

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

May 23, 2006

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:07 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MRS. PALLADINO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON.

Open Public Meetings Act

Director Palladino 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 January 04, 2006, 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."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Peterson seconded these:

See Page 05/23/06-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various personnel matters.

See Page 05/23/06-1B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various legal issues.

See Page 05/23/06-1C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various land issues.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 3:09 p.m., recessed at 4:33 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 4:37 p.m.

PRESENT: MRS. PALLADINO, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON.

FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion to approve the executive session minutes of May 09, 2006.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion to approve Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 23, 2006.

See Page 05/09/06-1D **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion to approve Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 23, 2006.

See Page 05/09/06-1E **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded these:

See Page 05/23/06-1F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Wayne Neville appointed permanent, full time Sanitary Inspector, Health Department.

See Page 05/23/06-1G **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Alison Naftal appointed permanent, full time Principal Librarian, Library.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Walter Pierson Jr. appointed permanent, full time Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/23/06-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Denise Wilson appointed permanent, part time Youth Worker, Youth Facility, Public Safety Department.

See Page 05/23/06-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Janet Williams appointed provisional, part time Librarian, Library.

See Page 05/23/06-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Josephine Malloy appointed provisional, full time Senior Account Clerk, Division of Social Services, Human Services.

See Page 05/23/06-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Erin Salley appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/23/06-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bradley Pultz appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

See Page 05/23/06-2G

RESOLUTION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Scott Dysart appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/23/06-2I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Anna Deetz appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leaders, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/23/06-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Keith Williges appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

See Page 05/23/06-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tyler Sassaman appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Eric Snyder appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Joyce appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Leonard Gilbert appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering,

See Page 05/23/06-2O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Phillip Leone appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Fenneman appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads and Bridges.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Steven Williamson appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/23/06-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kyle Fisher appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Perry Lewis appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Plummer appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/23/06-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Mary Heffner appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/23/06-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lori Povelko appointed temporary, as needed Senior Account Clerk, Division of Social Services, Human Services.

See Page 05/23/06-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bryan Adie appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/23/06-3H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Erin Raffaele, Youth Worker, Youth Facility, Public Safety Department, adjustment in hours to part time.

See Page 05/23/06-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Clint Bush, Senior Mechanic, Roads, Bridges and Engineer, leave of absence without pay.

See Page 05/23/06-3J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rose Ann Freund, Senior Account Clerk, Division of Social Services, Human Services, salary adjustment.

See Page 05/23/06-3K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving plans and specifications for safety improvements to County Route 519 with Spring Garden Road and County Route 614, in Holland Township.

See Page 05/23/06-3L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Purchase and Ownership and Maintenance Agreement with Delaware Township, for the acquisition of Block 57, Lot 13, from Juniper III, LLC, with the County's contribution not exceeding \$855,270.

See Page 05/23/06-3M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a consulting agreement with Monarch Housing Associates, for the development and final submission of the 2006 Hunterdon County Continuum of Care application, in the amount of \$6,000.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-3N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the Hunterdon Medical Center for public health nursing and education services, in the amount of \$589,062.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting the construction of a firehouse for the Oldwick Fire Company and the participation of the Fire Company with the Somerset County Improvement Authority.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Director Palladino opened the meeting to the public. There was no one interested in addressing the Board at this time.

COUNTY UPDATE

Canadian Geese

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, reported at the Board's direction a resolution was drafted concerning Canada Geese in New Jersey, using copies of resolutions received from different municipalities in various Counties. From reading those resolutions, it appears there is a comprehensive plan and a cooperative relationship being established between the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife through a memorandum of agreement. Mrs. Yard recommended that a copy of the memorandum of agreement be obtained prior to adoption of this resolution, in order to determine what the memorandum of understanding says and the commitment of local government. The Board directed Mrs. Yard to obtain a copy of the memorandum of understanding in order to determine what is being established through the cooperative relationship between the above referenced departments.

Mountain Farm

Mrs. Yard reported in March 2006, the Board approved the use of the Mountain Farm by Parks and Recreation for summer programs because it was empty and available. Mr. Muller had asked at that time, that an update be provided to the Board from the Director of Parks and Recreation, John Trontis, on what the use would be of the Mountain Farm. Mr. Trontis wrote to the Board, in December 2005, expressing interest to use the Mountain Farm but at that time, there was not consideration given because there were two agencies that contacted Freeholder Muller expressing interest in the Mountain Farm.

Mrs. Yard advised when the Facilities Evaluation Committee was established in 2001, one of the objectives was to review County structures and where possible the County should not be maintaining these structures unless the County had a documented need. It was the desire to either get someone else to use them, sell them or demolish the structures. Mrs. Yard's understanding has been, from reading the Freeholders' minutes, that it was okay for the Parks and Recreation summer nature program to use the Mountain Farm but that Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator would continue to pursue diversion of use.

Mrs. Yard reported Mr. Trontis' December 6, 2005 memorandum talked about his long range plans for not just the summer nature program, but for long term use of the Mountain Farm; which included these buildings as an environmental, agriculture studies nature center in the County and that the offices of the Chief Naturalist and two Park Naturalists would be transplanted to the Mountain Farm. In addition, a barrier free ramp would be designed and built, the back deck would be replaced and planters would be retrofitted.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board, she strongly disagrees with transferring staff to the Mountain Farm. If there is an opportunity to keep staff centralized, that should remain the goal because it can become a management and/or operational nightmare.

Mrs. Yard reported the Board needs to make a determination on whether the Mountain Farm is going to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department; and if so, then Mr. Richardson should discontinue trying to find a diversion of use for it. Mrs. Yard questioned if the Board desires to make the Mountain Farm a permanent structure to be utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department or by another department. Ms. Karrow confirmed with Mrs. Yard that another department has requested use of the Mountain Farm. Mrs. Yard advised the Facilities Evaluation Committee did receive such a request and minutes from that meeting were provided to the Board.

Ms. Karrow stated it sounds as if the building at the Mountain Farm could be used internally by the County in some capacity for either another department or for Parks' long term use. She agreed with Mrs. Yard that staff should not be relocated.

Mr. Melick stated the County has over 50 buildings, and while these are nice buildings, they are so far out of the mainstream that agencies in the population aren't able to utilize the buildings. It appears that substantial use of the facility is by people in Morris and Warren counties. In addition, these buildings do not fit in with programs of Hunterdon County and it is costly to maintain this. It is taxpayer dollars being used to maintain the structures as long as the County owns them. Mr. Melick said the land is beautiful but sometimes when you purchase land, you get more improvements than is wanted. He advised he voted against this project because of the improvements which have to be maintained.

Ms. Karrow agreed with Mr. Melick but added that if the County is going to sell the structure, a right match has to be found because the buildings are so close together and one is being used as a Visitor's Center, the barn is being used for equipment; plus there is the house which the Parks' Director is renting. She feels the County should sell all of them or not any of them; otherwise the right match would have to be found to be so close to a public facility.

Ms. Karrow asked Mrs. Yard to contact Carol Bodder at Parks and Recreation for information about the Nature Program at the Mountain Farm, and the Summer Programs in order to find out how many programs have been booked already for this year. Mr. Muller asked Mrs. Yard to find out if any programs are overbooked. He recalls being told that there wasn't enough room to accommodate all the people who apply for the summer programs. Part of the reason to improve this property was so the public could make sure of the properties.

After further discussion, the Board directed Mrs. Yard to have Buildings and Maintenance provide a barrier free ramp at the Mountain Farm Building for the summer nature programs; to obtain the numbers of in-county and out-of-county residents attending the summer nature programs, and to report back to the Board with those numbers.

Plaques for Trees in Court Street Park

Mrs. Yard reported since the Court Street Park has been completed, there is a need to order plaques for the trees which were dedicated; some trees need to have plaques replaced while others were not ordered yet. John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering explained that some of the plaques are no longer there and others were dedicated but the trees never received the plaque. He is seeking permission to update the memorial plaques in the park. Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded a motion directing Mr. Glynn to move forward in obtaining the plaques are replacement plaques for the trees in Court Street Park.

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

Tree Dedication – William McIntyre

Mr. Glynn advised William McIntyre served on the County's Shade Tree Commission for 25 years and a memorial tree was authorized and planted in his name on Arbor Day 2006. He asked the Board of Chosen Freeholders to join the Shade Tree Commission in dedicating the tree in memory of Mr. McIntyre on June 27, 2006. The Board directed the Clerk of the Board, Denise Doolan, to have this event occur at the June 27, 2006 Freeholder Meeting, around 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Melick left the meeting.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the contract for sale of development easement from the Estate of Emily Rozandky, on Block 26, Lot 27, in Kingwood Township, (SADC-\$180,600, County-\$49,644, Township-\$55,356), total of \$285,600.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of a development easement from Suzanne Murphy, on Block 14, Lot 35 and Block 22, Lot 98, in Holland Township, (SADC-\$162,750, County-\$49,875, Township-\$49,875), total of \$262,500.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval for the acquisition of a development easement from Readington Twp. (Padovani Farm) from the PIG8/2005 Round, (SADC-\$283,500, County-\$94,500, Township-\$94,500), total of \$472,500.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Sharing Grant Agreement and Grant Agreement for Block 19, Lot 5.01, owned by West Amwell Twp., (SADC-\$194,039.04, County-\$64,679.68, Township-\$64,679.68), total of \$323,398.40.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Sharing Grant Agreement and Grant Agreement for Block 53, Lot 9, owned by Readington Township, (SADC-\$102,745, County-\$32,878.40, Township-\$32,878.40), total of \$168,501.80.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for sale of development easement, from Oliver and Karen Elbert, on Block 84, Lot 29, in Raritan Township, (SADC-\$739,800, County-\$197,280, Township-\$295,920), total of \$1,233,000.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Sharing Grant Agreement, Grant Agreement with Readington Township, for Block 63, Lot 23, (Hanna), (SADC-\$167,399.52, County-\$ 55,799.84, Township-\$ 55,799.84), total of \$278,999.22.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator and John Davenport, III, County Purchasing Agent, came before the Board concerning the Prequalification Regulations and Questionnaire for Interior and Exterior Restoration and Alterations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building.

Mr. Bell explained they are in the process of putting together the prequalification package for the Hall of Records and Southard Building. He reported that Michael Hanorhan of Clarke, Caton and Hintz, who prepared the documents, has also worked with the State of New Jersey. Mr. Hanorhan will explain what has been prepared and what happened with the State.

Mr. Hanorhan advised he is present today to ask the Board of Chosen Freeholders to adopt the prequalifications for the Hall of Records and Southard Building. This is a very standardized process that the County has undertaken twice before, with the historic Court House.

Mr. Hanorhan explained the prequalification standardized format developed by the Division of Local Government Services, of the State of New Jersey; his office worked closely with them in developing these regulations. They did have some minor comments on the County's document, which were incorporated into the final document.

Mr. Bell advised the process will be to have contractors prequalify first and once the list of prequalified contractors has been gone through, it will be brought back to the Freeholder Board for approval. This list is also sent to the State, as well. Once the list is approved, the contractors will be given the actual contact documents to start bidding. This is the same process as what was followed for work at the historic Court House.

Mrs. Yard stated the Freeholders need to know that this is working in concert with the PARIS grant. Mr. Hanorhan has been very sensitive to this, because it is a timing issue.

Mr. Hanorhan advised this document is in anticipation of the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant, which the County is eligible for about \$750,000.00. He and Mr. Bell have been working closely on preparing that grant, which is due June 1, 2006. Once that grant is submitted, the process for prequalifications will have been started and the contractors will be prequalified roughly by July 4, 2006, and bids will be in place by the beginning of August and the contract documents are tailored such that the work that is eligible for the PARIS grant will be complete by the end of the year so the County will be able to draw down against the PARIS grant.

Mr. Muller stated on page one of the background information, in the second paragraph, it says the Southard Building was the home of prominent New Jersey lawyers, including two who held the office of the Governor. It was not their home, it was their office. Mr. Hanorhan will make that correction.

Director Palladino opened the public hearing on the Prequalification Regulations and Questionnaire for Interior and Exterior Restoration and Alterations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building. There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Prequalification Regulations and Questionnaire for Interior and Exterior Restoration and Alterations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40012205, with Northeast Signal, for traffic counters and batteries, for the Traffic Maintenance Division, of Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$7,290.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #PARKS.02696, with Associated Mailing & Printing, for printing the Spring/Summer edition of the Harbinger, for Parks, in the amount of \$6,425.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition \$PROS.05504, with Lawmen Supply Company, for 20 safety vests, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$12,925.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-06, to furnish and deliver one (1) Heavy Duty Mid-Size Transit Style Bus, for the LINK, to American Bus and Coach, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$129,726.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-08, for the Echo Hill Environmental Education Area Pathway Improvements, to Charles Mann General Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$68,150.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-16, for the Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program in various municipalities, to Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,733,991.07.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to Bid #2005-46, for Home Health Services: Certified and Non-Certified, with Visiting Health and Supportive Services, increase of \$25,000.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to Bid #2005-46, for Home Health Services: Certified and Non-Certified, with All Quality Care, Inc., increase of \$40,000.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to Bid #2005-46, for Home Health Services: Certified and Non-Certified, with Open Arms Health, LLC, increase of \$37,000.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the professional services agreement with Cherry, Weber & Associates, Inc., for engineering design services for County Bridge FC-62 and approach roadway of the Hamden Road over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Clinton and Franklin Townships, increase of \$3,499.20.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 05/23/06-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving competitive contracting for the procurement of computer software for the Hunterdon County Library.

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

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA, Project Administrator, updated the Board on various County projects and facilities.

- The shop drawings for the ramp at the Senior Center have been reviewed and the rails have been ordered.
- The contractor is working on the front portico at the historic Court House; the concrete has been poured and later this week the blue stone will be set. The portico should be completed by sometime next week, and will be done in time for the rededication of the historic Court House on June 4, 2006.
- The open stair system and lighting for the meeting room is being worked on at the Route 12 Library Headquarters. The contractor is ordering materials for the fire alarm system as was approved by change order, in the amount of \$49,000, at the May 9, 2006 meeting.
- Tomorrow a job meeting will be held for the Emergency Services Building and the consoles at the dispatch area will be reviewed, coordinating that with the HVAC and electrical work.
- The lead paint is being striped off of the Hall of Records and Southard Building. The coping is being removed from the back portion in order to clean it up and then it will be placed back on.
- The hearing for the prequalifications for the Hall of Records and Southard Buildings was done this evening, so the prequalifications will be sent to the contractors on June 8, 2006, and bids will be due back on July 6, 2006, with the award taking place at the August 8, 2006 Freeholder meeting.
- The Office of the County Clerk has been moved from the Hall of Records to the temporary location at the third floor of the old County Jail.

Mr. Muller directed Mr. Bell to improve signage for the County Clerk's Office in the Jail building. Mr. Bell advised the County is working on signs, which will be placed on the outside of the building, and the inside of the building.

Mr. Peterson asked Mrs. Yard to look around and see if there is a nicer counter around that the Clerk could use while she's located in the Jail building. Mrs. Yard reported the County Clerk understood and agreed that she would take all the furniture and stuff from the Hall of Records, and not purchase new because new furniture would be purchased after the Hall of Records has been restored. Mr. Muller feels the items could use some polishing up.

Mr. Peterson asked if the County doesn't have something sitting around that would be nicer than the counter, currently being used. Mr. Bell and Mrs. Yard will check around.

- A proposal has been received from T&M Associates regarding the South County Park, which is being reviewed by John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering. It should be ready for approval at the next meeting.
- The change order for the former Justice Veniero space in the Justice Center is still being reviewed by the state.
- The plans are completed for the Arboretum/Green House conversion and it is ready to be bid.
- The plans are also complete for Deer Path Park and it is ready to be bid.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion approving the plans for the Arboretum/Green House conversion and for Deer Path Park, and authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to advertise the projects for bidding.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- At Routes 579/614, the site at 579 has been cleared and a piece of the wrought iron fence has been removed. The property owner wants to preserve that wrought iron fence and it was placed in his garage but the Alexandria Township Historical Society is looking for that, so hopefully they will work this out.
- Discussions are still going on with Tewksbury Township regarding the pavement for Route 512.
- The sundial at the Court Street Park has been un-installed, the artist did not like the way it was installed, and it will be re-installed tomorrow.

Mr. Glynn asked the Freeholders to invite the contractor who worked on the Court Street Park be invited to the rededication of the historic Court House and Court Street Park, on June 4, 2006. Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board was directed to invite James DeSapio, of DeSapio Contracting to the rededication.

- The surface course has been completed for Route 514, running from Reaville to Clover Hill. The topsoil and seeding has been started and a center line stripe will be placed on the project.
- Storm drainage for Route 614 is 80% complete. The roadway repairs and patches have been completed and the intermediate surface course should be completed by May 24, 2006.
- The utilities are finally out of the way for the Route 523 project and the curb has been installed, the guide rail is under construction and the contractor plans on finishing the widening, and the surface course and curb should be finished next week.
- Curbing will be installed tomorrow on Routes 612/617 running up Thatchers' Hill Road and down Sandhill Road. The driveways are under construction and the subbase outlet drains are underway and the project should be paved next week.
- Final plans and estimates for Route 645 have been sent to Purchasing for advertising.
- Field work is being advanced for Route 617 and it is 90% complete.
- A rejection letter has been received from the state concerning a three way stop on Route 635, at Charlestown Road and New Street in Hampton. Other traffic calming features will be explored with the Hampton group.
- A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled for surface treatment, as the project was awarded today.
- Mr. Glynn asked the Board to accept a contractor's initiative for Bridge N-2, in Clinton Town, which will save the County approximately \$103,000. The original plans called for a temporary pedestrian bridge to be constructed. The contractor would like to do the project in phasing, where they would take out the center span, build a pier and then build the abutments in two half sections. The County has a temporary pedestrian bridge which can be provided to the contractor, which has been used on other projects. Clinton Town Officials and the Clinton Town Police have approved this also.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion accepting the contractor's initiative for Bridge N-2 in Clinton Town, and the County will provide a temporary pedestrian bridge for the project.

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- Shop drawings have been received for Bridge T-87, and they have been approved by the design team. The project will begin on June 26, 2006.
- Bridge R-165 will start on July 5, 2006. There are a couple utility poles which need to be relocated.
- A public information meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2006 for Bridge D-437.

- A public information meeting for Bridge H-1, is set for May 24, 2006 in Holland Township at their municipal building.
- The public information meeting for Bridge D-345, is set for June 7, 2006, at the Route 12 Complex.
- The public information meeting for Bridge M-110 has been relocated from the Milford Library to the Firehouse.
- Warren County is waiting to receive the proposal back from Kupper Associates on Inter-County Bridge B-26-W. Hunterdon has everything in line to advance that project.
- Bids have been received for the painting of various County bridges and it should be ready for approval at the next meeting.
- Shop drawings have been received for the truss for Bridge T-61, and they were rejected because they aren't in accordance with the specifications and will be redone.
- The County is working with Alexandria Township to align the culvert, A-39. It is felt a stream permit isn't needed since this project is under 50 acres but a wetlands permit is needed.
- The scope of services is being worked on for Bridge E-174.
- Final plans have been received for the Bartles Corner/Route 523 Intersection, a right of way needs to be ascertained.
- A meeting has been held with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding Route 513/579 and they still have a question on the number of signal fixtures in Pittstown.
- Plans have been finalized for Route 614/519 and a meeting is scheduled with a property owner for a construction easement.
- Survey work has been completed for a driveway on the northeast corner of the Route 519/513 Intersection. The driveway needs to be reworked and the work will be done in-house.
- Final plans and specifications have been reviewed and revised for the Bloomsbury Railroad Bridge.

Mr. Glynn reported the 4-H Committee is asking his department to do some additional work at the South County Park. It's a network of pedestrian circulation where the vendors for the Agricultural Fair and the Craft Fair. The trails need to be stabilized. Mr. Glynn recommended they be built out of stone screen and stone. It could cost around \$25,000 of in-house labor and materials. Roger Everitt, 4-H Committee reported the County Agricultural Fair is scheduled for August 23 through 27, 2006. Mr. Muller confirmed with Mr. Glynn that the walkways would be constructed and made stable.

Mr. Melick asked if there will be any return to the County for doing this work. Mrs. Yard confirmed that the work would be done during normal working hours only, there will not be any overtime.

Mr. Muller feels this will allow better use of the facility. Mr. Glynn added that this will provide a better service to the handicapped. Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion approving the construction of the pathways in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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Ms. Karrow questioned if a veterans' ceremony will be held this year at the fair. Mrs. Yard reported it was her understanding that veterans' ceremonies would be held every two or three years, depending on the number of applications received. She will check on the number of applications and report back to the Board.

Mr. Melick asked how much the 4-H received from the recent Horse Expo event held at the South County Park. Mr. Everitt explained this started as a Horse Show and was expanded to be a Horse Expo. Originally this was to be done through Parks and Recreation, and the Parks Director did not know what to charge, so they asked to make a donation to the fair, so they could have a Horse Show and use the Horse Show ring. The Parks Director said if that was to be done, they should go through the fair, so this was changed to a Horse Expo.

Mr. Everitt advised he did call and talk with the Freeholder Director about this and he talked to the Parks Director about what to charge for this type of event. This was the first time this type of event was held, so it was agreed to take a donation based on what they took in. The event itself was very nice and it was very appropriate for this area with all the horse farms that are located in the community. Mr. Everitt advised to his knowledge, the 4-H hasn't received any monies yet, but a donation will be received and as soon as it is received he will let the County Administrator know.

Mr. Melick confirmed a contract was not signed to hold this event. Mr. Everitt stated the 4-H signed an agreement with Parks and Recreation for the use of the grounds on the day of the event.

After further discussion, Mrs. Yard was directed to work with the 4-H in order to fully understand the contract and to make sure future events are held in compliance.

Director Palladino added that this was a good event and she worked the gates for a few hours. There was a van that sold food. Mr. Everitt stated that vendor did have a food license.

GRANTS

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services, for the purpose of purchasing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) equipment, for the Division of Communications, Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$357,632.52.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services, for the purpose of providing general assistance for maintenance of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) equipment, for the Division of Communications, Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$131,642.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with the State Division of Archives and Records Management, for Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) to meet the strategic records management, preservation and storage needs of the County, in the \$1,052,700.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the grant for Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities, in the amount of \$16,530, (\$13,775 – State and \$2,755 – County Match).

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the filing of an application with NJ Transit and the NJ Department of Transportation for a Section 5311 grant, in the amount of \$135,706.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating Assistance Agreement, with New Jersey Transit, to provide transportation to the general public and underwrite system deficit, in the amount of \$407,118 (\$135,706-State, \$271,412-Federal, \$135,706-County).

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS

Hunterdon County Environmental Toolbox Committee

Ms. Karrow announced that the Hunterdon County Environmental Toolbox won a Statewide Planning Association Award on Friday, May 19, 2006. The application deadline was Thursday, May 18, 2006 and within 30 minutes the State Planning Association called the County Planning Board announcing the award to Hunterdon. Ms. Karrow advised a lot of New Jersey counties and municipalities are using Hunterdon's ordinances; as well as the State of New Jersey.

Consumer Bowl

Director Palladino announced that Voorhees High School who won the Hunterdon County Consumer Bowl, run by Jeanne Ferrari, Hunterdon County Consumer Affairs Director, advanced to the State Regionals which were held today. Voorhees received the highest in the regional scores and won the State Championship for the New Jersey Consumer Bowl.

Director Palladino stated Ms. Ferrari should be congratulated; she does a wonderful job in getting these schools to participate in the Consumer Bowl program, which teaches youth to be consumer savvy.

Director Palladino asked the Clerk of the Board to gather information to prepare a proclamation, and set a date for presentation to the participants.

Pay to Play

Director Palladino advised County Counsel DeSapio has prepared a resolution concerning Pay to Play. She is prepared to discuss this. Ms. Karrow would like a chance to read this. Ms. Karrow confirmed this is in conjunction with the new law and how it impacts the Freeholder Board.

Director Palladino asked that the Play to Pay issue be placed on the next agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Palladino adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board