

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

**June 26, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 2:13 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**PRESENT: MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK.**  
**ABSENT: 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 June 19, 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 these:

**See Page 6/26/07-1A** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the executive session minutes of March 13, 2007, March 27, 2007 and April 10, 2007 and April 24, 2007 to determine what can be released.

**See Page 06/26/07-1B** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss services requested by a Social Services client.

**See Page 06/26/07-1C** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss right of way acquisition for Routes 523/517.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 2:14 p.m., recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 3:15 p.m.

## **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 #1 and 29 were removed from the agenda.

Items held: #'s 1, 26, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 39 and 40.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated June 26, 2007.

**See Page 06/26/07-1D** **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Social Services Funds Report for May 2007.

**See Page 06/26/07-1E** **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

**See Page 06/26/07-1F** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Brenda Gerry appointed permanent, part time Library Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, William Holland appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, Division of Communications, Department of Public Safety.

**See Page 06/26/07-2B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kristin Brown appointed permanent, full time Health Educator, Health Department.

**See Page 06/26/07-2C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Chris Botzan appointed permanent, full time Mechanic, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

**See Page 06/26/07-2D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Naomi Winder appointed permanent, part time Library Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Melanie Ferencze appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Greg Slomczewski appointed temporary, as needed summer Librarian, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kristopher Knechel appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kaitlin Reed appointed temporary, as needed Clerk Typist, County Clerk's Office.

**See Page 06/26/07-2I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Cailey Reed appointed temporary, as needed Clerk Typist, County Clerk's Office.

**See Page 06/26/07-2J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Karen Lewis appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Librarian, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ethan Grossman appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 06/26/07-2L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Ellen Russo appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jennalynn Hadley appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jessica Ritchlin appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

**See Page 06/26/07-2O**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Lauren Fischer appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

**See Page 06/26/07-2P**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Salary adjustment for Charlie Pierman, Acting Crew Supervisor, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

**See Page 06/26/07-2Q**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Brynda Taylor-Flynn, Librarian, Library, hours increased for the summer.

**See Page 06/26/07-2R**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Salary adjustment for Hugo Marin, Family Service Worker Bi-lingual, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

**See Page 06/26/07-3A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Arlene Strain appointed provisional, full time Administrative Clerk, Human Services Department.

**See Page 06/26/07-3B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a fixed weight limit on County Bridge W-124, on Alexauken Creek Road, in West Amwell.

**See Page 06/26/07-3C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the administration of special project grant awards through the Cultural & Heritage Commission, in the amount of \$63,350.

**See Page 06/26/07-3D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Mutual Assistance agreement with Readington Township, for specialized law enforcement services, through the Hunterdon County Emergency Response Team.

**See Page 06/26/07-3E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Carlos Ferreiro, to serve on the Hunterdon County Emergency Response Team.

**See Page 06/26/07-3F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving application for payment #1, for Bid #2006-30, for alterations to the County Arboretum/Greenhouse, with Charles Mann General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$61,834.77.

**See Page 06/26/07-3G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving final payment for Bid #2005-53, for resurfacing of County Routes 617 and 612, in Raritan Township, with Trap Rock Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$23,707.53.

**See Page 06/26/07-3H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #1, for Bid #2006-11, for the reconstruction of County Bridge T-61, on Potterstown Road, over the South Branch of the Rockaway River, in Tewksbury Township, with HC Contractors, Inc., increase of \$11,048.05.

**See Page 06/26/07-3I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving specifications for the Tree Removal project, on County Route 523, Block 62, Lot 7, in Readington Township.

**See Page 06/26/07-3J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving specification for the Tree Removal project, on County Route 629 and County Route 620, in Readington Township and County Route 619, in Alexandria Township.

**See Page 06/26/07-3K**

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-3L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an advertising agreement for the LINK, to Central NJ Maternal & Child Health Consortium, c/o Three Bears, LLC, in the amount of \$1,668.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

**See Page 06/26/07-3M**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #13, for Bid #2005-47, for the addition and alteration to the Communications/ Emergency Services Center, with DeSapio Construction, Inc., increase of \$3,602.

See Page 06/26/07-4A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #14, for Bid #2005-47, for the addition and alteration to the Communications/Emergency Services Center, with DeSapio Construction, Inc., for an increase of \$1,643.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-4B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a modification to the agreement with the Hunterdon Medical Center to include the hiring of a Public Health Epidemiologist to the Public Health Nursing & Education contract, increase of \$15,769.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-4C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an employment agreement with Brian Decker, Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-4D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an agreement with Flemington Borough for joint sponsorship for the realignment of Park Avenue from Capner Street to Walter Foran Blvd, including North Main Street Intersection with old Park Avenue.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-4E

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Robert Myhre for having served on the Hunterdon County Construction Board of Appeals.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-4F

**PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Alfred H. Roesch for a having served on the Health and Human Services Advisory Council.

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

**CERTIFICATES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to authorize certificates for years of service for 25 years to William Turyonas; 20 years to Harold Connors, Earl Ray Eichlin, Kyle Kullman, Joseph Schellhorn, Joyce Hanshaw, Kristin Momberg, Alan Johnson, Scott Nodes and Robert Piatt; 15 years to Michael Peccarelli, Douglas Pursell and Joseph Camenzind III; 10 years to William Youells, Barbara Metzger, Dena Flynn and Katherine Errickson and for 5 years to Maria Angelo, Mark Bunting, Scott Bartok, Ashley Singleton, Tomasina Corley, Lisa Delena, Stacey Whitelaw, Betty Fatula, Michael Rasimowicz, Jonathan James, Marilyn Sterling, Paul Ryan Neiber, Lisa Piazza and Trevor Smith.

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

## **COUNTY UPDATE**

### **Preservation**

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator reported she provided the Board with another draft of the preservation committee charge on June 17, 2007 for review. She feels Mr. Peterson is interested in talking about the non-traditional preservation initiatives; while Mr. Holt and Mr. Sworen are interested in a way to display the visual data of the past, present and future preservation efforts.

Mr. Holt informed Mrs. Yard that her revised draft of the second part looks good to him. Mrs. Yard stated for the record that is to evaluate current information technology efforts including data collection, storage and retrieval capabilities and develop a tool which clearly displays past, present and future preservation efforts. Mrs. Yard explained an Ad Hoc Committee would take that charge and make recommendations back to the Board.

Mr. Peterson informed Mrs. Yard he needs a chance to review this further, and will get back to her.

### **Information Letter for Recognition Requests**

Mrs. Yard met with Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board, to draft a letter to people/groups requesting the Board to adopt a resolution or proclamation recognizing someone(s). This letter would only be utilized when information is not provided with the request for recognition. Director Muller likes the formal of the letter.

Director Muller asked the Board to be proactive, if a Freeholder is aware of an event taking place, a letter could be sent to them asking if they want the Freeholders to recognize an event or an individual.

### **HMC Operations Review**

Mrs. Yard reported she and the Human Resources Director, Cheryl Wieder, are putting the finishing touches on the operational review of the Hunterdon Medical Center contract as requested by the Board. The review will be ready for the Board at the next meeting on July 10, 2007.

### **Space Walk**

Director Muller asked Mrs. Yard to again reach out to the members of the Board for available dates for the next space walk. He asked the Freeholders to submit dates to Mrs. Yard so that the next space walk can be scheduled within the next few weeks.

Mr. Melick left the meeting.

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-5A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Granting final approval on eight applications as recommended by the CADB, for the 2008 traditional farmland preservation program.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-5B**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Granting preliminary approval to Delaware Township's amendment to their FIG3/2001A Round application, at the recommendation of the CADB.

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

### **OPEN SPACE, Kevin Richardson, Coordinator**

Mr. Richardson reported the State Department of Community Affairs has been communicating with County Counsel's office regarding the joint acquisition with Delaware Township of the Juniper 3 properties and the pending closing scheduled for this Thursday. The state has revised its Deed of Easement which requires Freeholder Director signature again which was previously approved by resolution on March 27, 2007 and signed. This is just a repagination of the document and final completion by the State Agriculture Development Committee.

Director Muller assured Mr. Richardson that he will sign the signature pages of the Deed of Easement and the Affidavit of Title, after the meeting today so that the closing can take place on Thursday. Mr. Richardson is aware Mrs. Doolan must fill out the acknowledgement prior to the Director signing the documents.

Mr. Richardson advised the Board that the total consideration for the Juniper 3 property is \$711,022 of which the County will receive a 50% cost share commensurate with the County's interest in the property with Delaware Township. Once the property is auctioned off and sold, subject to the restrictions, the County would share proportionately 50% of the auction proceeds up to the County's original contribution.

### **PLANNING BOARD Update**

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director updated the Board on the Planning Board activities and provided a Farmland Preservation Update.

- The County will be closing on its 30<sup>th</sup> farm for the year on July 02, 2007.
- Over 240 farms have been preserved, totally \$2,400 acres.
- From July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the SADC has contributed \$14,6 million towards farmland preservation, the County has contributed \$4.7 million and the Township's have contributed \$4.7 million.
- The Cross Acceptance negotiation meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2007 at 10 am in Trenton, New Jersey.
- The Planning staff maintains their contact with the Highlands Council staff, attends their monthly meetings and continues to provide input.
- The comment period to the rule proposal for the Water Quality Management Plan Amendment has been extended to August 20, 2007. The Planning Director will attend an NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties) meeting on Thursday to discuss this issue and it will be an issue of the July 19, 2007 Municipal Roundtable.
- Monthly meetings began in June 2007 on the Transportation Plan so the plan should be completed by the end of 2007.
- The Planning Director continues to follow up on a meeting regarding the Exit 15 meeting between the municipalities, the state, NJTPA (North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority) and the County. There has been no word yet on such a meeting.

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

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

- The seismic requirements have been complete for the Route 12 County Library Headquarters project for the renovations and addition. An application has been submitted to Raritan Township for the Certificate of Occupancy. There are still a few claims which the Project Administrator and County Counsel are resolving. There is one major issue which Counsel is working on.
- The dispatch furniture should be delivered and installed for the Emergency Services renovations and addition project sometime in August 2007. In September the dispatchers will be brought into the new space and trained on the new dispatch equipment. Once the new system is up and running with everyone trained, the old system will be shut down and the project will be finished shortly after that.
- The County is waiting for the delivery of windows for the Hall of Records/Southard Building project sometime in August. Once the windows are installed the interior work around the windows will be finished off. The project should be completed sometime in September. The furniture for the County Clerk's space is being designed and it will be in place sometime in August, and the County Clerk's Office will be moved back into the Hall of Records in September. Once that happens the offices in the Southard Building will be moved into the transition space in the old jail building temporarily. The Southard Building project should take approximately 3 months to complete.
- The stucco on the Route 12 Garage is being installed. The fuel island system is being installed. The HVAC is in progress and masonry walls are going up in the addition area.
- Deer Path Park restrooms are moving along well, the ductwork shop drawings have been returned; plumbing is being installed, and the siding is stained and complete. Interior needs to have finished the partitions and plumbing. The project should be almost complete within the next month.
- The rough frame is done for the Greenhouse conversion. The stucco will be done shortly. This is the standard stucco system. The concrete floor has been poured; the interior partitions will be installed, and the electrical work will start in about two weeks.
- T&M Associations should have a final draft for the County to review on the South County Park storm water management plan.
- Bids were received and are being reviewed for the roof work on the County Jail. They have also been provided to the architect for review.

### **ROADS, BRIDGES and ENGINEERING**

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering informed the Board that the Amwell Valley Rescue Squad is working with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the County for a signal along Route 202. They are relocating their facility more towards County Route 514 and they will have access to Amwell Valley Road. DOT will be putting on the actuators on the signals so when they receive an emergency call they can hit a button which trips the light green for them. The County currently has an agreement with NJDOT where the County is obligated to do certain things at those signals; DOT is redoing that agreement to include East Amwell. The County would be responsible for certain striping and electric.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

**See Page 06/26/07-6A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Traffic Signal Agreement for US Route 202/NJ Route 31 and Old York Road, (NJ Route 179/CR 514), with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Signal and Safety Engineering.

See Page 06/26/07-7A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Traffic Signal Agreement for US Route 202/NJ Route 31 and Wertsville Road, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Signal and Safety Engineering.

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

**PURCHASING**

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-7B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #CountyClerk.890, for printing the primary ballots, with Progress Printing, in the amount of \$53,839.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-7C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles, 2007/2008 Ford Crown Victoria P71, from Warnock Automotive, Inc., at \$18,977 each, for replacement vehicles for the Sheriff's Office.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-7C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the purchase of a vehicle, 2007/2008 Ford Crown Victoria P71, from Warnock Automotive, Inc., at \$18,842, for the Prosecutor's Office.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-7D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-20, for the demolition of various park structures, to SCC Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$179,411.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-7E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for engineering design services for the replacement of County Bridge C-88, on Reformatory Road, in Clinton Township, with Joye & Associates, in the amount of \$231,531.69.

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

Mr. Peterson left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

Mr. Glynn informed the Board the stage patio area is being finished at the Route 12 County Library. As part of the project, there has been discussion about creating a blue stone paving area for the stage area on the right sign of the building. Freeholder Peterson has offered the County the use of stone which he has stacked at his home in Milford Borough. While it is nice stone, it is not enough to do the full patio area. Mr. Glynn explained he would like to the donation of Mr. Peterson's stone as a coping. The stone is approximately 18" wide by 3' in length and 3" thick. The stone will be used as a coping with concrete poured in the middle. There is enough to do the perimeter of the patio.

Mr. DeSapio advised an analysis was made of the cost for the County to pick up the stone. Mr. Glynn said the with of the stone is around \$2,500 and it will cost approximately 6 man hours to pick up the stone, costing the County about \$180 to pick up the stone. Mr. DeSapio confirmed it is more beneficial for the County to accept the gift from Freeholder Peterson than it is to purchase

the stone on the market place. The stone is of value and the County is not doing a favor to Freeholder Peterson by removing a difficult situation from his property. Mr. Glynn again confirmed the stone is staged behind Mr. Peterson garage and it is easy to get to. This is a real value to the public.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion authorizing receipt of a gift of blue stone from Freeholder Eric Peterson, in the estimate value of \$2,500 to be used at the Route 12 County Library.

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

Mr. DeSapio advised a formal resolution will be prepared and adopted at the next meeting.

Mr. Peterson returned to the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Mr. Glynn reported there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on New Hampton Road, for InterCounty Bridge L-92-W, at 3:00 p.m., on July 09, 2007. Mr. Glynn will coordinate the ceremony with the Warren County Freeholders.

**Project Lifesaver – expansion pilot project**

Sheriff William Doyle came before the Board to request the expansion of Project Lifesaver for the inclusion of Autistic children. He explained there is a need in Hunterdon County to protect our Autistic community. The research done so far shows the need in Hunterdon. Sheriff Doyle asked to start a pilot program in the Flemington/Raritan School District which has a group of Autistic individuals being supervised in that school district. He would like to see the response the pilot program would receive.

Sheriff Doyle stated the problem in his office is manpower and he would have to assign an investigator to the project. There are currently 9 individuals trained in Project Lifesaver and they are updated yearly. If this goes into a full time operation he would need to get more people involved.

Sheriff Doyle feels a 4-Wheel Drive vehicle would be needed; he currently only has one. The second 4-Wheel Drive vehicle needs to be bid.

Sheriff Doyle advised he will also need some equipment for the pilot program, and feels that could come from his budget.

Sheriff Doyle stated he is asking for a commitment for the possibility of overtime and on-call expenses.

Mr. DeSapio asked if the children involved in Project Lifesaver will be wearing the bracelets during the school day in the event they walk out of school or will they wear them 24 hours a day. Sheriff Doyle said the equipment has nothing to do with the school system. They are being utilized in order to get the word out to the residents of the pilot program.

Mr. DeSapio asked since minors are involved he asked Sheriff Doyle to fax over the forms which were prepared for seniors and their families to sign, so he can take another look at them to see if any of those waivers should be changed because minors are involved.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to support a pilot program for the expansion of Project Lifesaver for the Autistic community with the understanding if there are additional budgetary items that are needed, the Sheriff would return to the Freeholder Board for financial approval. Mr. DeSapio confirmed with Sheriff Doyle that there are no expenses to be incurred as a result of this support.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-9A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities grant, in the amount of \$17,075 in state funds and a County match of \$3,415.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-9B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving an application for the Victim of Crime Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$230,428 in federal funds and a County match of \$57,607.

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



Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-9A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-013, for legal assistance to seniors, in the amount of \$11,571 in federal funds and \$1,286 in local funds.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-9B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-016, for telephone reassurance calls to seniors, in the amount of \$5,890 in federal funds and \$5,330 in local funds.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/26/07-9C

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-052, for friendly visiting services to homebound seniors, in the amount of \$9,295 in federal funds and \$8,640 in local funds.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-055/056, for information and assistance, physical fitness and education services, to the Hunterdon County YMCA, in the amount of \$6,378 in federal funds, \$41,076 in state funds and \$19,222 in County funds.

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

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-061, caregiver support group meetings, in the amount of \$15,311 in federal funds, \$12,171 in state funds and \$7,498 in local funds.

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

**Old Business**

Director Muller reported Mrs. Doolan has researched the in-kind match of \$412,121 for the Area Plan Grant with Briteside Adult Day Centers and that match is provided from Briteside.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant #10-027/038, to provide a hot noon meal and adult day care services, to Briteside Adult Day Centers, Inc., in the amount of \$40,839 in federal funds, \$6,003 in state funds and an in-kind match of \$412,212.

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

**OPEN SPACE**

**Item held until July 10, 2007.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A request was received from the Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company, request to use County roads, for a five mile run to raise funds. Tentative date for the event is Saturday, August 25, 2007. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting approval provided this event is coordinated through the County Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS**

### **Radio Savings**

Mr. Holt advised Freeholder Sworen asked him to invite George F. Wagner, Director, Public Safety here to day to provide an update on the radio savings.

Mr. Wagner explained his office applied for a grant through the New Jersey Office of Technology, which collects the taxes paid on our cell phone bills. The state redistributes that money to the various public safety access points, or 911 dispatch centers. Hunterdon County was just awarded a \$119,000 grant for general assistance, which the County uses to offset regularly occurring maintenance and operating costs.

### **Polytech**

Mr. DeSapio reported the County lent Polytech \$457,360.32 until they received their grant reimbursement from the New Jersey Department of Education, Schools Construction Corporation. Polytech had anticipated receiving that reimbursement by June 30, 2007, which is when the Promissory Note said the loan was due. Polytech needs another 60 days to pay back that money, so there will be a presentation by Polytech representatives today after 5:30 p.m. to request the Board adopt a resolution to extend the time period on the loan.

### **Deb Dawson/Democrat reporter**

Mr. Melick informed the Board that Deb Dawson a reporter for the Hunterdon County Democrat who has been covering the meetings of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the past 7 years, is taking a new position as managing editor of the Delaware Valley News. Mr. Melick offered a resolution recognizing Ms. Dawson.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-10A**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing Deb Dawson for serving the residents of the County with her professional reporting and congratulating on accepting a new position as managing editor of the Del-Val News.

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

The Freeholders presented Ms. Dawson with a plaque containing the resolution just adopted. Ms. Dawson thanked the Board and introduced Warren Cooper who will be covering the Freeholder meetings.

### **Social Services**

Mr. Peterson reported last week the County Division of Social Services had a presentation from the State on their new program, ADRC. The state is attempting to merger the services of disability services and senior services for keeping people in their homes. Since those are similar needs, they are trying to pull resources. The federal government is pushing the ADRC program and the program should be in Hunterdon by the later part of this year.

### **Raritan Valley Rail Coalition**

Director Muller reported he attended the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition meeting yesterday and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) meeting. His main concern at the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition railroad was to hear about the increased service anticipated at Whitehouse and the timeline for that. After the next NJTPA meeting on July 09, 2007, he will be meeting with representatives of New Jersey Transit to find out when the service will start. He is encouraging them to follow through with their original proposal of 8 trains a day, 4 additional trains in the morning and 4 in the evening. Director Muller feels if there are more trains moving, it will encourage more people to use the service.

### **Exit 15**

Director Muller reported the funds are still in place from the NJTPA for Exit 15. Mr. Glynn advised it will be for the scope of work for the design services.

### **Bio-Diesel**

Director Muller advised a letter was received from the Administrator of Clinton Township concerning the County considering Bio-Diesel. He explained he only reported to the Board as an individual regarding Bio-Diesel. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has taken no position concerning Bio-Diesel; nor is there a recommendation to take a position on it. He stressed a report was given but nothing was endorsed.

Mr. Melick asked if Director Muller is pushing Bio-Diesel. Director Muller explained he is trying to see if it is economically feasible to get a demonstration project to convert garage into fuel. The County has a responsibility to dispose of the garbage in the County. This may be or may not be a solution but he is investigating it and he isn't asking the Board for any endorsements until facts are received that the Board can consider.

Mr. Holt advised this is just one of many things being looked at, including solar energy. If an when the numbers come in and are known, and the product works, then there will be reports and presentations to the Freeholder Board and it will be public information.



**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Peterson left the meeting.

**Hunterdon County Bar Association**

Greg Palakow, Director of the Hunterdon County Bar Association came before the Board requesting to re-create an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century law office at the historic Court House. He introduced Judy Novak, who serves as Chair on their Historical Committee in the absence of Judge Bernhard.

Ms. Novak explained the Bar Association has been discussing the concept of re-creating an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century law office in an appropriate location in Flemington. They feel the most appropriate location would be the historic Court House of Hunterdon County because so much history has occurred and many people and local officials and judges have left their stories in both legion and lure.

The Hunterdon County Board Association has collected numerous historical artifacts that reflect the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, with which this project could be started with. The Bar Association is looking forward to working with the County on this project. This would help the residents and those visiting Hunterdon learn more about the County and the historic Court House.

Ms. Novak further explained this project would be of no cost to the County because the Bar Association is willing to do whatever and how ever much is need and the Board would like them to do to make this work.

Director Muller advised the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders have been taking inventory of its buildings and another space walk is scheduled for next month. He would offer that the Board look at what space could be utilized in the historic Court House for this purpose.

Director Muller suggested that the two rooms off the main court room, on the second floor, located on the left and right of the stairway be utilized, and possibly the third floor. He would recommend the Board consider this during its next space walk.

Mr. Melick feels this is an excellent recommendation and thinks it just makes sense.

Mr. Palakow and Ms. Novak thanked the board for their time.

**Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance/Dvoor Farm**

Kathryn Suttle, of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, came before the Board to discuss the progress with the farmers' market at the Dvoor Farm, and to request a waiver for permit fees from the County Health Department.

Ms. Suttle advised the first market was held on Father's Day, June 17, 2007. The market will be held every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The first day 250 people attended the market and vegetables were sold out in an hour and a half. The following Sunday there were more vendors and more product. The response has been tremendous. There seems to be a genuine need and desire in the community for the market.

Currently there are 8 vendors and 3 fall into the category where inspection is required by the Health Department. Ms. Suttle attended a Raritan Township Board of Health meeting and they adopted a resolution to establish a process where they would be notified of vendors that need their attention. As part of that resolution, they waived their inspection fees. Ms. Suttle asked if the County would be willing to waive its fee as well. The fee is \$120 every 21 days per vendor.

Mr. Holt asked Ms. Suttle to explain to the Board what the Hunterdon Land Trust expects the Dvoor Farm to become. He feels the importance of this market is not simply because there is a demand for the market but it is a part of the overall plan for the facility, which is to develop agricultural education and agricultural history and tie it together at the site.

Mr. Holt further explained when this farmers market first was considered the issue of permits and fees was discussed and it was the right of Raritan Township to determine there was no ordinance or regulation with the type of market that existed. The County Health Department, Raritan Township and the Land Trust met to craft an ordinance which will be a model for other places in the County for farmers markets.

Mr. Holt advised the Health Department has a resolution from the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted on April 13, 1993, which exempts the fees for a number of different agencies and anyone holding a 501C3, allowing the County to waive those fees.

Mr. DeSapio suggested the Board readopt this as part of the County's policy manual; then it can be given a policy number and be in the manual for future reference.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

**See Page 06/26/07-12A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving waiving Health Fees for non-profits, holding a 501C3 certification.

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

Ms. Suttle thanked the Board and provided them with an invite to come to the Farmers' Market.

**Polytech**

Joe Novak, Esquire, Polytech, came before the Board explaining Polytech is working on a June 30, 2007 deadline to repay the County the \$457,360.32 loaned to them in order to complete payment to contractors on the new vocational school and submit to the State Board documents for a refund to pay the loan back. Unfortunately, they are dealing with many levels of government and contractors.

Mr. Peterson came into the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Novak advised alarms for the building will be installed this Friday and hopefully Raritan Township inspectors can test them on Monday, then the Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. Once done, the paperwork will be submitted to the state for reimbursement, but that reimbursement will not come before June 30, 2007. He asked the Board for a 60 day extension on repayment of the loan.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting Polytech a 60 day extension to repay the \$457,360.32 loan to the County, through July 2007.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Muller adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board