



Approved as to Form and Legality

Date Adopted

Committee

October 17, 2018

Agricultural/Tourism

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON MELCHERT FARM UPPER PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Salem County Agriculture Development Board submitted a Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) application to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), pursuant to the State Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et. Seq., the Planning Incentive Grant Program, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1, and the regulations thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the application provided for the proposed acquisition of a Development Easement on the property owned by Richard Melchert and designated on the municipal tax map as Block 76, Lots 4 and 4.02 in the Township of Upper Pittsgrove, County of Salem, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee certified the fair market value of the development easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-7.14 at \$7,600 per acre on September 27, 2018. The estimated cost sharing breakdown for the acquisition of the development easement is as follows (based on an estimated 77.3 net acres), subject to (a) the actual acreage to be covered by the development easement per the final survey which conforms to the farmland preservation program requirements, and (b) any additional adjustments pursuant to the State statute rule, regulation or policy:

State Agriculture Development Committee	\$	352,488.00
Salem County	\$	234,992.00
Total	\$	587,480.00

**WHEREAS**, the Salem County Agriculture Development Board gave final approval to the proposed acquisition of a development easement on the Melchert Farm, Block 76, Lots 4 and 4.02 in the township of Upper Pittsgrove, on approximately 77.3 net acres at its October 24, 2018 meeting and is subject to the following:

- (a) The conveyance of a development easement which shall provide for the following:
  1. Exception: None
  2. Non-Agricultural use(s): None
  3. Dwellings: None
  4. Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities: None

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the proposed acquisition of a development easement on the Melchert Farm in an amount of approximately \$234,992.00.

  
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LEE R. WARE, Freeholder  
Chairman, Transportation, Agriculture Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem on October 17, 2018.

BRENDA P. BANKS  
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

FREEHOLDER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECONDED
L. Ware	✓					✓
C. Hassler	✓				✓	
B. Laury	✓					
S. Griscom	✓					
M. DeCastro	✓					

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials

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**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**NOTE TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:** This form is to be prepared by each department entering into a contract with a vendor when a resolution is required to be adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem.

This form must accompany the resolution, and must be submitted with the resolution to the Finance Officer for approval by the Finance Officer at least one week prior to the Freeholder meeting at which it will be presented for adoption.

The contract/agreement between the County and the vendor shall be further contingent upon availability and appropriation of sufficient funds for this purpose in the County's Temporary and Permanent Budget. *If grant funds are utilized, this contract/agreement is further contingent upon the grants funds availability during the appropriate grant period.*

I, **Kelly A. Hannigan, Treasurer** of the County of Salem, hereby certify in accordance with **Section 5:34-5 of the Local Public Contracts Guidelines and Local Public Contracts Regulations** that adequate funds for the contract listed below are available.

I further certify that the funds are contained in the **OFFICIAL BUDGET** of the County of Salem under the item listed below.

<b>AMOUNT:</b>	Approximately \$234,992.00
<b>ACCOUNT NAME:</b>	Farmland/Open Space Trust
<b>ACCOUNT #:</b>	C-04-55-831-004-903
<b>FOR:</b>	Easement on Melchert Farm – Upper Pittsgrove
<b>DATE:</b>	October 3, 2018
<b>VENDOR:</b>	West Jersey Title

**Kelly A. Hannigan, Treasurer**