

Holt: Hunterdon Getting Job Done For Public Even With \$1 Million Budget Cut

Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt reported, at the October 2nd Freeholder meeting, that as County finances enter the final quarter of the year with the \$1 million County budget reduction instituted by the Freeholders, all County units are on course to continue delivering services with no projected budget shortfalls.

Freeholder Holt said, “From road paving to health services to parks programming, the County’s personnel in the Departments, Divisions and Constitutional Offices have continued to deliver the high level of service expected by Hunterdon County residents.”

Holt added, “When the Freeholders adopted the 2018 budget, we noted the budget was not only reduced by \$1 million, but was also reduced for the fifth year in a row. The County budget is substantially lower than the nearly \$100 million County budget from over a decade ago.

The County budget continues our pay as you go policy for capital improvements and contains no debt or debt service. It also provides for the numerous County shared service programs that save costs for our municipalities and taxpayers.”

The Hunterdon County budget has been reduced every year since 2013 and the 2018 budget at \$87,779, 652, is nearly \$12 million lower than the 2007 budget which stood at \$99,438,654.

Holt concluded, “We have great praise for the County staff that has continued to do their job and deliver services, within the framework of the lower budget.”