

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Route 12 County Complex, Building 1, Route 12

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

August 27, 2002

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened in Open Session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. FUZO, MR. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND.

ABSENT: MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW.

Director Fuzo announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 11, 2002, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, the Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk.@

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Sauerland moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss property matters.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various contractual matters.

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

(ABSENT) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m., recessed at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 4:33 p.m.

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

Mr. Sauerland moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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BOND ORDINANCE NO. 20-02

INTRODUCTION, BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY 4-H FAIR SITE IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Director Fuzo opened the public hearing on Capital Ordinance No. 18-02. 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. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND, MR. FUZO.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 18-02

ADOPTION, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS TRAINING EQUIPMENT, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$54,000.00 THEREFORE.

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

Director Fuzo opened the public hearing on Capital Ordinance No. 19-02. 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. MELICK, MR. SAUERLAND, MR. FUZO.

Ms. Karrow confirmed that the County is seeing if other County Departments can utilize the radios.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 19-02

ADOPTION, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES AND NEW SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY AND APPROPRIATING \$90,000.00 THEREFORE.

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

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

Item No. 29 was held at this time.

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion approving the regular and executive session minutes of July 23, 2002.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion approving the payment of all claims as signed and listed on the Claims Register dated August 27, 2002.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion approving the Social Services Funds Report for July, 2002.

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SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jessica Bridges appointed unclassified, full time Administrative Investigator, Prosecutor's Office, \$30,000 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cynthia Stokes appointed permanent, full time Librarian, Library, \$34,683 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Amanda Phillip appointed permanent, full time Supervising Librarian, Library, \$66,663 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kristin Momborg appointed permanent, full time Supervising Librarian, Library, \$61,435 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stefanie Kenney appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services, \$24,878 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alan Umgelter appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services, \$24,878 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Powell appointed permanent, part time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Emergency Services, \$14.39 per hour, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stacey Whitelaw appointed provisional, full time Account Clerk, Library, \$18,110 per annum, effective September 2, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joan Tigar appointed provisional, full time Supervisor of Telephone Systems, Emergency Services, \$30,000 per annum, effective August 19, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Virginia Hockenbury appointed provisional, full time Youth Worker, Youth Facility, \$25,714 per annum, effective August 15, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Dinah Rowbotham appointed provisional, full time Assistant Planner, Planning Board, \$33,400 per annum, effective August 19, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Essam Hanani appointed provisional, full time Public Health Rep. 3, Communicable Diseases, Health Department, \$30,660 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Doreen Ehasz appointed provisional, full time Senior Clerk Typist, Planning Board, \$21,744 per annum, effective September 3, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donna Kahlke appointed provisional, part time Senior Library Assistant, Library, \$16,480 per annum, effective September 2, 2002.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jason Marrero appointed provisional, part time Security Guard, Sheriff's Office, \$12.50 per hour, effective August 26, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, David Choi appointed temporary, as needed, Student Assistant, Library, \$6.00 per hour, effective August 19, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Curtin appointed temporary, Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, \$10.53 per hour, effective August 19, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Thurgarland, Director, Central Printing and Mail, salary adjustment, \$40,280 per annum, effective June 1, 2002.

See Page 08/27/02-3L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an unrestricted weight limit on County Bridge D-383, on Ferry Road, in Delaware Township.

See Page 08/27/02-3M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Installation of Beam Guide Rail, at various locations, in the County.

See Page 08/27/02-3N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment on Bid #2002-13, for the Painting of County Bridges: D-424, E-171, K-110, K-153, W-43 and W-71, (Federal Project #STP-AOOS (721), in various municipalities, to Alpine Painting and Sandblasting, in the amount of \$14,812.70.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, for federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds and any interest earned thereon, shared equitably with participating law enforcement agencies.

See Page 08/27/02-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to Area Plan Grant #10-026, for Home Delivered Meals to seniors, increase of \$5,000 in federal funds.

See Page 08/27/02-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Ordinance No. 2002-2, amending Ordinance 2002-1, establishing service fees to be charged by the County of Hunterdon for services performed by the Health Department in accordance with the County Environmental Health Act.

See Page 08/27/02-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an agreement with J. Richardson to remove an underground storage tank and approving an agreement with Barco System, Inc., for cleaning and disposal, in the amount of \$1,315.

See Page 08/27/02-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing health benefits fees to be effective June 1, 2002.

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

Ms. Karrow questions if John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering has reviewed the updated plans and specifications for the Columbia/Landsdown Trail project. Mr. Glynn assured Ms. Karrow they have been reviewed and he has offered his comments. Some comments were received and others were not.

Ms. Karrow asked what types of items were omitted. Mr. Glynn advised one issue deals with the width of the road, and stabilization, in addition there is a time constraint on the grant funds and if its not spent, the County could lose it. Mr. Glynn feels it may take three years to stabilize the trail.

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 08/27/02-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Columbia/Landsdown Trail project as updated from the previously approved May, 1999 plans and specifications.

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

Director Fuzo opened the meeting to the public.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, asked the status of the audit for the golf course.

Director Fuzo asked Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator to give a report on the golf course audit now.

Mrs. Yard explained there was a meeting with the County Auditor to get guidance and direction on the objective of this audit. She does have a draft of what the RFP will look like. Once the RFP-s are returned to the County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders will have to determine how they want to proceed.

Mrs. Stewart asked about the status of Polytech and using the Mercer County Improvement Authority to purchase property for this purpose without public input.

Mr. Muller explained vocational and community colleges aren't put on the ballot for voting. Hunterdon is the only County in the State which does not have a vocational school. Hunterdon is currently paying rent to two different high school districts to house vocational education and we have been informed the space has to be vacated so something has to be done. The public question is a mute point because other counties don't have to do this. Its a question to ask the public but no other County has done that.

Mr. Muller state Ms. Karrow proposed placing a question on the ballot, to which he had questions on and it was two days before the deadline for placing a question on the ballot.

Mrs. Stewart asked when the leases expire with the high schools. Mr. Muller stated there is no lease for this coming year with Hunterdon Central High School, as the lease has expired. Director Fuzo is negotiating with them to keep vocational education in the school and North Hunterdon has advised the County has to vacate space there within two years. No matter what, space has to be

purchased to house vocational education, no matter where it is in the County.

Mr. Muller explained the Board of Freeholders and the Polytech Board adopted a resolution in December, 2001 saying it would like to locate at or near the present facility and the Yale property is at and near the Hunterdon Central vicinity. The acquisition of property doesn't say its only for a vocational school, the purchase of this property through the Mercer County Improvement Authority was necessary because it was realized there would not be a fourth vote on this Freeholder Board, which is required for bonding. The only way to move forward was to secure financing from other means. This process has to go forward before the property was sold, so the students would have a place to go in another year or two. Since Hunterdon does not have its own Improvement Authority, other Improvement Authorities in the state were looked at, who would receive this.

Mrs. Stewart asked about public hearings and discussions. Mr. Muller stated the Freeholders have had public meetings dealing with vocational education and Polytech for a number of years and the public has been invited to attend those meetings. The most recent meeting was as Joint Meeting with the Polytech Board of Education and the Freeholders and discussions were held on the need for vocational education and its relocation in the County.

Mrs. Stewart questioned why two Freeholders are voting no on this issue.

Ms. Karrow explained this is site specific and she's been on record since 1997 opposing public sector taking of the Yale property which is a \$6.3 million rateable in Raritan Township's coffers and it pays almost \$200,000 a year to Raritan Township in taxes. She stated that neither she or Mr. Melick are against negotiating with Hunterdon Central to acquire the building currently being occupied for vocational education at the school.

Ms. Karrow said all discussions have happened in closed session and she feels strongly the public needs to be brought up to date and get public argument, concern and interest and certain public education about Polytech, the courses and whether the students would do better in their own schools or in a program that offers core courses for them.

Ms. Karrow reported the Freeholders haven't discussed the site because they are under a confidentiality agreement as far as the environmental and Mr. Melick is removed from those discussions as he did not sign the confidentiality agreement. County Counsel wrote a letter to the owner of the Yale property saying before a contract can be signed the environmental have to be made public and once they are made public, the Freeholders are able to discuss this as a whole Board.

Ms. Karrow said she can't discuss what is in the environmental reports, but for a lack of grandstanding today, she showed those present what the reports look like. There are five reports that go over the past five years.

Ms. Karrow said she would like to know by have the five High School Boards of Education adopt a resolution saying they will send students to this site if something is built on it.

Mr. Sauerland said a referendum is not required for the vocational school, nor is it required of the College the County is adjoined to with Somerset County. Hunterdon received a legal letter from Hunterdon Central High School saying vocational education has to be out of the building by June 30th and that date has just passed. The County is negotiating with the High School to achieve a compromise and in the meantime, we are trying to provide a place, through Yale, for the continuation of vocational education at or near Hunterdon Central High School.

Mr. Sauerland said this is just the beginning of the process, just because a resolution was adopted at the last meeting, doesn't mean this will happen. There will be opportunity for additional public input as this moves forward and a contract will have to be approved by this Board to purchase the property, once the funding authority is in place, through the Mercer County Improvement Authority and its property for Improvement Authorities to do transactions for other municipalities and counties who do not have their own Improvement Authority.

Mr. Sauerland explained Mr. Melick has chosen to exclude himself by not honoring a confidentiality agreement, which is a normal form of doing business while in the talking stages of doing something. The environmental material presented by Ms. Karrow, will be evaluated before a contract is signed. Ms. Karrow stated that Mr. Muller and Mr. Sauerland, at the last meeting, reiterated that they would not sign a contract with Yale unless the property was environmentally clean. All that has been done, is County Counsel drafted a letter to the property owner saying the Freeholders are going to move forward to pursue the property and a resolution was adopted by the Board and sent to the Mercer County Improvement Authority to pursue funding through that source. The Attorney's letter also advised the property owner that this requires public scrutiny by all parties, including what Mercer County does.

Mr. Sauerland stated any business could have purchased the property but hasn't. There was interest when the County decided it wanted to buy the property. Regarding rateables, if the County were to do a bond ordinance, it would also have the ability to protect the rateable for Raritan Township, for payments in lieu of taxes. There are things that could be done if everyone could come to a reasonable agreement.

Mr. Melick confirmed he chose not to sign the confidentiality agreement in connection with the environmental report willingly.

Mr. Melick stated County Counsel read the report because he wrote a letter to the Freeholder Director on August 21st advising he had preliminary questions about the contract and questioned how it should be written. Mr. Melick said the letter isn't confidential but it does say the water supply isn't potable and there's outside hook up.

Director Fuzo asked Counsel if this is contractual language and the contract is being negotiated, should it be discussed now. Mr. Einhorn said if it isn't marked confidential and it isn't discussing consideration, it should be okay. Everyone knows the County is negotiating for the property.

Mr. Melick stated there is a groundwater problem there and the County already has a groundwater property with the Court House parking area, which is why we don't own it.

Mr. Melick advised there is an internal committee in the County which did a report on the feasibility of this and they recommended against it. No one has analyzed the financial impact this will have in the future.

Mr. Melick said nothing has grown with Polytech, they say they have 500/600 students but he grades a learning institute on how many graduates and they had 111 students finish a two year program. The County has been involved with Polytech for ten years and the statistics haven't changed, they mostly have introductory programs. The only change with Polytech is the administrative costs to run it because the salaries of those administrative people is over \$1 million. The salaries have gone up, not the enrollments.

Mr. Melick said Hunterdon Central is charging the County to lease space and they want vocational education out. He recommended Polytech raise the tuition because they get tuition for the students to go into vocational education. Mr. Muller stated the tuition is as high as it can go.

Mrs. Lois thanked the Board for its time and opinions. She asked the Freeholder Board to do what is educationally sound for the students, whether its going to their own school district or another school. Ms. Karrow stated she wanted to have the ballot question because there would have been on going public education about this.

Ms. Karrow said she also asked for a resolution from the School Boards because people have a conception about this site, and she would like to know they don't have any problems in sending the students to this site.

Mr. Muller said the site is 44 acres and doesn't mean the property where the current building is, is where the school will be. It could be on a different part of the property which is absolutely clean, where nothing was there before. \$4 million to purchase 44 acres is very conservative to the taxpayer and land has to be purchased.

Mrs. Stewart said perhaps this Freeholder Board should look at the Flemington Fairgrounds instead of taking that rateable, because you could have Polytech and other things that would benefit the constituency of the County. She said before the County pays \$10 million to build a fairgrounds in West Amwell, they should really consider the old fairgrounds site. Director Fuzo explained to Mrs. Stewart that the \$10 millions was for a total build out of that for the future South County Park. That is not going to occur overnight or this year or next year. The total built out will be done in phases. Mr. Muller pointed out there could also be environmental issues with the old fairgrounds property due to races, fuel and oil spills and gas storage.

Director Fuzo advised the County will be hiring an independent individual to evaluate the environmental report on the Yale site. There have been letters back and forth by the attorneys recommending this and all the Board has received copies of those letters. There has also been discussion about purchasing environmental reports that have already been done on the site by an interested previous buyer. There has been an inquiry from a commercial individual to purchase a piece of that property, which is part of the valuable property along Route 31, which would go back onto the tax rolls at a very decent per acre price, which could turn back \$500,000 to \$750,000. There have been preliminary inquiries from officials at Hunterdon Central about a possible use of the site for programs at Hunterdon Central. There have been preliminary discussions with other educational agencies that may be interested in moving programs to that site.

Mrs. Stewart asked the Freeholders to get their creative minds working to think about how the Flemington Fairgrounds could be used to solve several problems this County faces.

Mrs. Stewart as Mr. Glynn why the County cut the very mature historical oak tree down in front of Weichert Reality at the Route 12 Circle. The Board confirmed with Mr. Glynn that the County did not cut the tree down, and that its on a state highway. Mrs. Stewart stated the tree was to stay as part of the Flemington Site approval. Mr. Glynn stated Flemington Borough cut the tree down. Mrs. Stewart stated she was told the County gave permission to cut the tree down. The Board asked Mr. Glynn to investigate who gave permission to remove the mature oak tree in front of Weichert Reality at the Route

12 Circle.

Mrs. Yard advised the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon will be hosting a Day of Remembrance on Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m., in front of the historic Court House on Main Street in Flemington. The Board asked the press present to place this in the papers, so the residents of the County are away of the event and will attend.

Ms. Karrow announced the State Department of Environmental Protection has given permission to the County to plan 16 trees at Sunnyside Park. The County is still waiting on permission to move a large stone as part of the memorial for the 9/11 victims. Permission is also pending on places benches at the area. This is to be a private reflection area.

Mrs. Yard advised the design for the Veterans Medal is being done with in-County artists. Flyers have been sent to all the artists in the County, as well as to the high schools. Two responses have so far been received. She again asked the press for help in reiterating what the County is doing. The designs are due in the Fall with the Board of Freeholders judging them on Veterans Day of this year, and the Veterans Recognition will be Flag Day of 2003.

Mrs. Yard stated this will be one medal commemorating a veteran in any of the wars, as well as a lapel pin. One side of the medal will be the County Seal and the artist will use their creativity to create what the County is trying to be done to recognize all the veterans.

Correspondence was received from Women's Crisis Services, requesting permission to use the Justice Center steps for their annual Candlelight Vigil to promote awareness of Domestic Violence, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., on October 28, 2002, as well as the hanging of a clothesline for posters and pictures drawn by the families. Mr. Sauerland moved and Mr. Muller seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County Department of Buildings and Maintenance, the Sheriff's Office and the Flemington Borough Police Department.

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

A request was received from Hunterdon Helpline, for a letter of support for the 211 Partnership and the implementation of the 211 number in New Jersey. Ms. Karrow stated this is statewide initiative to coordinate services for seniors and others in need. Sprint has agreed to pilot the program in Hunterdon County and its exciting for Hunterdon to be in the forefront of putting this program together. The State is requiring there be a hearing, and it is been coordinated. Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded a motion granting permission and authorizing the County Administrator and Human Services Administrator draft a letter of support.

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

Correspondence was received from Information Technology, requesting permission for one individual to attend the ARC Users Course, from November 3 to 6, 2002, in Brittonwoods, New Hampshire, with the estimated amount for registration, lodging and meals is \$1,245. Director Fuzo confirmed funding is available for this course. Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion granting permission for attendance.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the Operating Assistance Agreement, with New Jersey Transit, for FTA Section 5311/NJT Grant funding in the amount of \$357,506 for operating funds and a County match of \$199,169.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a renewal application for a 2003 Health Services Grant, with the State Department of Senior Services, amount of \$211,531 in state funds and \$27,279 as a County Match.

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

Mr. Sauerland moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval and funding of 20 applications, which were given preliminary approval on October 13, 2001.

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

John G. Trontis, Director, Parks and Recreation Department advised there were 15 days of operation in July. They will be now doing the operational updates as provided by Kemper Sports Management. Mr. Einhorn sent a letter to the Course Manager advising of items to be done before any alcoholic beverages can be sold or consumed at the course. Kemper has forwarded this onto their legal department for comments.

Mr. Trontis reported the final totals for the golf course for the month of July are 3,164 rounds played, which represents 65% of the number of rounds assumed in the July 2002 budget. This was accomplished in 15 days of operation.

Mr. Trontis reported the course has gotten public attention and review by Golf Digest and other golf publications.

Mr. Trontis reported the net operating income for the month of July, is \$70,558, which is 81% of the full expected income and this is a true net income including County expenses, as well as payroll and operating expenses for the Board, and the management fee paid.

Questions answered for the press.

Mr. Trontis reported the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department Harbinger is out today and the County Print Shop assisted on making all the information fit on a less expensive way to mail it. The Print Shop continues to assist the Parks and Recreation Department on improving the Harbinger.

Frank J. Bell, County Project Administrator, updated the Board on various County projects and facilities. The silo glass has been repaired and sealed and so far after the rain on Saturday night, all is well. He will be testing it for leaking after the seal is dried. He has received a warrantee and reviewed it.

Mr. Bell reported the contractor doing the outside of the historic Court House has returned to make repairs to the stucco.

Mr. Bell advised the golf cart storage building is expected by next week. The bond has been submitted, and Mr. Einhorn has reviewed this for the County. The bond was expected by the end of August. He talked with Morton Building Systems who is waiting for a shipment and a delivery date.

Mr. Bell reported the South County Garage should be completed by the end of next month. Paving is being started and should be done by next week. This has turned out to be a very good project for the County.

The Main Street County Complex job meeting is on August 30th. The block for the back stairs are up and the footings are being poured for the front stair tower and elevator pit. The lower level is being framed out with the metal studs. The shop drawings are being worked on for the steel support system for the roof, for the main section of the building. Ms. Karrow asked if the project is on schedule. Mr. Bell said its slightly off schedule and he will provide an updated schedule for the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Muller asked if the Hall of Records is part of the Main Street project and what can be done about the outside paint. Mr. Bell stated it is not but can be painted but it will come up as a project for 2003.

Mr. Bell said the architect is asking what the Freeholders would like to be engraved in the limestone on the side of the Main Street County Complex. The Board felt Hunterdon County is appropriate. Mr. Glynn asked if Mr. Bell could look into having letters placed on the side of the building instead of engraving it since it would be easier to see. Mr. Bell will discuss this further with Mr. Glynn.

Mr. Bell reported he-s talked with the architect for the Library extension about power washing the building after the work has been done and getting JCP & L to have the building put into its commissioning program.

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering updated the Board on County road and bridge projects. Route 519 is 95% complete, the plans and specifications should be completed by the next meeting, so it can be advertised.

Route 605, the storm drainage is under construction. The contractor has the highway closed as a gas line is being put in. It should be completed by Friday.

Mr. Glynn reported on 513, the field work is 100% complete, the design and specifications are 65% complete. This will be advanced to the bidding stage for this year.

Mr. Glynn advised bids were received for Deer Path Park. A resolution was received from Readington

Township and they are concerned about the scale of the project. This project was approved in 1998 and the budget was too great so it was scaled back to do the safety improvements. The Township has asked for a reduction in the pavement on Woodschurch Road. Director Fuzo confirmed the Readington Township Engineering designed the project but that person is no longer their engineer and the Committee changed. Mr. Glynn said he hasn't talked with the contractor about the change yet. Instead of 25' on West Woodschurch Road, it would be 22' and on leg running out to 523, it would go back to 18' very quickly. This isn't a big deal from a design standpoint. Mr. Glynn asked for a resolution to modify the project which he will prepare for the Board. He confirmed this is not a part of the YMCA project.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the modification to the plans for the West Woodchurch Road project.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Right of Way Acquisition for the Replacement of County Bridge N-3 and Signalized Intersection of Leigh Street and New Jersey Route 173, in the Town of Clinton.

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

Questions answered for the press and public.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40001903, with Contech Construction Products, for bridge flooring and end dams, for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$9,730.12.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid 2002-24, to furnish and deliver four 2002 Sterling L-8513 Dump Trucks with Plows and Spreaders, to Condit Truck Center, amount not to exceed \$399,496.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2002-30, for the installation of playground equipment, to Master Construction Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$19,210.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2002-31, for Maintenance of Radio Communications Equipment, for Emergency Services, in an amount not to exceed \$76,407.76.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a contract modification to County Quote #0067-2002, for appraisal services under the current Farmland Preservation Program, with Robert McNeely Vance and Company, for additional services, increase of \$6,400.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract modification No. 1, with T & M Associates in connection with the South County Park, in the amount of \$68,000 for Phase II.

Ms. Karrow confirmed this is a fair price for the work to be done, with Mr. Glynn.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Sauerland seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Harrie E. Copeland III, d/b/a Copeland Auction Company, for work in connection with the August 3, 2002 County Surplus Sale.

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

Questions answered for the press and public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Fuzo adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board