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MORRIS COUNTY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 COVID-19 SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday April 2, 2020
TIME: 1:00 PM
LOCATION: Conference Call 1-901-201-4005/Code:842856

CALL TO ORDER (by Betty Cass-Schmidt at 1:00 PM)

Staff Read Open Public Meetings Act

- a. Notice of this meeting was posted on the webpage of Morris County Planning & Preservation on March 31, 2020 in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The above complies with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4 6.

Staff Conducted Roll Call:

- **Present attendees: ALL**
 - Commissioner Julie Baron
 - Commissioner Betty Cass-Schmidt
 - Robert Purnell
 - Kevin Sullivan
 - Nita Galate
 - Tom Malinousky
 - Isobel Olcott
 - Commissioner Richard Seabury
 - Commissioner Stuart Lasser
- **Staff present:**
 - Christine Marion
 - Joe Barilla
 - Barbara Murray
 - John Napolitano
 - Denise Chaplick

Open for Public Comment

Committee Chair made motion for public comment. None present. At 1:02 PM Chair made motion to close public session. Motion was moved by Commissioner Baron and seconded by Isobel Olcott.

Staff Reviewed Proposal

- Staff is recommending that the proposed program changes discussed in January be tabled and the program maintain existing program rules, regulations, and application materials from 2019 due to matters related to COVID-19.
- Committee Chair asked if there were any questions or items for discussion related to the proposal.
 - Isobel Olcott asked whether or not the Freeholder had seen the proposed program changes.
 - Staff indicated that they had not.
- Commissioner Richard Seabury asked if program funding would be impacted? He mentioned that many

municipalities are submitting tax appeals, which could impact program funding.

- Christine mentioned that she was not sure how this would impact the program, but would check with the Treasurer. She also mentioned that this year's funding cycle (2020) should not be impacted given available funding is based on previous year's taxes, but future funding may be impacted.
- Committee Chair made a motion to approve the proposal. Motion was moved by Commissioner Baron and seconded by Tom Malinousky.
- Committee Chair asked for a voice vote of all members. All members agreed to staff's proposal.
- Committee Chair asked that staff review the program schedule.
 - As of today, staff feels that the current schedule can stand. Where applications will be released by the end of April. Applicants would have May, June & July to complete.
 - Staff mentioned that the schedule can be assessed in the coming months if applicants need more time to complete. Maybe we can push into August and still maintain awards by the end of the year.
 - County staff want to make awards within the same funding year.
- Committee Chair asked if there were any questions regarding the schedule.
 - No questions.
- With no questions, the Committee Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 PM.
 - Commissioner Richard Seabury moved the motion
 - Commissioner Baron seconded.
 - Meeting (Call) adjourned