

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, Second Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

May 22, 2007

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:07 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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."

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of April 10, 2007.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 22, 2007.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for April 2007.

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SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Peter Swiston appointed permanent, full time Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

See Page 05/22/07-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Mario Filippi appointed permanent, full time Public Health Investigator, Health Department.

See Page 05/22/07-1E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Johnathan Crawley appointed permanent, full time Senior Youth Worker, Youth Facility Division, Department of Public Safety.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Janet Hrehowesik appointed permanent, full time Senior Youth Worker, Youth Facility Division, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-1G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Melissa Allen appointed permanent, full time Principal Clerk Transcriber, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Douglas Sloyer appointed permanent, full time Traffic Maintenance Worker, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ryan Neary appointed permanent, full time Traffic Maintenance Worker, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/22/07-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gerald Hufford, Jr. appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Samuel Marriott III appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Slaughter appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jason Yard appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lucas Haring appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christopher Kiceina appointed permanent, full time Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 05/22/07-2I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stefan Shoaf appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance Department.

See Page 05/22/07-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tracy Sunderland appointed provisional, full time Sanitary Inspector, Health Department.

See Page 05/22/07-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rachel Wilt appointed provisional, full time Senior Receptionist Typing, Purchasing.

See Page 05/22/07-2L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Caryelle Lasher appointed provisional, full time Sanitary Inspector Trainee, Health Department.

See Page 05/22/07-2M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Diana Perovich appointed provisional, part time Senior Clerk Typist (Bilingual Spanish/English), County Clerk's Office.

See Page 05/22/07-2N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Dennis Quinlan appointed provisional, full time GIS Trainee, Division of GIS, Information Technology Department.

See Page 05/22/07-2O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alan Singleton appointed temporary, as needed Building Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Maintenance.

See Page 05/22/07-2P

RESOLUTION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tyler Sassaman appointed temporary, as needed Laborer, Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

See Page 05/22/07-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kristen Meistrell appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

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

See Page 05/22/07-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Anna Deetz appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/22/07-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jonathan Calta appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Mugavero appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/22/07-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jaret Abbott appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/22/07-3H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alena Wehof appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/22/07-3I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Digan appointed temporary, as needed Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 05/22/07-3J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an employment agreement with Peter Swiston, Sheriff's Officer.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an employment agreement with Jonathan Danberry, Sheriff's Officer.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, allowing the Health Department to utilize the New Jersey Environmental Management Systems (NJEMS) database.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #14, for Bid #2005-47, for the Addition and Alternations to the Communications/Emergency Services Building, with DeSapio Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$208,342.29.

See Page 05/22/07-3N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving change order #2, for Bid #2006-03, for the reconstruction of County Bridge N-2, on Halstead Street, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Town of Clinton, for Rencor, Inc., decrease in the amount of \$75,049.84.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for Bid #2006-03, for the reconstruction of County Bridge N-2, on Halstead Street, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Town of Clinton, for Rencor, Inc., in the amount of \$76,587.11.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving amendment #5 to the Green Acres project agreement entitled: "County Open Space Plan".

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the individuals to sign the Green Acres Amendment for the "County Open Space Plan", and providing for the County's match, if required.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Purchase Contract for a perpetual conservation and woodland management easement for Block 6, part of Lot 17.01, in Delaware Township, from John E. Tackett, Jr. and Gina R. Tackett, in the amount of \$6,000 per acre.

See Page 05/22/07-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with JCP&L to upgrade electric at the Route 12 Garage Headquarters.

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

COUNTY UPDATE

County Firearms Range

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, advised in February 2007 the County Firearms Range was discussed with the Board and the concept placing the Firearms Range under the Department of Public Safety was agreed to. Mrs. Yard and George F. Wagner, Public Safety Director are ready to proceed with this concept to take effect on January 01, 2008. Decisions have to be made at this point to actualize this recommendation.

Director Muller confirmed Sheriff Doyle has been notified of this. There are a number of issues including the safety and condition of the range.

Mrs. Yard explained the issue of the Firearms Range was brought to the Board in February, is because it appropriately falls under the Training Academy/arrangements. Since there is going to be a change in personnel in January 2008, it seemed like an appropriate time to start to plan to have this transition take place with an effective date of January 01, 2008. The Sheriff coming on board in January 2008 will be informed of the plans being made but no plans will take place before January 1, 2008.

Director Muller supports this and feels it benefits this Board to move forward with this recommendation because next years budget will have requested items to improve the safety and conditions of the Firearms Range.

Director Muller stated all the municipalities need to be informed of this movement. Mrs. Yard suggested the Board adopt a resolution that the County Firearms Range is being placed under the Department of Public Safety and that can be sent to the municipalities.

Mr. Wagner informed the Board that the Firearms Range needs to fall in the County's protocols, policies and procedures, requirements and safety protocols, capital budget and support. Director Muller recommended notifying the Police Chiefs' Association. Mrs. Yard advised their support has already been received.

Mrs. Yard stated Mr. Wagner needs to perform a review of the policies and procedures that govern the Firearms Range area because there are some areas that need to be modified and spruced up. Mr. Wagner stated he will have that in place by January 01, 2008. Mr. Sworen asked that it be prepared by November for the Board to review.

Mr. Holt would like the Sheriff to be informed of what is going to be happening with the Firearms Range before the Board adopts a resolution. Mr. Wagner will reach out to Sheriff Doyle.

Paris Grant

Mrs. Yard advised the County has been working with its municipalities to not only educate them; but to ask them to participate in one of the venues of the Paris Grant, the Needs Assessment Inventory. The County has been working closely with the municipalities to get them on board.

Robert Thurgarland, Director, Central Printing and Mail/Paris Grant Coordinator, advised the introductory kick-off meetings for the Paris Grant are being scheduled. The vendor will be reaching out to the municipal mayors, administrators and clerks for an initial meeting on May 30 and 31, 2007 at the Route 12 Complex. Times will be posted. Currently 23 out of the 25 eligible municipalities have confirmed their participation. Once the Inventory and Needs Assessment project is completed, each participating municipality will become directly eligible to apply for Paris Grant funded projects, currently estimated at \$50,000 per municipality in the first year. Shared service initiatives could be explored with eligible expenses being funded and/or offset through the Paris Grant program. Should the County and each municipality apply and receive the maximum grant award next year that would equate to over \$5 million of accumulated grant funds in four years of the Paris Grant Program.

South County Branch Library

Present: Marc Titus, Library Director, Frank Bell, County Project Administrator and John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering

Mrs. Yard reported at the end of April 2007, a public was held at East Amwell Township to discuss an alternative site for South County Library services.

Mr. Titus presented the Freeholders with a hard copy of the presentation provided to East Amwell Township on April 30, 2007. Being considered is a two story structure of approximately 25,000 square feet, with 148 parking spaces. East Amwell adopted a resolution to endorse the County's project.

Mr. Titus explained he is not thinking of duplicating the North Branch County Library layout for the South County Branch because he promised the residents of East Amwell that a South Branch Library would be suited to the location. Attention would need to be given to the programming rooms and things that would make this a gathering place for seniors and 4-H and other community groups. Mr. Titus wants to make sure this is a full service facility with a maximum amount of flexibility.

Mr. Sworen questioned why an architect owns the County's design for a building after the County pays for it. Mr. Bell advised the architect owns the copyright to that design. The County would have to negotiate into the contract the ownership of the design once it is completed. Generally when a contract is signed for buildings that aren't going to be mass produced, there is no need for the County to own the copyright. The County could add on to the building, and the contract allows the County to do that.

Mr. DeSapio explained there is a specific provision in the AIA (American Institute of Architecture) form of agreement that says the County can use those drawings for any purpose related to the building being constructed but there is no authority to use it on another site. If the Freeholders think that they may want to use the plans in the future, he would suggest when the County goes out for Requests for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services that a separate line item, or an alternate be included that says how much more would the architect charge to sell the County those drawings absolutely. Mr. DeSapio explained the Board has never decided to do that in the past, because it was known there would be a premium on the fee to purchase the drawings. The County could segregate that line item and then make a decision whether you want it.

Mr. DeSapio said you receive the design and the drawings but the drawings are not tailored to the second site.

Mr. Peterson feels the County could pay a fee each time it decides to use a specific design, instead of purchasing the design. He feels the fear of the architect is that the documents will be taken and given to someone else to produce.

Mr. Titus stated the South Branch will also be a LEEDS certifiable building.

Mrs. Yard confirmed with Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator that a diversion would have to be sought for the South County Library for the property to house the South County Branch Library on. Today, everyone wanted to make sure that the Board still supported this project, so they can continue pursuing this. This is property the County owns already.

Mr. Sworen would like to see what the issues are if this is to be pursued. Mr. Titus stated with the division on the South County Park, the County would have to provide a piece of property that is double what the diversion would be as an alternate property; plus there are fees involved. Mr. Glynn added that an alternative study will have to be completed and justification has to be given as to why this is the only site for this project. Mr. Richardson stated initially time and money will be needed to begin preparing an application to the state before they will make a decision whether the diversion would be approved or not.

Mr. Holt confirmed we are talking about 8 or more acres that has to be purchased or diverted in order to put a 4 acre site on the South County Park for a South County Branch Library. Plus it isn't known, if the application to the state will be successful. Mr. Titus advised sites have been looked at and they are still looking. At the public meeting on April 30, 2007 in East Amwell Township, Mr. Titus asked about a possible partnership with a citizen who would provide the property or a municipality to share the burden of developing a property. Mr. Titus said this site is liked because of the synergy with the park but he's not saying it has to be this site. There is a need for senior services in that area and that is a good location. If a property were found down the road or across the street that could be developed, to serve that part of the County, that would be acceptable also.

Mr. Holt asked besides the application, what are the steps required for a diversion. Mr. Richardson stated first there is the initial application, once the state reviews the pre-application, they would direct the County to submit a formal application for approval by the Commissioner of the State House Commission. The County would have to have the method of compensation, whether it is a cash remuneration for the fair market value of the property or replacing it 2 to 1. Discussed with Green Acres representatives on the site, was that some of the lands would be shared, so it would not be a 4 acre diversion, because some of the improvements/plans for the Library would also be considered recreational improvements under Green Acres requirements and that could save the County 1 or 2 acres. Mr. Richardson feels at a minimum an Alternative Analysis would have to be done to determine if there are any other lands that are not parkland that could be used for a library. Once the County is directed to submit a formal application the County would have to pay for appraisals and surveys and any other requirements that are associated with any real property acquisition. Mrs. Yard confirmed this property was purchased with Green Acre funds.

Mr. DeSapio recommended Mr. Richardson be directed to begin the application for Diversion of Use so the County can keep all its options open, even while looking for another property because the lease renewal for the South Branch Library just started for the next five year period. Even if the County had this site now, the Library would not be ready in five years; so there is going to be

an accelerated cost for the lease renewal. It sounds as if the initial parts for the Diversion of Use are administrative time and some funding on the County's end. If the preliminary application can be done, and the process is in motion while looking for another property would be prudent. The Board agreed and directed Mr. Richardson to begin the preliminary application for Diversion of Use. Mrs. Yard confirmed that Mr. Glynn, Mr. Titus and Mr. Bell will continue looking at other properties.

Mr. Glynn advised there are significant design challenges as East Amwell requires a double septic system and double well. The County went through this process with the South County Garage. There may also be a ground water issue. The County is concerned from a technical standpoint that the piece of the South County Park being considered may have limitations on what can be built there. Mr. DeSapio asked if the County should start on some technical studies. Mr. Glynn feels the County should be doing technical studies and the alternative study. The soil logs and perc tests will have to be done from an outside vendor. Mr. Glynn said there is another site on the South County Park that could be looked at for the Library Branch.

HART (Hunterdon Area Rural Transit)

Tara Shepherd, HART Director advised she is present today on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner, to present the County with an award as one of New Jersey's smart workplaces. This is a program that the NJDOT and the State Transportation Management Associations put together this past year to recognize employers that have been progressive in promoting commute alternatives to their employees.

Ms. Shepherd reported Hunterdon County currently encourages and has carpool activity in the Planning Department, Information Technology Department, Senior Services, Roads and Bridges Division and there is also bicycle commuting on a regular basis in the Engineering Division of the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

Ms. Shepherd advised on May 03, 2007, the NJDOT held an event where they handed out awards for "Smart Workplaces" and she accepted this award for the County. Ms. Shepherd presented the Board with the Bronze Level award for the County's activities.

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-17, to furnish, deliver and install a SAN (Storage Area Network), to Creative Networking Concepts, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,242.00.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-21, for the Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program, to Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,662,863.20.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-23, to furnish and deliver Structural Steel, to Samson Metal Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$94,915.23.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement for document indexing and imaging application software, for the County Clerk's Office, with AmCAD Cadastre, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$118,481.60.

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

PROJECT Update

Bleachers/South County Park

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator advised the 4-H Group is here today to again discuss the bleachers for the South County Park several meetings ago. Comments were made at that time about surplus and other bleachers that might be available and William Clother of the Parks and Recreation Department has looked into that very closely and he is prepared to report

the Board and the costs for same. If the Board approves purchasing bleachers today, the Purchasing Department would put together a bid specification to obtain the bleachers.

Mr. Clothier reported the Board asked Parks and Recreation to check with Army Surplus which he did and they did not have bleachers. He also checked out a contact given by Freeholder Holt and that contact only deals with galvanized steel bleachers and the County was looking for aluminum bleachers. The galvanized steel are nice bleachers and if the County wanted to move in that direction in the future they are excellent looking bleachers.

Mr. Clothier advised three different scenarios have been discussed all of them begin with the 4 tier bleachers. The standard 5 tier bleacher would run around \$76,000. The second scenario was a 4 tier with a 5 tier elevated bleachers which would cost around \$157,000. The difference between those sets of bleachers is that the first set is on the ground and the second set is elevated, meaning you can raise it up and there is a handicapped ramp, with steps at the other side and it would also allow better viewing capability for the people in the stands. The third scenario was the 4 tier ground mounted bleachers with a grand stand which would be approximately 188 feet long and 15 feet wide with a 3 foot step in front. There would be a set of steps at one end and a handicapped access ramp at the other side and that cost is around \$87,000. Mr. Clothier advised Parks and Recreation and the 4-H decided on the first option of the 4 tier and the 5 tier ground mounted units, at a cost of approximately \$76,000. The feeling of the committee was that bleachers are going to have to be moved around periodically, so this would include a transport system to make it easy to move the bleachers around the site but it will not make them road worthy. If they were needed at another site, they could be loaded onto a trailer to move them to another designation.

Director Muller confirmed the bleachers are needed for this year's County Agricultural Fair. Mr. Clothier stated Parks and Recreation has 3 ordinances in existence; one has \$7,800 another has \$4,700 and the third ordinance has \$6,002 in it. Out of those ordinances a septic system is needed; plus the storm water management will be paid from them.

Mr. Melick asked if there is a way to recoup any of the funds for these bleachers. Mr. Clothier advised there are no revenue expenses to come back from this purchase. The bleachers can be used for other events. The bleachers are not strictly for 4-H. Mr. Melick confirmed the 10 events held by the 4-H at the South County Park generate funds. Mr. Clothier stated Parks and Recreation has plans to do events at the South County Park which could be money producing which could offset the costs of the bleachers. One discussion has been to have a drive in movie. Director Muller stated a company would come in and put up a large screen and admission would be charged to watch family type movies. Mrs. Yard advised the Board needs to be careful because when the South County Park was started, the County became very involved with the Department of Environmental Protection on what would be done at the South County Park. The County has an agreement on the number of events will be held at the park until the County receives all its approvals from the DEP. The County has boundaries it has to stay within with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Roger Everitt feels when the horse show ring is fixed up, and has electric that it could be rented out, just like Sussex County does. Currently the electric can't be run over to the ring because of the pipeline. If the 4-H could get the horse show ring to that point, it could be a money generating event. Mr. Melick realizes this is government, and a service is being provided to the public and the public enjoys all at the South County Park.

Mr. Holt confirmed the bleachers the currently at the South County Park does not meet quote. The issue is it is now time to replace those bleachers. Mr. Clothier stated 4-H volunteers will help to assemble the bleachers if they are received by the beginning of August.

After further discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to contact the Purchasing Department to obtain specifications to procure bleachers for the South County Park.

Mr. Sworen informed Mr. Clothier that if Parks and Recreation has not talking to the County's insurance advisor to do so before the installation of the bleachers. Mr. Clothier stated the bleachers will have guard rails that go up and around both sides from the 3rd row on up; plus there will be a 6 inch kicker plate from the 3rd row on up.

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

County Clerk Floor Plan

Mr. Bell advised at the last meeting a floor plan was held out for the 1st and 2nd levels for the Hall of Records Building for the County Clerk's Office. The layout of the first level had been resolved and he is working with the furniture vendor on the furniture designs. The 2nd level is where the County Clerk will be sitting, the Deputy Clerk and the person who handles elections; plus also needed are storage and copy areas. Three of the Freeholders have been to the site. Mr. Bell quickly described the layout of the second floor of the Hall of Records for the Board.

Mr. Sworen noted that the second floor space of the Hall of Records is smaller than the transition space she is currently in at the old jail.

Ms. Melfi explained an inventory was taken of what was needed for each individual space to determine their needs. Mr. Bell confirmed she is working closely with the furniture vendor.

Mr. Melick asked how this compares to the County-wide standard the Board set a few years ago. The County has certain standards for the size of offices, whether it be for constitutional officers, department heads and such.

Mr. Bell explained 65 square feet was allocated for a secretary, 85 square feet was allocated for an assistant, 120 square feet for a first line manager and 200 square feet for a department head. Comparing the spaces for the County Clerk's Office with the County's standards, there is actually more space per person in these spaces but this is a historic building, so the spaces are what already existed. Mr. Melick feels the County may run into trouble in the future if the County's standards are violated. Mr. Sworen advised part of this area is public area for the two new counters. He feels if the public spaces were not included that would make the space closer to the County's standards. Mr. Bell stated the space on the first level are close to being within the range of the County's standards. The second floor is the issue because there are certain size spaces that already exist and walls can't be moved for structural reasons.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that half of the space on the second floor of the Hall of Records was already programmed for the Tax Board. The Tax Board is temporarily in the historic Court House. If the Board decides it no longer wishes the Tax Board to go into the Hall of Records, then the Board will have to make a recommendation of where to place the Tax Board or ask the Facilities Committee to review this again and come up with another suggestion.

Mr. Peterson advised he is uncomfortable when plans are changed mid-stream without thinking it through and changing what was previously planned for the space. These space allocations were considered and the Board had everyone in a place, or in a temporary space waiting for the renovations to be finished to move them into a permanent home, and now someone is being bumped out but we haven't thought the next five steps out. He doesn't want the Freeholders to get caught in a situation where each time someone is moved that it costs more money. He would like to see the County have a long term space allocation plan done, if it isn't already in place, where the Board considers what it has before making changes. When space gets filled just because it's there, then when we need it for something that wasn't anticipated, the space isn't there because someone wanted it. We need to stop that from happening and think things through. With the new DEP regulations, the Highlands, and some other things, this County's population is not going to increase dramatically anytime soon and the service levels aren't going to change dramatically. The only thing that will change are dictates from the state.

Mr. Peterson gave the example of the Justice Center which the state mandated the County to build which has 10 court rooms but only three needs to be utilized and if there is a big crime wave then maybe 4 of the court rooms would be needed but still the people in the Justice Center say they need more space. The Justice Center won't be fully utilized in his lifetime.

Mr. Peterson said he isn't saying this plan isn't a good one or under the circumstances it isn't more prudent than the prior one, he's just concerned that the next couple of steps haven't been thought out for what was originally planned to go into that space and where to put the Tax Board. The Freeholders need to think about what space the County has, what the demands are and what is going to happen in the future.

Mrs. Yard advised at every County Complex something is needed and the Facilities Committee is asking the Freeholder Board to provide final direction for the County's space needs. The Facilities Committee has recommendations for the Board to consider. Mrs. Yard stated one space move never impacts just one area. Mr. Sworen agreed. Director Muller said the Board needs to schedule a space walk and after that takes place, the Freeholders should hold a special meeting to deal with those issues. Mrs. Yard stated the Facilities Committee will come up with all kinds of scenarios for the Board to see what will happen if such and such is done.

Mr. Sworen said part of the issue is that he and Mr. Holt knew nothing about the facilities plan and the new County Clerk knew nothing about it, until a certain point in time. He thinks this situation in the County Clerk's Office is different because there is a different group of people and a different synergy that need to be brought up to speed with the decisions and that was not done. Currently the County is faced with a building that is going to open shortly and decisions have to be made to make it work. He feels the process of the Clerk's Office has changed, as well as the public areas have changed from what it was before partially because of the new Clerk and partially because the business has changed. He has looked at the area, as did Mr. Holt, and Ms. Melfi talked with Mr. Bell about the area to see what could work. Ms. Melfi did not want the Freeholders to make a decision based on blueprint but to actually see the spaces.

Mr. Melick feels more study should be done before making a final decision. Mr. Sworen feels other areas should be studied but the Hall of Records is going to be completed shortly and we need to prepare to move the County Clerk back into that building. Ms. Melfi said if her office can't move from the current swing space, it will have a downhill effect.

Mrs. Yard advised the offices currently occupying the Southard Building are scheduled to move into the swing area the County Clerk's Office is now occupying. Modifications were made to that schedule at this time. The Facilities Committee needs to meet with the Freeholders and the space walk has to be completed with the Board. Mr. Sworen stated that walk needs to take place very soon.

Mr. Bell confirmed for Mr. Peterson that it will take about 8 to 10 weeks to get the furniture for the County Clerk's Office into the Hall of Records and set up and it will take another week to move the personnel. The Clerk should be moved into the Hall of Records by August, which will free up the swing space and the offices located in the Southard Building will be moved into that area.

Mr. Peterson questioned when the final set up is needed on how the County Clerk's Office will be done by. Mr. Bell stated he has been talking about this for several Freeholder meetings and today is his last presentation, in order to get everything done for the Board. Mr. Peterson said if the Board says no today what happens. Mr. Bell explained the space will be completed but he won't be able to move someone into the space and the contractor will be give a few extra weeks to move the County's people out and move them, once the Board makes a decision. If the Board says no today, it could add another month onto the schedule. Mrs. Yard confirmed the furniture for the first floor of the Hall of Records has not been ordered yet.

After further discussion, Mr. Holt stated this work needs to get done and the County Clerk's Office needs to move into the Hall of Records. The space walk involves a long range plan, not just one office. That long range plan will take longer than it will to get the Hall of Records done. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to accept the floor plan space as presented for the Hall of Records for the County Clerk's Office and to order the furniture for that office.

Mr. Peterson is concerned because the Board is altering a prior plan without any consideration on how that plan will impact future moves. He doesn't have a problem with these plans but he has a problem because there is no plan, now that the Board has altered the prior existing plan.

Mr. Melick feels this is premature and feels the Board should wait until it meets with the Facilities Committee/Space Evaluation Committee to hear what they are recommending.

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

Mr. Sworen asked what happened to the fireproof vault door that was in the Hall of Records. He understands the door was removed and no one appears to know where it is. Not only is it a valuable door, as scrap it would be worth thousands but historically its worth more than that. He asked Mr. Bell to try and locate that fireproof vault door because it needs to be placed back into the Hall of Records. Mr. Bell confirmed this is the lower level vault door and he will track it down.

Mr. Sworen understands the fiber that was in the downstairs office in the Hall of Records for the computers has been removed by whoever is working on the building. He asked why that was removed and why Information Technology wasn't involved in the move, especially since it has to be put back and the County has to pay to place that back. Mr. Bell stated Bill Youells of Information Technology was involved and the different locations for the data communications was laid out. The location for the server room currently is now has to be relocated; so the existing equipment was in the wrong area so everything was moved and the cabling was moved. Mr. Sworen confirmed the costs were built into moving the fiber and its relocation. Mr. Bell confirmed anytime he does a building, he contacts Information Technology and he reviews it with either Mr. Youells or Mike Rasimowicz for their input. Mr. Sworen stated the two people from Information Technology apparently do not talk and he needs to know that.

Mr. Bell informed Mr. Sworen that he has gone ahead and placed conduit between these buildings because he knew fiber would have to be run. Mr. Sworen thanked Mr. Bell for thinking ahead, as he likes to hear things like this.

The Board directed Mrs. Yard to set up the space walk for Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Peterson asked Mrs. Yard to obtain for the Board prior to the space walk, what is currently in each building, how much square feet they have and how much is being utilized and if there is empty space and how much there is and what are the projected plans for the space. Then the Board can decide what buildings they want to see, if any, based on that information.

Emergency Services Kitchen

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he again wants to make sure the Board conceptually agrees to the changes being made to the kitchen for the Emergency Services project, that he has presented the past few meetings. He is negotiating with the contractor but is asking the Board to conceptually agree, in the range of \$25,000, to work with the contractor. He does feel the amount will not be that high but there is some extra work that needs to be done. He asking for a maximum of \$25,000 to negotiate with the contractor for the work on the kitchen area of the Emergency Services project. The Board agreed.

Mr. Melick left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Sharing agreement with Holland Township, for a Development Easement on the Wilson/Smith Farm, Block 21, Lot 18.01.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-10A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Sharing agreement with Readington Township, for a Development Easement (former Illva Saronno Corp. property), Block 80, Lots 1 and 2.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-10B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement for a Development Easement from Readington Township (Bartles), for Block 72, Lots 5 and 5.02, 94.965 acres, (SADC - \$289,613.81, County - \$64,875.82, Township - \$64,875.82), total amount of \$419,365.44.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-10C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement with Readington Township (Kappus), for Block 55, Lot 8, 50.873 acres, (SADC - \$111,920.60, County - \$20,349.20, Township - \$20,349.20), total amount of \$152,619.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-10D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Readington Township (Padovani), on Block 98, Lot 2, 29.634 acres, (SADC - \$280,041.30, County - \$93,347.10, Township - \$93,347.10), total amount of \$466,735.50.

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

PLANNING BOARD Update

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director updated the Board on the Planning Board activities and the Farmland Preservation program.

- A closing is scheduled for tomorrow, putting the January through May 2007 count at 25 farms and 1,142 acres preserved. There are several farms near setting closing dates.
- From January through May 2007, there has been an investment in farmland preservation of \$16.3 million of state funds and the County's contribution being \$2.9 million.
- The Planning Board continues to watch the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund as it was not on the appropriations agenda. Indications are it will not be funded through a bond this year but there maybe \$30,000 in for next year and then the Governor will seek to find a better way to fund this than through bonds which increase the state's debt.
- A Cross Acceptance Region 5 meeting was well attended by five municipalities in the County and individual municipal meetings are being scheduled for June 5th and 6th and four municipalities are already scheduled/
- The Planning Board continues to review the water quality management planning rules which were published yesterday. A report will be coming to the Board shortly on this.
- A sustainability and green development meeting was held between the Planning Board, Project Administration, Engineering and a few other departments, to discuss how to develop some policies that will allow the County to become more environmentally friendly and also save money as well.
- A municipal farmland meeting was held on May 16, 2007 and eight municipalities participated. The next municipal farmland meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2007 at the Route 12 County Complex.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Kids are Riding Safe grant coordinators, Sam DeBella and Ed Barnes, for permission to have a temporary car seat fitting station at the Route 12 County Complex every Wednesday evening during the summer, from 4 to 8 p.m. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided a report is furnished to the Board at the end of the summer advising how the program did.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 05/22/07-11A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a renewal grant application for the 9-1-1 Coordinator funding, for the Division of Emergency Services, in the amount of \$25,000, state funding.

See Page 05/22/07-11B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a renewal grant application for the PSAP Enhanced 9-1-1 program, for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$119,000, state funding.

See Page 05/22/07-11C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a renewal grant application for the PSAP Equipment, for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$60,115, state funding.

See Page 05/22/07-11D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the Job Access/Reverse Community (JARC-Round 6) grant contract, with New Jersey Transit, for an additional \$45,242.

See Page 05/22/07-11E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a conservation grant application to control invasives, promote wildlife habitat and protect water quality, from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, at Hoffman Park.

See Page 05/22/07-11F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a conservation grant application to control invasives and improve the wildlife habitat, from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, at Point Mountain South Park.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. in the historic Court House.

RECONVENE IN THE HISTORIC COURT HOUSE

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-11G

PROCLAMATION

RESOVLED, Recognizing May as National Preservation Month.

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

Jim Davidson, Commissioner, Cultural and Heritage Commission came before the Board to present the Mini-Historian Awards.

Honorable Mentions: Clinton Public School - Katie Jeffries and from the Tewksbury Elementary School – Max Burrows, William Donoghue, Charles Garrett and Jacob Kruger.

Second Place Winners: High Bridge Elementary School, Jenny Hicks, Lebanon Township-Valley View School, Emily Szokol and from the Tewksbury Elementary School, Max Manley, Jack Murray and Ava Solina.

First Place Winners: Califon Public School, Marisa Bohm; Clinton Public School, Sarah Kelly; East Amwell Township School, David Conover; Frenchtown Elementary School, Thomas Gruner; High Bridge Elementary School, Zachary Fortier; Lebanon Township-Valley View School, Alex Vreeland; Readington Township-Holland Brook School, Austin Stansbury; and the Tewksbury Elementary School, Nancy Donoghue, Madison Gavornik and Jeremy Smith.

The second place Mini-Historian for 2007 is David Conover of the East Amwell Township School.

The 2007 Mini-Historian for the County of Hunterdon is Madison Gavornik from the Tewksbury Elementary School.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders took pictures with all the winners.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS

Solar Energy

Mt. Holt informed the Board that yesterday he and Alan Johnson, Solid Waste/Recycling Director was in Ringoes to visit a Solar Power facility. Number are being put together to be reviewed to see the potential for a trial project. This may become a model for other counties.

Polytech/Space needs

Mr. Peterson asked if there is a plan for the space needs for Polytech. Mr. Sworen advised he and Mr. Holt did discuss that at the last Polytech meeting and the Acting Principal also received additional information and they will be getting their thoughts to the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Peterson asked when the space allocation process might begin and reminded the Board that the lease expires July 2008.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Delaware Township re: Steinhardt properties

Kristin McCarthy, Delaware Township Mayor informed the Board that in the past month she and members of Delaware's Open Space Committee went down to the State Agriculture Development Board to discuss the Steinhardt properties; as well as go through Delaware's state allocations to make sure there was enough funding to cover their current obligations and the Steinhardt property.

Ms. McCarthy advised funding is running out at the SADC but they did reallocate an addition \$1 million into Delaware's account which puts Delaware in a good position to move forward with its current 4 or 5 contractual obligations; plus have more than enough money to cover the Skeuse/Steinhardt acquisition.

Ms. McCarthy stated Delaware has received from the County Agriculture Development Board conditional approval because of access but there is an access point on Route 604. Steinhardt has agreed to a price of \$20,000 an acre. Delaware is now drawing up a contract and the development rights will also be acquired by Delaware Township.

Ms. McCarthy informed the Board she is present tonight to ask the Freeholders to help Delaware Township pre-acquire the property and that the County would provide 50% of the \$905,000 for the purchase and the total to be preserved is 45.026 acres.

Ms. McCarthy feels this is an extraordinary request to the County and the Township is thankful for the Freeholders entering this request.

Ms. McCarthy informed the Board that Delaware is currently waiting for the title on the Juniper property, which the County assisted Delaware with last year; so the County should be receiving a percentage of its portion back soon as the Township will put the property up for auction.

Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator advised the state certified the market value for the Juniper III property at \$14,500 an acres, of which they are contributing \$11,200 per acre and the total amount the state is reimbursing is \$700,000 of which the County would share a 50% portion with the Township, so the with County's the additional expense and after reimbursement, the County's portion would be around \$400,000. The agreement was once the property is auctioned off by the Township, the County would again share in the funds from the auction to the extent that the County's contributions are made full.

Mr. Richardson advised the Skeuse proposal is similar except that it is being purchased in fee. This is the purchase of the easement and development rights and was pre-acquired. The County's net costs after all is done, is about 20% which is what the County would have contributed had Delaware gone through the state process but the owners did not want to go through that laborious state process.

Director Muller confirmed the County would be getting back its upfront money on the Steinhardt property. Ms. McCarthy stated Delaware hopes to close with the state on this property by the end of this year.

Ms. McCarthy confirmed for the Board that Skeuse is the family but Steinhardt is the name of the company.

County Counsel DeSapio pointed out there are a number of municipalities in Hunterdon County that pre-acquire easements and the Board has to evaluate the impact of doing this with Delaware and how many other municipalities will be coming to the Board with similar request.

Mr. Peterson agreed saying it is hard to tell one municipality yes and another one no. The County did come up with criteria for extraordinary purchases. He feels the Board needs to discuss using that criteria for this purchase to see if it meets the criteria and if it comes back and the property meets the criteria, then he would be in favor of this.

After further discussion, Mr. Peterson asked that the Board look at the Extraordinary Policy criteria for large purchases and determine what needs to be added to the criteria or deleted for special properties that are different in quality and then come up with a policy.

Ms. McCarthy advised time is of the essence and this is the 4th time she's come before the Board. She fears the SADC is going to run out of money. She does understand the Board's concerns.

Mr. Sworen asked Mr. Richardson what extraordinary items are here. Mr. Richardson stated consistent with the policies objectives, the property would have to be under the threat of development. There was a plan submitted to the Planning Board that would ultimately subdivide the property for 14 new houses. There is a variance identified as a CADB priority preservation area for farmland. This property adjoins municipally owned property and other farms. Mr. Richardson stated this project application has already gone before the CADB and they have

evaluated the property and it is 97% prime agricultural soils and 95% open agricultural fields and meets all the farmland preservation criteria as well as other open space criteria. On the basis of the existing preservation policy this property does work with several of the criteria.

Mr. Peterson asked if the CADB has said the County should not pre-fund this property. Mr. Richardson advised the CADB asked the Board to consider this and exercise caution. In his memorandum to the Board dated April 5, 2007, he suggested the Board consider contributing 20% that it would ordinarily contribute after a property has gone through the normal process as a way to enable the Township to pre-acquire the development easement. Mr. Richardson said the proposal to consider contributing 50% or a lesser amount of 20% if it agrees to help pre-acquire the development easement.

Mr. Peterson stressed concern about being fair to the other municipalities and if the Board is going to agree to 50%, there needs to be a specific process. He's concerned because this came about because the landowner doesn't want to go through the traditional process. There are a lot of landowners that don't want to go through the traditional process and their farms are also high quality. Some of those landowners back out of agreements, or decide not to sell their property for preservation.

After further discussion the Board agreed to meet on June 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. for a work session to discuss the criteria for extraordinary purchases and to talk about customizing it for large purchases.

Mr. McCarthy asked the Board to just provide its normal 20% because she is concerned about the delay. She asked if there could be language in the contract that if the Board reaches a decision that would allocate more funding, up to 50%, then there could be an adjustment.

Mr. DeSapio asked the Board to consider what would happen if the SADC decides not to reimburse. Mr. Peterson feels the Township would have to pay the County back. He will work with Mr. Richardson on the details.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Peterson seconded a motion to contribute 20% of the cost for the Steinhardt property for Delaware Township; subject to an adjustment.

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

The Board informed Ms. McCarthy that once the Board holds its special meeting on June 5, 2007 that Delaware's request for an additional 305 will be on their June 12, 2007 agenda.

Raritan Township re: Urbach property

John Kendzulak, Raritan Township Mayor, came before the Board concerning the Urbach property. He stated Director Muller attended Raritan Township's meeting in April which started a dialog on Urbach. At the Townships' April 14, 2007 meeting the Committee discussed funding it has from the Green Acres program in the amount of \$444,000. There is a time constraint on those funds and a project would have to be identified by the middle of next month or there is the risk of losing those funds. The Township Committee voted to support the County in the purchase of the Urbach property. 6 to 13 houses could be built on the Urbach property which would have an impact on the taxpayers. This is a key piece of land that stretches down to the Dvoor Farm. Mayor Kendzulak informed the Board that the Township could adopt a resolution at their May 31, 2007 meeting to memorialize this action.

Mr. Richardson advised Raritan's contribution would be approximately 22% of the acquisition costs. The purchase price for the Urbach property is \$1.9 million, with Raritan Township contributing their \$444,000 in Green Acres Funds, and the County's contribution would be \$1.5 million, and the County would be eligible for a 50% reimbursement for its open space plan acquisition. The net acquisition costs would be brought down to \$9,000 an acre for 108 acres.

Mr. Sworen confirmed with Mayor Kendzulak that Raritan Township decided it is not contributing any of its own funds other than the Green Acres funds. Mr. Sworen questioned why the Township doesn't think this is an important piece to preserve. Mayor Kendzulak stated there are no Township funds for the purchase of the Urbach property. Mr. Holt stated the County is asking Raritan Township to partner in the purchase of the Urbach property.

Director Muller left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

After much discussion, Mayor Kendzulak said it was his understanding that the County wanted to preserve the Urbach property. He asked the Board to keep in mind that \$444,000 in Green Acres funds is available from Raritan Township towards this purchase.

The following individuals came before the Board urging that the Urbach property be preserved: Dr. Gathons, John Bell, Amy Greene, Jim O'Connell, Beryl Doyle and Lois Stewart.

Mr. Holt confirmed the County is being asked to contribute \$1 million toward the purchase of the Urbach property; and Raritan is willing to give its Green Acres funds towards the purchase. Mr. Holt explained there is a difference between partnership for an acquisition and just giving funds. He asked Mayor Kendzulak go ask Raritan Township to provide a contribution towards the purchase in addition to the Green Acres Funds. Mr. Melick recommended the contribution be equal to match the County's contribution. Mr. Holt stated that the Township should consider making a contribution, plus the Green Acres Funds. He did not agree that it should be a 50/50 contribution with the County.

After further discussion, Mr. Melick advised he doesn't want to lose \$444,000 in state money. He would be willing to split the difference with Raritan Township. He asked Mayor Kendzulak if Raritan Township would consider paying 50% of the balance after the \$444,000 in Green Acres is placed towards the purchase. Mr. Holt agreed Raritan Township should contribute at least 50% towards the purchase.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion that the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders is willing to partner with Raritan Township to acquire the Urbach property but the Township contribution must be 50%. The Board requests Raritan Township consider this at their next meeting on May 31, 2007 and report back to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their special meeting to be held on June 05, 2007 at which time the Freeholders will discuss this further.

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

Alice Bacon came before the board because there are 700 acres adjacent to the Lockatong/Wickecheoke area. The New Jersey Conservation Foundation is agreeing to be a partner in this.

Mr. Sworen advised the Freeholders are going to be meeting on June 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to talk about extraordinary purchases.

Mrs. Yard recommended Ms. Bacon talk with Kevin Richardson, the Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator. She stated the Freeholders are interested in partnership and Mr. Richardson is the right person to talk to. Mr. Holt quickly explained the process to Ms. Bacon and confirmed the process starts with M r. Richardson.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/22/07-14A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the release of executive session minutes.

See Page 05/22/07-14B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discussion personnel in the Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 05/22/07-14C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA Supervisors negotiations.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m. in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Main Street County Complex.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Freeholder Director Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board