

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

June 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:04 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Open Public Meetings Act

Director Muller 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 02, 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."

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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 at this time: #'s 52, 53, 57, 59 and 64.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve regular session minutes of April 24, 2007 and the special meeting of May 29, 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 June 12, 2007.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sabatino DeSantis appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Public Safety Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Palmer appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Public Safety Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas Blaha appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Public Safety Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paul Hutchins appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Public Safety Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Leonard Gilbert appointed permanent, full time Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brad Hendershot appointed permanent, full time Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bruce Baker appointed permanent, full time Senior Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lawrence Bonham appointed provisional, full time Assistant Supervising Bridge Repairer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Krystal Mazza appointed provisional, full time Social Worker Aging, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Guadalupe Fowler appointed provisional, full time Program Coordinator Senior Citizens Transportation, Human Services Department.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Weinrich appointed provisional, full time Bridge Repairer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Margaret Binion appointed provisional, full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nichole Mundy appointed temporary, as needed Clerk, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Manuel Arroyo appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

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

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Weldon appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Cerillo appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Kurtz appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 06/12/07-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Chase Hanna appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Hesse appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paige Raywood appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Randall Watts appointed temporary, as needed Legal Intern, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christian Riehl appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sangeeta Gupta appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Connor Oven appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Patrick Fountain appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Keith Paradiso appointed temporary, as needed Instructor, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Richard Anthes appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

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

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alexander Dupuis appointed temporary, as needed Park Maintenance Worker, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Charles Kelk appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

See Page 06/12/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Collins appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Pamela Ross appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Courtney Ngai appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Dzierzawiec appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joan Bonham appointed temporary, as needed Library Clerk Driver, Library.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Vaccarino appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nick Cepparulo appointed temporary, as needed Laboratory Assistant, Health Department.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Dante Faraone, Equipment Operator, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, salary adjustment.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adjusting salaries for employees paid under the Victim Witness Grant, in the Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joshua Burk returned to title of Road Repairer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robby Bennett reappointed unclassified, full time Assistant Superintendent of Bridges, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michael Wolfe, Critical Infrastructure Coordinator, Prosecutor's Office, salary adjustment.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adjusting salaries of certain Family Service Workers, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Rev. David Errickson to serve as Chaplain at the Hunterdon County Jail, amount not to exceed \$15,600..

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #8, for Bid #2006-20, for renovations to the Hall of Records and the Southard Building, with Watertrol, Inc., in the amount of \$76,874.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #13, for Bid #2005-39, for alterations and addition to the Route 12 Garage, with APS Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$409,765.93.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for payment #15, for Bid #2005-47, for an additional and alteration to the Communications/Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, in the amount of \$195,661.83.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Ken Bogen (member) and Bill Millette (alternate) replaces Leilani Hershey, of the Planning Board to the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications and plan for intersection improvements of County Route 513 and County Route 610, in Frenchtown Borough.

See Page 06/12/07-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a cash performance bond to Perimeter Properties, LLC, in the amount of \$40,000.

See Page 06/12/07-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subcontract award agreement with the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the amount of \$70,815 to provide employment related services to TANF, GA and Food Stamp recipients, using DOL, WFNJ TANJ/GA/Food Stamp funding.

See Page 06/12/07-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving contract modification #2, with SAFE in Hunterdon, to provide community outreach services, increase of \$5,000.

See Page 06/12/07-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving contract modification #2, with Hunterdon Helpline, to provide outreach services, increase of \$5,000.

See Page 06/12/07-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Transportation Agreement with the Educational Services Commission, to provide transportation for special education runs.

See Page 06/12/07-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to state contract #07AHKC, with the State Dept. of Human Services, for a one time increase of \$10,000, to be used toward the dissemination of information on the Safe Haven Infant Protection Act.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with John Carbone, Esquire, to serve as Counsel to the County Clerk, concerning electoral ballot issues, amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Mr. DeSapio confirmed for Mr. Peterson that this is not a new contract, explaining the contract was not signed by John Carbone and returned promptly. The Board agreed the County Clerk could contract with Mr. Carbone for services, and a formal contract was sent to him for signature, then an amended contract was sent with the modification included.

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

Mr. Holt asked the Clerk of the Board to forward the agreement with Miller, Porter, Muller and Gaynor, for legal services to the Chair of the Planning Board, and asked him to place this on the Planning Board agenda for their meeting this Thursday. The Planning Board can vote as a whole to send this to the Freeholders and ask for the Board's approval.

Mrs. Yard reported that the agreement for Miller, Porter, Muller and Gaynor has been reviewed internally and last year the County adjusted the way they bill for their services in order to maximize dollars.

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering stated Miller, Porter, Muller and Gaynor is the counsel for the County's Planning Board. The Planning Board hears various hearings based on subdivision or site plan approval. Miller, Porter, Muller and Gaynor are working closely in helping the County develop the agreements with the parties involved with the T.I.D. program. A lot of their time and effort is spent on the T.I.D., with the two municipalities involved. This is an ongoing contract to provide legal based services for the County Planning Board.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving change order #12, for Bid #2005-47, for an additional and alteration to the Communications/ Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, for additions to the kitchen area, in the amount of \$24,920.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications and plan for intersection improvements of County Route 513 and County Route 610, in Frenchtown Borough.

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

Item #64 will be held until the next meeting in order to obtain more information on the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Educational Services Commission, for Freeholder Peterson.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Peterson asked Director Muller if in addition to having Eagle Scout resolutions included in the Board's minutes, if it could be announced when the Eagle Court of Honor will be, so that these individuals get more recognition. A lot of the Eagle projects are helping a municipality and even the County which saves the taxpayers money. Taxpayers need to understand that teenagers aren't just kids hanging out on the streets, that they are actually doing productive projects for the advancement of the community as a whole.

Director Muller agreed and suggested the Freeholders hold a reception in the historic court house towards the end of the year and invite all those who have received proclamations, whether they are Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or if they received a proclamation on another level, so they are recognized as individuals who have done something for the County. He recommended a recognition reception could be held after the first meeting in December. Mr. Sworen explained many Eagle Scouts may not be available because they start college in September and feels this could be done during their Christmas/Winter break.

Mr. Sworen recommended the County add to its webpage the proclamations given by the Board honoring them. Mr. Sworen was asked to work on that webpage with the Information Technology Department.

Mr. Sworen recommended the County draft a checklist to send to all scoutmasters so they know what information to provide the County, in order to quickly draw up proclamations to recognize the scouts and for the County's webpage. Mrs. Yard and Mrs. Doolan were directed to work on a checklist.

Mrs. Doolan confirmed for the Board that the proclamations are included in the minutes and includes the projects the scouts performed to obtain their Eagle Scout recognition.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 06/12/07-6A **PROCLAMATION**

RESOLVED, Recognizing David William Sheneman for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 06/12/07-6B **PROCLAMATION**

RESOLVED, Recognizing Laura Beidelman for receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award.

See Page 06/12/07-6C **PROCLAMATION**

RESOLVED, Recognizing Alison Beck for receiving her Girl Scout Gold Award.

See Page 06/12/07-6D **PROCLAMATION**

RESOLVED, Recognizing Camp Bernie on its 50th Anniversary.

See Page 06/12/07-4E **PROCLAMATION**

RESOLVED, Declaring June 14, 2007 as World Blood Donor Day and June 2007 as Family Blood Donor Month.

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

COUNTY UPDATE

Firing Range

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator reported that a few meetings ago, the Board directed that Sheriff Doyle be contacted for his thoughts regarding the County Firing range being placed under the Department of Public Safety. A email was sent to the Freeholder Board advising that Sheriff Doyle thought that was a good idea and that he had some ideas, and Sheriff Doyle and George Wagner, Director of Public Safety are working collectively on this.

Preservation/Green Acres

Mrs. Yard reported at the meeting last Tuesday, June 05, 2007, concerning Green Acres and preservation, there was a lot of discussion about a committee being formed. She asked the Board to be clear in the objective to the committee so the County's professionals know what the direction is and have a guideline of what the Freeholders' expectations are. Mrs. Yard presented the Board with an objective for that committee: "The objective is to establish a committee of County professionals who are directly involved with all County preservation efforts and evaluate current ranking criteria for any preservation effort, as well as data collection, retrieval and storage, and make recommendations for governing body, education and consideration." Mrs. Yard noted the outcome of this effort would be to provide the governing body a clear measurable criteria standard for all County preservation considerations. Suggested County representation would be from the Planning Board, Open Space, the CADB (County Agriculture Development Board), Parks and Recreation and GIS.

Mrs. Yard explained the County already has criteria for the special property exceptions the Board had discussed such as the one acre with a view, and so on. If the Board wants a committee to review property, why not ask them to look at all the County's criteria. Mr. Peterson advised Parks and Recreation has criteria it uses to compare parcels that are in competition with each other, and the Board hasn't seen that criteria yet.

Mrs. Yard recommended if the Freeholders wants to put together a committee with its County professionals, then as an inter-disciplinary effort let them look at the current policies the County has to determine if it is right. Then there would be criteria that standard and measurable to assist the Board in their decisions.

Mrs. Yard is aware that Freeholder Sworen wants to see if there is an overlay showing the data and a presentation will be worked on to show farmland preservation, with an overlay to show open space and parks. Mr. Sworen advised he spoke with the Planning Board Director who has a vibrant database which is linked to GIS but no one else does. The key is to take a model of that database and create one for parks and open space.

Mr. Peterson feels if there is something which is unique, we should have very specific criteria for that type of instance, in what is used to define a unique resource. Mrs. Yard stated a one acre non-traditional request could be one acre or 1,000 acres.

Mr. Peterson said the County already has criteria for unusually large dollar amount purchases. Mrs. Yard confirmed that is the extraordinary policy criteria. Mr. Peterson feels there could be a request that falls into both categories and the Board would have to decide if it would have to meet both categories and what the limitations would be; but he feels the Board is looking at something that has some other critical factor to it and for some reason it can't go through the normal process and there needs to be a way of filtering them out. Mrs. Yard asked if the criteria for non-traditional is explicit enough.

After further discussion, the Board asked Mrs. Yard to finalize what she has prepared and submit it to them for comment. Mr. Holt said in addition to doing this, he would like to see the gathering together of data that already exists to a user friendly format which will allow the Board to look at the County with every layer of preservation which has occurred in order to see, at any given time, all the information. Mr. Sworen confirmed that information has to come from the County's GIS Division of Information Technology.

Small Cities

Mrs. Yard reported to the Board that she has met with the appropriate staff regarding the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. They will be meeting with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on June 20, 2007 in order to learn how to administer the Small Cities Grant the proper way. The DCA has offered to spend as much time as needed with Hunterdon County to teach us. They will be meeting will be with Roger Hoeh and Bruce Benton. Mr. Benton will be the DCA contact person and he has had numerous contacts with Frank Bell and Alan Johnson as he was the lead person from DCA for the Small Cities Grant for the County's Senior Center renovation.

BioTerrorism Grant

Mrs. Yard reported the BioTerrorism Grant will be ending on June 30, 2007. She will be contacting the two Freeholder Liaison's to the Department administering the grant because she has some concerns about last minute budget and last minute requesting for items which she doesn't know are tied directly to the grant. This is a repeat of a memorandum she sent last year. The grant dries up on June 30, 2007 and now \$8,000 worth of stuff is being requested.

Building Keys

Mr. Sworen asked about security issues and the policy concerning returning keys and County ID's. There should be a policy when an employee leaves that their personal effects of County ID, Security Keys, entrance keys and any clothing saying they are from Hunterdon County should be collected by the Human Resources Director and there should be a sign off sheet that this has been done. Mrs. Yard stated Buildings and Maintenance does have that.

Mrs. Yard has talked with Buildings and Maintenance on this issue and there is at least one former Freeholder, if not more that keys have not been collected from and she will be sending letters to them to collect the keys and ID's. The reason for his concern is that there are two legislative bills which will be coming out to address employee security and he would like the County to be prepared.

Mr. Sworen asked if there have ever been talks or plans about putting in magnetic locks or to have keycard access to buildings. Mrs. Yard explained it has been discussed and the County's insurance person brings that up from time to time but the key systems being utilized is a Great Grand Master. She will talk with the Buildings and Maintenance Director where the discussion is on the on the key system. Mr. Sworen feels it maybe time to consider and investigate a better system.

Director Muller stated that is an expensive proposition. Mrs. Yard reported currently there are certain keys with restricted cylinders. If someone asks for a key to another building she receives that request, as does Buildings and Maintenance in order to make sure an open key isn't handed out to every building. There is currently a checks and balance system being used.

Mr. Melick stated it would be very expensive to change the current system. He questioned the real concern. He can't see that there is any equipment or paperwork that would be taken. Mrs. Yard will look into this for Freeholder Sworen. She's aware it has been looked into before but she will

get some prices for the Board. Mr. Sworn explained in the Administration Building there is extremely confidential information, especially in the Administrative suite. The Clerk of the Board keeps her information in a safe. The County has employee information and there are people who would like to get that information to commit crimes. Once some of the new laws being considered are passed regarding security information the County may have to consider updating its system anyway. Director Muller said if that is the case, the County could look into putting in an alarm system or inferred system. That would be easier and more economical than doing a new key system. Mrs. Yard will turn this issue over to the Buildings and Maintenance Director and they will come up with some alternatives for the Board.

Mr. Peterson commented that under the new statute being considered, it would be punitive if information is stolen or released inadvertently. There will be a limited amount of time for companies/agencies and so on to put measurers in place. He doesn't think anyone is asking for the current system to be changed now but there needs to be discussion to make sure the County doesn't run into a problem in the future.

FINANCE

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-8A

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 13-07

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UPGRADE OF THE FUELING SYSTEM FOR THE HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BY THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND APPROPRIATING \$70,000.00 THEREFORE.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 06/12/07-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2007 County Budget, for the Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, in the amount of \$65,000.

See Page 06/12/07-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2007 County Budget, for the Clean Communities Entitlement Grant, in the amount of \$47,704.51.

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

Mr. Melick left the meeting.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Share agreement with Delaware Township, for Block 17, Lots 23, 23.01 and 23.02, on the Dugger farm.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Share agreement with Delaware Township, for Block 17, Lot 45.01, on the Micek farm.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Share agreement with Readington Township, for Block 63, Lot 13, for property owned by Albert Accettola.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Alexandria Township (Dowling/ Senger), on Block 10, Lot 76, consisting of 49.426 acres, (SADC-\$211,456.93, County-\$62,122.21, Township-\$76,109.81), total amount of \$349,688.95.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement with Readington Township (Saronno), for Block 80, Lot 1, consisting of 58.2280 acres, (SADC-\$1,177,370.16, County-\$392,456.72, Township-\$392,456.72), total amount of \$1,962,283.60.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement with Readington Township, for Block 63, Lot 13, consisting of 64.012 acres, (SADC-\$484,583.64, County-\$161,527.88, Township-\$161,527.88), total amount of \$807,639.40.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement with Alexandria Township, for Block 19, Lot 1, consisting of 117.381 acres, (SADC - \$399,095.40, County - \$93,904.80, Township - \$93,904.80), total amount of \$586,905.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #23474, with Control Screening, for an x-ray machine for the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$17,425.

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

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-08, to furnish and deliver four (4) Sterling L8500 Dump Trucks, to Robert H. Hoover & Sons, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$552,580.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-9G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-14, for the reconstruction of County Bridge D-437, to Flanagan's Contracting Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$569,924.50.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/12/07-10A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-16, for resurfacing and storm water improvements to County Route 579, in West Amwell Township, to Top Line Construction Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$827,511.26.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-18, for painting of various bridges, in various municipalities, to Allied Painting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

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

- A preconstruction meeting was held for resurfacing and storm water improvements to County Route 579 in West Amwell Township and the project should start in July.
- The document for federal aid has been completed for the Route 523 projects on sections of road up towards Tewksbury. The County is looking for NJDOT approval on the project.
- Field work is completed for the section of Route 523 through Whitehouse Station. The County will be working with Readington Township on the timing of the project.
- The cap stones have been installed and completed for Inter-County Bridge L-92-W; there are minor punch list items to be completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled within the next two weeks.
- County Bridge H-1 on Route 519 has a start date of July 09, 2007 and a detour will be posted. There are currently signs in place informing the traveling public that the bridge will be closed and could be closed for about 2 ½ months.
- A preconstruction meeting was held for Bridge 437 on Dunkard Church Road and the bridge will be closed in late August 2007.
- A public meeting was held concerning Bridge D-345 on Sandbrook Road on Route 523 on May 30, 2007, which went very well. The project has been scaled back to reduce pavement and runoff. Mr. Glynn is looking to stabilize the shoulder with a grit type of device which is filled with gravel and then filled with sand with grass on top of it. It has been used throughout the Pentagon where helicopters are landed on it. It is stable enough to occasionally drive on it or occasionally park on it. It will improve the visual effect of the road but it will have the net effect should someone lose control of their vehicle, they will still have areas to move in. The Planning Board of the Township of Delaware did like this and one Delaware Township Committee members attended the meeting and liked it also.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the revised plans for County Bridge D-345 on Sandbrook Road in Delaware Township.

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

- The project for Bridge M-110 in Milford is currently on hold until an assessment is done and approved as requested by the State Department of Environmental Protection and Historical Preservation on the historical dwellings in Milford in the area of the bridge.
- The paving is now completed for Bridge K-136 on Union Road in Kingwood. The bridge will be opened tomorrow. The sidewalk will not be complete as US Bridge has to deliver the rest of the steel and the railing. The sidewalk is not needed, so it will be closed off and the bridge will be opened to traffic.
- A roadblock has occurred with regard to the historical significance report on A-39 on Mount Salem Road in Alexandria Township. The Historical group is looking for the impact to surrounding houses and barns around the bridge. The structure is being widened six feet in an isolated area. No matter how the County presents its case, it has a visual effect on the historic area. The County will be preparing a proposal for this project.
- Some for the seals have been received for Bridge M-112 but the beams have not been received yet. This project will be done in-house
- Osage Orange trees will be removed on Route 523, near the Buffalo Farm. The County has been working with Readington Township and the property owner on this project. All are in favor of their removal as there have been problems with the large orange fruits falling out of the trees landing on people's windshields. The limbs have already been removed; now the stumps are going to be taken out because this is an ongoing problem.
- Bridge FC-65 will be closed on Pineville Road, across the South Branch River, next to Camp Carr for bridge painting because of the width of the bridge. It will be closed for two weeks starting next Monday. A detour will be posted.

- The County is waiting to receive approval from SHPO before the Lehigh Valley Bridge can be advanced to design.
- A kickoff meeting has been held for Bridge C-88 with the final design team.
- The DEP waiver for the Bridge on Raven Rock Road has been received and an alternative means to strengthen the bridge has been determined. This is one of the unique Phoenix Truss bridges in Hunterdon County. Once approval has been received, the project will go into final design.
- No word has been received from Union Township with regard to Exit 15, on Route 78. The County is also waiting to hear from NJDOT on the project.

Mr. Glynn asked the Board to direct the County Planning Board to take the lead and set up a meeting with the County, Union Township, Clinton Town and NJDOT with regard to Exit 15, on Route 78. Mrs. Yard volunteered to inform the Planning Board Director of the Board's wishes.

- Plans were approved for Route 610/Race Street today and the project will be advertised.
- The vendor for the Message Signs for County Complexes at Route 31 and Route 12 would like to know what color the County wishes them to be. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to green to represent Agriculture. At the Route 31 complex the Rutgers Cooperative Extension would like the sign as part of their feature. If Rutgers is added to the sign, it would cost around \$2,000 to place a large "R" on the sign and Rutgers is willing to contribute \$5,000. Mr. Glynn confirmed the Rutgers legend will be added to the Route 31 sign and at Route 12 the sign will have white lettering with the green background. He will check with the County Treasurer on where the funding will come from to purchase the sign for the Route 12 complex.
- The NJDOT has not approved the warning signs advising of Horse in the area as requested by a group a few meetings ago. Mr. Glynn recommended that the group making the request for these signs purchase the signs and the County install the signs at the appropriate locations. These signs are in Title 39 which says when approaching a horse the driver has to obey the hand signal of the rider of the horse, as well as slow the vehicle to 25 MPH. There are currently requests for 24 signs. The Board recalls that the group, when it came before the Board, agreed to purchase the signs and that the County would install the signs. The Board recalls that Mr. Glynn has recommended the County install the signs so that breakaway poles could be used.

Mr. Glynn questioned how this will be enforced. Mr. Peterson confirmed the County will obtain NJDOT approval of the signs prior to installing them on County roads. He confirmed Mr. Glynn has had discussion with the Readington Police Department concerning the signs.

OPEN SPACE

Item tabled.

GRANTS

Item #1 held at this time.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-046, to provide home rehabilitation and repairs, to the Hunterdon County Housing Corporation, in the amount of \$9,919 in state funds and \$4,251 in local funds.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with the State Department of Community Affairs, to process LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) requests, amount of \$1,754.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Section 5311 grant application for the Federal Transit Authority Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program, in the amount of \$448,624 in operating funds and a County match of \$149,542.

See Page 06/12/07-11D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the filing of an application with NJ Transit confirming the County's match to the Section 5311 Grant application of \$149,542.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Cherryville Repeater Association II, requesting permission to again use an area near the Route 12 County Complex, from June 22 through June 24, 2007, to hold their annual Amateur Radio Field Day. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the use of the Route 12 Complex by the Cherryville Repeater Association provided this event is coordinated the Office of the Director of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

Correspondence was received from Braking the Cycle, requesting permission to again travel through the County on September 29 and 30, 2007, as part of their fundraiser. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

Status of Space Allocation meeting of May 29, 2007

Mrs. Yard reported on May 28, 2007 the Board of Chosen Freeholders took a space walk at designated locations to look at the recommendations made by the County's Facilities Evaluation Committee. The Board was provided floor plans prior to the space walk. There is a demonstrated need for additional space at the Route 31 Complex and in the Justice Center. The Board finished the tour and discussed other issues which were not imminent. It was the recommendation of Director Muller to bring the imminent situations to the forefront today for discussion. There are two situations the Board needs to react to as a result of the presentation provided to the Board from the Facilities Evaluation Committee for the Department of Human Services at Route 31 and the space recommendations for the former space occupied by Justice Veniero in the Justice Center.

Route 31 Complex

Director Muller advised in Social Services Building at the Route 31 Complex where the Public Health Nurses are currently located, there was discussion to relocate them to the Route 12 Complex. He has had conversation with the Hunterdon Medical Center (HMC) and since the Public Health Nurses are their employees, they have space to relocate them to the Sandhill Doctor's Building. Director Muller explained the Public Health Nurses may need the desks/workstations they are currently using, but the space is all wired and ready to move into.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that the County's contract with the Hunterdon Medical Center is being reviewed and there appears to be many issues with it. The County has never charged the HMC for space, and confirmed the HMC will not be charging the County to house their employees. Director Muller confirmed the County has been absorbing the cost for this service, and now the County needs the space for its employees. His discussions with HMC were for them to house their employees in their building.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Facility Evaluation Committee with regard to Route 31.

Director Muller confirmed with Mrs. Yard that another space walk will be scheduled within the next month.

Workforce Investment Board (WIB)/One-Stop

Charles Rebick and Pauline LaRose, WIB Executive Director came before the Board.

Director Muller confirmed the County Administrator, Cynthia Yard reached out to Ms. LaRose to meeting. Mr. Rebick explained that since he had been talking with Freeholder Peterson, he wanted to consult with him before that meeting took place.

Mrs. Yard advised the Facilities Evaluation Committee was not clear on what Ms. LaRose's expectations and objectives were. The Committee wanted Ms. LaRose to meet with them in order to get a clear sense of what was going on. Mrs. Yard sent Ms. LaRose a letter on April 29, 2007 explaining space wasn't being denied but the Committee, at that time, could not recommend the Justice Center space.

Director Muller confirmed with Mr. Rebick that being discussed is space for more than the WIB, it is also for the One Stop. Mr. Rebick explained the WIB contracts with the college to provide One Stop services and the space being closed, which the state no longer wants to support is essentially the County One Stop. The WIB is a board and Ms. LaRose has an office and the One Stop is the actual entity which provides services to residents of the County.

Director Muller said it was his understanding that if the County provides space; that a security guard is needed to be present. Mr. Rebick stated the regulation is that if state employees are working in the area; and they work with the public; then a security guard is required. The security guard would be paid by the state. Ms. LaRose isn't sure this is a regulation but it was necessary from the Employment Services Manager to have a security guard on staff. The State Department of Labor is requiring, but it isn't regulation, to have a security guard when there are state employees.

Director Muller advised he does not see the County providing a security guard. Mr. Rebick confirmed the State would supply the security guard.

Mr. Peterson said if it were possible to utilize the Justice Center there would be no additional costs to the County taxpayers because it is already heated, cleaned, has space and there are security guards. The people who control the Justice Center do not want the One Stop located there. The County now has to find another avenue to provide these services because these services are for those who have limited mobility to get around, for transportation reasons. The same reason the County has the LINK but the LINK does not go to Phillipsburg or Somerville or Trenton. It would be a chore to get transportation to those other places for these services. Mr. Peterson stressed he is trying to find a way to keep the One Stop services in Hunterdon County, so that in the long run money will be saved for the taxpayer.

Mr. Peterson has been dialoging with Director Muller to find a place for this service that is no additional cost to the County and which can be utilized or space that can be used more efficiently to provide these services.

Mr. Peterson confirmed with Mr. Rebick that the One Stop space doesn't have to be exclusive. Conference rooms are needed and scheduling could be worked out for this purpose. Mr. Rebick stated he is looking for a creative solution. It doesn't have to be one block of space, they would be glad to share space and they would need some classroom space but it doesn't have to be large since there are typically 15 people.

Mrs. Yard confirmed the WIB/One Stop does not hand out unemployment checks. She feels there needs to be some flexibility concerning security guards. Mr. Rebick agreed. Mrs. Yard continued by saying using the Library is a good idea with some coordination. Mr. Rebick stated an armed guard would not be needed at the Library.

Director Muller questioned if Mr. Rebick has approached Polytech for use of their building which has classrooms that are not used all day long because of the block scheduling that exists in the Hunterdon Central School District. The Workforce Investment Board is about education and trying to retrain people and Polytech offers a lot of adult education programs. Years ago the Freeholders discussed getting a One Stop Shop in Hunterdon County by working with Polytech and Raritan Valley Community College if they set up a satellite campus.

Mrs. Yard reported there was a meeting with the WIB and Polytech back in 2005 to provide these services and Polytech was not interested at the time.

Director Muller confirmed that Mr. Rebick and Ms. LaRose would be interested in meeting with the County Administrator and the County's Facilities Committee to further explore a creative way to provide services.

Ms. LaRose noted that the One Stop will be closed by the state in September; so being able to utilize the County's Route 12 Library and North Branch Library in Clinton, would afford them access to those who need these services, until a solid solution is found.

Mr. Melick questioned County Counsel on how this fits in with the presentment of the past for "free space" to outsider agencies. Mr. DeSapio explained it depends on whether they are providing a service that the County is either funding or is a part of the governmental funding. There is a difference between a private non-profit doing something on its own and someone providing a service that relates to the governmental function. If it provides a service to the governmental function, it could be arranged.

Mr. Melick questioned what the state pays for with the One Stops throughout the State. Mr. Rebick explained some services are offered by state employees. Mr. Melick confirmed with Mr. Rebick that he doesn't want to pay the County for the use of facilities.

Mr. Rebick advised other locations throughout the state get more traffic than the office in Hunterdon County. His office gets between 25 to 30 people a day, which is half the traffic the state requires to maintain and keep a One Stop open. Ms. LaRose stated the Milford Library is requesting them to pay \$25 per day to utilize their facility. If the County needed the One Stop to pay \$25 per day to utilize the facility, it could be done. The One Stop provides workforce learning, there is a literacy lab, and services are provided to public assistance customers and that won't be done in the County facility, a location in the County facility would provide an employment services person to be able to go and interact with the community. Mrs. Yard stated that is in keeping with the Freeholders regional approach of a service deliver system in the County's library.

Mr. Melick stated he is concerned because the County employees are in very tight quarters currently.

Mr. Peterson again stated that the goal is to provide services here in the County to the people in Hunterdon County who pay taxes, who need these services, so they don't have to travel to Phillipsburg, Trenton or Somerville, without increasing the costs to the people in the County.

After further discussion, Mrs. Yard suggested the Facilities Evaluation Committee be allowed to do a needs assessment and report back to the Board. Director Muller directed Mrs. Yard to meet with Ms. LaRose and Mr. Rebick, and the Facilities Evaluation Committee. Mrs. Yard asked Freeholder Peterson to be involved in that meeting also. The Board agreed.

Realignment of Park Avenue/Foran Blvd.

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering reported the realignment of Park Avenue/Foran Blvd. has been ongoing since 1999; it's the improvement of Park Avenue and the Foran Blvd. intersection. The County has an interest in the project to complete the drainage system. The County's system drains out of the Justice Center and the Jail. A commitment was made to Flemington Borough to work with them, provide some financial support (up to \$600,000). The Borough is running into problems completing the plans on time with respect to their permit, which expires in November 2007. The Borough would like to do the project in phases, starting at the lower end and complete the drainage where it intersects with Park Avenue; then do the realignment and the remaining pieces (issues with the sanitary sewer); Phase II would be from the intersection where the new alignment would be to Capner Street. The County fully supports this project which has been needed for sometime. The County has been working with the various engineering groups working on the project.

Director Muller reported the money Mr. Glynn referred to (\$600,000) was placed in an ordinance when the County purchased the Penn Color property for the parking area for the Justice Center complex.

Mr. Glynn found an agreement which was crafted in 2002 but he does not know if the Board has ever taken action on it, since he hasn't been able to locate an executed copy. That agreement includes the scope of the project but it doesn't include the phasing.

Director Muller stated since the project has been delayed so long, the costs to the Borough have escalated, which is why they are recommending the project be done in two phases. The County is interested in the traffic flow and safety at Foran Blvd., which is a County road and how it intersects and to realign it with Park Avenue.

Director Muller noted that Flemington Borough received funds from Raritan Township to pay for the traffic signal. Mr. Glynn stated there are also federal and state funds involved in the project.

Mr. Glynn recommended the agreement with Flemington Borough be perfected so all parties understand their roles. The Clerk was directed to provide copies to the Board, and bring this back at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Director Muller opened the meeting to the public.

Rose Leverton came before the Board concerning the Home Health Aid services she is receiving and the problems she is encountering. Mrs. Yard asked if the manager at Social Services has been made aware of these issues.

Ms. Leverton informed the Board that she has lost benefits; no one is taking care of her mail or her bills. People have come and evaluated the number of hours she is entitled to for home health services at 6 hours. Ms. Leverton said she needs more hours. She was originally given 10 hours of service by Adult Protective Services and it was reduced to 6 hours.

Ms. Leverton asked Freeholder Peterson to obtain copies of the emails and letters that the Director of Human Services and the Social Services Director has sent to her.

Ms. Leverton complained about not receiving lighting assistance and TANF. Director Muller explained those are federal programs not controlled by the County. Ms. Leverton feels the problem is the County and she wants her 10 hours back.

Mrs. Yard feels a possible solution would be to ask the County's Human Service professionals to offer a chronology of all the interventions they have had with Ms. Leverton. If the Board has a chronology of all the interventions and meetings, they would be able to assess if the County has done all they can do. That would also afford Ms. Leverton the opportunity to know what all the interventions were on both Ms. Leverton's side and her doctors and the County that would give a picture of the situation.

Mr. Holt explained to Ms. Leverton that each time she comes before the Board, she throws a great deal of information and acquisitions to the Board, which the Board has no knowledge of or documentation for. Mrs. Yard presented an excellent solution, that if you are going to ask the Board for assistance, then the Board needs to have a chronology of what has occurred.

Ms. Leverton would like access to her records at Social Services and asked the Board to get copies of her records so she can have a history from 1998.

Director Muller confirmed that a chronology will be developed through Mrs. Yard's office, and a meeting will be arranged with Ms. Leverton.

Questions answered for the press.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that a few meetings ago, the Board offered Ms. Leverton to meet with her and Ms. Leverton chose not to attend a meeting but asked for her case worker and Barbara Metzger from Social Services to meet with her and they did go to her home. The Consumer Affairs Coordinator was afforded to Ms. Leverton in order to file a concern about her Home Health Aides. To date, Ms. Leverton has not filed any paperwork to complain about her Home Health Aides.

Mr. Sworen asked the Board to consider a proclamation for Sean Patrick Callanan who has attained the designation of Eagle Scout. The invitation was in yesterday's mail his Court of Honor will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Sean Patrick Callanan for having attained the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

AMWELL/REAVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Director Muller reported he contacted the attorney for the First Presbyterian Church of Amwell/Reaville, on Old York Road in Reaville. He has been in contact with their attorney informing them they did not need to come to the meeting today.

Director Muller informed those present that Irvin Hockenbury sold 1.84 acres in 1982, for \$25,000, to the church which is now closed, for parking. Mr. Hockenbury was a deacon of the church. The Presbytery is looking to sell or lease this property but in the deed for the property it states if the church should cease to exist within 50 years of 1982, then the property shall vest in the County to be used for recreational purposes.

Director Muller doesn't feel the Board has any record of this. County Counsel DeSapio advised there isn't a deed to the County but in the deed between Mr. Hockenbury and the church dated 1982 which says it is on the condition that if the church does not stay in existence for 50 years or the property is not used by them alone, then all their right, title and interest in the property ceases and the title to the property vests in the County of Hunterdon. The County at this point, own the property and the question what does the County have an inclination to do and then he will check out what the County would have to go through and if it is possible to do what the Board wants.

Mr. DeSapio reported when he first contacted the attorney for the Presbytery they were going to sell the property but since then, other churches have expressed interest in the property but they need this area for parking. They are asking if another church takes over the property, is the County inclined to do something.

Mr. Peterson feels there are two issues, if the County doesn't use the property he feels it would revert back to Mr. Hockenbury. If there was a parking lot that served the recreational uses that the County sets up, the County could permit people to use the parking area in conjunction with the church.

Mr. Holt recommended the County allows the property to be used by a new church, if the old church ceases.

After further discussion, Mr. DeSapio recommended obtaining a copy of the deed in order to see what the County's limitations and rights are with regard to the property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to determine what portions of the March 13, 2007, March 14, 2007, and March 27, 2007 executive minutes can be released.

See Page 06/12/07-15C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a rights of way land acquisition for County Routes 512 and 513 and Routes 517 and 523.

See Page 06/12/07-15D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the status of Sheriff's Sergeants negotiations.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:44 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Muller adjourned the meeting a 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,