

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

Main Street County Complex, Freeholders' Meeting Room

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

**May 25, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 2:05 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**PRESENT: MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MRS. PALLADINO, MR. MULLER, MR. FUZO.**

**Open Public Meetings Act:**

Director Karrow 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 Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before May 21, 2004, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and The Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

Mr. Melick moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded these:

**See Page 5/25/04-1A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discussion various personnel matters.

**See Page 5/25/04-1B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discussion various legal matters.

**See Page 5/25/04-1C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discussion various land matters.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m., recessed at 3:37 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 3:43 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Pledge of allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Karrow announced: "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. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of May 11, 2004.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded a motion to approve the payment of all claims as listed on the Claims Register dated May 25, 2004.

**See Page 5/25/04-1D**

**CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for April 2004.

**See Page 5/25/04-1E**

**SOCIALS SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded these:

**See Page 5/25/04-1F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kristen Larson appointed unclassified, full time Investigator, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 5/25/04-2A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kelsey Marsh appointed unclassified, full time Administrative Investigator, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 5/25/04-2B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kathryn Ragno appointed permanent, full time Senior Clerk Transcriber, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

**See Page 5/25/04-2C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Nancy Duffy appointed permanent, full time Senior Account Clerk, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

**See Page 5/25/04-2D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, John Silliman appointed permanent, full time Communications Technician, Office of Emergency Services.

**See Page 5/25/04-2E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Sara Cecchini appointed permanent, part time, Library Page, Library.

**See Page 5/25/04-2F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ryan Kadezabek appointed provisional, full time Correction Officer, Corrections.

**See Page 5/25/04-2G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, James Rilnaldi appointed provisional, full time Correction Officer, Corrections.

**See Page 5/25/04-2H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Gregory Taylor appointed provisional, full time Family Service Supervisor, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

**See Page 5/25/04-2I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Raymond Rule appointed provisional, full time Senior Buyer, Purchasing.

**See Page 5/25/04-2J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kenneth Olsen appointed provisional, full time Horticulturalist, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, David Vieira appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Johnathan Calta appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Seth Victor appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ryan Smith appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

**See Page 5/25/04-2O**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Timothy Marcus appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2P**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Lara Hogan appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2Q**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Steven Klemchalk appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-2R**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Matthew DiGiandomenico appointed temporary, as needed Youth Worker, Youth Facility.

**See Page 5/25/04-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Sara Mizak appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Robert Walsh appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

**See Page 5/25/04-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, James Mazurkiewicz appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

**See Page 5/25/04-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Brandon Brown Webster appointed temporary, as needed Engineering Aide, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

**See Page 5/25/04-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Christopher Muller appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-3F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Laura Deetz appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 5/25/04-3G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Daniel Wene appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads and Bridges.

**See Page 5/25/04-3H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Mario Filippi appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

**See Page 5/25/04-3I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Lauren Avallone appointed temporary, as needed Intern, Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 5/25/04-3J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Rebecca Black appointed temporary, as needed Clerk Transcriber, Rutgers' Cooperative Extension.

**See Page 5/25/04-3K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Marie Heyduke appointed temporary, as needed Clerk Transcriber, Rutgers' Cooperative Extension.

**See Page 5/25/04-3M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving longevity payments for Carol Michael, Information Technology.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded a motion approving Certificates for Years of Service to James Langreder for thirty years; Angelo DiOrion and Thomas Lizzi for twenty years; Nancy Cramer, Frank Rossano, Robert Hunt Jr., James Reasoner and Edward McCaffrey for fifteen years; Adrian Prokofiew and Harry Hults Jr. for ten years; and Brad Hendershot, John Sigafos, Glenn Tettemer and Enrique Coronado for five years.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded these:

**See Page 5/25/04-3K**

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing May 29, 2004 as National World War II Memorial Day.

**See Page 5/25/04-4L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Amendment #4, to the Health Services Agreement for Califon Borough, in connections with the revised fee ordinance for Food Inspections for retail food establishments.

**See Page 5/25/04-4A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving contract modification #1, with Daytop Village, Inc., to provide intensive outpatient/residential substance abuse treatment services, increase of \$20,000.

**See Page 5/25/04-4B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving contract modification #1, with Visiting Health and Supportive Services, Inc., to provide Home Health Aide services, increase of \$14,169.

**See Page 5/25/04-4C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving final payment for Bid #2002-28, for Resurfacing and Storm Drainage of County Route 605 in Delaware and West Amwell Townships, with Trap Rock Industries, in the amount of \$26,345.14.

**See Page 5/25/04-4D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing final payment for Bid #2002-41, for the 2002 Safety Improvements to Route 629, in Clinton Township, with J. Fletcher Creamer, Inc., in the amount of \$75,980.27.

**See Page 5/25/04-4E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing final payment for Bid #2003-01, for the Resurfacing of County Route 513 in High Bridge Borough, with Della Pello Contracting Co., Inc., in the amount of \$16,345.93.

**See Page 5/25/04-4F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the specifications for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of County Routes 579, 602, 614, 616, 639 and Deer Path Park in various Townships.

**See Page 5/25/04-4G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the appointment of Les Varga on the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, replaces J. Kellogg.

**See Page 5/25/04-4H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving appointments/realignments to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council.

**See Page 5/25/04-4I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider service agreement with Special Child Health Services Case Management Unit of the Hunterdon Medical Center, to provide Case Management Services, in the amount of \$29,028.

**See Page 5/25/04-4J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider service agreement with the Hunterdon County YMCA, to provide a senior activity program, in the amount of \$10,000.

**See Page 5/25/04-4K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a provider service agreement with Anderson House, to provide a halfway house and service for indigent County women, in the amount of \$15,000.

**See Page 5/25/04-4L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the release of a performance bond for roadway improvements to County Route 639, in Clinton Township, with Toll Brothers Land Development, in the amount of \$110,000.

**See Page 5/25/04-4M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the release of a performance bond for a road opening deposit, for County Route 626, in Clinton Township, to DeSapio/Strober, LLC, in the amount of \$500.

**See Page 5/25/04-4N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement to support the second phase of the County's Strategic Growth Management Plan.

**See Page 5/25/04-4O**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with the Roots Agency for a concert performance at Deer Path Park with the Glengarry Bhoys, on August 5, 2004, in the amount of \$2,400.

**See Page 5/25/04-4P**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Brian Chmill appointed provisional, full time County Correction Officer, Corrections.

See Page 5/25/04-5A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ryan Gerbehy appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 5/25/04-5B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Arthur McEvoy appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

See Page 5/25/04-5C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving final payment for Bid #2003-31, for the 2003 Application of Traffic Stripes and Markings, with Statewide Striping Corp., in the amount of \$45,364.55.

See Page 5/25/04-5D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving supplementary specifications for the Demolition and Disposal of various Buildings located within Hunterdon County.

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

Director Karrow opened the meeting to the public for discussion of any item not already listed on the agenda. There were no comments from the public.

**GRANTS**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 5/25/04-5E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an amendment for Area Plan Grant 10-54, for Care Coordination, increase in state and federal funds of \$3,411.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 5/25/04-5F

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Operating Assistance Agreement for grant funding with NJ Transit for FTA Section 5311/NJT Grant funding in the amount of \$274,170, for operating funds and a County Match of \$91,390.

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

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

**Court House benches/railings**

As the Historic Court House is being prepared for renovation the contents must be stored and a determination made for disposition. Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator suggested offering the benches and railings currently located in the historic Court House to the municipalities. Mr. Muller recommended the municipalities be sent a letter advising them of the availability of these materials. Mrs. Yard explained these items are now being removed from the Court House and have to be stored.

Mr. Fuzo questioned where the pictures and portraits are that were in the jail and Court House. Mrs. Yard advised they are being stored in the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Fuzo recommended these items be disposed of at the County's Auction.

After further discussion, Director Karrow asked that this discussion be held until the next meeting.

**RVCC Appointments**

Mrs. Yard asked the Board when they would like to close the application process for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees for Raritan Valley Community College. The Board agreed to close the application process July 01, 2004. They would like the RVCC Trustee Search Committee to provide three recommendations if there are less than fifteen applications and five recommendations if more than fifteen applications are received. The Board further agreed that the Search Committee should submit their recommendations by September 1, 2004. Mrs. Yard was directed to inform the RVCC Trustee Search Committee of the Board's decision.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**Youth Facility**

George F. Wagner, Director of Public Safety/Warden, reported on the results of the pilot program for the Hunterdon Youth Facility which brought the program under the County's umbrella, as a 24/7 operation. Mr. Wagner explained to the Board, of the sharing of other contracted services between the Correctional Facility and the Youth Facility. Examples of this are the health services and food services which provided services to both facilities. After some consideration the food services at the Youth Facility is addressed by staff and like skills training with the residents.

Mr. Wagner also articulated the wagon wheel concept of services with the youngsters as the hub and the multi-disciplinary services as the spokes surrounding the children to best meet their needs.

Angelo DiOrio, Human Services Administrator, reviewed the number of County residents at the facility prior to the County's pilot program and since taking over. He stressed that this is now a Hunterdon County facility with Hunterdon County youngsters receiving services.

Director Karrow noted, as a former Township Committeewoman, that when police officers go to the Youth Facility now, it is because they are invited for the Cop/Kid program, not because they are called there for assistance.

Karen Gross of the facility, advised there are not music therapy programs and pet therapy program for the residents of the facility.

After further discussion, Mr. Fuzo moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded a motion stating that the Hunterdon Youth Facility staff is doing a fine job and feels the right decision would be to continue the Hunterdon Youth Facility program.

Mr. Muller has been impressed with the dedication of the staff at the Youth Facility and how the Youth Facility has improved with the pilot program. Many letters of support have been received for continuation of this facility.

Mrs. Palladino asked about Library Cards for the youth at the facility. Ms. Gross stated many of the children have Library cards but a Shelter Card is still needed. Mrs. Yard offered to look into this further.

Director Karrow stated it is the County's staff that has made this program work and work well.

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

Mrs. Yard advised letters will be sent to those agencies and residents who wrote to the Board of Chosen Freeholders supporting the Hunterdon Youth Facility.

**FREEHOLDER, Nancy I. Palladino**

Mrs. Palladino advised on March 10, 2004, letters were sent to the municipalities to see if there was any interest in having the County pursue how bridges are designed, constructed and maintained. While some municipalities that have no problems with the way things are, she would like to assess whether or not some townships did. Judging from newspaper articles about people concerned about one lane bridges that are being realigned and widened. Mrs. Palladino stated the municipalities were give a month to respond to the letter and out of 26 municipalities, 8 responded that they would like to look into this further and 2 were happy the way the County was currently operating and more than 16 municipalities did not respond at all. Mrs. Palladino advised of those that did respond, there is a 4 to 1 show of interest to pursue this further.

Mrs. Palladino advised there are 246 bridges and 1850 culverts located in a 429 square foot mile area and 179 of those are located on municipal roads. She feels the bridges located on municipal roads cause more problems than the others carrying more traffic. There are people who feel the County is letting some of its rural heritage and history be lost by attending to the bridges that need structural repair by realigning and widening them. Several publications have been distributed by the Hunterdon County Planning Board to document the efforts made to improve restoration efforts with a historical and esthetically pleasing method as seen in the Stone Arch Bridge Summary. The Planning Board is also putting together a Draft Bridge Management Plan and residents in Tewksbury have put together a bridge management plan suggestion for Tewksbury Township.

Mrs. Palladino stated New Jersey State Statutes 27:191 and 17 deal with who has jurisdiction, control and maintenance of the bridges and culverts throughout the County and it does rest in County Government. The County is interested in safety and liability and there is an argument about whether those are threatened by letting a bridge be restored in a width and alignment close to its original form.

Mrs. Palladino would like to have a meeting to reach a compromise situation that would work to everyone's benefit with the municipalities and John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering before taking it to the next level and writing to the legislation about structuring legislation that would grant a more permissive attitude instead of a mandatory one in terms of the towns being about to provide input more effectively.

Mr. Fuzo recommended not only inviting the 8 interested municipalities who responded but to invite all the municipalities to the meeting as it is not representative to have 8 out of 26 municipalities make decisions for a County change in policy.

Director Karrow advised she would support this and noted the bulk of the interest came from the largest municipalities in the County. Mrs. Palladino stated West Amwell, Kingwood, Alexandria, Delaware, Tewksbury, Raritan, East Amwell and Readington are interested in meeting.

Mr. Fuzo said he's saying to invite all the municipalities because once a meeting is held, the municipalities may have a different response. It isn't fair to commit 26 municipalities based on 7 written and 1 verbal response. Mrs. Palladino confirmed she would be inviting all the municipalities.

Mr. Muller advised he would also supports this.

Mr. Melick said this has been the issue of the decade. The Bridge legislation that the counties operate under has served the public well in the past. There has been a uniformity in the type of construction and in the safety and intent and the traveling public is aware of this. His experience is that the current 21 County bridge departments in the State of New Jersey have been working well under the current legislation with the counties being responsible for the repair and maintenance of the bridges.

Mr. Fuzo stated as this moves forward, there may be a financial impact depending upon what direction this takes. There could be a large impact on state and federal funding to repair bridges and it would not be fair to put the balance of the burden on the municipalities that want the bridges fixed and need help in subsidizing the costs. Mrs. Palladino stated that those types of questions will be discovered upon discussions.

After further discussion, Mrs. Palladino confirmed she will contact Mr. Glynn for his available dates to meet with the municipalities.

#### **FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

Mr. Muller moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded this:

**See Page 5/25/04-7A**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development for Block 27, Lot 21, in Delaware Township, from Cornerhouse Farm, LLC, (SADC-\$149,600, County-\$44,200, \$44,200).

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mrs. Palladino seconded this:

**See Page 5/25/04-7B**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development for Block 41, 4, in Franklin Township, from Amandio Rodrigues and Domingos Rodrigues, Jr., (SADC-\$715,000, County-\$222,500, Township-\$222,500).

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded this:

**See Page 5/25/04-7C**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the final approval for the acquisition of a development easement from Christian and Judith Wade, in Tewksbury Township, for Block 10, Lots 1.01 and 5.02, (SADC-\$1,150,200, County-\$383,400, Township-\$383,400).

Director Karrow advised the Highlands Legislation has been of great concern to this Board and the latest set of amendments now list 9 counties in south Jersey instead of 8 that will be guaranteed funding for farmland and green acres no matter what they submit. There is no stabilized funding source to provide funding for us and it still provides no county payment in lieu of taxes for county depreciated properties in the preservation area. The County Treasurer is setting up a meeting for next week with the Planning Board Director and Tax Board Administrator to try and figure out what Hunterdon's tax loss will be.

Director Karrow said the regulation by law as it currently stands will completely regulate any development and building in the preservation area and push development into planning areas, which it's still not known exactly what areas will take sewer systems, or other kinds of systems in general for waste treatment. Director Karrow stated all private deals on the table will be null and void. As it stands, she recommended continuing fighting this until the day its signed into law, because its not know what this will look like when its over with all the applications being presented to the County.

Director Karrow said the Freeholders should keep in the back of their minds that the County may want to pull all deals in the preservation area. The state has promised they will pay whatever market value it is and a pilot to those municipalities in the preservation area. With the loss of taxes, Hunterdon's citizens are going to be asked to make up that and the County will be asked to cost share on top of that for preservation area properties. The municipalities that would never vote for 5 units per acre density are going to have to struggle with trying to stop massive amounts of development that will want to come to the area.

Director Karrow stated there is a Ballot Question coming back in November and it has to be discussed and voted on in August to have this on the November Ballot. Depending what this legislation looks like, the Freeholders may want to add into the Ballot question asking the public if they want the County to concentrate all preservation money being applied to farmland and open space to areas that can only take density, rather than areas that will be totally regulated by the State of New Jersey.

Director Karrow said the lands in the preservation areas are going to lose value and the County will lose money there. The planning areas will increase in tremendous value at 5 units per acre potential density. Although Hunterdon's citizens purchase land and preserve land and share with

the County that burden, they do it not only because its beautiful and they want it to stay this way forever, they do it because they don't want the houses and they don't want a \$100 million additional school at North/Voorhees School District. They don't want the tax burden of another school and having these planning areas take density is not going to prevent that.

Mrs. Palladino said this has been a concern for some time and where this legislation goes isn't known. When it came up for a vote, it wasn't seconded, and it won't come back for a vote until June 14, 2004. There is concern where the Governor will take this if he doesn't get legislation for it because it could do it by Executive Order.

Mrs. Palladino said she would like to hold the Tewksbury property because she's not sure if this property is in the preservation area or not. Director Karrow stated it is in the preservation area.

Mr. Fuzo agreed with Freeholder Palladino, and has asked questions on all property the County purchases, including property in wetlands and such, that he's against buying, that can't be developed. If this property cannot be developed cannot be developed in the preservation area, it doesn't matter what price it is, it should not be purchased. It doesn't make sense for the County to put money into it, if it's in the preservation area.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW.  
(NAYS) MR. FUZO, MRS. PALLADINO, MR. MELICK.**

Gary Pohorely, of the Planning Board was directed to bring this matter back before the Board after June 14, 2004.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded this:

**See Pgae 5/25/04-8A** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Granting preliminary approval for the 2005A Round for 19 easement purchases under the County's Farmland Preservation Program.

Director Karrow asked Mr. Pohorely to do the appraisals in the core area of the Highlands last, until after June 14, 2004.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion that all the farms be approved except for those in West Amwell Township.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion approving those farms located in West Amwell Township.

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

#### **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Director Karrow recognized Gary Toth, NJDOT, Mark Rollo, NJDOT, Mary Melfi, Flemington Borough Council, Allan Pietrefesa, Raritan Township Administrator, James Humphries, Raritan Township Planner, and Karen McClintock from Mike Ferguson's Office.

Director Karrow welcomed the NJDOT representatives back to Hunterdon County. She stated DOT provided an October completion date for the Rout 31 project, and asked where that stands.

Mr. Rollo confirmed the substantial completion date is October 9, with clean up being done after that by January 9, 2005. There are now no more problems with the streams restrictions. DOT is working on traffic signals and structures and traffic signals are being erected now. The timing of the signals will be permanently set. Permanent traffic signals are being erected at the 5 intersections.

Mr. Rollo stated DOT will coordinate with Flemington Borough and Raritan Township on the signal timing and will work on the problem of timing at the signal at the Hunterdon Medical Center. The problem with the light at Church Street should have be resolved by now. Mr. Rollo advised DOT's traffic people me with the signal people to adjust the timing the best that can be done. He said the optimum use won't be received from the system until the whole project is complete and all the loop detectors are in place.

Mr. Muller asked about the Foran Blvd. Intersection signal timing. Mr. Rollo was not aware of a problem and will investigate.

Mr. Rollo advised materials have been ordered for the signal at Park Avenue and Main Street/Walter Foran Blvd. The contractor needs to work on the temporary signal at that site. Director Karrow questioned the anticipated date for deliver of materials. Mr. Rollo feels it could be any day since it was ordered on May 5, 2004. He stated the town is to assume maintenance

for the light. Funding for this light is part of Section 6D project. Mr. Muller asked about a permanent fixture. Ms. Melfi said the state maybe putting in a temporary light but a permanent light is part of the overall realignment project.

Allan Pietrefesa said on Route 31 by Minneakoning Road, will something be done to fix the pavement in that area. Mr. Rollo stated that will be corrected. Director Karrow asked Mr. Rollo to have DOT place some pavement in that area before people start loosing tire irons.

Ms. Melfi confirmed that the Church Street project is substantial complete but the contractor may have some cleaning up to do.

Mr. Rollo advised DOT was asked about construction issues on Route 31 and 579 by the business owners, to help improve access to the businesses. The resident engineer adjusted traffic cones and barrels. Mrs. Palladino confirmed access is better.

Director Karrow advised trees are dying along Route 31 and asked what will be done. Mr. Rollo confirmed the trees will be replaced by the contractor and stated there is a warranty on them.

Mr. Rollo reported an interim construction project for Case Blvd. is with the Township of Raritan for review at this time. Director Karrow said the County's concern was that the temporary solution did not seem cost efficient to move traffic and funding was not guaranteed to complete the whole project. A start date was provided but it was subject to funding. Mr. Toth advised money is available for the interim Case Blvd. project, of \$700,000. Raritan Township stated the Engineer is looking at the plans and feels the interim improvements are going to have to be accepted because the school is going to open in September. Mr. Toth stated the people are committed to the permanent project and the funding will be there by 2007. He was told by Mr. Rollo that money could be found out of the trust fund to do the interim project. DOT is willing to move forward on both the interim and permanent project. Director Karrow asked Mr. Toth to write a letter to the County and Township to that effect.

Mr. Toth said the other issue with Case Blvd. is the issue of transferring funding from the congestion mitigation project. If DOT wanted to move the funding, it would take action on the part of the Freeholders and congress to approve the use of the funds. Director Karrow confirmed that is the unspent money the Freeholders kept hearing about.

Director Karrow said DOT held meetings at the Route 12 County Complex showing potential plans for the congestion mitigation project, smart growth and the circle. She understands that Ms. Melfi liked what was there in creating a town centered circle and the arteries that would eventually be built versus the entire flyover bypass. Director Karrow also heard the Mayor of Raritan Township was also happy and the next step would be for DOT to go to each municipality to draw up something more permanent and do a presentation also. Mr. Toth said the permanent solution would be drawn up by professionals in the transportation field.

James Humphries, Raritan Township Planner questioned why money has to be transferred when Case Blvd. was originally in the congestion mitigation project. Director Karrow questioned if there was an agreement to pass money from congestion mitigation onto Case Blvd. so the kids can be safe. Mr. Rollo confirmed that originally Case Blvd. was part of the congestion mitigation project and it was broken out. The Board and DOT discussed drawings by the consultant on the project to reduce traffic. After further discussion, the Board agreed to shift the money away from the congestion mitigation project onto the Case Blvd. interim project to get that open and safe for the kids. Director Karrow advised Mr. Rollo and Mr. Toth that Raritan Township will contact them directly and the County and this can be agreed to.

Ms. Melfi questioned why the state can't give the money to Raritan Township and the County to complete the project. Director Karrow advised she also asked that and it won't be done.

Director Karrow confirmed the temporary solution will be done for Case Blvd. and Raritan Township will contact Mr. Toth, DOT, as well as, inform the Freeholders what Raritan Township decides to do, whether to build or not build it. She confirmed that Allan Pietrefesa will push Raritan Township to make that decision quickly. Mr. Pietrefesa said the Township's next meeting is June 7, 2004. Director Karrow said the County's next meeting is June 9, 2004 and the Township should give the go ahead by then. She questioned Mr. Toth if DOT gets the go ahead by June 9, 2004, what is the timetable to build out the temporary Case Blvd. solution. Mr. Toth said he can't predict but hopes to have a timetable by June 9, 2004.

Director Karrow confirmed DOT will find out the correct amount for the funding and build a permanent solution for Case Blvd. and proceed with the public forum in June on the congestion mitigation project. Everyone agreed.

Director Karrow asked about Exit 15 in Clinton Township. Mr. Rollo said DOT is working to identify construction funding and they are looking at using federal safety funds and DOT needs to convince the Federal Highway Administration first. If funding is found, construction could begin in a year to a year and a half, starting design.

Director Karrow invited DOT to return and update the Board again after Labor Day, 2004. Mr. Rollo and Mr. Toth agreed to return.

#### **RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Director Karrow recognized Dr. Jerry Ryan, Director, RVCC, Carol McTirnan of the Facilities Committee, and Tom Auchs who came before the Board to address the powerhouse at the college.

Ms. McTirnan provided the history of the powerhouse which was built when the college was originally created in 1975. In the 2002 college master plan, it was recommended the college think about the future and doing something with the powerhouse. The power plant was not utilized for the last two buildings built at the college. After the 2002 master plan it was decided to look at the equipment but the pipes started breaking. Something needs to be done with this system.

Ms. McTirnan advised in addition the college is building the Academic/Arts building and the powerhouse needs to be updated. An engineer came in and will provide a proposal. All this needs to go before the Facilities Committee tomorrow. It will be recommended to expand the existing powerplant. Also, additional cooling is going to have to be added because the rooms that house the computers need to be kept cold. Plus, separate cooling is needed for the Theatre and the Library.

Ms. McTirnan advised the plant has to be done before the building is done. Eventually when the other systems go down at the college on the two other buildings, they can be tied back into the powerhouse. That will be cheaper and easier to maintain than what the college currently has.

Ms. McTirnan said the college would like to take money it currently has established for the Academic/Arts Building and put it into the powerhouse. The additional Chapter 12 can be applied to replace the money for the Arts building.

Director Karrow asked if the Chapter 12 money being applied for, is enough. Is it \$6.9 million. Dr. Ryan advised Hunterdon and Somerset Counties have already allocated \$1.9 million. The college was aware there was a problem, so in the major capital items over the last couple of years, \$900,000 has been allocated for chillers and such, so \$5 million is needed. Director Karrow confirmed Dr. Ryan feels the college will get Chapter 12 money to replace that. Dr. Ryan stated the college has already been allocated by the State in addition to the \$15 million for the academic building another \$15 million for buildings which has not yet been applied for.

Director Karrow said the Freeholders in both counties has given RVCC enough money to build the Academic/Arts building and some of that is Chapter 12 funding and the rest is from Hunterdon and Somerset counties. She confirmed she wants to take the money from that project, redo the capital project for the powerplant, and you will not come back to either Freeholder Board to replace that funding. Dr. Ryan said they would be in February, 2006 with new Chapter 12 money for the Academic/Arts building and they would ask the counties to commit to that project. This is a separate \$5 million project for which Hunterdon County would pay \$132,000.

Director Karrow advised she does not understand when the college's engineer who designed the Arts building reviewed the systems to come up with a figure on what it would cost, why wasn't anyone alerted to the fact three months ago before the Budget was approved. Ms. McTirnan said when this was started there wasn't a problem and the pipes started breaking suddenly. Since it was an old system, the college knew it would have to deal with it at sometime but it wasn't an emergency until the pipes started breaking.

Mr. Fuzo confirmed the currently HVAC system wasn't zoned. Dr. Ryan stated some is and some isn't. Mr. Fuzo said this needs to be done, the powerhouse has to be completed. Mr. Muller agreed.

Mr. Melick stated that he and Director Karrow abstained from voting on the college's budget. He has some concerns which haven't been addressed, such as the chargeback issue. A letter was received from the college saying the County was off base and the County's Treasurer found a different scenario. He asked who is providing the information. Dr. Ryan feels he and Mr. Melick are dealing with the same information but it's a year later. The Finance Committee did look at the chargebacks and did take into consideration Mr. Melick's concern but decided not to increase the chargebacks for the next year.

Mr. Melick said it has been indicated that the college is going to raise the tuition rate by \$5. Director Karrow said there was no indication of that at the last meeting with the college. She stated that Governor McGreevey did not make good on his last payment on financial aid and RVCC was cut by \$250,000. Director Karrow asked how much the college's revenues are short by. Dr. Ryan said this year's budget is \$34 million plus, and he has been working hard to bring that number down. This is a state aid issue and the book store and catering service did not bring in as much the past year. He feels the college maybe \$500,000 short. Director Karrow confirmed that is all revenue driven.

Dr. Ryan said the second piece of the \$1 million issue is expense. The college had some unexpected expenses in the childcare center where there were a lot of newborns. The tutoring budget was off because there were more students in need of the service. The utilities budget was off because of the increase for sewage. That maybe another \$500,000.

Director Karrow went on the record saying that she and Mr. Melick suggested strongly that the college look into changing auditors as a healthy financial action and was told there were no problems with the audits and no problems with the auditor. Director Karrow said she and Mr. Melick will be writing to Ray Bateman tomorrow saying if there is an issue in identifying operational cost losses, the auditor should have picked up on that last year, as well as the revenue issues. Dr. Ryan said over the last 8 years, the college had to dip into the fund balance 4 times, so this has happened before. In response to the gentle nudging on the auditor, the college did indicate to the auditor that it wanted the principal changed. The college wasn't able to change auditors for this audit, but it is on their agenda to discuss going out for an RFP. Mr. Melick said Hunterdon is not asking the college to hire any XYZ auditor, Hunterdon wants a change. Changing partners is not a change. He pursued the same policy with the County audit

and interviews were conducted, and while the auditor wasn't changed an \$8,000 reduced was received in the cost of the audit. Director Karrow added that the Freeholders discussed and voted on this issue. The vote was 3 to 2 versus the Trustees of the College who did not discuss it or vote on it.

Dr. Ryan said he would support putting out an RFP for auditors. He said Mr. Melick has made his point. He encouraged Mr. Melick to attend the Finance Meeting where this is discussed.

After further discussion, the Board agreed that it's okay to move forward on the powerplant. County Counsel DeSapio asked Dr. Ryan to explain what he is asking for from the Board today. Dr. Ryan said a consensus is needed regarding the \$5 million for the powerplant. Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion authorizing RVCC to proceed in applying for funding for the powerplant.

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

Director Karrow brought up another issue at the college for consideration by the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees. This is the issue of an unpaid officer that Hunterdon is supplying to the college for the Police Academy from the Prosecutor's Office. This issue was brought up at the budget meeting of the Board of School Estimate meeting and Trustee, John McGuire was surprised about this. Mr. McGuire said he would look into this and said he did not think it was fair that Hunterdon was supplying free labor to the college. Director Karrow said the Hunterdon and Somerset County Prosecutor's are supplying a body to teach. Hunterdon doesn't run a large Prosecutor's Office, so a detective sitting at the college to teach 1 or 2 classes is costly. She suggested Hunterdon supply a room in the County, such as the Freeholders' Meeting Room, be used as an off-site campus. Dr. Ryan felt an off-site location could be done.

Mr. Melick advised Dr. Ryan about his concerns about over-expenditures in some accounts from year to year. Dr. Ryan said those two accounts have been rectified. Mr. Melick further questioned transfers. Dr. Ryan stated the auditor told the college they should have a transfer policy when an amount being transferred is over a certain threshold. He said internal procedures are being developed at this time.

#### **CULTURAL & HERITAGE**

Stephanie Stevens, Chairman of Cultural & Heritage Commission, presented the Board with a book published by the Commission called *Vanishing Landscapes of Hunterdon County*. The Board thanked Mrs. Stevens for coming today.

#### **ROADS, BRIDGES AND ENGINEERING**

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, reported on a problem for an individual on Route 579. This is a drainage issue in Plumbrook Hollow. Mr. Glynn has looked at individual's problem on several occasions and explored placing a larger substructure or pipe but that would only bring more water. Mr. Glynn informed the Board that everything has been done within the County's duties. Mr. Muller confirmed the house was built in a flood plane. Mr. Glynn said the problem is that Plumbrook floods. Since this person's health is failing, maybe Social Services should look into the situation.

Mr. Glynn reported updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- Punch list items need to be completed for County Route 519, Milford to County Route 631. Line striping will be scheduled.
- The bonding company for the County Route 611 project is making arrangement to complete the project.
- A mid-June date is being looked at for completing the 518 project from Lambertville to Mercer County Line.
- Driveway and curbing is underway on County Route 579, in Alexandria and Union Townships. The surface course should be completed by the end of May.
- Plans for County Route 610, in Frenchtown Borough have been forwarded to NJDOT.
- Trash Receptacles have been ordered for the Main Street County Complex and problems are being experienced with the water fountain.
- Grading plans have been accepted by East Amwell Township for County Route 602, on Rocktown-Lambertville Road. The plans and specifications have been forwarded to Purchasing to advertise.
- Plans and specifications have been approved for the storm drainage project for 2004.
- Schemes are being developed for the County Park in Flemington Borough.
- The paint color was selected for Bridge D-388, on Locktown-Flemington Road. The color chosen was green.
- Closing of Bridge L-4, on County Route 513 has been rescheduled.
- A meeting was held on May 18, 2004, to discuss the project in the field for Bridge L-92-W, New Hampton Road. Warren County has submitted a traffic study for comment. Comments from concerned citizens are being incorporated into the revised plans.
- Right of Way acquisition needs to be completed for Bridge R-147 on Old York Road.
- A technical meeting was held for Bridge T-87, on Main Street/Guinea Hollow Road, and a consensus was reached.
- The field survey for Bridge D-481, on Strimples Mill Road is complete.
- Final comments have not been received from Readington Township on Bridge R-165, on Barley Sheaf Road. The historic reported has been completed.
- A letter writing campaign has been started for Dreahook Road by the residents due to a concern about the volume of traffic using their municipal street.

Director Karrow confirmed that Readington Township doesn't want traffic coming off of Johnson Drive. Mr. Muller received a letter from the Mayor and the Township saying a temporary bridge is needed for this road. Director Karrow explained Readington Township doesn't want the bridge widened. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Fuzo seconded a motion authorizing the Engineering Department to replace the structure as quick as possible with the skew in the road being removed and calming factors can be added.

Mrs. Palladino left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Director Karrow stated she doesn't like doing this without meeting with the mayor and engineer.

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

- Specifications have been sent to Purchasing to advertise the 2004 Bridge Painting project.
- A contract modification was completed for wetlands analysis for Bridge T-61, on Potterstown Road, in Tewksbury Township.
- Bids have been reviewed for Bridge Q-6, on County Route 613.
- Shop drawings need to be approved for the Pedestrian Bridge on Hamden-Allerton Road.
- Cross sections need to be complete for a permit for the Fire School. Permit applications also need to be completed.
- The consultant for County Route 579, over the Lehigh Valley Railroad is 75% complete.
- Preliminary sign data has been received for the Sign Maintenance & Inventory Study.
- A public hearing meeting was held on May 19, 2004 for County Routes 513 and 579, layout for the intersection in Pittstown.
- A public information meeting was held on May 4, 2004 for County Route 610/Race Street/County Route 513, for authorization to design.
- Preliminary plans are near completion for County Routes 519 and 513 in Everittstown.

#### **COUNTY COUNSEL**

Gaetano M. DeSapio, County Counsel, reported the closing for the building at Hunterdon Central High School will be on Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. in his office. He assumes the Freeholders will pay the past due rent. Mr. Melick and Director Karrow said Polytech is to pay the past due rent not the County. Mr. Fuzo asked whose responsibility is it to pay the rent. Director Karrow stated Mrs. Palladino was adamant about the County not paying the rent. Mr. DeSapio said the rent is Polytech's responsibility but he's received e-mails saying the County agreed to pay the rent. Mr. Fuzo said that is his recollection. He remembers that being part of the negotiations because they weren't going to be putting that money in the budget and since the County was supposed to close on it, the County would pay the rent. The Clerk of the Board was directed to research the minutes for the past 6 to 8 months on who would pay the rent.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from the Cherryville Repeater Association II, to hold a Field Day event, in the lot in front of the Route 12 Garage, beginning at 1 pm on Friday, June 25, 2004 to 6 pm on Sunday, June 27, 2004. Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission.

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

#### **PURCHASING**

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

**See Page 5/25/04-12A**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #Health.01436, with Aventis Pasteur, Inc., for Flu Vaccines, for the Health Department, in the amount of \$5,880.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #Health.01439, with FFF Enterprises, for Flue Vaccines and Syringes, for the Health Department, in the amount of \$27,952.70.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

**See Page 5/25/04-12C**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PR.00300, with Plaza Ford Motors Fleet, for a replacement vehicle, one 2004 Ford Taurus Wagon, for Human Services, in the amount of \$16,264.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PR.00301, with Hertrich Fleet Services, for a replacement vehicle, one 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, for Human Services, in the amount of \$19,436.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #IT.2026, with Dell Computer, Inc., for four (4) Dell Workstations and two (2) Dell Ultra Sharp Flat Panel Displays, for Information Technology, in the amount of \$23,167.24.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #Parks.1503, with Root Agency for a August 15, 2004 concert performance by the Glengarry Bhoys, at Deer Path Park, for Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$2,400.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 5/25/04-13D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PROS.4292, with JoAnne Juzwiak, CRR, for transcript services, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$2,390.50.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 5/25/04-13E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the rejection of a proposal for Bid #2004-15, to furnish and deliver Thermoplastic Marketing Materials, from DBA-Dobco as it did not meet the County's minimum specification requirements.

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

Mr. Fuzo moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 5/25/04-13F

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of Bid #2004-15, to furnish and deliver Thermoplastic Marketing Materials, for the Division of Traffic Maintenance, to Ennis Paint, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$16,791.25.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Karrow adjourned them meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board