

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 28, 2006

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:11 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 03, 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 02/28/06-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various personnel matters.

See Page 02/28/06-1B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various legal issues.

See Page 02/28/06-1C **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 3:12 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 4:55 p.m.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

Director Palladino reported: "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."

Items #1 and 4 were held at this time.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 28, 2006.

See Page 02/28/06-1D **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for January 2006.

See Page 02/28/06-1E **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 02/28/06-1F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Karen Booream appointed permanent, full time Sanitary Inspector Trainee, Health Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Norbert Rosso appointed permanent, full time Deputy Warden, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 02/28/06-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stephanie Brown appointed permanent, full time Public Health Representative 3, Health Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rose Ann Freund appointed permanent, full time Senior Account Clerk, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Melissa Alles appointed permanent, full time Public Health Representative 3, Health Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marc Katz appointed permanent, full time Public Health Representative 3, Health Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rachel Coburn appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 02/28/06-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paul Neiber, Investigator Sergeant, Prosecutor's Office, salary adjustment.

See Page 02/28/06-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cynthia Boyer appointed permanent, part time Library Associate, Library. (Civil Service Title Reclassification).

See Page 02/28/06-2I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2006 County Welfare Agency Budget Statement Certification.

See Page 02/28/06-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with the Town of Clinton, representing the North Hunterdon Cluster, in the amount of \$23,742.86, to implement substance abuse prevention services.

See Page 02/28/06-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a services agreement with C.U.R.A., Inc., to provide short-term residential services and sub-acute residential detoxification services, in the amount of \$3,800.

See Page 02/28/06-2L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the provider service agreement with Anderson House, Inc., increase of \$38,640.

See Page 02/28/06-2M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a proposal with HART, to provide Marketing Support Services, for the LINK, as part of the JARC Round 6 grant, in the amount of \$20,000, to provide public outreach for the Human Services Department.

See Page 02/28/06-2N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Miller, Porter and Muller, to serve as legal counsel, to the Planning Department, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

See Page 02/28/06-2O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the Hunterdon Medical Center, as part of the Local Core Capacity Infrastructure Bioterrorism grant, in the amount of \$134,860. (grant funds).

See Page 02/28/06-2P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Barbara Burguard to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 02/28/06-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Tripp Hindle for having served on the Polytech Board.

See Page 02/28/06-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the New Jersey Highlands Council for sharing of data and information to assist in the development of the Regional Master Plan.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

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

FINANCE

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-3D

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 02-06

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES, BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$460,000.00 THEREFORE.

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

COUNTY UPDATE

Deer Management Committee

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, presented the Board with a list of original members to the Deer Management Committee. The Board discussed prospective additional members would be Les Alpaugh from the New Jersey Division of Forestry, John Van Nuys as a Soil Conservation representative, Carol Kandoff of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and Brian Dolobachs of the United Bow Hunters of New Jersey group. Mr. Muller questioned how many members the Board wants on the Committee as Robert Smith has approached him with interest. Mr. Smith is a retired police officer and is currently a Security Guard at the Justice Center. Mr. Melick inquired if there is a person to represent the Health issues, such as Lyme disease. Freeholder Melick agreed to Chair the first meeting in order to get the members together, until someone is elected as the official chair. He feels the group should pick someone to be chair.

Evidence Cabinets/Budget Session/Prosecutor's Office

Mrs. Yard has researched the request by the Prosecutor's Office for three evidence cabinets to dry evidence. The cost to the County would be \$2,700. Mr. Peterson advised in the information provided by the Prosecutor's Office, there are duplex cabinets and asked if purchasing duplex cabinets would be cheaper than purchasing two separate cabinets. Mrs. Yard will reach out to the Prosecutor's Office to get that information. Mr. Peterson noted there are two different type cabinets used to dry evidence and asked Mrs. Yard to find out what the differences are.

Mr. Melick asked Mrs. Yard to find out where the cabinets for the Prosecutor's Office will be stored.

County Atlas

Mrs. Yard noted the County map has been updated but there are still County Atlas' left from 2001. Last year the County, at the recommendation of the Freeholders, reached out to all the schools who were interested in using the atlas' in their classrooms. She noted that some schools participated while others were not interested in the atlas'.

Mrs. Yard stated there are a number of atlas' left, and suggestions have been made to have them available in the libraries and County buildings. The Board agreed to make them available at libraries and to again reach out to the schools. Ms. Karrow recommended making the atlas available at the County fair. The Board felt that also was a good idea.

Space Request

Mrs. Yard advised the WIB (Workforce Investment Board) currently has a program located in the ESC Sandhill School, for the learning link, which has six to eight learning stations. ESC has that building up for sale. Ms. Karrow questioned if the WIB rents space from ESC. Mrs. Yard will contact the WIB for that information. The Board felt that the WIB should reach out to Polytech, since it is vocational education and Polytech is supposed to be tied into the WIB program. Mrs. Yard will keep the Board updated.

Freeholder Melick left the meeting.

Site Visits

Mrs. Yard reminded the Board that at the budget hearings it was agreed the Board would tour proposed open space sites and she's looking for available dates from the Board to set up a schedule.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Contract for Sale of Development Easement and the Rider to Contract, from Armand T. Christopher, Jr., on Block 58, Lot 9, in Delaware Township, (SADC-\$192,000, County-\$51,626, Township-\$51,692), in the total amount of \$295,386.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Granting final approval for the acquisition of a development easement from Illva Saronno Corporation, Block 80, Lots 1 and 2, in Readington Township, (SADC-\$1,213,200, County-\$404,000, Township-\$404,000), in the total amount of \$2,022,000.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Granting final approval for the acquisition of a development easement from the Estate of Lilian Kanach, Block 21, Lots 11 and 12, in East Amwell Township, (SADC-\$250,800, County-\$83,600, Township-\$83,600), in the total amount of \$418,00000.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #690, with OM Workspace, for seven (7) fireproof files, plus delivery, for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$11,638.94.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #03104, with Dell, for eight (8) computers for LINK services, for the Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$9,781.43.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #22988, with MicroStrategies, for the annual voice recorder service contract, for the Communications Division of the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$8,071.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #27172, with Certified Chemical, for an extractor and scrubber, for Buildings and Maintenance, in the amount of \$7,196.10.

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

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting.

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2005-50, to furnish and deliver one (1) 2006 Sterling Candor with 600 Gallon Plural Component Pavement Marking Longliner Airless Spray Equipment, to M-B Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$393,796.00.

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

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Robert W. Ent, LLC, to provide professional surveying services, to the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an auctioneer services agreement for surplus property in the County, to Max Spann Auctions, in an amount not to exceed 10% of the sales proceeds in the form of a buyers' premium payable directly from the purchaser.

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

PLANNING BOARD

Sue Dziamara, Acting Director, reported her staff attended the State Agricultural Development Committee meeting on February 23, 2006, where the state discussed the status of funding for two Hunterdon County Farms (Masefield and Fentzloff), in Lebanon Township, located in the Highlands Preservation area. The SADC granted Masefield a 30 day extension, so the applicant can review the NRCS Conservation Plan and get further clarification on the requirements for accepting federal funding. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Fentzloff verbally accepted federal funding to cover the shortfall of their application and the SADC voted to conditionally approve the application pending receipt of the Fentzloff's letter to accept federal funding.

Mrs. Dziamara reported the Planning Board held another municipal farmland status meeting on February 15, 2006, which was attended by eight municipalities. This is a valuable exercise for the Planning staff, County Counsel and the municipalities.

Mrs. Dziamara in the past week the state indicated they closed on 21 farms statewide since January 1, 2006 and nine of those farms were closed in the County of Hunterdon and 600 acres were preserved.

The Planning staff wants to thank the County Division of GIS and the Department of Information Technology for their continued support and assistance. As of February, the Planning Board began using the updated database and records management tools that have helped to streamline tracking, records management and reporting associated with the Farmland Preservation Program.

Mrs. Dziamara reported that the state has targeted 13 Hunterdon County farmland applications to be closed prior to March 31, 2006. Two closed in January, five in February and their could be six closings in March.

ROADS and BRIDGES UPDATE

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

- County Route 579/614 Intersection improvements and approaches is on hold, Mr. Glynn is talking with the property owner about the relocation of a dwelling.
- East Amwell Township has selected the alignment for sidewalks and replacement of existing sidewalk between the legs of Iron Horse Road on County Route 579, in Ringoes.
- Construction plans and specifications are 99% complete from McEldowney's office. If the slope can't be steepened, a right of way will have to be ascertained.
- The contractor for County Route 514 is ready to commence the project on March 8, 2006. This is a NJ DOT Annual Transportation Trust fund project from 2005.
- Bids will be received for County Route 614 on March 2, 2006. This is also a NJ DOT Annual Transportation Trust fund project.
- The County is meeting with the Bank on March 1, 2006, concerning utility relocation on Route 523, between Route 22 and 78.

- A preconstruction meeting is being scheduled for the resurfacing and milling of County Route 612 from Route 523 to the Intersection of County Route 617. This project will start the first week in April, 2006.
- 4 driveway designs are being finished for the New Hampton project. When the property owners understand what is being done, it will go to construction.
- The County has forwarded the study received from the Hampton Borough Municipal Engineering, for the Route 635 project, to NJDOT for approval to create a 3-Way Stop.
- Specifications are being prepared for 2006 Surface Treatment for various County roads and several municipalities has indicated interested in participating in the project.
- Plans should be received in the County Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering today for InterCounty Bridge L-92-W, on New Hampton Road and a copy will be emailed to Warren County for their review and comments.
- Everything is complete for Bridge X-12 on Arch Street except for the light. It is expected to have the lights installed in +/- 4 weeks.
- The County has signed off with the Town of Clinton for Bridge N-2 on Leigh Street. Bids will be received on March 2, 2006. Rights of Way do need to be ascertained.
- Bids are scheduled to be received on March 2, 2006 for Bridge T-87, on Main Street/Guinea Hollow Road, in Tewksbury Township.
- Bids are to be received on April 6, 2006 for Bridge R-165, on Barley Sheaf Road.
- Permits should be submitted in Holland Township by April 1, 2006, for Bridge H-1, on County Route 519 and D-437 should be submitted by April 30, 2006 and a public information meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2006, at the Kingwood Municipal Building between 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Bids are scheduled to be received by April 6, 2006 for Bridge T-61, on Potterstown Road, in Tewksbury Township.
- A meeting was held with Mercer County on Bridge E-140M and E-142M and Hunterdon will take the lead on E-1402M and do the box structure in-house and the County will ask Mercer to participate with half the costs.
- A public information meeting was held on the Park Avenue project. There is talk about relocation of one of the property owners as the municipality is not going to use the corridor that was acquired. There are plans to be in construction by last summer.

GRANTS

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-046, for the housing repair program, in the amount of \$11,808 in state funds and \$1,312 in local funds.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant renewal from the NJ Highway Safety Division, for the Kids are Riding Safe program, in the amount of \$28,436.

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

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/28/06-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application to the County Cultural and Heritage Commission from Parks and Recreation, for re-granted funds from the New Jersey Historical Commission, for the installation of an Exhibit Display Case for the preservation and protection of artifacts and photographs, in the amount of \$2,400.

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

PROJECT UPDATE

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

- The area at the Senior Center has been backfilled by the County Roads and Bridges Department. The contractor will start work as soon as the weather permits.
- Two items have come up at the historic Court House, one is the bluestone on the front portico, which needs to be replaced. The contractor quoted a price of \$25,000 for the replacement but Mr. Bell located a vendor who could provide the stone for \$18,000 and has put the contractor in touch with the vendor, who will deliver for \$250.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion approving the removal of the bluestone at the historic Court House and authorizing its replacement.

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

- Mr. Bell reported the coping at the top of the jail, needs to be removed and reinstalled. The contractor is quoting \$39,955 to remove, reinstall and coping, install new flashing and coping, and provide new cap flashing, water seal all the coping joints, and tie into the new roof. Mr. Bell feels this will take of the water problems in the future.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion authorizing the Project Administrator move forward with a change order with Watertrol, Inc., to provide work at the coping at the jail, in the amount of \$39,955 to eliminate water problems in the future at the historic jail.

Mr. Bell reported a claim has been filed with the County's insurance agent for the damage on the interior of the Court House.

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

Mrs. Yard reported that the lights are always on in the historic Court House. Mr. Bell reported that Freeholder Muller has been keeping him and the Buildings and Maintenance Director on track, and they have been following up with the contractor and the engineer on the project on this issue. They believe the air movement hits the sensors which turn the lights on. They are working to resolve the problem. Mr. Muller recommended have regular switches installed to turn the lights on and off.

- A punch list is being generated by the architect and the construction manager for the Route 12 Library Headquarters. Work is still be done on the mail stair case.
- A quote is being received from the architect for the Library Headquarters to powder coat the steel outline of the County Map, which will be placed on the outside of the Library, so it doesn't have an aluminum look, so it will look better. Mr. Bell recommended the coating be black.

Mrs. Yard suggested that a tree be planted in the memory of Janet Friend, former Library Director, on Arbor Day, at the Route 12 Library Headquarters. The Board directed Mrs. Yard coordinate this event with John Glynn.

- Bids were received on January 19, 2006 for the Emergency Services Addition and Renovations and they are currently being reviewed.
- Work on the Hall of Records and Southard Building renovations are scheduled to begin the first week of April 2006 for the roofing.
- Mr. Bell is working with the engineer to complete the construction document drawings. He is also working with Roger Everitt of the 4-H group concerning the pole building. He will keep the Board posted.
- The architect is proceeding with final construction documents for Deer Path Park and Arboretum.
- Purchasing will be advertising the Echo Hill project for bids within the next two weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Somerset Wheelmen, asking for permission to again hold the Readington Time Trials, on County Routes 629/523, on Saturday, April 8, 2006, from approximately 8 am to 9:30 am. Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS

Maintaining properties

Mr. Muller advised the Freeholders have discussed how to maintain not only park property but farmland, and he would like to see two members of the Freeholder Board meet with the Dr. Grande who heads the Snyder Farm to discuss ideas that can be used by the County to maintain property and prevent property from becoming overgrown. He noted that South Hunterdon Regional High School has an active agricultural program. He feels the County might be able to partnership with South Hunterdon where the students could undertake projects on farms and lands. The Ag students could also plant seeds and maintain crops and bids could be taken to harvest hay if it's planted. Ms. Karrow noted that Cook College is making a major effort to do more with the Snyder Farm and would like to showcase the Snyder Farm. Director Palladino noted at budget time, there was discussion about a preservation summit. Ms. Karrow recalls saying the County is buying all this land and decisions have to be made concerning whether or not to keep the land in agriculture or not. She would like to have this issue discussed further by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Director Palladino stated this is a problem for public and private lands, and the County pays to preserve land. There will be a symposium on March 3, 2006 concerning farmland preservation at Cook College. Ms. Karrow advised the college is having a formal agenda of speakers and she will be there. Mr. Muller would also like to see two Freeholders meet with Dr. Grande of Cook College to explore how the County can manage the land that has been purchased and that is being purchased. Ms. Karrow and Mr. Melick volunteered to attend that discussion.

Chamber of Commerce/4-H/Hose Show

Director Palladino reported the Chamber of Commerce is holding a horse show on May 13, 2006 at the South County Park in cooperation with the 4-H program. After further discussion, County Counsel was directed to look at the 4-H contract to see if this falls in the parameters of that agreement.

Mini-Historians/Cultural & Heritage Commission

Mrs. Yard reported Cultural and Heritage will be presenting the Mini-Historian awards in May and recommended that event take place in the newly renovated historic Court House. The Board directed the Clerk of the Board to notice that meeting to be held in the Court House and inform the Cultural and Heritage Commission of the Board's decision.

Grand Opening/Historic Court House

Mr. Muller advised Cultural and Heritage would like to organize the event to re-open the historic Court House. He has informed them that they need to submit a proposal for the entire Freeholder Board to review and approve and Director Palladino has forwarded Cultural and Heritage a memorandum stating that.

Mrs. Yard advised the Board that this subject was brought up at the November 22, 2005 Freeholder meeting, and she has an excerpt of the minutes that talked about information that the Cultural and Heritage Commission needed to supply to the Freeholders in March of 2005. The November 22, 2005 minutes state that before Cultural and Heritage are asked to facilitate the opening of the historic Court House, they owe the Board information so the Freeholders can make budget decision. The information has never been received and the Budget is tentatively set.

Mrs. Yard agreed with Freeholder Muller that an activity needs planned to open the Court House and as she stated in November 2005, the Freeholders have organized opening ceremonies for its buildings in the past.

Freeholder Muller informed Director Palladino that he would take care of this with Cultural and Heritage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Palladino adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board