Director Bob Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Director Vanderslice led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the prayer led by Deputy Director Laury.

Director Vanderslice stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: DeCastro, Griscom Deputy Director Laury, Ware, and Director Vanderslice. Freeholder Painter was absent.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all bills and claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross and as there was no discussion, it carried by hand vote of 6/0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Cross, Painter**

Resolution 2017 -228: Resolution Authorizing the Non-Binding Referendum Questions(s) to Determine Whether the Voters Support Construction of a New County Courthouse Facility. There was a motion by Deputy Director Laury for the adoption of this one (1) resolution, seconded by Freeholder Lee Ware. During discussion Deputy Director made a motion to amend the resolution by removing question number two (2). The motion to amend was seconded by Freeholder Ware; it was carried by hand vote 6/0. The amended resolution was carried by hand vote 6/0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Griscom**

Resolution 2017 -229: Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic West Main and East Main Street, County Road #675, State Street and Maple Avenue, County Road #634 and South Broad Street, County Road #607 in the Borough of Penns Grove, Salem County

Resolution 2017-230 - Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for Fiscal Year 2018.

There was a motion by Deputy Director Laury for the adoption of these two (2) resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Ware. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by hand vote 6/0.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT** –

Director Vanderslice announced the EMS Café booth at the fair with be donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of funnel cakes to Habitat for Humanity to help with purchase tools due to the theft of all their tools from a construction site. He encourages everyone to attend.

In reference to the Courthouse, Director Vanderslice added that these are troubling times. From 2010-2015 the County has seen a $530 million loss in ratables and $126 million in 2016. It is a strain on the County and the Municipalities and to add to that another burden would be more
than taxpayers can bear. Everyone agrees capital improvements are necessary from time to time. The purpose of the vote is to raise awareness.

Freeholder Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Ware. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 1:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Parris Banks, Clerk of the Board

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