Easton, Pennsylvania  
January 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Kenneth M. Kraft, President; Ronald R. Heckman, Vice President; John Cusick; Matthew H. Dietz; Margaret L. Ferraro; William B. McGee; Lori Vargo Heffner; Tara M. Zrinski; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council and Christopher T. Spadoni, Solicitor to Council. Absent was Robert F. Werner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Vargo Heffner led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Cusick made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the January 2, 2018 and January 4, 2018 meetings shall be approved.

Mr. Heckman seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Jeff Fox, Pen Argyl, PA - advised that political partisanship should not have a public face in County government, especially in public County Council meetings. He further advised to bring about the “profound change” dictated by the election results, the County Executive and County Council must lead by example. He added he hoped for a competent, contemplative and civil County government and wished a positive prosperous path for Northampton County.

Mr. Fox stated to that end, transparency was important in government at all levels and that was why he was concerned about the blatant violation of the Sunshine Act at the January 9, 2018 meeting of the General Purpose Authority that should be addressed.
Mr. Fox advised he was disappointed with County Council's vote to commit $10 million over a 40 year period from hotel tax revenue to the DaVinci Science Center proposed project. He further advised he was not opposed to the project and believed it could be potentially beneficial, but it was not fiscally responsible to commit monies for such a long period to a proposed project. He noted County Council could give this proposed project the cache it was looking for within a more responsible and reasonable framework.

Ms. Susan Reppert, Fountain Hill, PA - stated she had known Ms. Sue Wandalowski, who was nominated for Director of Human Services position, professionally for more than 20 years. She further stated that she felt very comfortable in supporting her nomination.

Ms. Reppert advised Ms. Wandalowski was accustomed to working in a heavy regulated environment and knew the pressures of having more work to do than resources so she would encourage County Council to vote for her nomination.

Ms. Lin Erickson, Easton, PA - stated the DaVinci Science Center and the City of Easton held a meeting Tuesday night to share concepts developed in the Facilities and Exhibits Master Plan for the DaVinci Science City Project. She further advised concepts developed in the new master plan would deliver to the City of Easton and Northampton County a world class science center that was distinctive, compelling, an economic development project that would generate a strong return on investment and an educational resource that would benefit the community for generations to come.

Ms. Erickson provided a document entitled, "DaVinci Science City – From Vision to Reality" (see Attachment #1). She advised there would be three core exhibit areas, noting the aquarium was being replaced by a Naturedome. She further advised they were creating a science center that was unlike any other in the mid-Atlantic region and would like an opportunity to fully explain the project to the new Administration and County Council before a decision was made to revoke the previously approved funding.

Mr. Daniel Thierry, Nazareth, PA - stated he worked with Ms. Tina Smith, the nominee for Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, at the Nazareth Area Chamber for eleven years and for a shorter period at the Nazareth Economic Development. He further stated the Nazareth Area
Chamber remained successful due to the efforts of Ms. Smith.

Mr. Thierry advised Ms. Smith was a very dedicated and hard-working individual and never let things fall through the cracks. He further advised she was a very collaborative person and was dedicated to serving others so he hoped County Council would confirm her for the position of Director of Community and Economic Development.

County Executive Report

Mr. Lamont McClure, County Executive, indicated he did not have a report.

Consideration of Resolutions Regarding the County Executive’s Nominations: a) Director of Administration; b) Director of Community and Economic Development; c) Director of Fiscal Affairs; d) Director of Human Resources; e) Director of Human Services; f) Director of Public Works; g) Northampton County Solicitor; h) Northampton County Public Defender

Director of Administration

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 1-2018 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Charles M. Dertinger shall be confirmed in his appointment as Director of the Department of Administration, at Pay Grade Group VI, Step 3-C, salary $102,242, effective January 18, 2018.

In answer to Mrs. Ferraro’s question as to the change in salary, Mr. McClure stated there was an error in the paperwork that was sent to County Council and it was corrected.

Mr. Cusick advised he supported this yesterday when the salary was at Step 1-A as it was the same as the previous Director of Administration, but he would not be supporting this change.

In response to Mr. Dietz’s question as to the reason for the change, Mr. McClure stated this was the salary that was required to have Mr. Dertinger leave his previous employment to take this position.
As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "no"; and Dietz, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-1.

Director of Community and Economic Development

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 2-2018    RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Tina Smith shall be confirmed in her appointment as Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, at Pay Grade Group V, Step 1-A, salary $85,393, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Director of Fiscal Affairs

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 3-2018    RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Stephen J. Barron, Jr. shall be confirmed in his appointment as Director of the Department of Fiscal Affairs, at Pay Grade Group VI, Step 1-A, salary $93,626, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes" and Heckman, "yes".
The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Director of Human Resources

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 4-2018 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Elizabeth Kelly shall be confirmed in her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Resources, at Pay Grade Group V, Step 5-E, salary $101,832, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes" and Kraft, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Director of Human Services

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 5-2018 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Sue Wandalowski shall be confirmed in her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Services, at Pay Grade Group VI, Step 1-A, salary $93,626, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes" and Kraft, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Director of Public Works

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:
R. 6-2018 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Michael Emili shall be confirmed in his appointment as Director of the Department of Public Works, at Pay Grade Group VI, Step 1-A, salary $93,626, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes" and Vargo Heffner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Northampton County Solicitor

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 7-2018 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Melissa Pammer Rudas shall be confirmed in her appointment as County Solicitor, at Pay Grade Group XII, Step 1-A, salary $63,124, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes" and Vargo Heffner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Northampton County Public Defender

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:


As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.
The vote: McGee, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes" and Zrinski, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of Personnel Request Resolutions: a) Department of Human Services - Area Agency on Aging Division; b) Department of Human Services - Children, Youth and Families Division

Department of Human Services - Area Agency on Aging Division

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 9-2018 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Aging Care Manager II, pay grade PS-35, salary $39,466, shall be eliminated and one (1) full time position of Aging Care Manager III, pay grade PS-37B, salary $43,471, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Area Agency on Aging Division - Protective Services Unit, effective January 18, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one (1) full time position of Fiscal Officer II, pay grade HS-38A, salary $46,357, shall be eliminated and one (1) full time position of Accountant II, pay grade HS-38A, salary $46,357, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Area Agency on Aging Division, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Department of Human Services - Children, Youth and Families Division

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:
R. 10-2018 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Casework Manager II, pay grade HS-42B, salary $55,281, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Children, Youth and Families Division, effective January 18, 2018.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes" and Dietz, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of Gracedale Union Employee Pay Scale for 2018 Resolution

Mr. McGee introduced the following resolution:

R. 11-2018 WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council adopted resolution #131-2017 which adopted the Gracedale Union 2018 pay scale; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2018, the Department of Human Resources indicated the Gracedale Union satisfied their obligation to enact an extra .5% Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) for a total COLA of 2.5% instead of only 2% if sick usage remained under a certain amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the 2018 pay scale for Gracedale Union employees shall be revised to read as indicated on the attached document (refer to Exhibit "A").

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.
Consideration of Emergency Contract Resolution - H.T. Lyons

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 12-2018 WHEREAS, the Administrative Code Section 13.12 Emergency Procurements states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the County Executive or his designee may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions, provided that such emergency procurements shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances. The County Executive shall present an Emergency Procurement Notice to the Council President regarding the specifics of the emergency and the need to avoid the public procurement process."; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the County Executive requested that an emergency contract be awarded to H.T. Lyons for the repair of drain lines for the showers, tubs and floor drains at Gracedale not to exceed $44,880 (see Attachment #1).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council concurs with the Administration to award an emergency contract to H.T. Lyons.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of the Pennsylvania Act 106 Compliance Resolutions: a) Appointment of Risk Manager; b) Form and Content

Appointment of Risk Manager

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 13-2018 WHEREAS, on November 23, 2011, Act 106 became immediately effective, authorizing Counties to obtain individual bonds, blanket bonds or crime insurance covering
County officers and employees, replacing prior requirements that certain individual officers of the County have separate bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sub-section 1130(a) of the Act which requires County Council, as the governing body of the County of Northampton, to establish a procedure by which it “shall annually determine the form and required amount of required security that will be reasonably sufficient to protect against the risks of loss in compliance with this subchapter;” and

WHEREAS, sub-section 1130(b) of the Act permits the County Council to appoint a risk manager to “compile and submit information relevant to the determination of an amount of required security under subsection (a);” and

WHEREAS, section 1129 of the Act requires that “the form and contents of a bond and insurance obtained in compliance with this subchapter shall be approved by the governing body of the County, after review by the County Solicitor and consultation with the County risk manager...”;.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County shall hereby adopt the following procedure for compliance with the provisions of the Act:

1. County Council is designating the Director of the Department of Administration, or his/her designee to serve as “risk manager” for purposes of this Act.

2. The Director of Administration or his/her designee is hereby designated to compile and submit information to County Council prior to close of every calendar year as to the amount of security that the risk manager recommends that the County maintain during the succeeding year and otherwise to provide the information as set forth below to enable County Council to place into force the bond and insurance required by the Act for the succeeding year.

3. In the course of performing the duties assigned under above, the Department of Administration and the Solicitor shall confer to determine the form and content of the bond and insurance would comply with the provisions of the Act.
4. At least two weeks prior to the close of every calendar year the Department of Administration shall present to County Council for its consideration and approval the form and amount of the required security, together with a recommendation as to the bond or policy satisfying the criteria set forth in the Act.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes" and Kraft, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Form and Content

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 14-2018 WHEREAS, on November 23, 2011, Act 106 became immediately effective, authorizing counties to obtain individual bonds, blanket bonds or crime insurance covering County officers and employees, replacing prior requirements that certain individual officers of the County have separate bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sub-section 1130(a) of the Act which requires County Council, as the governing body of the County of Northampton, to establish a procedure by which it "shall annually determine the form and required amount of required security that will be reasonably sufficient to protect against the risks of loss in compliance with this subchapter;" and

WHEREAS, sub-section 1130(b) of the Act permits the County Council to appoint a risk manager to "compile and submit information relevant to the determination of an amount of required security under subsection (a);" and

WHEREAS, section 1129 of the Act requires that "the form and contents of a bond and insurance obtained in compliance with this subchapter shall be approved by the governing body of the County, after review by the County solicitor and consultation with the County risk manager...;" and
WHEREAS, Northampton County Council Resolution 71-2013, enacted on September 5, 2013 designated the Director of the Department of Administration or his/her designee to serve as “risk manager” for the purposes of Act 106; and

WHEREAS, prior to the close of every calendar year the amount of security that the risk manager recommends that the County maintain during the succeeding year and otherwise to provide the information as set forth below to enable County Council to place into force the bond and insurance required by the Act for the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, following a review by the County’s Solicitor, the Director of Administration is recommending that County Council approve the following levels of security as provided under the County’s insurance policy through the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and its Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP) program and additional security through bonds that are required by law.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County shall hereby accept the following level of security to cover public officials including members of County Council and the County Executive:

1. Crime coverage through the County’s insurance policy with PCoRP, which covers all County officials and employees for fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery and other criminal acts up to $1 million per occurrence.

2. A Wire Transfer Bond in the amount of $4 million, which provides additional security above the maximum of $1 million crime coverage under PCoRP for certain County employees authorized to initiate wire transfers.

3. A Treasurer’s Bond in the amount of $72,000 which is coverage required by the state based on revenue collection levels, and is still required since Act 106 does not apply to County Treasurers acting as tax collectors as provided in Section 4 of the Local Tax Collection Law.

4. A Magisterial District Justice Bond in the amount of $55,000 per Magisterial District Justice since Act 106 does not apply to those officials.
As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes" and McGee, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of a Donation to the Division of Information and Referral/Emergency Services - Emergency Services Crisis Fund Resolution

Ms. Vargo Heffner introduced the following resolution:

R. 15-2018 WHEREAS, Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 202 (10) provides that County Council shall have, among others, the following powers: "to accept on behalf of the County any gifts of real property and to provide for the acceptance by any agency on behalf of the County of other gifts;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that it does hereby accept the donation of $250.00 to the Division of Information and Referral/Emergency Services for their Emergency Services Crisis Fund from Peerstar LLC.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Heckman, "yes"; Kraft, "yes" and McGee, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

T.O.C. Services, LLC and Steve’s Removal Services

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 16-2018   WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c. (1) requires approval of County Council for "...any contract exceeding $100,000, which was awarded using the Competitive Negotiation, Negotiation After Competitive Sealed Bidding, and Non-Competitive Negotiation source selection methods. For contracts with renewal clauses, the entire potential payout if all renewal clauses are exercised under the terms of the contract must be considered when determining if Council approval is necessary"; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2018, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution approving a contract with T.O.C. Services, LLC and Steve’s Removal Services, for remains transport for the Coroner’s Office, in the amount of $46,000.00 per year with an expected payout of $138,000.00 for the initial three year term. If the two (1) year renewals are exercised, the total compensation is estimated at $230,000.00. The actual amount of the contract will be dependent on the number of transports provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation to approve a contract with T.O.C. Services, LLC and Steve’s Removal Services.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.
Jupiter Painting Contracting Co. Inc.

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 17-2018 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for "any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County's General Fund, such as those funded through bonded indebtedness."

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2018, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract, in the amount of $787,356.00, with Jupiter Painting Contracting Co., Inc., for painting of Northampton County Bridges #58, #72, #83, #125 and #160.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation to approve a contract with Jupiter Painting Contracting Co., Inc., for painting of Northampton County Bridges #58, #72, #83, #125 and #160.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes" and Zrinski, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. dba Workforce Board Lehigh Valley

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 18-2018 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c. (1) requires approval of County Council for "...any contract exceeding $100,000, which was awarded using the Competitive Negotiation, Negotiation After Competitive Sealed Bidding, and Non-Competitive Negotiation source selection methods. For
contracts with renewal clauses, the entire potential payout if all renewal clauses are exercised under the terms of the contract must be considered when determining if Council approval is necessary"; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2018, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution approving a contract in the amount of $275,000 from February 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 with Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. dba Workforce Board Lehigh Valley for career service training and support at the Jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive as set forth in the attached documentation to approve a contract with Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. dba Workforce Board Lehigh Valley for career service training at the Jail.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Wind Gap Electric

Mr. Heckman introduced the following resolution:

R. 19-2018 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.17 d. requires approval of County Council for "The written notice procedures for all contracts set forth in Administrative Code Sections 13.16 c, d (1), d (2), e, f (1) and f (2) shall also apply to amendments to existing contracts. e. "In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in Section 13.17 d, written notices involving amendments to existing contracts shall clearly indicate the monetary amount of the amendment, the reason for the amendment, the services to be provided by the amendment, the original amount of the contract and the total amount of the contract, as amended." and f. "For any existing contract that is amended, if such amendment
increases the value of the original contract to an amount that would require Council approval under Section 13.16 c (1), then such approval must be obtained for the amendment."; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for "any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County's General Fund, such as those funded through bonded indebtedness."

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract in the total amount of $1,950,400 ($384,700 for general construction and $1,565,700 for electrical construction) for a term of one year with Wind Gap Electric for general construction and electrical construction services for Stand-by Generators at the Gracedale Nursing Home.

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2018, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing an amendment to a contract with Wind Gap Electric for additional general construction services of emergency generators at Gracedale in the amount of $64,158.00 for a new total of $448,856.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation, to approve an amendment to a contract with Wind Gap Electric for additional general construction services of emergency generators at Gracedale.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes" and Dietz, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.
Controller Vacancy

Mr. Kraft advised due to Mr. Barron’s appointment, County Council will have to fill the Controller position. He further advised an ad was being placed announcing that resumes were to be submitted to County Council no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 29, 2018, with the expectation of appointing a Controller at the February 15, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Kraft stated once the resumes were received they would be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and their recommendations would be presented to the whole of County Council for a vote.

In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question as to whether Mr. Barron had submitted his resignation letter, Mr. Barron presented it to County Council.

Mr. Cusick made a motion to accept Mr. Barron’s letter of resignation.

Mrs. Ferraro seconded the motion.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Kraft called for the vote on the motion.


The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Heckman advised that the Finance Committee meeting met yesterday where the items presented tonight were discussed.

Gracedale Advisory Board Liaison Report

Ms. Vargo Heffner stated she attended the Gracedale Advisory Board meeting and the numbers on the Dashboard looked good. She further stated there were some Registered Nursing and Licensed Practical Nurse issues, but they were working to resolve them.
Adjournment

Mr. Cusick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

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Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council
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THREE CORE EXHIBIT AREAS

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NAUTUREDOME: FOREST AT NIGHT
## Preliminary Assessment of Audience Potential

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