

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Route 12 County Complex, Building 1

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

July 22, 2003

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act at 3:02 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. SAUERLAND, MR. MULLER, MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW.

ABSENT: MR. MELICK.

Director Sauerland announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 7, 2003, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, the Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded these:

See Page 7/22/03-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various personnel matters.

See Page 7/22/03-1B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

See Page 7/22/03-1C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various land issues.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. FUZO, MR. MELICK,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m., recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

Director Sauerland advised: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion approving the regular session minutes of May 27, 2003 and the Special Open and Executive Session Minutes of June 04, 2003.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion approving the payment of all claims as listed on the Claims Register dated July 22, 2003.

See Page 7/22/03-1D **CLAIMS REGISTER**

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for June 2003.

See Page 7/22/03-1E **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded these:

See Page 7/22/03-1F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Mark DeLorenzo appointed permanent, full time GIS Specialist 3, Information Technology.

See Page 7/22/03-1G **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Ryan McEldowney appointed permanent, full time Youth Worker, Youth Facility.

See Page 7/22/03-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Walter Lang appointed permanent, principal Technician, MIS, Information Technology.

See Page 7/22/03-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Karen McMenamy appointed permanent, part time Youth Worker, Youth Facility.

See Page 7/22/03-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ken Fung appointed provisional, full time GIS Specialist 3, Health Department.

See Page 7/22/03-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Megan Atherton appointed provisional, full time Index Clerk Typing, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 7/22/03-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christina Merrill appointed provisional, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services.

See Page 7/22/03-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jacqui Rochelle appointed provisional, full time Senior Technician, MIS, Information Technician.

See Page 7/22/03-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Beyer appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

See Page 7/22/03-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kyle Fisher appointed temporary, seasonal Summer Nature Program Assistant, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 7/22/03-2I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brynda Taylor-Flynn appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 7/22/03-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin McNutt appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 7/22/03-1F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Setting salaries for Corrections Officers under the FOP #29 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

See Page 7/22/03-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement concerning Representations Which Survive Closing in connection with the acquisition of Block 54, Lot 18 in Lebanon Township and Block 46, Lot 59 in Washing Township.

See Page 7/22/03-2L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications for the Application of Traffic Stripes and Markings on County Routes 523, 579, 600, 652, 639 and 650, in various municipalities.

See Page 7/22/03-2M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Agreeing to a 50/50 cost share with Raritan Township for additional work in connection with the Reconstruction of and Traffic Signal Installation at the Route 650 and Case Boulevard Intersection, in Raritan Township. (Extra work not to exceed \$3,800.)

See Page 7/22/03-2N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting additional funding for further research of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva.

See Page 7/22/03-2O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the closing on the Penn Color property.

See Page 7/22/03-2P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Frank Venezia appointed temporary, as needed Operations Plan Specialist, Emergency Services, grant funded.

See Page 7/22/03-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Evan Van Gilson appointed provisional, full time Correction Officer, Corrections.

See Page 7/22/03-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Britt appointed permanent, full time Youth Worker, Youth Facility.

See Page 7/22/03-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, John Moscaritolo appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges.

See Page 7/22/03-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Renee Raffino appointed temporary, grant funded SANE/SART Coordinator, Prosecutor's Office.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Director Sauerland opened the meeting to the public. He noted that Mr. Silberman was listed to come before the Board.

Mr. Muller reported that he spoke with Steven Silberman today who had concerns regarding his taxes. Mr. Silberman will be contacting his local School Board about this matter.

Guliet D. Hirsch, Archier & Greiner, came before the Board to discuss an easement on County property in connection with the Wellness Center and Medical Offices on the adjacent property from the County in Clinton Township. Ms. Hirsch would like to show the Clinton Zoning Board an agreement in principal to the relocation of the easement. The Board confirmed that Ms. Hirsch received a letter from Don Einhorn of County Counsel's office outlining the conditions the County expects. Ms. Hirsch tired to negotiate on a couple of issues. Mr. Fuzo stated the conditions are listed in the letter from Mr. Einhorn and there will be no negotiating. Those conditions are based on decisions that the Freeholders have already made. County Counsel DeSapio informed Ms. Hirsch that she needs to contact Mr. Einhorn for any clarifications. Director Sauerland stated in the Clinton Township Zoning Board has any questions, the Freeholders will look at them. Ms. Hirsch will correspond with Mr. Einhorn on some of the things they need clarification on.

Louis Goldshore advised he was present on behalf of Raritan Township. He stated Jonathan Drill, Esquire, wrote to the Freeholders concerning an issue pertaining to Raritan Valley Disposal. Mr. Muller explained the letter came in so recently that the Board has not seen copies of it.

Mr. Goldshore said he has spoken with County Counsel DeSapio before the meeting, and was advised that the Freeholders would take this matter under advisement. He said the letter states that Raritan Township believes that the County's Amendment #16 to the Solid Waste Management Plan was conditional and asked the Freeholders to take this under serious advisement. Raritan Township feels that Raritan Valley Disposal has not received all the permits required; therefore any approvals granted to them are null and void.

Director Sauerland asked if there were any other public comments. There were none.

Ms. Karrow left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the Title IV-D Reimbursement Agreement, in the amount of \$89,038.58.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, AND MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MS. KARROW.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a 2003 Homeland Security Program grant, for specialized equipment for fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials response services, law enforcement and other response agencies, in the amount of \$109,327 in federal funds.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MS. KARROW.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant for Citizens Corps and Community Emergency Response Team funding from Federal Emergency Management and the State Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$4,000 in state funds.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MS. KARROW.**

Correspondence was received from Braking the Cycle 2003, requesting permission to travel through Frenchtown, Flemington and Whitehouse, on September 20 and 21, 2003. Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission, provided this event is coordinated through the Roads, Bridges and Engineering Department.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MS. KARROW.**

A request was received from the Milford Merchants, for permission to march on Route 519, from the Water Works, south to the traffic light on Sunday, October 26, 2003, for the annual Milford Halloween Parade. Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission, provided this event is coordinated through the Roads, Bridges and Engineering Department.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MS. KARROW.**

Ms. Karrow returned to the meeting at 5:02 pm.

A memorandum was received from the Purchasing Office, requesting permission to attend the 58th Annual Forum and Products Exposition, in Nashville, Tennessee, from August 16 to 20, 2003, in the estimated amount of \$2,015.35 for registration, lodging, travel, airfare, parking and meals. Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

A request was received from the Prosecutor's Office, for permission for two individuals to attend the 29th Annual NOVA Victim Assistance Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 24 to 29, 2003, in the estimated amount of \$1,655.79 per person. (To be paid from the VOCA Grant). Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

A request was received from the Health Department, to attend the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the National Association of County and City Health Officials 2003 Joint Conference, in Phoenix, Arizona, from September 9 to 12, 2003, in the estimated amount of \$1,375, for registration, airfare, and hotel. Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion granting permission.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

John W. Beckley, Director, County Health Department came before the Board to present a fee update as requested by the Board. He handed out an information sheet to the Freeholders.

Mr. Beckley said as the Board asked, he is back with a recommendation on how the retail food inspections fees, assessed by the County to the Municipalities, could be adjusted in a way to stratify the categories. He met with his staff with the goal to accomplish that and at the same time, not to create an administrative nightmare. They developed a 3 category plan where the categories are self evident. We know what a newsstand is, what a pharmacy is, we don't have to get into counting seats or assessing gross revenue or square footage.

Mr. Beckley said what he's proposing is that the County recast the fees in 3 categories where there is a \$100, one time fee for the year for newsstands, pharmacies, liquor stores, video stores and other establishments handling commercially prepared, prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous food items as an incidental part of a business. That would roll back and the impact is there are 33 establishments that would be effected by this, in category one. Mr. Beckley confirmed they would get a rollback from the current \$200 fee back to \$100.

Mr. Beckley stated category two would be Bed and Breakfasts that serve full breakfasts and agricultural markets that are not doing any food preparations, where potentially hazardous foods are offered for sale or where grocery items account for 50% or more of the sales area. If they sell milk and cheese, they are into this category if they sell any potentially hazardous foods or grocery items and they comprise 50% or more of their sales. Ms. Karrow confirmed they would also be getting a benefit with the fee being \$100 also, down from \$200. Mr. Beckley stated 21 establishments fall into Category 2.

Mr. Beckley stated every other food establishment in the County would be in category 3, where the fee would remain at \$300.

The Board advised Mr. Beckley that the revised Fee Schedule looks good and stated he did a great job.

Ms. Karrow noted that Mr. Beckley also listed the municipal add on fees to the County's fees. Ms. Karrow asked what the municipality does for the tack on fees. Mr. Beckley stated they process a license. Some municipalities have no add on fee and they directly assess what the County charges. Ms. Karrow noted that Bethlehem Township tacks on an additional \$100.

Ms. Karrow said if the County is lowering its fees for a farm stand that serves milk or a Bed and Breakfast that serves eggs, down to \$100 from \$200, is there something that can accompany this to make the governing bodies, as well as the municipal chart, to see how of whack they are with the rest of the County.

Mr. Beckley said he could insert a section in the Health Department's Memorandum to the municipalities encouraging them to check their add on fees.

Director Sauerland confirmed this does not affect the policy for non-profit agencies. Mr. Beckley said County would inspect but would not charge the town for those inspections, for the non profit, such as a fire company. Director Sauerland stated non-profits are not mentioned in this amendment. Mr. Fuzo explained that they are mentioned in the original fee structure, this is only an amendment to the original fee structure.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the price structure as presented with all the provisions of the original fee structure to stay in place.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Beckley explained to County Counsel DeSapio that the Health Department processed 26 contract amendment #3, from each of the 26 municipalities when the fees were recast. Mrs. Doolan processed the contracts through the Freeholder Board. Mr. Beckley asked if another round of contract amendments to the fee schedule have to be processed or can his office just notify the municipalities. Mr. DeSapio stated the Municipal Health Contracts have to be revised since they are in perpetuity.

The Board directed Mr. Beckley to write a letter to the Municipalities to advise them of the fee structure change amendment.

The Board thanked Mr. Beckley for the wonderful job he and his staff did in reviewing these fees.

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, informed the Board she had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded these:

See Page 7/22/03-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2003 Budget for Personal Assistant Services Program, in the amount of \$13,345.

See Page 7/22/03-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2003 Budget for Public Health Priority Funding, in the amount of \$31,006.

See Page 7/22/03-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2003 Budget for C.E.R.T. Initiative, in the amount of \$4,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator, updated the Board on various County projects and facilities. He introduced John Hatch and Michael Hanerhan from Clarke, Caton and Hintz, the architects working on the historic Court House, Hall of Records and Main Street Administration Building.

Mr. Hatch advised the Administration Building is almost ready and the move into the building will take place on August 8th. He thinks the building looks great and hopes the County will enjoy it.

Mr. Hatch announced the New Jersey Historic Trust has given a grant in the amount of \$750,000. He feels this is through the efforts of the County and Clarke, Caton and Hintz.

Mr. Hatch reported they have been working on the roof drawings for the Southard Building and Hall of Records. He may want to come back to the Freeholders' next meeting to present a couple of alternatives on the roof in terms of different materials and details and they will be a cost difference. He will want to present that to the Board and the cost issues.

Mr. Fuzo left the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Ms. Karrow confirmed that the Historic Trust Grant is for the historic Court House interior work. Is there a possibility to get additional funding for the Hall of Records. Mr. Hatch feels there is and also for the Southard Building. The County will be eligible and can make that application. Mr. Bell reported part of the fee structure for Clarke, Caton and Hintz is funding to do that application for the County. Mr. Hatch stated in Fall of 2004 the application can be submitted for a capital grant up to \$750,000.

Mr. Hanerhan handed out the latest cost estimate for the historic Court House. Ms. Karrow noted the previous estimate was significantly lower. Mr. Hatch stated the last estimate was provided about two years ago. He explained when Clarke, Caton and Hintz asked Becker and Foundorf to do this, they asked them to be very conservative. The reason is because they don't want to be surprised when the bids are returned and the other reason is because its thought there is a tough bid atmosphere, with the schoolwork around the state. The contractors that are this scale are doing that work, so it's a tough bid market. Mr. Hatch told them there were two contingencies; one is a 5% design contingency; which at this stage of the contract drawings is high. There is also a bid contingency of 10%. There is a 15% contingency that's already on top of a conservative estimate.

Mr. Hatch advised adding to the cost, is the fact that it has been awhile since the other bid was done and there are items to consider such as inflation and increased construction costs. Also, a connector piece was added between the Hall of Records and the jail building and that was not in the original estimate, but is in today's estimate.

Mr. Hatch informed the Board that alternates are being put in place, in order to meet the County's budget. There is an alternate for the Hall of Records connection to the jail. Mr. Melick is aware that is a connection, but questioned the purpose it would serve. Mr. Hatch feels when the offices are fitted out in the jail building, there is thought that it would be advantageous to have that connection. Mr. Bell advised a presentation was done by the architect to actually do that in February and it was voted on by the Freeholders to be included in the capital project. Ms. Karrow confirmed this was discussed extensively. Mr. Melick said due to the costs, he feels it should be bid as an alternate.

Mr. Hatch advised there are a number of other planned alternates, in the restored courtroom there is some custom period furniture, there is some minor site work, and the fit out of the Warden's part of the Jail and the 3rd Floor could also be done as alternates since there isn't a use for that areas now, the finishes could be put off until a later date. If all the alternates are done, the worst case scenario is, that it would cost the money that the County has available at this time.

Ms. Karrow asked Charles Balogh, Jr., County Treasurer if the funding of 10% of the ballot question which goes for historic structures, of which there should be around \$1.5 million can be used for this purpose. Mr. Balogh explained the ordinance would have to be increased for that amount and then funded from the 10% for historic structures.

Mr. Muller advised he is confused about the estimates for the judges' chairs of \$5,000 each and \$5,000 each for the tables, which total \$42,000. Mr. Hanerhan advised the chairs and tables are designed to replicate what was in there. He feels these are conservative numbers because the tables and judges' chairs are not that complicated. Mr. Muller has a problem with the amount. Mr. Hanerhan doesn't feel they are going to cost this amount when they are done. The estimators were told to be very conservative. Mr. Hatch stated the judges' chair and table are drawn from the photos they have. He feels the numbers are excess and doesn't think they will come in that high. Ms. Karrow advised Mr. Hanerhan and Mr. Hatch that the County wants the room to be as flexible as possible in order for the public to use it. Mr. Hatch stated these were done as custom pieces and a valid alternative would be to find a current standard piece that looks close to it that costs less.

Mr. Hanerhan advised they have gone through the pre-qualification process for the historic contractors, for the bidders qualifications statement which was sent out. Packages have been received from 5 contractors and it is the recommendation of Clarke, Caton and Hintz, after consultation with Mr. Bell and the State Historic Preservation Office that 4 of the 5 contractors be invited to bid the project. They are known and they are qualified. They are quality contractors who specialize in historic preservation. There was one contractor who submitted a package but did not meet any of the minimum requirements. Mr. Hanerhan advised he is in the process of writing the letters for Purchasing to send out to the vendors on whether they are qualified to bid or not on this project.

Mr. Fuzo returned to the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Ms. Karrow asked if the County has to supply telephones. Mr. Hatch stated it's a cost the contractor will include.

Ms. Karrow asked about window treatments. Mr. Hanerhan explained that isn't handled in their contract. Mr. Bell stated he is working with Purchasing on that matter.

Ms. Karrow asked the architect not to have metal stalls in the rest rooms as they are hard to keep clean. Mr. Hatch explained in the courthouse all the rest rooms are single use facilities, so there are no partition walls in them, in the courthouse.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the documents for bidding for the historic court house.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. FUZO, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

The Board thanked Clarke, Caton and Hintz for coming this evening.

Mr. Bell reported on the Main Street County Complex. The elevator was installed today, and the inspection will take place tomorrow.

Mr. Bell stated at the last meeting the Freeholders authorized purchasing chairs for the Freeholders' Meeting Room. Ms. Karrow confirmed the chairs are stackable. Mr. Bell stated the chairs are cloth covered and are more of a chair that refined and would go into this type of space. They are not folding chairs.

Ms. Karrow questioned the difference between the stackable chairs and folding chairs. Mr. Bell said \$130 a piece. He recommended purchasing 35 chairs, in order to have three extra chairs. Ms. Karrow suggested having a folding chair which would have the County taxpayer around \$5,000. Mr. Bell feels the stacking chairs are the best type of chair to fit into this space. He's aware they are more costly, but he personally feels the Freeholders would be better off purchasing a chair of this type and quality to fit into this type of space. He feels the Freeholders need a dignified chair for this space as opposed to a folding chair.

Mr. Muller urged the Board to consider placing benches in the meeting room, as was originally in the Freeholders Meeting Room. If the Board doesn't agree on benches, he would support purchasing these chairs as recommended by Mr. Bell. Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded a motion authorizing Mr. Bell to continue with the purchase of stackable chairs for the Freeholders' Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. FUZO, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.B
(NAY) MS. KARROW.**

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering updated the Board on various road and bridge projects. The County received 2.79 inches of rain in Flemington, 3 inches in Franklin Township and 5 inches of rain in Holland Township last night. Due to the significant rainfall the NJDOT doesn't want to open up the Bartles Corner Road area because they don't want to get the subgrade wet. He doesn't have a date when the road will be closed yet.

A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Route 519 with Mannon Excavating. The vendor wants to start work next week on the section of 519 from Milford up to the 631 intersection.

Sprint has finally removed their pole from the 626/641 intersection. The sidewalk will be done tomorrow and then that project will be completed by the end of next week.

Mr. Glynn reported on 513 running from Route 31 to High Bridge Borough. Punch list items are being done, such as the stripping which needs to be completed for the Bunnvale section of 513 from Main Street.

Mr. Glynn advised the utility work has been completed for Route 611. Site work clearing is completed and the contractor started to construct the storm drainage. Mr. Fuzo confirmed the contractor is a week and a half behind on the project.

Mr. Glynn advised the plans and specification for County Route 518 will be ready for approval at the first meeting in August.

A pre-construction meeting will be set for the early part of next week for the surface treatment project. The chip seal project meeting will also be set for early next week.

Due to the significant storm event in Clinton last night, the contractor for County Bridge N-3 has lost most of the stream maintenance items and he will be re-establishing those over the next couple of day. The contractor has lost a good week's work.

Punch list items need to be completed for the Covered Bridge, the final coat of paint needs to be applied but its too damp at this time, the wood needs to dry out. The guide rail also needs to be painted. Mr. Muller said the contractor did a beautiful job on this project. Mr. Glynn agreed.

Mr. Glynn reported the shop drawings for R-22-S, on Lamington Road, were reviewed and forwarded onto Somerset County, who is the lead County for this project.

Mr. Glynn advised a response has been received from the State Office of Historic Preservation on County Bridge D-388 and they have accepted the County's historical inventory report. His office will now be able to get back and do the final design of that bridge.

Mr. Glynn stated that Purchasing will be receiving the bids for bridge painting on August 7, 2003.

Mr. Glynn stated he is waiting on an approval from DEP on the Pedestrian Bridge on the stream encroachment wetlands permits.

Mr. Glynn advised two out of three acquisitions have been negotiated for County Bridge Q-28 for right of way. He is meeting with the final property owner to discuss the final acquisition. This project is moving ahead. Word has been received from the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority that funding would be available for this project at the end of September. The County will advertise the project in November with a Spring start due to an environmental concern with a specific type of turtle in the area.

Mr. Glynn reported a public information meeting was held for the 579, Lehigh Valley Rail Road Bridge. Once concern was due to the construction of the railing system on that bridge and the number of housing developments that have occurred, his office has been asked to look at a temporary signal at that location. This is a hump backed bridge and one cannot see when you are within the two valleys approaching the bridge. Mr. Glynn met with a firm that provides portable traffic signals. That project is going to take six to eight years to get it going because of the railroad and the historical nature of the old railroad bridge. Ms. Karrow confirmed the public is not averse to widening the road. Mr. Glynn stated they were highly supportive due to the site distance problem. He explained if the County purchased 3 portable signals and allowed one lane of traffic at a time using a detector system, it would be a lot safer. People are now having to back off the bridge because there is no way to tell when someone is coming from the other side. After further discussion the Board supported this concept and directed Mr. Glynn to negotiate a price with the supplier of portable signals and report back to the Board. The signals would be hard wired on a trailer because they would be needed for a minimum of six years.

Mr. Glynn received a letter from JCP & L regarding the trees for the Main Street County Complex. JCP & L are recommending a different type of tree, a hedge maple tree. After a brief discussion, Freeholder Fuzo directed Mr. Glynn to forward the JCP & L letter to the Shade Tree Commission for comment on this tree compared to the tree listed in the contract for the Main Street County Complex. It was noted the hedge maple is a squat tree and slow growing.

Mr. Melick reported there is a bush that has grown back at the Route 78, Exit 15, and there is causing a problem seeing around the corner there. Mr. Glynn reported there is a meeting tomorrow with NJTP on Exit 15 and their recommendation for a consultant. He will bring up the issues regarding the bush.

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 7/22/03-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of a development easement on Block 46, Lots 1, 17.01 and 19, in Delaware Township, for the PIG Program, (SADC - \$197,568, County - \$55,566, Township - \$55,566).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. FUZO, MR. SAUERLAND.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 7/22/02-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for Sale of Development Easement, for the Farmland Program, for Block 19, Lot 9 and Block 20.1, Lots 7 and 8, in Alexandria Township, (SADC - \$210,600, County - \$53,460, Township - \$59,940).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a cost sharing agreement for Block 10, Lot 48, in Alexandria Township, (Swift), (SADC - \$290,921.40, County - \$62,340.30, Township - \$62,340.30).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER, MR. SAUERLAND.

Mr. Melick left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #00974, with Gateway 2000, Inc., for computer equipment (8 PC's), for the Health Department, in the amount of \$9,856.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. SAUERLAND. (ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #03754, for professional medical services in connection with preparing for a case, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$5,100.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. SAUERLAND.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #03757, with Gaetway 2000, Inc., for computer equipment (24 E-2000 computers), for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$27,528.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK.
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #03758, with Dell Inc., for computer software licenses for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$5,580.24.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK.
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition # 40003540, with Marbelite, for flashers for the Roads, Bridges and Engineering Department, in the amount of \$6,900.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40003541, with Marbelite for flashers for the Roads, Bridges and Engineering Department, in the amount of \$6,900.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK.
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40003667, with Gateway 2000, Inc., for computer equipment (5 computers), for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$10,247.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. FUZO, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2003-22, for the 2003 Microsurfacing, Polymer Modified Emulsion Treatment of County Route 623, in Clinton Township, to Dosch King Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$101,620.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the contract with the McGuire Group, Inc., for engineering design services in connection with the reconstruction of County Bridge N-2 and approach roadway of Halstead Street over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Clinton Town, increase for additional services, in the amount of \$6,925.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to Bid #2003-12, for an Aerial Truck for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, for a safety upgrade, with W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc., increase of \$1,650.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying agreement with Bohren and Bohren Engineering Associates, Inc., for surveying services in Hampton, in the amount of \$5,350.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional auctioneers agreement with Copeland Auction Company, to the County Surplus Sale.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2003-23, for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County roads, to InterCounty Paving Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$965,128.63.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #01325, for installation of phones for the new County Administration Building, on Main Street in Flemington, with United Telephone of N.J., d/b/a Sprint Untied, in the amount of \$19,699.15.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2003-18, for Resurfacing and Storm Water Improvements for County Route 519, in Alexandria and Holland Townships and Milford Borough, to Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,371,759.45.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. FUZO, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW,
MR. SAUERLAND.**

Director Sauerland expressed a concern, saying he has a great respect for reporters and he has not always agreed with reporters or editors, but he's usually seen fit to pick his arguments directly to the individuals involved. He said the item that concerns him does need some type of public expression. In the last issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, there was a headline, and he understands that reporters do not write headlines, that Polytech was on its own. The article said something to the effect that the Freeholders had withdrawn support from Polytech. In some technical sense that may have been correct because the Freeholders did eliminate redundant activities by the County's staff by which Polytech had hired their own staff to complete. His concern is that the language and circumstances of that article made it sound that the Freeholders had abandoned Polytech and that certainly not the case and it is not the intent of the comments he made and its certainly not the comments that Frank Smith, President of Polytech had made, yet the article came out with the term that the County had abandoned Polytech.

Director Sauerland stated for the record that he has no intension, nor did the County abandon Polytech. He's here to support Polytech and if they have any need for the County's services, they only need to ask the Freeholder Board. He's sure the Freeholders will consider their request and deal with it appropriately.

Mr. Melick said since Director Sauerland brought up Polytech, he stated he's very concerned about the e-mail situation. He is more than ever convinced that the problem with the e-mail isn't with the employees, that it goes right to the Administrator/Superintendent of Schools. He can't see how an Administrator can hold a hearing on disciplining the employees when he's part of the problem.

Questions answered from the press.

Deb Dawson, Hunterdon County Democrat Reporter asked Director Sauerland what she wrote that was not correct. Director Sauerland said the statement was misleading, the lead in sentence that the Freeholders had withdrawn support from Polytech. Ms. Dawson said the lead in said support had waned. Director Sauerland felt it sounded like the Freeholders were abandoning Polytech. Ms. Dawson asked if Director Sauerland would like her to write a correction. Ms. Dawson confirmed there was no problem in the article in which she wrote, but Director Sauerland does not agree with the lead statement he objects to.

Mr. Muller said when the High School property is acquired; it is then Polytech's responsibility. The County's responsibility is to fund them to that point, and they will take over after the property is acquired.

Ms. Karrow confirmed if the word "financial" or "technical" support were inserted, this would not be in question. The word support makes it seem like votes versus technical and financial support.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Sauerland adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board