content by County Counsel.
2. That the engagement of the above named have been in conformance with a Fair and Open Process for Exempt Service exception, Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) Professional Services.
3. The County, its officers and employees shall be added as an additional insured as to all coverage.

4. Neither party shall be responsible for any resulting loss or obligation to fulfill duties as specified in any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement if the fulfillment of any term or provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any revolutions, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergencies, strikes, floods, fires, acts of God, or by any cause not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with which by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent or in the event the County of Somerset is unable to obtain funding for the project for which this contract pertains or in the event the source of funding is curtailed by any act of any governmental body, including the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, if the fulfillment of any of the terms and provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any court order, or action or injunction or other such agreement, this Agreement shall become voidable by the County of Somerset by notice to each party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of contract award be published as required by 40A:11-(1)(a)(i).

R24-212

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TRAFFIC PLANNING AND DESIGN, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RIVER ROAD (CR 567), HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset properly advertised seeking Requests for Proposals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted budget of the County of Somerset, line item \$101,009.00 (04-215-201-11-454-817); \$41,055.00 (04-215-212-11-454-817); \$82,983.02 (04-215-222-11-454-809); and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Construction Inspection for the Reconstruction of River Road (CR 567), Hillsborough Township, Somerset County, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., Pottstown, PA has submitted a proposal to perform the aforesaid services; and,

WHEREAS, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., Pottstown, PA is a Professional Services Firm affording professional services of the type and nature required to properly carry out the aforesaid and their particular abilities and capacities have been previously demonstrated in work in Somerset County and are recognized by the Office of the Somerset County Engineer and by the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset as follows:

1. That the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., Inc. to perform the aforesaid professional services and to be compensated in accordance with the fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the Board. Total amount of this contract covering all fees, costs and disbursements not to exceed \$225,047.02 to be approved as to form and content by County Counsel.
2. That the engagement of the above named have been in conformance with a Fair and Open Process for Exempt Service exception, Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) Professional Services.

3. The County, its officers and employees shall be added as an additional insured as to all coverage.
  
4. Neither party shall be responsible for any resulting loss or obligation to fulfill duties as specified in any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement if the fulfillment of any term or provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any revolutions, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergencies, strikes, floods, fires, acts of God, or by any cause not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with which by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent or in the event the County of Somerset is unable to obtain funding for the project for which this contract pertains or in the event the source of funding is curtailed by any act of any governmental body, including the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, if the fulfillment of any of the terms and provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any court order, or action or injunction or other such agreement, this Agreement shall become voidable by the County of Somerset by notice to each party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of contract award be published as required by 40A:11-(1)(a)(i).

R24-213

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING SERVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS CONTRACT # CC-0015-24 FIRST YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file with the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted temporary budget of the County of Somerset, line item (01-201-26-011-455-290) \$12,800.00; and

WHEREAS, two (2) sealed bids were received, opened and read in public on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. prevailing time for Mobile Paper Shredding Services at Various Locations, Contract #CC-0015-24; and

WHEREAS, the bid was reviewed by the Director of Public Works and it has been determined that the bid as submitted by Imwoth LLC dba Idsautoshred, Toms River, NJ met the requirements of the County specifications for:

	Year One 2024	Year Two 2025	Year Three 2026
<b>SHRED DAY EVENT</b>			
Price per Truck to Include Labor, Equipment & Supplies	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Number of Trucks per Event	4	4	4
Event Grant Total	\$3,200.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Additional Half-Hour Rate	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Additional Hourly Rate	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
<b>ON-SITE SHREDDING</b>			
Inclusive Cost Per Pound Shred	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17
Rebate Percentage Per Pound for any Shredded Recycled Material Collected and Deposited at other than Member's Facility	0%	0%	0%

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Imwoth LLC dba

Idsautoshred be and are hereby accepted for Mobile Paper Shredding Services at Various Locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the proper contract and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

**THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARANO, WAS THEN ON ROLL CALL ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

**COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:**

R24-214

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO PAY  
CONFIRMING ORDERS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27-BB-10 authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules for local financial administration; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-57 prohibits the expending of money or the entering into of any contract for any purpose for which no appropriation is provided or in excess of the amount appropriated for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, on October 20, 1975 adopted a resolution providing for certification in writing to the governing body of the availability or lack thereof for adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

Vendor	Division Name	Amount	Requisition #	Account
PKF O'Connor Davies	Finance	\$17,500.00	269205	01-203-20-013-111-280



R24-215

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS WITH A  
GRAND TOTAL OF \$13,122,159.22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset ratifies and authorizes the payment of bills for:

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	DATE
Claims	\$9,193,240.60	1/6/2024-1/12/2024
Other Expenses	\$150,885.86	1/6/2024-1/12/2024
Salaries	\$3,778,032.76	1/6/2024-1/12/2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,122,159.22</b>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay expenditures, including capital expenditures, and said checks having been reviewed and certified for payment by a majority of the members of the Board.

R24-216

RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS FOR PREVIOUSLY AWARDED  
CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27-BB-10 authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules for local financial administration; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-57 prohibits the expending of money or the entering into of any contract for any purpose for which no appropriation is provided or in excess of the amount appropriated for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, on October 20, 1975 adopted a resolution providing for certification in writing to the governing body of the availability or lack thereof for adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset hereby certifies that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

Vendor	Contract #	Amount	Resolution	Requisition #	Account
Haig Service Corporation	CC-0145-23	\$77,103.84	23-433	267754	04-215-202-30-454-802
Haig Service Corporation	CC-0145-23	\$3,045.94	23-433	269556	01-201-26-011-165-260

R24-217

RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS FOR PREVIOUSLY AWARDED  
CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27-BB-10 authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules for local financial administration; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-57 prohibits the expending of money or the entering into of any contract for any purpose for which no appropriation is provided or in excess

of the amount appropriated for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, on October 20, 1975 adopted a resolution providing for certification in writing to the governing body of the availability or lack thereof for adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset hereby certifies that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

Vendor	Division Name	Amount	Requisition #	Account
AlphaProMed	Recycling	\$1,250.00	269462	01-201-26-011-700-320
Bob's Uniform Shop, Inc.	Recycling	\$2,000.00	269450	01-201-26-011-700-320
D & B Auto Supply	Recycling	\$5,000.00	269446	01-201-26-011-700-580
Fastenal Industrial	Recycling	\$1,200.00	269357	01-201-26-011-700-580
Gen-El Safety	Recycling	\$1,500.00	269472	01-201-26-011-700-580
Grainger	Recycling	\$1,000.00	269465	01-201-26-011-700-580
Home Depot	Recycling	\$1,500.00	269431	01-201-26-011-700-580
Keyport Army & Navy	Recycling	\$1,000.00	269469	01-201-26-011-700-320
Occupational Health Centers of NJ, PA	Recycling	\$500.00	269401	01-201-26-011-700-940
Ricoh, USA Inc.	Recycling	\$450.00	270268	01-201-26-011-700-260

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

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

**COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:**

R24-222

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, SOMERSET COUNTY AND TD BANK AS TO FOR BLOCK 38 LOT 9 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") the County of Somerset and TD Bank previously authorized and entered into a lease with respect to a number of properties including but not limited to Block 38 Lot 9 in the Township of Bridgewater (the "Property").

WHEREAS, the Authority and American Power Ventures, LLC ("APV") have entered into an option agreement whereby APV can lease and develop the Property for a battery storage farm; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Lease to provide for APV's potential lease of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Authority and the County of Somerset has determined that it is in the best interest of both to amend the Lease.

NOW, THEREFFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

- Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though set forth at length.
- Section 2. The Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the Somerset County Improvement Authority, the County of Somerset and TD Bank for the Lease of the property identified as Block 38 lot 9 on the official tax maps of the Township of Bridgewater is hereby approved.
- Section 3. The Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the Second Amendment.
- Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

R24-223

**AUTHORIZING AMENDED BROWN AVENUE EXTENSION/IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH FOR THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND SOMERVILLE BUSINESS PARK, LLC FOR BROWN AVENUE/ROUTE 206 LARGE TRUCK BYPASS**

WHEREAS, the County and the State of New Jersey ("State"), acting by and through the Commissioner of Transportation ("Commissioner"), have recognized the need for the Brown Avenue/Route 206, Hillsborough - Large Truck Traffic Project; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the most expeditious way to advance this project is to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset formally approved the grant application for the above stated project on October 25, 2022, via resolution R22-2065 identified as LAIF-2023-Brown Avenue Roadway Extension, To-00024.

WHEREAS, the State has allotted additional money to the project bringing the total amount to \$ 1,903,087 funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Township of Hillsborough has agreed that the Township is in the best position to oversee the design, award and construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the State has consented to the assignment and assumption of the project and awarded funds to the Township of Hillsborough.

WHEREAS, Somerville Business Park, LLC will benefit from the construction of the truck roadway and has agreed to undertake certain responsibilities related to the design additional funding of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County, the Township of Hillsborough and Somerville Business Park LLC., desire to enter into agreement setting forth the obligations and responsibilities of each party; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners that the Commissioner Director and Clerk of the Board, are hereby authorized to sign the Amended Brown Avenue Extension/Improvement Agreement between the County, the Township of Hillsborough and Somerville Business Park LLC. for the Brown Avenue/Route 206, Hillsborough - Large Truck Traffic Project subject to the form being approved by County Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Amended Brown Avenue Extension/Improvement Agreement shall remain on file with the Clerk of the Board for the Somerset County Commissioners.

R24-224

MODIFYING RESOLUTION R23-1704 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF \$5,742.00 TO THE 2023 AREA PLAN CONTRACT (#DOAS23AAA019) AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE FINAL YEAR ALLOCATION FOR A NEW CONTRACT TOTALING \$2,873,245.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset received formal notification from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services of a change in funding award from an allocation of \$2,867,503.00 to a new allocation of \$ 2,873,245.00 (for a net increase of \$5,742.00 for the calendar year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 to provide Area Plan Contract services to the residents of Somerset County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset approves the additional allocation an increase of \$5,742.00 for a new contract amount of \$2,873,245.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Office on Aging and Disability Services and the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to sign contracts and other necessary documents to apply for, accept and expend such funding.

R24-225

RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS  
FOR PREVIOUSLY AWARDED CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27-BB-10 authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules for local financial administration; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-57 prohibits the expending of money or the entering into of any contract for any purpose for which no appropriation is provided or in excess of the amount appropriated for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, on October 20, 1975 adopted a resolution providing for certification in writing to the governing body of the availability or lack thereof for adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

Vendor	Contract #	Amount Reduced	Resolution	Requisition #	Account
Dr. Howard Gilman	JC-XS-0016-23	(\$7,000.00)	23-2463	268033	01-203-25-014-130-277

R24-226

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM COUNTY ROADS IN FRANKLIN TWP, SOUTH BOUND BROOK BORO, BRANCBURG TWP, BRIDGEWATER TWP, AND BEDMINSTER TWP PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTRACT FOR SECTION 1 SECONDARY CONTRACT FOR SECTION 2 & 3 CONTRACT #: CC-0050-23R2 FIRST YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file with the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted budget of the County of Somerset, line item (03-297-56-100-451-580) \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2023, the County of Somerset Purchasing Department properly advertised seeking bids for Snow Removal from County Roads in Franklin Twp, South Bound Brook Boro, Branchburg Twp, Bridgewater Twp, and Bedminster Twp Primary and Secondary Contract for Section 1 Secondary Contract for Section 2 & 3, Contract #: CC-0050-23R2; and

WHEREAS, one (1) sealed proposal was originally received, opened and read in public on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 3:30 P.M. prevailing time for Snow Removal from County Roads in Franklin Twp, South Bound Brook Boro, Branchburg Twp, Bridgewater Twp, and Bedminster Twp Primary and Secondary Contract for Section 1 Secondary Contract for Section 2 & 3, Contract #: CC-0050-23R2; and

WHEREAS, the bid was reviewed by the Road and Bridge Supervisor and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Vollers Excavating & Construction 3311 US Highway 22 North Branch, NJ 08876 meets all the requirements of the specifications and therefore has been determined to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Vollers Excavating & Construction 3311 US Highway 22 North Branch, NJ 08876		
Section 1		
	Must supply from one (1) to a max of eight (8) trucks per storm for South County (1-9) - (Can be separated into individual routes)	Hourly Rate
A	Plow truck per day operating hour - Monday to Friday inclusive, 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$275.00/hour
B	Plow truck per stand-by-hour - Monday to Friday inclusive, 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$235.00/hour
C	Plow truck per operating hour - Saturday, 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$295.00/hour
D	Plow truck per stand-by-hour - Saturday, 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$255.00/hour
E	Plow truck per operating hour - Sundays and Legal Holidays inclusive, 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$295.00/hour

F	Plow truck per stand-by-hour - Sunday and Legal Holidays inclusive , 24 hours per day	
Option	Use County owned plow	\$255.00/hour
	Does this encompass all of the above section (South County (#1-9)?	Yes
	If no indicate which roads are not included by above cited number	

	South County (1-9) Please list all Vehicles: Make, Model, Year, GVWR:	
1	Mack GR64F 2019 80,000#	
2	Mack GU713 2017 80,000#	
3	Mack GU713 2017 80,000#	
4	Western Star 4700 2016 80,000#	
5	Mack CV713 2005 80,000#	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted Vollers Excavating & Construction 3311 US Highway 22 North Branch, NJ 08876 be and is hereby accepted for the services as listed on the Schedule of Prices on file with the Clerk of the Board for the First Year of a Two Year Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the proper contract and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue Purchase Orders as needed per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

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

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

**COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:**

R24-218

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN KITCHEN AS COMMISSIONER TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Somerset County Improvement Authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners desire to reappoint John Kitchen as a Commissioner to the Somerset County Improvement Authority to five year term commencing on February 1, 2024 and expiring on January 31, 2029; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioner does hereby reappoint John Kitchen as a Commissioner to the Somerset County Improvement Authority to five year term commencing on February 1, 2024 and expiring on January 31, 2029.

R24-219

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL SHEFFIELD AS COMMISSIONER TO THE  
SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Somerset County Library Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:33-7; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received applications to fill the vacant position of Commissioner for the Somerset County Library Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners desire to appoint Daniel Sheffield as a Commissioner to the Somerset County Library Commission to fill an vacant position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Daniel Sheffield as a Commissioner to the Somerset County Library Commission commencing on January 23, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2029

R24-220

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY KATE SARLES TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND  
DISABILITY TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF SOMERSET COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Senior Citizen and Disability Transportation Board to provide guidance and advice to the Division of Transportation regarding the transportation program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities within Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received applications for various positions on the Senior Citizen and Disability Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners desire to appoint Mary Kate Sarles as a member to the Senior Citizen and Disability Transportation Board for a two year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Mary Kate Sarles as a member to the Senior Citizen and Disability Transportation Board for a two-year term effective January 24, 2024, and expiring on December 31, 2025

R24-221

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SAAD TOOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY OPEN SPACE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Open Space Advisory Committee for the benefit of County residents and to further the goals of providing for open space; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received applications for a position on the Advisory Committee to fill an existing vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners desire to appoint Saad Toor as a member to the y Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Saad Toor to serve on the Somerset County Open Space Advisory Committee for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2024, and expiring on December 31, 2024.

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

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

County Counsel DeMarco stated no emails, phone calls, or questions were received from the public asking to be heard in public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marano, duly seconded by Commissioner Drake, 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