

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, Second Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 12:38 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. MULLER, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK.

ABSENT: MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN.

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 February 06, 2007, 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 SESSION REQUESTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the negotiation of lease or renewal extension for the South County Library.

See Page 02/13/07-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the New Jersey Resource and Conservation Council.

See Page 02/13/07-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review the status of negotiations with the Sheriff's Sergeants Association and CWA Supervisors.

See Page 02/13/07-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the release of executive session minutes for June 13, 2006, June 27, 2006, July 11, 2006, October 24, 2006 and December 12, 2006 to determine what topics have been completed and discussions can be released.

See Page 02/13/07-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss legal advice concerning policies to be followed to review issues concerning employee use of compensatory time; compensatory time process as applied to the Sheriff's Office.

See Page 02/13/07-1F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations for the possible acquisition of property in Readington Township.

See Page 02/13/07-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a response to an inquiry and whether the County might be interested in acquiring Block 43, Lot 14, in Raritan Township.

See Page 02/13/07-1H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations regarding a conservation easement related to Plum Book Greenway in Delaware Township.

See Page 02/13/07-1I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review legal issues surrounding the issues to be considered regarding the County funding pre-acquisition of Farmland Development Easements by municipalities after legal issues are examined. Policy issues will be discussed in public.

See Page 02/13/07-1J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss evaluation of safety practices and procedures.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into executive session at 12:40 p.m., recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 3:07 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN.
ABSENT: MR. MELICK.

Director Muller announced that Freeholder Melick was present for the entire Executive Session and is now absent because he is on his way to a very important family function.

Pledge Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items held: 19, 22, 27, 42, 43, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 57.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of November 28, 2006, December 29, 2006 and January 09, 2007.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON,
MR. MULLER.**

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 13, 2007.

See Page 02/13/07-2A CLAIMS REGISTER

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON,
MR. MULLER.**

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 02/13/07-2B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Pamela Munkel appointed permanent, full time Principal Library Assistant, Library.

See Page 02/13/07-2C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Ent Jr. appointed permanent, full time Supervising Engineering Aide, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-2D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Grande appointed permanent, full time Senior Engineering Aide, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-2E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Decker appointed permanent, full time Engineering Aide, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-2G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Miller appointed permanent, full time Senior Traffic Maintenance Worker, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-2H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jennifer Lear appointed permanent, full time Park Naturalist, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 02/13/07-2I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, John Gamatko appointed permanent, full time Road Repairer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-2J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Erica Silvestri appointed permanent, full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 02/13/07-2K RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Frederick Albe appointed permanent, full time Assistant Supervisor Trees, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Weinreich appointed permanent, full time Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Hanley appointed permanent, full time Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Marilyn Sterling appointed permanent, full time Senior Clerk Typist, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 02/13/07-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joshua Burk appointed provisional, full time Tree Trimmer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 02/13/07-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gail Naumann, Library Assistant, Library, granted a leave of absence without pay.

See Page 02/13/07-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the release of a performance bond for frontage improvements to Route 514, to Frontier Insurance Company, in the amount of \$110,965.

See Page 02/13/07-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the release of a performance bond for drainage improvements to EQ-221, to Frontier Insurance Company, in the amount of \$30,855.

See Page 02/13/07-3H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$20,000.

See Page 02/13/07-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Daytop Village of New Jersey extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$170,000.

See Page 02/13/07-3J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with the Flemington Area Food Pantry extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$20,000.

See Page 02/13/07-3K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, extension through December 31, 2007, increase of \$38,000.

See Page 02/13/07-3L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with the Hunterdon County Housing Corporation, extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$23,384.

See Page 02/13/07-3M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$15,500.

See Page 02/13/07-3N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$35,200.

See Page 02/13/07-3O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Sunrise House Foundation, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$60,000.

See Page 02/13/07-3P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Turning Point, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$20,000.

See Page 02/13/07-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with the Volunteer Guardianship One-On-One, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$7,500.

See Page 02/13/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Letter of Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to provide substance abuse prevention and education programming, in the amount of \$168,289.76.

See Page 02/13/07-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2007 Budget Statement Certification by Welfare Agency.

See Page 02/13/07-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with The Hunterdon Harmonizers, for a concert performance at Deer Path Park, on June 28, 2007, in the amount of \$3,000.

See Page 02/13/07-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Melissa Martin & The Mighty Rhythm Kings, for a concert performance at Deer Path Park, on July 12, 2007, in the amount of \$1,500.

See Page 02/13/07-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m., in connection with the acquisition of land for intersection improvements for County Route 513 and County Route 517, in Tewksbury Township.

See Page 02/13/07-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #10, for Bid #2005-47, for the addition and alterations to the Communications/Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, in the amount of \$497,180.17.

See Page 02/13/07-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #11, for Bid #2005-47, for the addition and alterations to the Communications/Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, in the amount of \$244,694.82.

See Page 02/13/07-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #2, for Bid #2005-39, for alterations and addition to the Route 12 County Garage, with APS Contractor, Inc., increase of \$5,060.

See Page 02/13/07-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$3,220.87.

See Page 02/13/07-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #2, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$4,771.95.

See Page 02/13/07-4L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #3, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$8,903.44.

See Page 02/13/07-4M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #4, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$1,342.10.

See Page 02/13/07-4N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #5, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$5,500.00.

See Page 02/13/07-4O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #6, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$2,551.56.

See Page 02/13/07-4P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an addendum to the purchase contract with Stanton Associates.

See Page 02/13/07-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Declaration of Encumbrance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for the recent acquisition of Block 63, Lot 45 (formerly Holman), in Readington Township.

See Page 02/13/07-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Designating Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator, as the County's Agent and applicant to submit a minor subdivision application to Raritan Township, for Block 59, Lots 26 and 26.01, (Faubel).

See Page 02/13/07-5C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Andrew Trontis for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a pilot program in the County Clerk's Office to accept credit cards, with Yardville National Bank (the depository for County Clerk funds), providing the service at no cost to the County.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$132,874.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the agreement with Anderson House, Inc., extending the agreement through December 31, 2007, increase of \$30,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Frank Joseph Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator answered questions for the Board concerning various the applications for payment and change orders as listed on the agenda.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #8, for Bid #2005-39, for alterations and addition to the Route 12 Garage, with APS Contractor, Inc., for general construction, in the amount of \$150,284.96.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #4, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., in the amount of \$286,378.11.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #7, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$9,264.64.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #8, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$4,375.21.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #9, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$10,494.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #10, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., increase of \$6,808.23.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 02/13/07-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a mutual assistance agreement with Readington Township for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies which may arise through the Hunterdon County Emergency Response Team ("CERT Team").

See Page 02/13/07-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a volunteer agreement for participation in the Hunterdon County Emergency Response Team with Ptl. Christopher Heycock.

See Page 02/13/07-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a volunteer agreement for participation in the Hunterdon County Emergency Response Team with Sean O'Lone, of the County Prosecutor's Office.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

FINANCE

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-6H

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 01-07

INTRODUCTION, BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND ACQUISITIONS FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Charles Balogh, Jr., County Treasurer reported that the public hearing for this ordinance will take place on March 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-7A

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 02-07

INTRODUCTION, BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE AS PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,335,000 TO PAY THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO APPROPRIATE GREEN ACRES LOANS OR GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Charles Balogh, Jr., County Treasurer reported that the public hearing for this ordinance will take place on March 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-7B

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 03-07

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FACILITY AND APPROPRIATING \$625,000.00 THEREFORE.

Charles Balogh, Jr., County Treasurer reported that the public hearing for this ordinance will take place on February 27, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

COUNTY UPDATE

County Auction

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator informed the Board that one response was received for auctioneer services for the County's Surplus Sale, which is being scheduled for March 31, 2007. Director Muller confirmed the sale is not for real estate but for vehicles and miscellaneous office equipment.

County Counsel DeSapio recommended that John P. Davenport, Purchasing Agent, call the other two vendors to see if there is a reason they did not quote. Mr. Davenport advised he did talk with the two vendors who did not submit a response.

Mrs. Yard confirmed for Director Muller that the successful auctioneer was Hanna Auctions, out of Milford.

Open Space

Mrs. Yard reported Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator was requested by the Freeholder to provide a draft format to be utilized when he talks about different land acquisitions and open space initiatives. She worked with Mr. Richardson in drafting this format. This form will be used to provide an "at a glance" information form for the Board on who will be partnering, if there is a structure, and who maintains what on the property.

Mr. Richardson stated land acquisition is complicated, and this form is a work in progress, which will grow and provide more information as projects proceed. He would be happy to incorporate any suggestions the Board may have for improvement.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with R. Thomas and Leslie R. Stephens, on Block 27, Lot 15.01, in Franklin Twp., (SADC-\$89,130, County-\$29,710, Township-\$29,710), total amount \$148,550.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement from Kuhl-Makarick Properties, LLC, on Block 71, Lot 17, in Raritan Township, (SADC - \$395,968.36, County - \$105,596.90, Township - \$158,395.34), total amount \$659,980.60.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Richard Borwegen Jr. and Bettina Borwegen, on Block 20, Lot 7, in Holland Township, (SADC-\$131,801, County-\$31,012, Township-\$31,012), total amount \$193,825.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Readington Township (D'Urso), on Block 96, Lot 18, in Readington Township, (SADC-\$796,314, County-\$265,438, Township-\$265,438), total amount \$1,327,190.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Francis Daley Jr. and Donna Daley, on Block 18, Lot 14.01, in Alexandria Township, (SADC-\$118,176, County-\$32,160, Township-\$32,064.98), total amount \$182,400.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with R. Thomas Peabody and Karen Peabody and Bergen Manners and June Manners, on Block 24, Lot 11, in East Amwell Twp., (SADC - \$221,035.20, County - \$66,015.85, Township - \$81,340.95), total amount \$368,392.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Readington Township (Staats), on Block 57, Lot 13.01, in Readington Twp., (SADC-\$541,426.20, County-\$180,475.40, Township-\$184,084.90), total amount \$905,985.50.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Readington Township (Arnaudy), on Block 15, Lot 4, in Readington Twp., (SADC - \$253,132.80, County - \$84,377.60, Township - \$84,377.60), total amount \$421,888.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Ethel Rounsaville, on Block 19, Lot 16, in Alexandria Twp., (SADC - \$279,697.55, County - \$79,191.48, Township - \$79,191.47), total amount \$438,080.50.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with James T. and Mary Passerello, on Block 35, Lot 9, in Franklin Township, (SADC - \$330,408.55, County - \$107,462.98, Township - \$107,462.97), total amount \$545,334.50.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with West Amwell Township (Fulper Heifer Farm II), on Block 20, Lot 2.01, in West Amwell Twp., (SADC - \$274,230.96, County - \$91,410.32, Township - \$91,410.32), total amount \$457,051.60.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a deed of easement and grant agreement with Kovi Family Farm, on Block 83, Lot 2, in Raritan Township, (SADC - \$1,164,240, County - \$338,080, Township - \$338,080), total amount \$1,940,400.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for sale of development easement from West Amwell Township (Fulper Home Farm I), on Block 21, Lot 38, in West Amwell Township, (SADC - \$334,800, County - \$94,860, Township - \$128,340), total amount \$558,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for sale of development easement from Irvin and Vilma Hockenbury, on Block 81, Lot 2 and Block 82, Lot 4, in Raritan Township, (SADC - \$186,390, County - \$62,130, Township - \$62,130), total amount \$310,650.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a development easement from Laura Wilson and Ken Smith, on Block 21, Lot 18.01, in Holland Twp., (SADC - \$158,400, County - \$46,800, Township - \$46,800), total amount \$252,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-9H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a development easement from Readington Township on property owned by Alvert Accettola, Block 63, Lot 13, in Readington Twp., (SADC - \$484,583.64, County - \$161,527.88, Township - \$161,527.88), total amount \$807,638.40.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 02/13/07-10A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Granting preliminary approval to Holland Township to amend their PIG 7/2004 Round application to include an additional four farms.

See Page 02/13/07-10B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Granting preliminary approval to East Amwell Township to amend their PIG 1/2000A application to include a farm.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-10C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to Area Plan Grant #10-054, for care coordination, increase in federal funds of \$3,840 and an increase in state funds of \$536.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-10D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to Area Plan Grant #10-060, for the state health insurance program, increase in state funds of \$1,134 and an increase in local funds of \$1,800.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-10E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Subgrant Alliance agreement with the North Hunterdon Cluster, represented by Clinton Town, for the implementation of substance abuse prevention services, in the amount of \$26,096.95.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-10F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for a Highway Safety Grant for the purchase of two speed monitoring radar trailers, for the Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$36,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-10G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for the 2007 County Environmental Health Act Grant, in the amount of \$154,778 in state funds and a County Match of \$108,538.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.

ROADS and BRIDGES UPDATE

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

- A meeting is scheduled with the property owner at County Route 579/614 to discuss the right of way.
- Route 615, is the annual DOT funds, which will be spent from Route 12 up to Pittstown. A couple of small culverts are being looked at, and the slabs will be replaced. The project is being designed in-house, the slabs will be set in-house, and a contractor will pave over them.
- Route 645 will be started back up in the early Spring.
- Plans and specifications are complete for the Route 579 project from Route 31 at Quick Check down to the Mercer County Line and are being reviewed.

- Trusses have been assembled for Bridge L-92-W on New Hampton Road; the contractor is currently finishing the stone veneer. The trusses are expected to be set in last February.
- Bridge H-1 on Route 519 should be started by June 2, 2007, because of stocking the area with trout and the resetting of gas lines by E'town Gas.
- Revised plans and specifications are expected back for Bridge D-437 on Dunkard Church Road. The DEP permit has been received and there is cooperation from the property owner as a small construction easement was necessary.
- A meeting was held with a property owner in connection with Bridge D-345. There have been other discussions and Mr. Glynn will be going to Delaware Township on February 20, 2006 to discuss Route 604 and Bridge D-345.
- The road for Bridge K-136 in Kingwood will be closed starting next Monday so the contractor can begin work.
- The County is waiting to hear from Kupper Associates regarding the Inter-County Bridge B-26-W on Valley Station Road. The project is being led by Warren County.
- DEP is requiring a stream encroachment permit for A-39 on Mount Salem Road.
- DEP has acknowledged they received the County's application for the preservation of the truss on Mount Joy Road and it is under consideration. This project will be designed in-house.
- The following culverts are in need of slab replacements: F-11, F-12, C-90, M-112 and M-110 and the Cokesbury Califon Road will be an in-kind replacement and a permit is being sought from DEP.
- The County will be working with Raritan Township to get electrical permits for the message boards for the Route 31 Complex and the Route 12 Complex.

Director Muller questioned who will control what is placed on those message boards. Mrs. Yard agreed saying a policy/guidelines will be set up.

- The plans and specifications for the fuel dispensing project for the Park's Department is 50% complete.
- A meeting will be held with Green Acres on February 20, 2007 to discuss the Route 519 project and the diversion of some Green Acre property.
- The County is still waiting to hear back on Bridge F-45 on Whitebridge Road.
- Information was sent to Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough about a sidewalk extension along the County roadway at the Lehigh Valley Railroad Bridge into their park.
- The County will be meeting with DEP to discuss storm water treatment on County Bridges E-174 and E-166. One meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2007 and the other is set for March 20, 2007.
- Have not heard from Federal Highway Safety on scoping. A task order is needed for Bridge C-88.
- The meeting with DOT on Exit 15/Interstate 78 has to be rescheduled because they cancelled.
- Plans and specifications for Route 610 in Frenchtown are near complete. A drainage issue is being looked at in front of the National Hotel.
- The signal at the Bloomsbury Railroad Bridge is now in flash mode thanks to Jersey Central Power and Light and Hannah Massaquoi, the JCP&L Area Manager. The signal should be up and running very soon.

Park Avenue

Director Muller asked for an update on the Park Avenue intersection. Mr. Glynn reported he is waiting to hear what Charles Scott from the Department of Environmental will be requiring the Department of Transportation to complete, in order to finalize the project. Assemblywoman Karrow will be meeting with the Transportation Commissioner, so he has asked her to bring this up.

South Branch Parkway

Mr. Glynn reported a date is being discussed when the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be able to come to Hunterdon and discuss the South Branch Parkway. The DOT will be in Hunterdon on February 27 or 28, 2007, to talk with Raritan Township. Director Muller directed Mr. Glynn to get a firm date from the DOT to talk with Hunterdon County at a Freeholder meeting.

Flemington Woman's Club

Mr. Glynn reported an agreement has been developed by County Counsel which would allow the public to use the Woman's Club property to access the park. The County would be installing an overhead lighting fixture on a pole that shines across and out to Park Avenue, as well as connects into the Court Street Park. The County would pay for the light and they would be responsible for the electric. The fixture was salvaged from the Echo Hill project, so there will be little cost to the County except for running the electrical line to the pole. There is no formal agreement that could be found with the Woman's Club for this purpose. The Board directed Mr. Glynn to send the agreement to the Woman's Club for signature and bring it back to the Freeholders.

Questions answered for the press.

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #23360, with Unisys, for a maintenance agreement for the Division of Emergency Services, of the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$8,525.52.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #23361, with Unisys, for a maintenance agreement for the Division of Emergency Services, of the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$13,430.52.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #OOA.02445, with the Hunterdon Medical Center, for blood testing, for the Division of Senior Services, of the Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$7,038.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40014280, with US Municipal Supply, for sign posts, for the Division of Traffic Maintenance, of the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$5,762.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40014273, with Garden State Highway Products, for sign faces, for the Division of Traffic Maintenance, of the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$5,703.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.2667, with Dell, for workstations, for Information Technology, in the amount of \$9,066.48.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-12G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving modification #3, to the professional services agreement with the McGuire Group, Inc., for additional engineering design services, in connection with the reconstruction of Bridge N-2 and approach roadway of Halstead Street, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Clinton Town, increase of \$8,188.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Item #8 tabled until February 27, 2007.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-13A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-29, for Conservation and Preservation services, for the Office of the County Clerk, to Brown's River Bindery, Inc., amount not to exceed \$93,000.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-13B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-48, to furnish and deliver one (1) Alamo Machete Flair Mower and associated equipment or approved equal, to Storr Tractor Company, amount not to exceed \$39,863.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-13C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2006-50, for the reconstruction of County Bridge H-1, over Milford Creek, on Route 519, in Holland Township, to Flanagan's Contracting Group, Inc., amount not to exceed \$580,202.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

COUNTY COUNSEL

Mr. Peterson explained the Forestry Management Plan has not been formally approved by the Freeholder Board yet, and he would like to vote on it this evening. Mr. DeSapio asked if this matter can wait until the February 27, 2007 meeting because he started to review the Forestry Management Plan and he began questioning why the County was doing this, and someone said it was because state regulation which would provide protection on liability issues for those people on the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. DeSapio advised according to state statute, it says the state would have to adopt administrative regulations which would outline what needs to be in the Forestry Management Plan. Time was spent writing back and forth with the state, because there are not administrative regulations on the policies they have in place on what has to be incorporated in a Forestry Management Plan. The state finally sent a notebook in the November but he hasn't had the chance to review it. Mr. DeSapio would like to read through the notebook so he's able to explain to the Board why this is being done, what protections will be received by the County and if the County would have to spend money and not know what the possible exposures are. The Board tabled the Forestry Management Plan until February 27, 2007.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR
Emergency Services Building

Mr. Bell presented two color boards for colors in the interior of the Emergency Services Building. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders chose the color scheme for the Emergency Services Building, including the carpet.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-13D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a change order for Bid #2005-47, for the addition and alterations to the Communications/Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, Inc., to meet the JCP&L requirements that the engineer failed to meet, increase of \$11,074.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-13E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a change order for Bid #2005-27, to have the entire Emergency Services Building resided because the original siding is falling apart, not just the new section of building, with DeSapio Construction's subcontractor - J. Strober & Sons, increase of \$12,815.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

FREEHOLDERS ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Budgets

Mr. Peterson reported he has met with the County Clerk and the Prosecutor regarding their budgets.

FEMA Claims

Mr. Sworen reported Frenchtown Borough was able to complete FEMA claims with a lot of help from the state and a little help from FEMA. They exceeded the deadline to get the applications into the state but there has been some help with it. There is no checklist of what anyone requires. The County's help was invaluable in getting this far. If the state approves these three claims, they will move forward to FEMA. There is now an outline to provide other people filing claims.

National Cheerleading Championships

Mr. Sworen reported National Cheerleading Championships were held this past weekend and the Delaware Valley Regional High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders finished 5th in the country; their Varsity Cheerleaders finished 10th in Medium Varsity in the country and Hunterdon Central's Varsity Cheerleaders finished 11th in the country.

John Trontis, Parks and Recreation Director, announced Emily Rich from his department is a coach for the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders at Delaware Valley Regional High School and she does a great job at Del-Val and it doesn't interfere with her job at the County.

Questions answered for the press.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:46 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Director Muller reported tonight's public hearing is for the acquisition of land for intersection improvements for County Route 523 and River Road and Route 612, in Raritan Township.

Mr. Glynn provided an overview of the project for those present and the Board. He noted that four parcels need to be acquired to satisfy the left hand turn lane that is being developed on the leg that comes in on Route 523 and it will flatten the curve and it will allow the signal to be seen by people heading northbound on River Road. The extent of the project will run up to another 500 feet on the approaches but additional property won't be needed to complete those items. An appraiser is working now to come up with figures so offers can be made to the property owners.

Mr. Glynn reported coming up Route 523 north at the Lipton Tea Railroad Bridge, the alignment will be adjusted to miss the Yard's property and it will sweep at the Dvoor Farm, and it will come up west of River Road. Since DEP did not want River Road aligned, it will remain the way it is, so all that is needed on this section is one parcel from the Dvoor's. Mr. Glynn reported there is an old road that was realigned in 1962, at the South Branch Park and the County owns that property. On the opposite side of River Road there is a small sliver of property across the Anderson tract, which will be needed and an offer will be made.

Mr. Glynn reported a Phase I and a Phase II Environmental Assessments have been done for the project. There is a Phase III which will be done in report form for the quarrying of rocks for Indian tools. Director Muller confirmed with Mr. Glynn that the DEP did not want the County to realign River Road. Mr. Glynn explained that would cause too much stress on the road and they want to keep traffic off of River Road. Mr. Glynn advised River Road will be signed so you can only make a right turn in and a right turn out of the road.

Director Muller opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 02/13/07-14A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of land for intersection improvements for Route 523 and River Road and Route 612, in Raritan Township and authorizing County Counsel and the Director of Roads, Bridges and Engineering to negotiate with property owners.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MULLER.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

PUBLIC SESSION

Wayne Holman, Readington Township resident, reported approximately a year and a half ago he entered into a contract with Readington Township and Hunterdon County to purchase 5 acres of his property to become part of the County Park system. The closing was held this past November and he feels Readington Township leaked the information to the newspaper that this conveyance already occurred and people were coming onto the property. He contacted the Readington Township, Julia Allen, Councilwoman and the County's Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator, Kevin Richardson, to inform them of the situation. Mr. Holman explained that the people were coming from the Township property and Readington agreed to mark the property line.

Mr. Holman stated he contacted a lawyer to try and get out of the contract; but was informed it would be hard because contracts had already been signed. He discussed with Mr. Richardson

the possibility of restricting the rear portion of the property being conveyed to the County so people would not come too close to his home. It was suggested putting up a fence and mark the area restricted but Joe Novak, Counsel for the County had left that out of the closing documents so they scrambled for a solution, which was to direct people away from the property line down to his how and put them back on the trails.

Mr. Holman advised the County Parks Department has since put up yellow park signs. Mr. Richardson met with Mr. Trontis and Craig Evans, who agreed to remove the signs.

Mr. Holman asked if the County would be willing to sell him back an acre of the property. Mr. Richardson informed him that would be hard to do since some Green Acres funds were used to purchase the property. Director Muller explained for the County to sell its property, it is a long and extensive property because in order to sell property there needs to be public hearings on it, and the county would have to auction the property off because its public lands. He recommended Mr. Holman meet with Mr. Richardson and Mr. Trontis in order to come up with a plan on how the demarcation can be presented and make a recommendation to the County to improve the signage for the public to keep off that area.

Mr. Richardson reported there was an initial plan which was agreed to, to sign the property and install a non-permanent wood type of fence to prevent the public from going beyond a certain point that would lead into the Holman's property but there was no discussion on the construction or maintenance of the fence and the County's responsibility long term.

Mr. Richardson has been talking with Mr. Holman about posting the property so it's clear to anyone walking where the park property ends. Director Muller confirmed with Mr. Holman that he did not want to see the 360' of fence.

Mr. Richardson recommended the Township mark its trails and the County mark its trails so they are clear, so someone can determine where the trail is and where the public is being directed to access the property. A meeting is being scheduled with Readington Township to implement those controls. He feels trails can be blocked off so people on horses don't trespass.

Mr. Glynn explained the County has an abundance of pine trees, it is trying to relocate and suggested the connectivity could be broken on the trail system with the trees towards Mr. Holman's home. It would be a softer improvement. Mr. Holman was willing to try the trees and different signage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Muller adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board