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PAUL DRAYTON APPOINTED BURLINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Former CEO for DRPA to Assume New Duties Immediately

Burlington County Freeholders today appointed Paul Drayton Jr. of Mount Laurel, the former CEO of the Delaware River Port Authority, as County Administrator/Clerk of the Board, to fill an unexpired term that runs until January 25, 2012.

Drayton, 50, who is also an attorney, succeeds Augustus M. Mosca, who retired from County government service on December 31, 2010. Since then the seat has been filled on an interim basis by Kendall J. Collins, First Assistant Solicitor.

“Paul Drayton brings a wealth of qualifications and experience to our administrative team,” said Freeholder Bruce D. Garganio. “He understands and shares our commitment to reducing spending and cutting taxes.

“It’s no secret that we are in the throes of identifying more than \$15 million in budget cuts, and we are confident that Paul will be able to make an important contribution to that effort,” Garganio added.

Like those before him, Drayton will fill two roles – that of County Administrator and Clerk of the Board. The Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of County government; the Clerk is responsible for assembling meeting agendas, keeping minutes, and other freeholder board-related functions.

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Drayton was one of 28 individuals who responded to the County's solicitation of candidates. He will assume his duties immediately.

"I'm gratified to have been chosen, and look forward to working with the freeholder board in its ongoing goal of cutting taxes and providing residents and taxpayers with a lean and cost-effective government," said Drayton.

"I have the good fortune of being a Burlington County resident who has followed County government over the years, so I come to the table with somewhat of a working knowledge and an appreciation of many of the programs and services the County offers."

Drayton served as Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware River Port Authority and as President of PATCO mass transit services during the period 1994 to 2003, where he managed a staff of more than 700 employees and a budget of \$100 million.

Prior to that, he worked in the Governor's Office from 1990 to 1993 as Legislative Counsel to the Authorities Unit, which provided oversight of 38 quasi-independent agencies.

From 1986 to 1990 he was Staff Counsel to the U.S. Senate's Committee on Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.

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