

March 12, 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 12, 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 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, Robinson
ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy County Counsel J. Shain, Administrator C. Mahr, Clerk of the Board K. Mager, S. Bell, M. Kosensky, Y. Childress, W. Lane, A. Slutsky, T. Jenkins, J. Tyrie, M. Frost, K. Barry, L. Werner, J. Sawyer, T. Boccino, M. Loper, P. McCall, N. Rudy

PROCLAMATIONS

At this time, the following Proclamations were issued.

HORTICULTURAL THERAPY WEEK MARCH 17-24, 2024

WHEREAS, horticultural therapy is the time-proven practice of utilizing the therapeutic benefits of working in a peaceful and non-threatening garden environment indoors or outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, utilized horticulture as a modality to improve quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the practice was applied in the United States to rehabilitate wounded veterans of World War II and continues today in veterans' hospitals across the country; and,

WHEREAS, horticultural therapy is practiced through vocational, therapeutic, and social programs, and successfully enables and empowers individuals to achieve their maximum independence in settings such as hospitals, correctional facilities, public schools, senior centers, and community gardens; and,

WHEREAS, horticultural therapy provides dignity and enhances skills by allowing individuals to grow and function to the best of their abilities, and helps those recovering from illness or injury, the elderly, the socially disadvantaged, and individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, horticultural therapy is beneficial for people of all ages and all walks of life in a wide variety of rehabilitative, health care, and residential settings, providing

benefits directly, through formal programs with trained horticultural therapy professionals, and indirectly, through the creation of public gardens and community gardens; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014 Senator Christopher “Kip” Bateman introduced Senate Joint Resolution 12 designating the third full week in March “Horticultural Therapy Week”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate March 17-24, 2024 “Horticultural Therapy Week” in the County of Somerset to increase public awareness of the importance of horticultural therapy in improving the quality of life for all, the deep rooted ties it has to agriculture, and the increased opportunities for each individual to experience the endless benefits of the people-plant connection.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

MARCH 22, 2024

“Somerset County Agriculture: The Journey from Farm to Table”

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers help feed the world, fuel the economy, and provide a safe domestic food supply thereby representing the determined and self-reliant character of Somerset County and our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board in 1983, and charged it with preserving farmland, mediating Right-to-Farm matters, and retaining, sustaining and advancing the industry of agriculture in Somerset County; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners and the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board (SCADB) celebrates 41 years of preserved farmland in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners and the SCADB recognize the importance of agriculture in Somerset County, and feel strongly that this business contributes substantially to the County’s economy, promotes healthier lifestyles through locally-grown foods, and provides societal benefits through agritourism and land preservation; and,

WHEREAS, through its efforts in planning, preservation, education, and marketing, the SCADB has advanced these ideals and feels that it is very important for the residents of Somerset County to learn more about agriculture, food production and availability, and agricultural career options; and,

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the thirteenth recognition of National Agriculture Day in Somerset County and marks four years of success with the County’s virtual approach to National Agriculture Day, giving access to all County residents and beyond through the Scrolling Through Agriculture storymap series; and,

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the return of in-person National Agriculture Day celebrations in Somerset County since the COVID-19 Pandemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners do hereby recognize **March 22, 2023** as **National Agriculture Day** in the County of Somerset and urge all citizens to recognize the role agriculture plays in our daily life, acknowledge agriculture's continuing importance to our economy, and express our deep appreciation of farmers and ranchers in Somerset County and across the Nation.

AT THIS TIME, A PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO THE BOARD ON THE CPAC PROGRAM IN BOUND BROOK AND BRIDGWATER. MICHAEL FROST, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CPAC COORDINATORS, DAMEON STACKHOUSE AND VICTOR FLORES-LOPEZ MADE THE PRESENTATION.

THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE:

APPOINTMENTS

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

Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board (R24-545)

- Sean Blinn (Township of Bedminster)
- Leslie Workman (Township of Bernards)
- Rozalyn Sherman (Township of Franklin)
- Rose Kopf (Township of Green Brook)
- Keiona R. Miller (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Les Floyd (Borough of Somerville)

Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (R24-546)

- Beth Akkaway

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (R24-547)

- Ron Cheesman (Township of Branchburg)
- Thomas M. Genova (Township of Bridgewater)
- Howard Norgalis (Township of Bridgewater)
- Shelia Tweedie (Borough of Far Hills)
- Maureen Sturgeon (Township of Franklin)
- Carl Hauck (Township of Franklin)
- Michael Giordano (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Steve McIntyre (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Rodney Hadley (Borough of Somerville)
- Kevin Sluka (Borough of Somerville)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 27, 2024

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

**YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: ROBINSON**

BOND ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND MOVED ITS PASAGE ON FIRST READING:

ORD24-597

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$38,339,400 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES FOR AND BY THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$36,422,430 BONDS OR NOTES OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "County") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$38,339,400 including the sum of \$1,916,970 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") for the Improvements required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by the application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the County are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$36,422,430 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the County are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$36,422,430 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued hereunder, the estimated cost of each Improvement, the appropriation therefore and the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for each Improvement are as set forth in Exhibit I attached hereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$36,422,430.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements is \$38,339,400, which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the County. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefore is the Down Payment.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the County (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners of the County at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the County is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the County may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 25.28 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$36,422,430 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the County as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the County authorized therefore by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the County as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the County authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the County, and the County shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The County reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that County incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The County reasonable expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$36,422,430.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

IMPROVEMENTS	APPROPRIATION	ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES
(a) Highway Resurfacing Class “B” – Police Traffic Control for Resurfacing and Sealing of Various Roads; Construction and Inspection, Drainage Structures, Milling, Curb, Bituminous Concrete Pavement, Traffic Stripes; Resurfacing and Sealing of Various Roads and Resurfacing of Various Bridges in Various Municipalities, including all structures and appurtenances, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	\$2,050,000	\$1,947,500
Highway drainage and flood control – including but not limited to outfall mapping/inspection.	50,000	47,500
(c) Bridge Improvements –New Brunswick Road (Bridge No. K0607), Township of Franklin; Pottersville Road (Bridge No. D1302), Borough of Peapack & Gladstone; Morton Street (Bridge No. G0801), Township of Bridgewater. Rehabilitation and reconstruction of bridges in various municipalities, various locations for construction and inspection repairs, various bridges on county or municipal roads throughout the County.	1,299,400	1,234,430
(d) ADA installation of ramp work and signals along various roads in various municipalities, installation of new and/or replacement of curb and associated work at various locations throughout the County and appurtenances related thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved.	750,000	712,500
(e) Various Building Improvements, including but not limited to construction of a multi-use facility, underground fuel tank closure and acquisition of new tanks and HVAC upgrades to Richard Hill Mental Health Center, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.	32,600,000	30,970,000
(f) Various design, inspection, engineering work for various projects, including all structures and appurtenances, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved.	100,000	95,000
(g) Various design, inspection, engineering work for various federally funded projects for various municipalities, including all structures and appurtenances, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved.	250,000	237,500
(h) Acquisition of Information Technology equipment, including but not limited to computers, laptops, monitors and cameras.	250,000	237,500
(i) Various improvements to Raritan Valley Community College, including all structures and appurtenances, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	200,000	190,000
(j) Various improvements of roads with thermoplastic long line striping and acquisition of traffic signal control boxes for the Road Division.	495,000	470,250
(k) Various building improvements and allowance for court improvements, including all structures and appurtenances, work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved.	220,000	209,000
(l) Acquisition of a guide rail for the Bridge Division	75,000	71,250
TOTAL	\$38,339,400	\$36,422,430

THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, WAS ON ROLL CALL PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION:

PH24-597

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORD24-597 ENTITLED “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$38,339,400.00 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES FOR AND BY THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$36,422,430.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Somerville, New Jersey for ORD24-597 entitled “Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$38,339,400 for various improvements and purposes for and by the County of Somerset, New Jersey and authorizing the issuance of \$36,422,430 bonds or notes of Somerset County for financing part of the cost thereof”.

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND MOVED ITS PASAGE ON FIRST READING:

ORD24-598

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,148,407 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$4,148,407 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Raritan Valley Community College (the “Board of Trustees”) has determined by resolution duly adopted on May 2, 2023 that \$4,148,407 is necessary for the renovation of its facilities and has delivered a statement to that effect to each member of the Board of School Estimate;

WHEREAS, The Board of School Estimate has determined by resolution duly adopted on May 17, 2023 that \$4,148,407 is necessary for the improvement specified in the Statement of the Board of Trustees and a certificate to that effect has been delivered to the Board of Trustees and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset;

WHEREAS, the Council of County Colleges approved, and the State Treasurer approved by letter dated January 19, 2024, the Improvements described below at an estimated cost of \$4,148,407 and has determined that the State’s share of the project not to exceed \$2,074,203.50 shall be supported through the procedures of Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “County”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$4,148,407. No down payment is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b).

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the County are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$4,148,407 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law and Title 18A, Education, of the New Jersey statutes (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the County are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$4,148,407 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued are the improvements of Raritan Valley Community College located on County Road No. 24 in the Township of Branchburg in the County, including but not limited to limited to enrollment center related improvements, Workforce Training Center improvements, mechanical systems/infrastructure improvements, classroom renovations, bathroom upgrades and roadway improvements, including all costs and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as specified by the certificate heretofore made and delivered by the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College to this Board of County Commissioners.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$4,148,407.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$4,148,407, which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the County.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Director of Financial Services (the “Director of Financial Services”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Director of Financial Services. The Director of Financial Services shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Director of Financial Services upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Director of Financial Services is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Director of Financial Services is directed to report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners of the County at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the County is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the County may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$4,148,407 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Such statement shows that, while the net debt is increased by this ordinance by \$2,074,204.00, the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$4,148,407 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A: 64A-22.4, the obligations authorized hereunder constitute deduction from the gross debt of the County to the extent of \$2,074,203.00 and to that extent shall not be considered in determining the County's net debt for debt incurring purposes.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the County as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance (including any capital campaign contributions from Raritan Valley Community College) shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the County authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the County as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the County authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19, the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College has duly prepared and delivered to the Board of School Estimate a statement of the money necessary for the improvements described in Section 3(a) hereof. The Board of School Estimate has duly prepared a certificate of such amount and the certificate has been duly filed with the Board of Trustees and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset.

SECTION 9:

The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the County, and the County shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 10:

The obligations authorized hereunder to the extent of \$2,074,203.00 are entitled to the benefits of the provisions of Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented. Pursuant to said Law, the State of New Jersey shall appropriate and pay the amounts payable on account of interest and principal on such bonds and interest on notes issued in anticipation thereof as the same become due.

SECTION 11:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The County reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that County incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The County reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$4,148,407.

SECTION 12:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE, WAS ON ROLL CALL PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION:

PH24-598

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORD24-598 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,148,407 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,148,407 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION" SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 26, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Somerville, New Jersey for ORD24-598 entitled "Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$4,148,407 for various improvements and purposes for and by the County of Somerset, New Jersey and authorizing the issuance of \$4,148,407 bonds or notes of Somerset County for financing part of the cost thereof".

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE

COMMISSIONER MARANO INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND MOVED ITS PASAGE ON FIRST READING:

ORD24-599

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 MARCH 26, 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. 45 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Somerset County, State of New Jersey, held on March 12, 2024. Further notice was given that said Ordinance will be considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of said Board of County Commissioners, third floor, Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street Somerville, New Jersey at 6:00 p.m. on the 26th day of March 2024 at which time and place any person interested therein will be given the opportunity to be heard.

THE MOTION, DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY, WAS ON ROLL CALL PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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 24-556 TO 24-596 WILL REMAIN UNUSED

COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:

R24-500

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR
HYDRO RAKING AT VARIOUS PARK COMMISSION PROPERTIES- PHASE 1,
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CONTRACT NO. 24002

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a certain set of drawings entitled “Hydro Raking at Various Park Commission Properties-Phase 1, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 24002” be and the same is hereby approved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Purchasing Agent shall advertise and receive bids for “Hydro Raking at Various Park Commission Properties-Phase 1, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 24002, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 24002”.

R24-501

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR
THE EXTERIOR REPAIRS TO VAN HORNE HOUSE PHASE III
941 EAST MAIN STREET, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CONTRACT NO. 23009

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a certain set of drawings entitled “Exterior Repairs to Van Horne House Phase III, 941 East Main Street, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 23009” be and the same is hereby approved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Purchasing Agent shall advertise and receive bids for “Exterior Repairs to Van Horne House Phase III, 941 East Main Street, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 23009”.

R24-502

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE FOR A
RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON (RRFB) SYSTEM ON
MOUNT AIRY ROAD (CR 525) AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH PROSPECT STREET

WHEREAS, the county of Somerset (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) and the Borough of Bernardsville (hereinafter “Borough”) have agreed to enter into a Shared Services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq; and,

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Shared Services Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) the County shall provide and install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System (hereinafter “RRFB”) on Mount Airy Road (CR 525) at Prospect Street within the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, under the terms of the agreement the County shall bear all costs for the installation of the RRFB; and,

WHEREAS, after installation and inspection the Borough has agreed to maintain and repair the RRFB at the Borough's cost and expense; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the Agreement shall remain on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Shared Services Agreement between Somerset County and the Borough of Bernardsville.

R24-503

SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PRE-APPLICATION
TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FOR THE RELOCATION OF A SEWER MAIN UNDER THE RARITAN RIVER
LOCATED IN DUKE ISLAND PARK
IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF BRIDGEWATER & HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Block 48, Lot 10 in Hillsborough Township and Block 101, Lot 1 and Block 102, Lots 1 and 29 are part of Duke Island Park, which is encumbered, as a condition of Green Acres funding, with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the proposed Headgates Dam Removal Project, it is necessary to remove Green Acres restrictions from a 0.17-acre portion of an existing sanitary sewer easement in Duke Island Park; and

WHEREAS, the removal of Green Acres restrictions from parkland requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset wishes to apply for approval for a new sanitary sewer easement totaling 0.42 acres as a minor disposal or diversion of parkland under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, the first step in the application process for approval of a minor disposal or diversion of parkland is the filing of a pre-application under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.4(d)10, it is necessary for the County of Somerset to submit as part of the pre-application a Resolution endorsing the application to divert or dispose of parkland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Somerset for Duke Island Park in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The County of Somerset endorses the filing of a pre-application for the disposal or diversion of 0.42 acres of land for a new sanitary sewer easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26;
2. The County of Somerset hereby finds that the diversion or disposal of 0.42 acres of land for a new sanitary sewer easement would meet the minimum substantive criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:36.1(d) by allowing a new sanitary sewer to be constructed to replace existing infrastructure that would allow for the removal of the Headgates Dam, thereby restoring the flow of the Raritan River, allowing fish passage upstream and providing safer public access to the river;
3. The County of Somerset acknowledges that in order to obtain the approval of the Duke Island Park disposal or diversion of 0.42 acres, all substantive and procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 must be met, including compensation requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.5; and

4. The County of Somerset acknowledges that in the event the Department classifies the Duke Island Park disposal or diversion of 0.42 acres as a major disposal or diversion of parkland, additional application information will be required under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 before the application can proceed.

R24-504

PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE RESOLUTION
ELITE PROPERTIES AT BEDMINSTER
BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Elite Properties at Bedminster, LLC, as Principal, and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, a New York Corporation, authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, as surety, bound themselves onto the County of Somerset in the form of a performance bond #800052444 in the amount of \$97,415.00 as a performance guarantee for work within the County right-of-way for the construction of a mixed-use development of two buildings containing a total of 40 rental units and 4,000 square feet of retail space located on Lamington Road, County Route #523 and is on file with the County Planning Board as BM 241-21S; and

WHEREAS, the report and recommendations of the Somerset County Planning Engineer shows that said principal has satisfactorily completed the project; and

WHEREAS, Elite Properties at Bedminster, LLC, has posted the required maintenance surety to guarantee the improvements constructed within the County right-of-way on Lamington Road, County Route #523, for two years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that said Board on behalf of said County accordingly does release and discharge Elite Properties at Bedminster, LLC, as principal and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, as surety, and each of them and their heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns from the obligations of said performance bond #800052444; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that said Board on behalf of said County accordingly does authorize and direct the County Planning Board to submit certified copies to the following:

Principal
Elite Properties at Bedminster, LLC
210 Mountain Boulevard Watchung, NJ 07069

Surety
Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company

R24-505

PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE RESOLUTION
BRANCBURG CENTER ASSOCIATES
TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG
(BRANCBURG CENTER ASSOCIATES, LLC)

WHEREAS, Branchburg Center Associates, LLC, 1250 Route 28 Suite 101 Branchburg NJ 08876, as principal, and Endurance Assurance Corporation as surety having offices at Purchase NY, bound themselves onto the County of Somerset in the form of a bond #EACX106000072 in the amount of \$111,878.00 as a performance guarantee for work in the County right-of-way of County Route #614 for the construction of a 19,000 square foot medical office building which is on file in the Somerset County Planning Board as file number BR 257S; and

WHEREAS, the report and recommendations of the Somerset County Engineer shows that said principal has satisfactorily completed the project; and

WHEREAS, Branchburg Center Associates, LLC has posted the

required maintenance surety to guarantee the improvements constructed within the County right-of-way of County Route #614, for two years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that said Board on behalf of said County accordingly does release and discharge Branchburg Centre Associates as principal and Endurance Assurance Corporation as surety and each of them and their heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns from the obligations of said performance bond #EACX106000072; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that said Board on behalf of said County accordingly does authorize and direct the County Planning Board to submit certified copies to the following:

Principal
Branchburg Center Associates, LLC,
1250 Route 28 Suite 101 Branchburg NJ 08876

Surety
Endurance Assurance Corporation
Purchase, NY

R24-506

TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FUNDS OF THE STATE HEALTH
INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000.00, FOR
THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services administers the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Department has announced that the County of Somerset is eligible to receive up to forty-one thousand dollars (\$41,000.00) for the Somerset County Volunteer Services to recruit and train volunteer counselors in areas of health insurance coverage and benefits that affect Medicare beneficiaries, provide information and assistance for dealing with claims and in evaluating health insurance needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset agrees to apply for and accept the grant award of \$41,000.00, for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the provision of the SHIP services through Volunteer Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director, Clerk of the Board and Grants and Special Projects Supervisor are authorized to execute any agreements, contract, applications or other documents as may be necessary for the receipt of these grant funds.

R24-507

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR SHARING SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT
AND PERSONNEL BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND BOROUGH OF CHESTER

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset and Borough of Chester, 50 North Road, Chester, New Jersey 07930 desire to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for Sharing Department of Public Works Equipment and Personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to provide Public Works Equipment and Services to Borough of Chester, 50 North Road, Chester, New Jersey 07930 as set forth in the Agreement which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and on file with the Clerk of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director and the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Chester for the provision of Sharing Somerset County Department of Public Works Equipment and Personnel, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

R24-508

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL LICENCE PLATE RECOGNITION EQUIPMENT ON ALLEN ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 652, MOUNT AIRY ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 525, KING GEORGE ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 651, AND MARTINSVILLE ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 525 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

<u>Roadway</u>	<u>Roadside</u>	<u>Location</u>
Allen Road County Route 652	Eastbound	100 feet southeast of Douglas Road
Allen Road County Route 652	Westbound	100 feet Northeast of Somerville Road
Mount Airy Road County Route 525	Southbound	50 feet North of Laurel Court
Mount Airy Road County Route 525	Northbound	100 feet south of Whitenack Road
King George Road County Route 651	Northbound	100 feet north of the I-78 ramp from exit 36
King George Road County Route 651	Southbound	100 feet north of the I-78 ramp from exit 36
Martinsville Road County Route 651	Northbound	100 feet north of Briarwood Drive W.
Martinsville Road County Route 651	Northbound	100 feet north of the I-78 ramp from exit 33
Martinsville Road County Route 651	Southbound	100 feet north of the I-78 ramp from exit 33

WHEREAS, at the request of the Township of Bernards, the County will permit the installation of the Non – Essential License Plate Recognition Equipment; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a Non – Essential signs agreement approved as to form and content by County Counsel with the Township of Bedminster 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 Chosen Commissioners of the County of Somerset be and they are authorized to execute said agreement.

R24-509

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL SIGN ON LAMINGTON ROAD COUNTY ROUTE 523, AND RATTLESNAKE BRIDGE ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 665 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, at the request of the Township of Bedminster, the County will permit the installation of the Non – Essential Welcome to Bedminster signs for Lamington Road County Route 523 eastbound 2060 feet west of Rattlesnake Bridge Road, and Rattlesnake Bridge Road County Route 665 northbound 1905 feet south of Burnt Mills Road; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has indicated its willingness to allow the installation of Non – Essential Welcome to Bedminster signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into a Non – Essential signs agreement approved as to form and content by County Counsel with the Township of Bedminster 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 Chosen Commissioners of the County of Somerset be and they are authorized to execute said agreement.

R24-510

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER AND ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2024 THROUGH 12/31/2024.

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has requested that the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation continue to provide accessible transportation services to the Franklin Township Community Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ and to Adult Education Activities to eligible senior citizens within Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has reserved the sum of \$90,611.26 to fund the provision of said transportation services to the Franklin Township senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation has determined that accessible transportation services can be provided by using a vehicle provided by the Township of Franklin for the needs of Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset and the Township of Franklin have agreed that this service can be provided five days per week, Monday through Friday.

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 a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Franklin.

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER DRAKE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:

R24-511

AMENDING R24-309 TO INCLUDE THE CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$157,058.55 FOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE GREATER RARITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THREE VENDORS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024, TO DECEMBER 31, 2024, FOR AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN-FUNDED LITERACY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, in R23-958 the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners authorized funding in the amount of \$260,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan to the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board in support of this literacy initiative, and on June 27, 2023, in R23-1270 funded the first six months of the initiative through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset authorized Resolution R24-309 on February 13, 2024, allocating \$157,058.55 to three vendors, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, Raritan Valley Community College, and the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, to support the second year of this initiative for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the resolution did not include the certification of funds for the contracts; 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 with the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted budget of the County of Somerset, line items (02-213-R2-002-027-170) \$157,058.55.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, does hereby authorize the director of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board and the Clerk of the Board to execute contracts, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board, with: Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County (\$74,176.00); Raritan Valley Community College (\$44,836.00); and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (\$38,046.55); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute contracts and agreements for the receipt of funds as may be required by the State of New Jersey which are consistent with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and the Chairman of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

R24-512

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PRINTING, FOLDING AND MAILING SERVICES FOR OPTION B: UNFOLDED GLOSSY DIRECT-MAIL NEWSLETTER UTILIZING OPTIONAL ONE YEAR EXTENSION CONTRACT #: CC-0160-23

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer Certification will take place at the time that the 2024 temporary emergency and/or 2024 operating budgets are adopted; and

WHEREAS, four (4) sealed bids were received, opened and read in public on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. prevailing time for Printing, Folding and Mailing Services for Option A: Folded Direct-Mail Newsletter, Option B: Unfolded Direct-Mail Newsletter, Contract #: CC-0160-23; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Jersey Printing Associates, Inc., 153 First Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 met the requirements of the County specifications:

Option B: Unfolded Direct-Mail Newsletter

Item	Estimated Quantity per Year	Unit Cost Year One	Total Cost Year One	Unit Cost Year Two	Total Cost Year Two
Glossy: Printing, Folding and Mailing of Newsletter as per Specifications; Postage to be paid by County directly to Postmaster	135,000	\$0.1689	\$22,801.50 (per mailing)	\$0.1691	\$22,828.50 (per mailing)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Jersey Printing Associates, Inc. be and are hereby accepted for the items as listed above utilizing optional one year extension for Printing, Folding and Mailing Services for Option A: Folded Direct-Mail Newsletter, Option B: Unfolded Direct-Mail Newsletter, Contract #: CC-0160-23; and

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 contracts and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue Purchase Orders as per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

R24-513

AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR SOMERSET COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2024 CONTRACT #: CY-XS-0001-24S

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset properly advertised seeking Requests for Proposals to furnish professional services for Various Supplemental Professional Engineering and Related Services for Somerset County for the Year 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the "Availability of Funds Certificate" is to be executed by the Chief Financial Officer at the time a project Resolution and/or Purchase Order is placed; in accordance with the fee schedules on file in the Purchasing Division; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset Purchasing Division did advertise for said services on the County Website, www.co.somerset.nj.us on January 2, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the following sealed proposals were received for the following categories on January 30, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. for the Year 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and

	Received	Category Description
3.1	6	Engineering/Design Services for the Replacement or Rehabilitation of Various Types of Somerset County Bridges
3.2	10	Engineering/Design Services for the Reconstruction of Roadways
3.3	4	Traffic Signal Design Services and General Traffic Engineering Services
3.4	7	Bridge and Roadway Inspection Services including Construction Engineering and Integrity Inspections
3.5	4	Professional Testing, Inspection and Laboratory Services for Concrete, Asphalt and Soils
3.6	6	Engineering Services including HVAC, Plumbing, Sprinkler and Electrical Engineering including Inspection Services
3.7	2	Architectural Services including Historic Architectural services pursuant to Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
3.8	6	Land Surveying Services including Open Space/Agricultural Easement Surveys and General on Call Land Surveying Services
3.9	1	Real Property Appraisal Services - Somerset County
3.10	0	Relocation Assistance Services pursuant to EDA Guidelines and Federal Uniform Act Requirements
3.11	2	Environmental Engineering Services and Regulatory Compliance Services for Somerset County Facilities including Well Water Testing and Reporting
3.12	8	Engineering Services Relating to Storm water Management, Hydrology, Hydraulics, Wetlands and Permitting
3.13	4	Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP)
3.14	5	Professional Planning Services (including Land Use Planning, Transportation Planning, Environmental Planning, Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Planning, Energy Planning, Open Space and Farmland Preservation Planning, Solid Waste Planning and Historic Preservation)
3.15	5	Professional Landscape Architectural Services
3.16	3	Professional Golf Course Design Services
3.17	0	Cultural Resources Consulting Services
3.18	0	Licensed Public Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (reference 3.18 requirements)
3.19	0	Communication Technology Consulting Services Including but not Limited to Wireless Networks, Radio Communications and Fiber Optic Technology
3.20	3	Building Inspection Services including construction engineering and integrity inspections
3.21	6	Structural Engineering/Design Services for buildings

WHEREAS, the following vendors have submitted proposals to perform the aforesaid services and the County Engineer has determined they are qualified to provide the services of the type and nature to carry out the aforesaid services; and are recommended by the County Engineer:

Company	Address	City/State/Zip Code
Advanced Infrastructure Design, Inc	1 Crossroads Drive	Hamilton, NJ 08691
CME Associates	3141 Bordentown Ave	Parlin, NJ 08859
Control Point Associates, Inc	30 Independence Blvd., Ste 100	Warren, NJ 07059
ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC	200 Summit Lake Drive, Ste 260	Valhalla, NY 10595
Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C.	77 Brant Avenue, Ste 105	Clark, NJ 07066
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	119 Cherry Hill Rd, Ste 110	Parsippany, NJ 07054
Infotran Engineers & Architects P.C.	60 Evergreen Pl, Ste 301	East Orange, NJ 07018
Mark Tinder Appraisals, LLC	34 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor	Somerville, NJ 08876
Pennoni Associates Inc.	1900 Market Street, Ste 300	Philadelphia, PA 19103
Princeton Hydro, LLC	P.O. Box 3689	Trenton, NJ 08629
Richard A. Alaimo Associates	200 High Street	Mount Holly, NJ 08060
T.Y. Lin International	100 Enterprise Drive, Ste 51	Rockaway, NJ 07866
Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, DPC, Inc.	1122 Rte 22, Ste 106	Mountainside, NJ 07092
The Reynolds Group, Inc.	575 Route 28, Ste 110	Raritan, NJ 08869

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 qualify the 14 vendors to perform the aforesaid services in accordance with the fee schedules pursuant to the contracts to be filed with the Clerk of the Board and approved as to form and content by County Counsel; and

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. A notice of this award shall be published in the Courier News as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

R24-514

AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR NORTH BRANCH GREENWAY PICKLEBALL COURTS, BRIDGEWATER
TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONTRACT NO. 23013

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 (32-213-40-023-413-301) \$200,953.00; and

WHEREAS, six (6) sealed bid responses were received, opened and read in public on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. prevailing time for North Branch Greenway Pickleball Courts, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 23013; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the County Engineer and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Halecon, Inc., 136 Billian Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 meets the requirements of the County specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Halecon, Inc. be and is hereby accepted based on the lowest total cost for:

North Branch Greenway Pickleball Courts,
Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
Contract No. 23013
\$200,953.00

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 upon receipt of a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of \$200,953.00 is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

R24-515

AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO VARIOUS BUILDING
STRUCTURES LOCATED IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONTRACT NO. 23019

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 items (04-215-150-90-454-802) \$172.12, (04-215-161-30-165-800) \$8,552.32, (04-215-172-30-165-800) \$11,356.99, (04-215-181-30-454-802) \$46,974.08, (04-215-182-30-454-802) \$250,093.02, (04-215-191-30-454-802) \$108,772.64, (04-215-192-30-454-802) \$16,242.75, (04-215-201-30-454-802) \$4,123.85, (04-215-202-30-454-802) \$91,029.82, (04-215-211-30-454-802) \$94,426.74, (04-215-221-30-454-802) \$13,022.92, and (04-215-230-30-454-802) \$105,232.75; and

WHEREAS, four (4) sealed bid responses were received, opened and read in public on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. prevailing time for Maintenance Contract for Repairs to Various Building Structures Located in Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract

No. 23019; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the County Engineer and it was determined that the low bid as submitted by Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc. dba GPC Inc. is considered non-responsive due to failing to submit proof of ownership of required equipment with their bid response as required by section 104.04 subsection Materials and Equipment of the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer determined that the second lowest bid as submitted by GSP Properties, LLC, 1 North Gate Road, Mendham, NJ 07945 meets the requirements of the County specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by GSP Properties, LLC be and is hereby accepted based on the lowest total cost for:

Maintenance Contract for Repairs to Various Building Structures
Located in Somerset County, New Jersey
Contract No. 23019

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 upon receipt of a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of \$1,452,982.53 is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

R24-516

AWARD OF CONTRACT
FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF WARRENBROOK POOL, 500 WARRENVILLE ROAD,
WARREN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONTRACT NO. 23014

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 (32-213-40-022-313-671) \$1,450,200.00; and,

WHEREAS, five (5) sealed bid responses were received, opened and read in public on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. prevailing time for Reconstruction of Warrenbrook Pool, 500 Warrenville Road, Warren Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, Contract No. 23014; and,

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the County Engineer and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Ray Palmer Associates, Inc., 95 King Street, Dover, NJ 07801 meets the requirements of the County specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. be and is hereby accepted based on the lowest total cost for:

Reconstruction of Warrenbrook Pool, 500 Warrenville Road,
Warren Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
Contract No. 23014
\$1,450,200.00

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 upon receipt of a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of \$1,450,200.00 is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

R24-517

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STIRES ASSOCIATES, P.A.
FOR SURVEY OF MONUMENT RESETTING, BLOCK 168, LOT 10,
WERTSVILLE ROAD, 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 \$650.00 (04-215-232-11-454-817); and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Survey of Monument Resetting, Block 168, Lot 10, Hillsborough Township, Somerset County, New Jersey and,

WHEREAS, Stires Associates, P.A., 43 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 has submitted a proposal to perform the aforesaid services; and,

WHEREAS, Stires Associates, P.A., 43 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 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, Stires Associates, P.A. 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 \$650.00 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).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STIRES ASSOCIATES, P.A.
FOR AN OPEN SPACE SURVEY OF THE HANDLE WITH CARE PROPERTY, BLOCK 2
LOTS 5 & 5.02, BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, SOMERSET COUNTY, AND BLOCK
357, LOTS 1 & 2,
BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, MIDDLESEX 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 \$5,200.00 (13-293-00-050-802-000); and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an Open Space Survey of the Handle With Care Property, Block 2, Lots 5 & 5.02, Borough of Bound Brook, Somerset County, and Block 357, Lots 1 & 2, Borough of Middlesex, Middlesex County, New Jersey and,

WHEREAS, Stires Associates, P.A., 43 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 has submitted a proposal to perform the aforesaid services; and,

WHEREAS, Stires Associates, P.A., 43 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 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, Stires Associates, P.A. 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 \$5,200.00 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).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VERDANTAS LLC
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING ACADEMY (ESTA),
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 \$51,832.14 (04-215-180-20-454-801); \$167.86 (04-215-162-90-454-813); and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Environmental Engineering Services at the Emergency Services Training Academy (ESTA); and,

WHEREAS, Verdantas LLC, 5400 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808 has submitted a proposal to perform the aforesaid services; and,

WHEREAS, Verdantas LLC, 5400 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808 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 Verdantas LLC 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 \$52,000.00 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).

R24-520

REJECTING BID RESPONSE FOR
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF WATER-COOLED AND AIR-COOLED CHILLERS
CONTRACT #CC-0125-24

WHEREAS, one (1) sealed bid response was received, opened and read in public on February 8, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. prevailing time for Maintenance & Repair of Water-Cooled and Air-Cooled Chillers; Contract #CC-0125-24; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Facilities and Services recommended that the bid response received from Peterson Service Company, 234 Route 70, Medford, NJ 08055 be rejected due to vendor failing to provide resumes of mechanics as required by the bid specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid received for Maintenance & Repair of Water-Cooled and Air-Cooled Chillers is hereby rejected. This contract shall be rebid.

R24-521

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COUNTYWIDE
TREE REMOVAL & TRIMMING OPEN END COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM BID #2-
SOCCP CONTRACT #CC-0081-23
SECOND YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset Purchasing Department properly advertised seeking bids for Countywide Tree Removal & Trimming, Open End Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, on an open end contract basis with "Availability of Funds Certificate" to be executed by the Chief Financial Officer at the time each order is placed; and,

WHEREAS, six (6) sealed proposals were received, opened and read in public on January 31, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. prevailing time for Countywide Tree Removal & Trimming, Open End Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0081-23; and,

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Supervisor of Roads and Bridges Division and it has been determined that the bids as submitted by the following meet the necessary requirements of the County specifications and are willing to extend pricing to all Cooperative Members:

Garden State Landscapes Inc.
PO Box 96
Martinsville, NJ 08836
908-575-9001

	PRIMARY PRICE LIST COUNTY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING ALL PRICES WILL INCLUDE PROMPT REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND DISPOSAL	Regular Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate
Item #1	Tree Trimming / Removal Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.2.	\$200.00	\$200.00
Item #2	Tree Trimming / Removal Without Traffic Observers Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.3	\$175.00	\$175.00
Additional Option: Reference 4.6			
Option #1	Crane Rental Hourly rate with required Operator as per 4.6.	\$170.00	\$170.00

Rich Tree Service, Inc.
325 Bergen Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
908-755-6008

	PRIMARY PRICE LIST COUNTY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING ALL PRICES WILL INCLUDE PROMPT REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND DISPOSAL	Regular Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate
Item #3	Stump Grinding / Removal Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.4. Minimum Depth of 6"	\$115.00	\$115.00

	SECONDARY PRICE LIST COUNTY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING ALL PRICES WILL INCLUDE PROMPT REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND DISPOSAL	Regular Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate
Item #2	Tree Trimming / Removal Without Traffic Observers Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.3	\$175.00	\$175.00
Item #4	Stump Grinding / Removal Without Traffic Observers Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.5. Minimum Depth of 6"	\$80.00	\$80.00
Additional Option: Reference 4.6			
Option #1	Crane Rental Hourly rate with required Operator as per 4.6.	\$170.00	\$170.00

Harmony Tree Care LLC.
230 Mt. Harmony Road
Bernardsville, NJ 07924
908-277-6262

	PRIMARY PRICE LIST COUNTY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING ALL PRICES WILL INCLUDE PROMPT REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND DISPOSAL	Regular Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate
Item #4	Stump Grinding / Removal Without Traffic Observers Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.5. Minimum Depth of 6"	\$75.00	\$75.00

	SECONDARY PRICE LIST COUNTY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING ALL PRICES WILL INCLUDE PROMPT REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND DISPOSAL	Regular Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate
Item #1	Tree Trimming / Removal Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.2.	\$275.00	\$275.00
Item #3	Stump Grinding / Removal Hourly rate with required crew and equipment as per 4.4. Minimum Depth of 6"	\$120.00	\$120.00
Additional Option: Reference 4.6			
Option #1	Crane Rental Hourly rate with required Operator as per 4.6.	\$200.00	\$200.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bids as submitted by the venders listed above be and are hereby accepted for Countywide Tree Removal and Trimming, Open End Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0081-23, Second Year of a Two Year Contract.

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.

R24-522

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FURNISH AND DELIVER REPOSITORIES
FOR ACCUMULATING, REMOVAL AND RECYCLING OF USED TIRES
CONTRACT #CC-0119-22 THIRD 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 budget of the County of Somerset, line item (02-213-23-390-698-280) \$16,200.00; and,

WHEREAS, one (1) sealed bid was received, opened and read in public on November 9, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. prevailing time for Furnish and Deliver Repositories for Accumulating, Removal and Recycling of Used Tires, Contract #CC-0119-22; and,

WHEREAS, the bid was reviewed by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Division and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Richie's Tire Service, Inc. 107 Egel Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846 meets all the requirements of the County specifications during the first year of the contract for:

\$1,350.00 per trailer load of tires

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Richie's Tire Service, Inc. is hereby accepted for the third year of a three year contract.

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 contracts and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order as needed per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

R24-523

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION & DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS, SOMERSET COUNTY CONTRACT #CC-0134-23 SECOND 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 budget of the County of Somerset, line item (02-213-23-390-698-280) \$210,627.00; and

WHEREAS two (2) sealed bids were received, opened and read in public on January 31, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. prevailing time for Transportation & Disposal of Hazardous Waste from Somerset County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, Somerset County, Contract #CC-0134-23; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Manager of Solid Waste Management, and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Radiac Research Corp., 261 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249 meets all the necessary requirements of the County specifications and is therefore determined to be the lowest responsible bidder:

Item	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Price Per Vehicle	\$48.98	\$52.90	\$56.90
Vehicles	5,000	5,000	5,000
Grand Total	\$244,900.00	\$264,500.00	\$284,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bid as submitted by Radiac Research Corp. be and is hereby accepted second year of a three year contract for the items as listed on the Schedule of Prices on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board; 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 a Purchase Order per bid proposal and specifications approved as to form by County Counsel.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PARTS AND REPAIRS FOR COMMERCIAL LAWN, PARK
AND GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT, OPEN END CONTRACT COOPERATIVE PRICING
SYSTEM BID #2-SOCCP FIRST YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT
CONTRACT # CC-0100-24

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset Purchasing Department properly advertised seeking bids for Parts and Repairs for Commercial Lawn, Park, and Golf Course Equipment, on an Open End Contract basis with “Availability of Funds Certificate” to be executed by the Chief Financial Officer at the time each order is placed; and

WHEREAS, three (3) sealed proposals were received, opened and read in public on January 30, 2024 at 3:30 P.M. prevailing time for Parts and Repairs for Commercial Lawn, Park and Golf Course Equipment, Open End Contract #CC-0100-24, Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Supervisor of Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and it was determined that the bids as submitted by the following vendors have met all the necessary requirements of the County specifications and therefore has been determined to be the primary and secondary for the following items:

Cherry Valley Tractor 35 West Route 70 Marlton, NJ 08053	
<i>PRIMARY VENDOR</i>	
ITEM 7: Red Max Power Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$135.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	-10%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	-10%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$140.00
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$125.00
ITEM 16: Ryan Turf Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$135.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	-5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	-5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$140.00
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$125.00
ITEM 17: Ransomes Golf Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$135.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	-5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	-5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$140.00
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$125.00
ITEM 18: Kubota Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$135.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	-15%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	-15%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$140.00
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$125.00
<i>SECONDARY VENDOR</i>	
ITEM 12: Honda Power Parts and Repairs	

Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$135.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	-10%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	-10%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$140.00
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$125.00

Central Jersey Equipment, LLC 670 Route 40 Elmer, NJ 08318	
<i>PRIMARY VENDOR</i>	
ITEM 12: Honda Power Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$110.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	0%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	0%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$160.00 HR
Roll Back	Yes
Towing Service (Labor Rate Per Hour)	\$8.00/ MILE

Finch Turf, Inc. * 9 Venture Way Eldersburg, MD 21784 *Not willing to extend pricing to Cooperative Members	
<i>PRIMARY VENDOR</i>	
ITEM 4: Turfco Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes
ITEM 9: Salsco Golf and Turf Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes
ITEM 11: Broy Hill Golf and Turf Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes
ITEM 15: Redexim-Charterhouse-Verit-Drain Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes

ITEM 19: AgriMetal Parts and Repairs	
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Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes
<i>SECONDARY VENDOR</i>	
ITEM 16: Ryan Turf Parts and Repairs	
Repairs of Equipment (Flat Rate Per Hour)	\$187.00
OEM parts discount when used in repair of equipment (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
OEM parts discount when picked up - Over the Counter (% Off List Price)	(% Off SELL Price) 5%
Road Service	Yes
Labor Rate	\$200.00
Roll Back	Yes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset that the bids as submitted by the above named vendors be and are hereby accepted for the first year of a two year contract for the items as listed on the Schedule of Prices on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board; 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 SINGLETERRY, WAS THEN ON ROLL CALL ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:

R24-525

**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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Cleary Giacobbe	Administrator	\$91,580.04	271857	01-203-20-010-121-940
Alfieri		\$39,068.19	271860	01-201-20-010-121-940
Jacobs, LLC		\$6,984.00	271860	13-293-00-050-802-000

R24-526

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO PAY
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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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Benjamin Nanna	Economic Development	\$128.32	268681	01-203-26-011-391-450

R24-527

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 Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Polaris Pharmacy Services	JCC-0006-23	\$10,000.00	R23-2413	271878	02-213-23-714-520-300

R24-528

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Red Bank Vet Hospital	Sheriff	\$4,751.07	271552	01-201-25-014-300-941
John H Stamler Police Academy	Sheriff	\$4,200.00	271491	01-201-25-014-300-941
RWJBarnabas Health	Sheriff	\$355.00	270192	01-203-25-014-300-580

R24-529

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 Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$7,925.00	R23-2424	271222	02-21324-371-686-280
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$150,239.00	R23-2424	271222	02-213-24-675-686-280
Whitson	CC-01140-22	\$160,485.00	R23-2424	271222	02-213-24-676-686-280
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$15,657.00	R23-2424	271222	02-213-24-678-686-280
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$30,363.00	R23-2424	271222	02-213-24-680-686-280
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$100,000.00	R23-2424	271222	01-201-27-012-686-280
Whitson	CC-0114-22	\$42,000.00	R23-2424	271222	03-303-56-851-681-000

R24-530

SOMERSET COUNTY 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 Department of Human Services wishes to amend the balance on the following previously certified funds for certain contracts:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount Reduced</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition</u>	<u>Account</u>
North Plainfield	N/A	\$39,899.22	R21-396	226686	12-290-19-CV3-309-802
Community Hope	CY-COM-0005-21	\$1,998.36	R21-701	234084	12-290-21-002-343-280
Midland Adult Services, Inc.	CY-COM-0005-22	\$5,373.30	R22-2344	251902	12-290-22-005-302-802
MLK Youth Center	CY-COM-0005-22	\$2,583.00	R22-2346	251900	12-290-22-006-301-802
Midland Adult Services, Inc.	CY-COM-0005-22	\$3,949.40	R22-2346	251903	12-290-22-010-303-802
Midland Adult Services, Inc.	CY-COM-0005-23	\$116,199.78	R23-1918	264746	12-290-23-005-303-802

R24-531

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
ASL Interpreter Referral of Somerset, NJ	Richard Hall CHWC	\$285.00	271095	01-201-27-012-616-280

R24-532

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS WITH A
GRAND TOTAL OF \$18,317,487.55

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	\$10,172,454.65	2/17/2024-3/1/2024
Other Expenses	\$4,324,854.10	2/17/2024-3/1/2024
Salaries	\$3,820,178.80	2/17/2024-3/1/2024
Total	\$18,317,487.55	

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.

R24-533

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
STOPit Solutions	Prosecutor's Office	\$3,000.00	271445	01-203-25-014-130-260

R24-534

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R24-535

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 undersigned Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset hereby certifies that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
A.M. E. Inc.	Facilities & Services	\$6,299.27	271335	01-203-26-011-165-280
Haig Service Corporation	Facilities & Services	\$122.00	271672	01-203-26-011-165-260

R24-536

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND CANCELING 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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Herc Rentals, Inc.	CC-0028-22	-\$10,000.00	R23-129	253911	01-203-26-011-165-940
Industrial Cooling, Corp.	CC-0125-21	-\$1,542.89	R23-129	253914	01-203-26-011-165-290
J. Swanton Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	CC-0036-21R	-\$1,000.00	R23-129	253916	01-203-26-011-165-741
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	SC83717	-\$3,110.21	R23-129	253917	01-203-26-011-165-260
Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc.	CC-0049-22	-\$1,547.92	R23-324	254191	01-203-26-011-165-580

R24-537

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO PAY
CONFIRMING ORDER

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 he has carefully reviewed the availability of funds and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Avidxchange	DPW	\$1,535.25	271630	01-201-26-011-455-290

R24-538

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO PAY
CONFIRMING ORDER

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 and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
National Time Systems, Inc.	Recycling	\$1,978.83	269413	01-201-26-011-700-260

R24-539

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 undersigned Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset hereby certifies that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Continental Trading & Hardware	Bridges	CC-0112-22	\$250.76	271401	01-201-26-011-452-580
Atlantic Salt, Inc.	Roads	CC-0054-22	\$113,154.05	271488	03-297-56-100-451-580
Morton Salt, Inc.	Roads	CC-0054-22	\$27,937.60	271523	03-297-56-100-451-580

R24-540

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Atlantic Salt, Inc.,	CC-0054-22	\$152,000.00	R23-2023	271789	03-297-56-100-451-580

R24-541

**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,

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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 and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Campbell Freightliner, LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$464.59	271656	01-201-26-011-457-250
Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$2,404.01	271660	01-201-26-011-457-250
Hoover Truck Centers	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$5,444.88	271668	01-201-26-011-457-250
Parsons NJ Emissions	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$94.12	271673	01-201-26-011-457-260
Cliffside Body Corporation	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0043-22	\$3,568.22	271730	01-201-26-011-457-340
D & B Auto Supply	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0013-23	\$6,511.15	271740	01-201-26-011-457-340
Storr Tractor Company	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$257.55	271742	01-201-26-011-457-340
Tony Sanchez, LTD	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0043-22	\$1,386.80	271745	01-201-26-011-457-340
Air Brake & Equipment	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0129-23	\$4,863.98	271746	01-201-26-011-457-342
The Hose Shop	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0129-23	\$2,816.91	271747	01-201-26-011-457-342
F & S Tire Corp., Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$2,088.00	271748	01-201-26-011-457-346
Washington Twp (DBA Fred Beans)	Vehicle Maintenance	N/A	\$208.26	271750	01-201-26-011-457-346

R24-542

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 undersigned Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset hereby certifies that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds and is hereby authorized to pay the following confirming purchase orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
CME Associates	Vehicle Maintenance	CY-XS/0001-24	\$4,085.75	271645	01-201-26-011-450-451
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0045-22	\$40,635.56	271647	01-201-26-011-450-741
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	CC-0036-23	\$21,565.50	271648	01-201-26-011-450-742

R24-543

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
BRT Technologies	Tax Board	\$31,036.00	271416	01-201-20-015-320-280

R24-544

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
BRT Technologies	Tax Board	\$4,000.00	271406	01-201-20-015-320-280

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER DRAKE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:
R24-545

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION OF SOMERSET COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established the Cultural and Heritage Commission of Somerset County to promote and protect the history and culture throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received requests for appointments from municipalities for various positions on the Cultural and Heritage Commission of Somerset County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint the following individuals to a one year term expiring on January 31, 2025:

- Sean Blinn (Township of Bedminster)
- Leslie Workman (Township of Bernards)
- Rozalyn Sherman (Township of Franklin)
- Rose Kopf (Township of Green Brook)
- Keiona R. Miller (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Les Floyd (Borough of Somerville)

R24-546

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BETH AKKAWAY TO
THE GREATER RARITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board is a public-private partnership responsible for oversight of the workforce development and delivery system in Hunterdon and Somerset counties, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, established under federal law, the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board undertakes policy and planning to ensure the workforce system is meeting the needs of employers and job seekers, and

WHEREAS, Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board members are appointed by the Boards of County Commissioners of Hunterdon and Somerset counties, and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received applications for a position on the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board to fill an existing vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners desire to appoint Beth Akkaway as a member to the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners do hereby appoint Beth Akkaway to serve on the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board commencing on March 13, 2024.

R24-547

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF SOMERSET COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has established a Solid Waste Advisory Committee to promote and develop a waste management plan throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners has received requests for appointments from municipalities for various positions on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of Somerset County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint the following individuals to a one-year term expiring on January 31, 2025:

- Ron Cheesman (Township of Branchburg)
- Thomas M. Genova (Township of Bridgewater)
- Howard Norgalis (Township of Bridgewater)
- Shelia Tweedie (Borough of Far Hills)
- Maureen Sturgeon (Township of Franklin)
- Carl Hauck (Township of Franklin)
- Michael Giordano (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Steve McIntyre (Borough of North Plainfield)
- Rodney Hadley (Borough of Somerville)
- Kevin Sluka (Borough of Somerville)

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER DRAKE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND MOVED THEIR ADOPTION:

R24-548

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH
SUBSTANCE USE AGENCIES AND THE COUNTY OPIATE ABATEMENT
FUNDING CONTRACT CY-COM-0093-24 FOR
THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, Somerset County was awarded \$147,771 from the Opiate Abatement Funding, by the State of New Jersey,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer 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 dually adopted budget of the County of Somerset, line item 02-213-23-791-613-000; and

WHEREAS, as the County released an RFP in accordance with competitive contracting (40A:11-4.1 et. seq.), for the solicitation of application County Opiate Abatement Funding Contract; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were received, opened and read in public on November 1st, 2023 at 2:00 pm for CY-COM-0093-24 for Opiate Settlement Innovation Funding; and

WHEREAS the County Advisory Council, the County Addiction Services Director, and County Counsel recommends the award of the following services:

- Somerset Treatment Services (STS) - \$97,771.00 for Somerset County Opioid Use Treatment Recovery Solutions (SCOUT)
- Center for Great Expectations (CGE)- \$50,000.00 for Expansion and Support of Holistic and Allied Therapies for Women with Opioid Use Disorder

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners authorized the subcontract agreements with Somerset Treatment Services (STS) and Center for Great Expectations for the total amount of \$147,000.00 for services for January 1st, 2024 through December 31st, 2024 contingent upon the County receiving the Funds from the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners 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 execute all necessary agreements, subject to County Counsel approval with Somerset Treatment Services and Center for Great Expectations in accordance with the RFP received.
2. A notice of this award shall be published in the Courier News as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

R24-549

**RESOLUTION AMENDING SOMERSET COUNTY'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE
MANUAL, CHAPTER II, GENERAL EMPLOYMENT POLICES
SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution R16-775 dated October 11, 2016 the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted an policy and procedures to more specifically define the sexual harassment and unlawful harassment policies for county employees and related individuals; and

WHEREAS, from time to time by Resolution Somerset County Board of Commissioners readopt and revised the Policy and Procedure Manual for clarification of the rules and regulations and general employment policies; and

WHEREAS, upon advice of County Counsel and the Department of Human Resources various revisions and amendments to the Manual are necessary to properly reflect the polices and operation of the County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter II of the Manual relating to Sexual Harassment and Unlawful Harassment are requested to be updated to accurately reflect the polices and operation of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approved the revised Amendment to the General Employment Polices a copy of which is on file with the Human Resources Department and available to all employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners that the Policy and Procedure Manual of the County of Somerset, Chapter II General Employment Polices, Sexual Harassment and Unlawful Harassment is amended effective March 12, 2024, a copy of which is on file in the Department of Human Resources and available to all employees, is hereby adopted and approved and is effective immediately.

R24-550

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR CROWDSTRIKE ADVANCED ENDPOINT PROTECTION SOLUTION PROVIDED THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC), a division within the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP), is offering a cost sharing agreement for CrowdStrike Advanced Endpoint Protection and cybersecurity monitoring services; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County IT Office will have completed the application/proposal for said award in accordance with State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program requirements.

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 Director of Information Technology to submit an application to be included in a cost sharing agreement with the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for CrowdStrike Advanced Endpoint Solution, and to accept and expend specific funding pending application review, from the New Jersey State and Local Cybersecurity grant Program, funding not to exceed \$335,730.00 with a cash match not to exceed \$97,470.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners, Deputy Clerk of the Board and/or Grants and Special Projects Supervisor of the County of Somerset be authorized to execute any and all required documentations, agreements, and modifications as may be necessary with the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for funding not to exceed \$335,730.00 with a cash match not to exceed \$97,470.00.

R24-551

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
Middlesex County Treasurer	Jail	\$422,700.00	272305	01-201-25-014-520-941

R24-552

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, in the County of Somerset, desire to constitute the 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of said County by inserting therein various capital projects; and

WHEREAS, State law requires that any capital improvement must be included in the annual capital budget of the county and if it is not, then the capital improvement program must be amended to reflect this capital expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the County has not yet adopted a Capital Budget for 2024 and consequently it is necessary to adopt a Temporary Capital Budget prior to the adoption of any Bond Ordinance or amendment in 2024.

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

Section 1. The 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of the County of Somerset is hereby constituted by the adoption of a schedule to read as follows:

1. Project Title	2. Proj #	3. Estimated Total Cost	4. Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR					6. to Be Funded in Future Years
				5A. 2024 Budget Appropriations	5b. Capital Improvement Fund	5c. Capital Surplus	5d. Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e. Debt Authorized	
Building Improvements		200,000.00			10,000			190,000	
Courthouse Improvements		20,000.00			1,000			19,000	
Long Line - Spray Thermo - Yellow and White		440,000.00			22,000			418,000	
Traffic Signal/Control Boxes (2)		55,000.00			2,750			52,250	
Guide Rail		75,000.00			3,750			71,250	
Highway Resurfacing		2,050,000.00			102,500			1,947,500	
Drainage Improvements		50,000.00			2,500			47,500	
Bridges		1,299,400.00			64,970			1,234,430	
ADA (Curb Ramps and Traffic Signals)		750,000.00			37,500			712,500	
Buildings		32,600,000.00			1,630,000			30,970,000	
Reserve for Preliminary Costs		100,000.00			5,000			95,000	
Federal Projects		250,000.00			12,500			237,500	
Replacement PCs (225 PCs\Laptops)		200,000.00			10,000			190,000	
Peripherals - Monitors, Cameras, PC Parts		50,000.00			2,500			47,500	
RVCC Minor capital projects		200,000.00			10,000			190,000	
Chpt 12		4,148,407.00			-			4,148,407	
TOTALS - ALL PROJECTS		42,487,807			1,916,970			40,570,837	

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2024 Temporary Capital Budget and that these projects are to be included in the 2024 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

R24-553

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND THE SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Park Commission manages various county parks and recreation facilities within the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County desires to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Local Recreation Improvement grant; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County and the Somerset County Park Commission wish to memorialize their commitment to a continuing relationship in having the Somerset County Park Commission execute a project under the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Somerset County and the Somerset County Park Commission.

R24-554

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR
THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs has made funding available to support the improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, municipal recreation centers, and local stadiums; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for the construction of a playground; and

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

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 Department of Finance and Administrative Services to submit an application/proposal for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant, accept and expend specific funding to awardees, pending application review, from Department of Community Affairs for funding not to exceed \$100,000.00.

R24-555

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 Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that they have carefully reviewed the availability of funds for:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Requisition #</u>	<u>Account</u>
National Flag & Display Co., INC dba Metro Flag Co.	CC-0049-24	\$2,864.88	R24-319	272710	01-201-26-012-126-280

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MARANO FROM 24-551

COMMISSIONER SINGLETERRY MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**031224EX
 RESOLUTION CLOSING PORTION OF MEETING**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, that under the provision of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975:

1. This Board will go into Closed Session at this meeting for the purposes of discussing matters within the provisions of C10:4-12

 7(4) Collective Bargaining

 X **7(5) Purchase, Lease, Acquisition of Land**

- Gabler Property – Peapack Gladstone
- Dalness Property –Peapack-Gladstone
- Martenette Farms –Hillsborough Twp.
- Symanski Farm –Bridgewater Twp

 7(7) Potential/Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations

 7(8) Personnel Matters

2. Under the provisions of the above referenced law, the public may be excluded from Attendance at the portion of the meeting relating to aforementioned matters.

3. Items discussed will be disclosed as soon as possible.

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

YEAS: DRAKE, SINGLETERRY, MARANO, SOOY, ROBINSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Deputy County Counsel Shain 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