

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

October 23, 2007

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 3:11 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Open Public Meetings Act

Deputy Director Peterson 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."

FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of 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. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of July 10, 2007.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the payment of all claims as listed on the Claims Register dated October 23, 2007.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds report for September 2007.

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SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Seana Pappas appointed unclassified, full time Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jessica Melendez appointed unclassified, full time Investigator, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 10/23/07-1E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, William Millette appointed permanent, full time Assistant Planner, Planning Board.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Apezzato appointed provisional, full time Assistant Planner, Planning Board.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Scott Segreaves appointed provisional, full time Supervising Bridge Repairer, Roads and Bridges.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donn Brown appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer, Roads and Bridges.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joan Bonham appointed provisional, full time Library Clerk Driver, Library.

See Page 10/23/07-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daina Bungs appointed temporary, as needed Intern, Health Department.

See Page 10/23/07-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Susan Simpson appointed temporary, as needed Special Deputy Surrogate, Surrogate's Office.

See Page 10/23/07-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kimberly Browne, Fiscal Chief, Human Services, increase in hours.

See Page 10/23/07-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for Bid #2006-49 for the Reconstruction of County Bridge K-136, on Union Road, over the Locketong Creek, in Kingwood Township, to Sparwick Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$158,372.44.

See Page 10/23/07-2G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Inter-Local Health Services Agreement with Glen Gardner Borough.

See Page 10/23/07-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans for the Reconstruction of County Culvert R-99, on Pleasant Run Road, in Readington.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #2, for Bid #2005-39, to provide new electric feeder circuit from H1 panel to H2 panel to replace feeder circuit cut during excavation of pit in Bay #14, with APS Contractor, Inc., increase of \$2,776.87.

See Page 10/23/07-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #3, for Bid #2005-39, to provide revisions to exterior disconnect switch and relocation of JCP&L metering equipment per JCP&L requirements, with APS Contractor, Inc., increase of \$11,686.08.

See Page 10/23/07-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #4, for Bid #2005-39, to change time to permit delays due to issue between County and the Township, with APS Contractor, Inc., increase of \$-0-.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an Application for Payment #17, for Bid #2005-39, for Alterations and Addition to the Route 12 County Garage, with APS Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$208,471.82.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an Application for Payment #18, for Bid #2005-39, for Alterations and Addition to the Route 12 County Garage, with APS Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$266,712.70.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an Application for Payment #19, for Bid #2005-47, for an Addition and Alterations to the Communications/ Emergency Services Center, with DeSapio Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$131,200.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an Application for Payment #13, for Bid #2003-13, for the Historic Restoration of the Hunterdon County Court House, with Watertrol, Inc., amount of \$87,318.92.

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, for the annual maintenance of the Neshanic River Gauge, in the amount of \$1,350, required by the County's Water Allocation Permit, for the County Golf Course.

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

RESOLVED, Recognizing Grace Hart for having served on the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

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

COUNTY UPDATE

Heron Glen Water Allocation permit renewal

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator updated the Board on the Heron Glen Water Allocation Permit. A notice of violation was received and it has been responded to and part of the response was that the County would meet Kemper Sports Management, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Hydrologist hired by Kemper, Penelope Althoff, to discuss the situation because the County wanted to proactively and reactively have a plan in place in case the County ever nears or exceeds the 27 million gallon allocation. Also, brought up at that meeting, the 27 million gallons is not sufficient and because the County has to reapply for a new permit by 2010, it was recommended the County bundle a request for modification to the 27 million gallons as one application, so it would be in preparation for the 2010 recertification of the water allocation permit and also ask for modification.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that the original recommendation for the water allocation permit was 50 million and it was made by Rutgers, when the golf course was in its conceptual plan phase. The County wants to request the original 50 million gallons, although it is not sure that would be approved but perhaps there would be a negotiated smaller amount approved. Also included in the request was that the Copper Hill Country Club course and the Ridged Back Brook course both have a 45 million gallon water allocation. In using the past five years worth of data for Heron Glen, the Hydrologist would include what other local golf courses are receiving as a water allocation application.

Mrs. Yard reported there was discussion to remove the step-down restriction which is not included in the other courses that withdraw from the Neshanic River. Also to remove the requirement that domestic and irrigation is to be factor into the 27 million gallon allocation together. Dr. Althoff thought that would be reasonable to ask that it not be factored in together.

Mrs. Yard explained the application will also request to have the fees modified to the Water Authority. Resolution #24, under the Consent Agenda, is the money the County has to pay to the Water Authority. She noted the Trump private golf course in Somerset County does not pay as much as Hunterdon does for a public course.

Mrs. Yard stated Dr. Althoff will include in Hunterdon's request for the renewal of the water allocation permit a modification, as well as a recertification as the water permit. Also discussed was the establishment of SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) so if there is a certain threshold being reached, that Kemper would notify the County immediately and outline the County's options and consequences, and what the cost would be for which option the County chooses and that way the County is made aware it is getting close to the allocation and the Freeholder Board can decide what to do.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that Dr. Althoff was the consultant that the County had hired when it first started to talk about a golf course and who Kemper Sports Management retained as their consultant as she has the historical perspective and all the data. Mrs. Yard advised it takes 460 days for the DEP to consider and approve or disapprove a water permit, so the committee would like to get Dr. Althoff on board to do the permit and the cost would be \$5,000 per application. Mrs. Yard stated Dr. Althoff has all the data and charts in order to marshal this application through the DEP on behalf of the County.

Deputy Director Peterson confirmed with the bridge at the Back Brook having been built there is an additional impact on the Neshanic River. He asked if that increases impact the County's ability to increase its allocation. John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering confirmed it does cause an additional impact on the Neshanic River. He further explained that only Hunterdon County has a 2 CFS (cubic feet per second) restriction from the State. The argument was that the aquifer DEP thought was supplying a supply to the flow of the river and they did not want to cut that flow off downstream of the County's golf course. He feels the DEP should make this restriction apply to all three applicants not just the County. Mrs. Yard stated that request would be incorporated into the County's application.

John Trontis, Director, Parks and Recreation, stated the County takes no water from the Back Brook at all, but the other two golf courses do. He feels Hunterdon should have the ability to do what the other two courses do.

Deputy Director Peterson questioned what types of conservation methods the County has taken with respect to the Heron Glen Golf Course due to the drought. He's read where in Georgia their golf courses are just getting a misting and confirmed Hunterdon has looked into this.

Mr. Trontis introduced Jason Pierce of Kemper Sports Management who is the County's superintendent, is also a part of an inter-agency group that monitors water and he is the person who prepared the County's application which was acted upon by the New Jersey Audubon. Mr. Trontis advised the County's non-playing areas are not watered and are managed as bird habitat; also the rough areas are only waters slightly to maintain growth and resist dormancy. The County has cut back on fairways by watering at 4:00 a.m. so it will soak in, the surface water will burn off and it won't create fungus. Mrs. Yard confirmed that will also be built into the County's SOP's that will be written to proactively meet and no exceed the allocation. There are all types of protocols that Kemper has but nothing is formally in writing and the County did commit to the NJDEP that it would have protocols in place and they need to be formally written and put in place.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that Dr. Althoff did talk about the current clubhouse accommodations, saying it uses 500,000 gallons and she had said for a new clubhouse, it would be 3,000,000 gallons. Mrs. Yard talked with Mr. Glynn who has advised the County has the capacity to take care of this, but what needs to be considered is when the County gets close to its water allocation capacity. There is the hope the County will receive an extra allocation.

Mrs. Yard asked if the Board is in agreement to have Dr. Althoff work on the renewal of the County's water allocation permit. Purchasing has been given the proposal for the work to be done.

Mr. Sworen questioned if Dr. Althoff is being hired under competitive bid or non-competitive bid. Mr. Trontis confirmed for Mr. Sworen that Dr. Althoff is a hydrogeologist but her PhD is in Geology and Hydrogeology. Dr. Althoff was initially recommended to the County by the staff at DEP. Mr. Sworen asked if the County has shared services with Kemper? He also questioned if this proposal is under the bid limit? Mrs. Yard advised she will talk with the Purchasing Agent and get a proposal for the Board to consider.

Mr. Sworen stated Mrs. Yard was going to investigate why Dr. Althoff did not act in the County's best interest. Mrs. Yard explained she talked with Dr. Althoff about that and informed her that the County holds the water allocation permit and that all future correspondence needs to go through the County. Mr. Sworen confirmed the County is not going to be billed for Dr. Althoff contacting DEP and writing a letter concerning the water. Mrs. Yard explained Dr. Althoff works for Kemper Sports Management so the County would not be billed and Mrs. Yard has made it very clear to Mr. Pierce that he can explain to Dr. Althoff what her expectations are since she is their consultant.

Mr. Holt confirmed the purpose for the renewal of the water allocation permit is not singularly geared towards and increase in allocation, there are a multitude of items the County would like to change with the application.

PARIS Training Announcement

Mrs. Yard advised Bob Thurgarland, Manager of the County's Paris Grant, asked her to announce that Hunterdon is going to be hosting a Paris Training course on October 26, 2007, at 9:15 a.m., in the Freeholders' Meeting Room. This is training that municipalities are required to participate in so they can be eligible for Paris funding.

Heron Glen's financial statements

Mrs. Yard reported that Director Muller had had some thoughts concerning Heron Glen but he is not here today. There was a commitment made to the public to put all the figures together by the County's professionals and place it on a spread sheet. There have been several requests for a display and the County Treasurer, Charles Balogh Jr., has worked on that and he is here tonight. Mrs. Yard feels the status of the Heron Glen financial statements will be all gathers and put together for the Board's review by the next meeting, including all expenses from the various departments and their contributions to the course.

County Clerk's furniture

Mrs. Yard reported on February 14, 2007 during one of the Board's budget hearings the issue came up concerning the County Clerk's Trust Funds and what could be paid from that fund such as microfilming. The furniture for the County Clerk's Office was originally added to the County's Operating Budget but then there was discussion by the Board on other items that could possibly be paid from the Trust Fund Account. The County Clerk's Five Year Plan which was received on January 31, 2007 was faxed to the Board on February 23, 2007. It was discussed on that fax that the liaison to the County Clerk's Office, Erik Peterson, should take the lead on this issue. This topic came up again two weeks ago, on whether it was discussed, and what the statutes say the Trust Fund can be used for. There was also a question concerning the Capital Budget and if this was in the Capital was it a law that it has to come out of the Capital.

Mr. Melick confirmed this is the expenditure for furniture for the County Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$113,000 which he recommended the amount be removed from the Capital Account and it be paid through the Clerk's Trust Account.

Mr. Sworen stated he wasn't on the Board last year, but that Board when through a process and voted to do this with Paris grant money. He feels it would be disingenuous to back on that. He doesn't understand the need for further discussion because it was taken care of. The Board took an action to review the Hall of Records and recommended new furniture and it was done. He asked why is this being discussed again when this was approved in the Capital Budget.

Mr. Melick explained he feels it would be more prudent to take the money for the furniture out of the Clerk's Trust Account; circumstances have changed and there is money in the Trust Account to cover this. Mr. Melick stressed he feels this should come out of the Trust Account, not the Capital Account because that is money that could be saved. In looking at the Trust Account, there are withdraws that are similar. Mr. Melick reserved the right to make changes that are in the best interest of the taxpayer.

Mr. Sworen said that is a good opinion but when the Board makes a commitment and votes on the issue it should not be changed. Once a commitment is made, the Board should be held to its word.

Mr. Sworen stated the Hall of Records building would not have been undertaken if the County had to pay for it themselves, money came from the Paris grant to do the work. Mr. Melick stated the County has a commitment to keep the building in shape and he would like to take the funds out of the Trust Account for the furniture because he feels in looking at the withdraws from that account they are similar. Mr. Melick moved to take the funds from the Trust Account. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Sworen stated money and interest has been taken out of the County Clerk's Trust Account that wasn't to be taken out, and it was used for County purposes instead of as directed by law, kept in the Trust Account. No interest on that money was paid to the Trust Account.

Deputy Director Peterson asked how much of the building and improvements including the furniture was paid through the Paris Grant. Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administer state \$750,000. Deputy Director Peterson asked how much the total costs are including the furniture. Mr. Bell stated the building costs were \$2.75 million of County funds without the Paris grant funds included.

Deputy Director Peterson confirmed the Paris grant is restricted in what it can be used for. Mr. Bell stated the Paris grant was based on an approved list which included the fire protection, HVAC, shelving, storage units and anything you see inside the building that is free-standing. The County has already purchased all that it can under the Paris grant. Mr. Bell advised the County did receive more Paris funding than requested and that money is going to be applied toward other improvements to the Hall of Records.

Deputy Director Peterson asked about the point raised by Freeholder Sworen on the check-off fee revenues and upgrading and modernizing services in the County Clerk's Office and the capital plan. The act says that interest or check-off fee revenue held in a dedicated or trust account shall accrue to that account and shall be used for the purposes of the check-off fee revenues. He noted that Mr. Sworen has stated that the interests accrued on that account in the last five years has not been put back into the account. He asked County Treasurer, Charles Balogh, Jr., if that is accurate. Mr. Balogh stated no, saying when Mary Melfi took office as County Clerk, on January 01, 2007, the County allocated the interest back to that account and confirmed it has not been done in the past and it was not done retroactively.

Deputy Director Peterson questioned when the check off fee statute took effect. County Clerk, Mary Melfi stated it took effect on January 08, 2002.

Deputy Director Peterson confirmed with Mr. Balogh that the interest accrued in the Trust Account for 2007 is approximately \$12,000.

Mr. Holt would like to have a calculation on the three years interest, to know what it is. If money is due back to the Trust Account, he would like to know the figure and once he has that information, he would then like to continue this conversation on the furniture. He isn't interested in continuing the furniture conversation until he knows the figures. Also, if something hasn't been done right in the past three or four years, that must be corrected first. Deputy Director Peterson agreed.

Deputy Director Peterson advised he has read the statute about the dedicated revenue fee and it appears to him, that the intent of the check off fee was the modernization through capital improvements of the Clerk's Office, so those monies would not come out of the budget.

Deputy Director Peterson questioned if furniture would fall in that category and asked County Counsel DeSapio to provide an opinion on this. He feels there is a good argument both ways on this issue; although it may be the modernization of the furniture in the County Clerk's Office. His reading of this, is that it was the legislatures' intent to modernize computers, software and those types of things, so there would be a fund. Otherwise Counties would never modernize, and this is a way to force modernization of the office.

After much discussion, the Board tabled this issue regarding the County Clerk's furniture and how it will be paid for until the November 14, 2007 meeting. The Board asked County Counsel DeSapio to will provide a legal opinion for the Board prior to the next meeting.

Mary Melfi, County Clerk, reminded the Board that she came into office on January 01, 2007 and after a month and a half in office, she presented the Board with a 5 year plan and she recalls informing the Board at the time, that she did not know what she had planned and that she has been taking note of what other counties are doing. She will be trying to get the records online but to do that it will take funding in the around of \$100,000 to \$200,000 plus. That modernization will be a trust fund expense. Ms. Melfi feels she will be amending the Capital Budget sometime in early 2008, saying she has the opportunity to amend it at anytime and bring it before the Board.

Ms. Melfi advised it is not her intent to have the County go back and place back interest into the trust fund as it is taxpayer money. The interest is being put into the trust fund from when she took office, and that is acceptable. She informed the Board that she and Mr. Balogh are working together on this matter.

Ms. Melfi stated between 2002 and 2006 the County Clerk's Office brought in almost \$18 million in revenue after paying the State and New Jersey Preservation, which is where the Paris Grant funding is coming from. The money goes down to the State and comes back to the County. Out of the \$18 million, it costs around \$2.7 million for the Clerk's salary and wage and operating expenses; it does not include elections and its gross budget. It is not what is expended but what was budgeted over the last 4 years. The Trust Fund had put into it \$500,000 and property tax relief which is part of the bill where the County Treasurer has to put designated money in which goes in as revenue, is around \$3 million. Ms. Melfi advised revenue to the County over the last four years has been around \$10.5 million.

Ms. Melfi informed County Counsel that she questions the authority of the Freeholder Board to take funds from the County Clerk's Trust Account. She feels that is why there is a separation of funds because other counties have felt it was a "cash cow". She has Counsel DeSapio to check on the legality.

Ms. Melfi reminded the Board her office is preparing for the Presidential Primary to be held in February, 2008. She asked that her office not be relocated to the Hall of Records during that time.

FINANCE

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support Program (PARIS), in the amount of \$1,046,915.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Special Initiatives/Transportation program, in the amount of \$111,519.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, in the amount of \$31,735.

See Page 10/23/07-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the New Jersey Institute of Technology, in the amount of \$51,904.

See Page 10/23/07-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the Budget for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$1,000.

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

COUNTY CLERK's Update

Mary H. Melfi, County Clerk provided the Board with a quarterly update of her office:

- Extended hours continues to be successful; during the third quarter "extended" hours, 100 passport applications were processed; 106 passport photos were taken and 19 transactions such as Notary, County IDs, and small business registrations were handled.
- The "Searching the Search Room" course on October 13, 2007 was very successful.
- The Records Room will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Mobile ID unit has made its debut throughout the County, with over 200 ID's being processed for the 3rd quarter of 2007.
- 22 marriages have been performed this quarter.
- The Clerk's Office visited 12 municipalities with its Municipal/County ID program.
- The Clerk's Office will have a booth at the Chamber of Commerce's Home Expo on October 26, 2007.
- The Office is ready for the November 6, 2007 election and results will be provided online the evening of the election as they come in.
- There will be a special school election in Hampton Borough on December 11, 2007.
- There has been no direction from the State regarding a reimbursement of any funds expended as a result of the February 5, 2007 Presidential Primary.
- The Veterans' ID program will begin on November 8, 2007 at the American Legion Post 159 in Flemington.
- The County Clerk's Office will be open on November 6, 2007, when all County offices are closed to process passports, ID's and notaries. The Records Room will not be open.
- After a review of the County Clerk's O/E budget, the Clerk feels she will be able to return to surplus approximately \$20,000 of the budgeted \$30,000 for postage for 2007.

Ms. Melfi brought up a situation in her office concerning an individual and their vacation time. County Administrator, Cynthia J. Yard, advised the County Clerk that it will be looked into.

LAND MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE project

Soil Conservation/Open Space

Mrs. Yard reported that Bill Engisch of the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District and Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator are present in connection with the Land Management At A Glance project. A few years ago, prior to this Board membership, Freeholders' Peterson and Melick were making inquiries about the land preserved by the County and the County as stewards of the property. Mrs. Yard explained there were concerns as to how the lands were maintained and stated the County has many different categories of open space. It was decided to solicit the assistance of the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District and they met to evaluate each piece of property the County has in its Open Space Inventory. The Soil Conservation experts were charged to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to develop the best practices to maintain and manage the land but the County wanted the option of the minimal to maintain it and keep it in a good state, as well as what else can be done.

Mrs. Yard stated the challenge now is that this will be turned over to the Parks and Recreation Department so they can set up a schedule for the open space properties and follow the At-A-Glance on the best way to manage these lands.

Mr. Engisch thanked the Board for the opportunity to present them with an overview of the "Land Management At A Glance" book and provided each Freeholder a copy. He stated he is always happy to work with the County and to work on conservation matters. Mr. Engisch has been with the Soil Conservation District for 33 years and strongly believes in what he does.

Mr. Engisch advised every County owned parcel was reviewed by this Board and they were placed into six categories: active farms, grasslands, trails, ponds, streams/watersheds, woodland and active recreation. A solution was chosen for each of those categories and the book also details different solutions for different problems in each category. Mr. Engisch stated each of the 12 active farms were looked at in more detail and appropriate conservation measures, maps and recommendations for them can be found in the back of the book.

Mrs. Yard reported the challenge now is to set up a schedule for the Parks and Recreation Department's maintenance people to provide the maintenance to these properties. This is a maintenance tool for Parks and Recreation to maintain the land that the Freeholders have aggressively preserved.

Mr. Sworen questioned if there are signed contracts for those people who are farming the 12 active farm properties, does the County receive any profits from the farming. There should be some provision for the County providing the land. Mrs. Yard agreed saying the County needed this Land Management tool first. Mr. Engisch stated when Mr. Richardson did the inspections on the 12 active farms, the operators were talked to about their operation.

Mr. Trontis stated County Counsel's office is doing a review of the Parks and Recreation Department's management contracts and they will be brought before the Board for renewal.

Mr. Holt stated this is the first step in creating a list of space that is being preserved under every program the County has.

Mrs. Yard shared with the Board that the County is blessed to have such a good relationship with the Soil Conservation District to be able to seek out their help.

PROJECT UPDATE

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

- The pulling of the electrical wire under the floor of the Emergency Services Renovations/Addition is almost resolved. Seeding and planting has been done to the landscape.
- A temporary certificate of occupancy for the Hall of Records should be received shortly. There are some handicapped issues, doors and grab bars that need to be taken care of by the contractor, as well as windows. The architect has prepared a punch list for the building which the contractor is reviewing that and working on those items.
- The base cost and top course is being installed today at the Route 12 County Garage Addition and Renovations project. The roofer will be on site on Thursday as there are issues regarding water being underneath the membrane on the roof. The roofing contractor is bringing someone to do an inferred scan on the roof on Thursday evening, since it has to be done after dark. The manufacturer is concerned about the roof since they provide the warranty to the County. This review will advise if there are water issues. If there are issues the roof section will be removed and replaced.
- All doors have been installed at the Deer Path Park Restroom; as well as the toilet fixtures and sinks. The partitions for the restroom will be installed shortly. Tile has already been installed and the septic tank is in place. The project will be painted shortly.
- A punch list has been prepared for the Arboretum/Greenhouse project and contractor is reviewing the punch list and working on the items. The project is anticipated to be completed in two weeks.
- A final Treatment Works Approval application for the South County Park will be submitted shortly for Board signature. Once that is signed it will go to the consultant, then it will be sent to East Amwell Township for signature and a copy of the drawings must be obtained to go with the application.

- A Paris Grant up to \$50,000 has been received to have an architect to a schematic plan for the Records Retention Center. A request for proposal for an architect will be sent out.
- The Jail Roof is being worked on by a contractor.
- Alan Johnson of the Project Administrator Office continues to meet with applicants applying for housing rehabilitation through the Small Cities Grant.

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2007-39, for Safety Improvements to County Route 523 (River Rd) with County Route 612 (Bartles Corner Rd) and County Route 523 (Flemington Junction Rd), in the Township of Raritan, to Marvec Construction Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$3,506,725.10.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the extension of Bid #2004-51, for Central Dispatch Operation of the Hunterdon County Transportation System, for Human Services, with Veoila Transportation, (formerly ATC/Vancom, Inc.), for six months, in an amount not to exceed \$224,465.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a modification to County Quote #0062-2005, for additional Engineering Design Services for the reconstruction of County Bridge D-345, over the Third Neshanic River, in Delaware Township, with Pennoni Associates, increase of \$10,500.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a modification to the professional services agreement with Steven Godin, Phd, MPH, Skylands Public and Behavioral Health Consulting Company, for additional health education hours, increase of \$10,200.

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

Item #5 for a professional services agreement with Dentrust Dental P.A., for services at the Hunterdon County Jail, in the amount of \$31,200 annually for three years, was held at this time.

Mr. Melick left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/23/07-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from John J. Micek and Susan B. Micek, on Block 17, Lot 45.01, in Delaware Township, consisting of an estimated 52 acres, (SADC-\$312,000, County-\$104,000, Township-\$104,000), total amount of \$520,000.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/23/07-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement for the acquisition of a Development Easement, from Lisa Cifrese and Richard Geha, for Block 44, Lot 6, in Delaware Township, consisting of an estimated 33.891 acres, (SADC-\$166,067.37, County-\$47,108.91, Township-\$57,954.12), total amount of \$271,130.40.

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

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

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

Farmland Preservation:

- For October 2007, one farm has closed and another is scheduled for October 25, 2007, bringing the total since January 2007 to 36 farms which have closed, preserving just over 2,000 acres.
- Hunterdon has now preserved 23,000 acres.
- Three closing packages were sent to the state in October.
- A municipal farmland meeting was held on October 17, 2007 with 7 municipalities attending.
- A SADC (State Agriculture Development Committee) will be held on November 13, 2007 to discuss farmland by affordability and availability.
- The next farmland status meeting will be held on November 14, 2007.

Planning Initiatives:

- A new staff member started on October 15, 2007, as an Assistant Planner.
- The draft County Growth Management Plan has been placed on the County's website.
- A public hearing is scheduled for November 07, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Route 12 County Complex of the Growth Management Plan.
- Work continues with municipalities on the Delaware River Basin Commission flood initiative.
- Cross Acceptance is moving forward. There has been communication with the Office of Smart Growth.
- Staff attends the Highlands Council sessions and the County Planners Highlands staff meetings.
- A municipal breakfast was held October 10, 2007, the discussion was sustainability.
- The Hunterdon County Planning Awards program is scheduled for October 29, 2007, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. 17 nominations were discussed.
- The Transportation Plan is moving forward.
- A comprehensive Farmland Plan is also moving forward.

OPEN SPACE

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/23/07-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed, Affidavit of Title, Affidavit of Consideration, Seller's Residency Certification/ Exemption, and Survey Affidavit, for Block 57, Lot 13, in Delaware Township, to Holly Farms Partners, LLC, the successful bidder at public auction.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the High Bridge Borough Business Association, requesting permission to close County Route 513 between Fairview Avenue and McDonald Street, on Saturday, December 01, 2007 for approximately one (1) hour, between 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., for a tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

A request was received from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation to hold a press conference at the Mountain Farm Visitor Center outdoor stage area, as part of their "Keep it Green" campaign. They are also inviting the Freeholder Board to attend the event on October 31, 2007. Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board, advised the Parks and Recreation Director, John Trontis, also provided the Board with a copy of this invitation.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that last November, 2006, a situation occurred regarding the use of County space, and the County is developing a procedure and a policy on what can be allowed in certain places and what can't be allowed. Mrs. Yard advised that policy is almost complete.

Mrs. Yard advised the Parks and Recreation Director has the governing policy where he can allow events like that to happen. Even though the policy being modified incorporates the right to assemble, there is a prescription in the Parks Policy regarding the right to assemble and for people to meeting.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt a seconded a motion granting permission to the New Jersey Conservation Foundation to use the Mountain Farm Visitor Center, outdoor stage area, to announce their "Keep it Green" campaign on October 31, 2007.

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

County Counsel DeSapio reported that on Friday afternoon, October 19, 2007, the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department received a request from a Democrat Organization to conduct a political rally in the Court Street Park, in Flemington Borough, behind the Main Street County Complex. The County has recently taken over scheduling of events in this County Park from the Borough of Flemington since it was rebuilt. The Borough of Flemington used to allow political organizations to hold rallies and events provided they obtained a parade permits/police activity check permit.

Mr. DeSapio advised under the County's policy for use of open spaces, this type of activity would be permitted and having been permitted before, it would be appropriate for the County to grant approval for this event.

Mr. Holt does not feel that the Board needs to grant approval. Mrs. Yard explained because this is the first experience the County has had with this type of request, it is being brought to the Board's attention. Mrs. Yard confirmed the County's policy allows this type of activity. Mr. Peterson feels a park is a public place for people to meet, so this type of event would be appropriate. The Board acknowledged that the County Department of Parks and Recreation will contact the organization and inform them they can use the Court Street Park.

The Hunterdon County Library Commission received a request from Eastern Hills, LLC Office Building to share parking space at the North Branch County Library. Mrs. Doolan advised the Library Commission is asking the Board to deny this request. Mr. Sworen explained Clinton Township has given final approval to build, to Eastern Hills, to build a small office building on the property adjacent to the North Branch County Library and they are before the Clinton Township Planning Board asking to build a larger building which would require more parking and they are asking the Library Commission to ask the Freeholder Board to share spaces in the Library lot. Mr. Sworen stated area they are asking to share, is the area where the County Library employees are parking.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to deny the request from Eastern Hills, LLC Office Building to share parking space at the North Branch County Library.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS

South County Park Grand Stands

Mr. Sworen advised he attended the 4-H picnic a week ago, and representatives from the 4-H and the Fair Committee asked him to relay to the Freeholders their gratitude for the moveable grand stands recently purchased.

Route 78

Mr. Sworen reported on a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation to discuss the DOT and the fact there is no money to build walls on Route 78 for traffic noise. He advised the DOT, next year, will be looking at possibly repaving that area using asphalt pavement.

County Website

Mr. Sworen explained the County has been changing things online. There is new access the minutes for the Freeholder Board which is simpler to find them. Also being worked on is GIS information, so people can access Open Space areas and Farmland Preservation areas, much like the Parks page where people can see the park and get various information on that park.

Polytech Appointment

Mr. Sworen advised a term will be expiring for a member of the Polytech Board. Deputy Director Peterson explained the Freeholder Director is the person who makes recommendations for appointments/reappointments to Polytech.

Polytech location

Deputy Director Peterson asked Freeholders Holt and Sworen if there has been any progress in searching for a new location for Polytech or in a lease renewal. Mr. Sworen advised he met with members of Polytech last week for that discussion, as well as the Polytech Superintendent and it is moving ahead. He will be reporting on this at the next meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Deputy Director Peterson opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Kanaby of Raritan Township asked the budget for the County Parks. Mr. Sworen stated it is \$3.4 million. Mr. Trontis advised that \$1.7 of that is for the Hero Glen Golf Course. Mr. Melick said that isn't really true as there are a lot of statutory charges such as interest on debt, insurance and administrative fees.

Mr. Kanaby asked if the Parks and Recreation budget for Heron Glen includes County workers providing maintenance to the facility. Mr. Sworen stated other departments do work on all the parks and open space, such as Roads and Bridges, Buildings and Maintenance and Parks and Recreation. It would depend on the type of work needed to be done, such as putting in a road or mowing.

Mr. Kanaby asked if most costs are in addition to the budget. Mr. Holt explained some are and some aren't. The day to day operation of the golf course with respect to the greens and fairways is in the Golf Course Budget. If something needs to be done, and because it is a County park, it will be determined which department can do the work best, as would be done with any County park. The day to day operation falls within the line item budget that is for the operation costs.

Mr. Kanaby asked if any of the County parks contribute monies to the County. Mr. Sworen advised for \$480,000 the County built a building at Echo Hill a number of years ago that is used for conferences, meetings and events and it does bring in a couple of thousand dollars a year to the County in rental fees. The County has a pavilion at Deer Path Park which is rented out and it does return dollars back to the County. Those are the two he knows of that brings in rental fees.

Mr. Kanaby confirmed the amount of money returned to the County by the rental of Echo Hill and the Deer Path Park Pavilion does not compare to the money that Heron Glen has turned back to the County in its four years of existence. Mr. Sworen stated the Parks and Recreation Budget does not contain monies for the purchase of any additional open space.

Deputy Director Peterson confirmed Mr. Kanaby is asking if Heron Glen is returning any money to the County. He told Mr. Kanaby that at the next meeting the Freeholders will have numbers from the County Treasurer for the golf course, which will lay out the costs, individually, and it will be the actual numbers. Everyone will then be able to make their judgment on the actual numbers to whether they believe the golf course is making or loosing money or breaking even.

Mr. Kanaby recalls reading in the Democrat that Heron Glen has turned over \$460,000 to the County during its existence. Deputy Director Peterson explained that is money that came back from the Golf Course but the costs were not deducted from that figure.

Mr. Holt said the difference on this Board, is what the revenue is and what should be applied against that. Some members of the Board believe that the cost of the land should be included as it was purchased through Open Space funding and it prevented 141 houses from being built on the property. The debate on this Board is what are the actual costs. Mr. Holt feels Mr. Kanaby's argument is that Heron Glen as a park, does provided the greatest return to the County.

Mr. Kanaby advised Mercer and Somerset Counties have 5 County golf courses each and they all have clubhouses to facilitate parties/meeting, which are money making projects. Why isn't Hunterdon providing a facility. Mr. Sworen advised it was in the original budget but the Board at that time chose to take the \$640,000 out of the budget for the clubhouse.

Mr. Kanaby informed the Board is they built a clubhouse, people would use it and in turn, it would bring money back to the County.

Lois Stewart of Flemington Borough asked the fee to use the Court Street Park. Mr. Trontis advised if someone wanted to use the Pavilion for wedding photographs, the cost is \$35 which is the cost for using all the County's pavilions but if someone wanted to rent the entire park, the cost is \$100 and if there is a corporate event, the fee structure is higher.

Ms. Stewart asked if Flemington Borough would have to pay to use the Court Street Park, located in Flemington Borough. Mr. Trontis advised the County Freeholders allow the Parks and Recreation Department to waived fees for Borough/Township sponsored events.

Ms. Stewart asked how many members of the Freeholder Board play golf at Heron Glen. Only Mr. Sworen advised he plays, but badly.

Ms. Stewart questioned when trees will be placed in the Main Street County Complex parking area. Mrs. Yard advised there will be trees and the County Director of Roads, Bridges and Engineering had asked her if she saw Mrs. Stewart to inform her that there will be trees.

Ms. Stewart asked the status of the Urbach farm because the Raritan Township Committee voted to provide money for this acquisition. Mr. Sworen advised the Freeholders have voted to join in the acquisition if Raritan Township voted to provide funding. He feels it is appropriate for the Board to memorialize this but there is still an issue concerning land management that County must be deal with, with the Township.

Ms. Stewart asked if the County Clerk's Office really needs new furniture. Has the Board gone and physically looked at the furniture. Mr. Sworen has gone through the building and the current furniture was appropriate 10 years ago when computers were place next to the desks before there were requirements for storage and microfilming. He feels this is a quality of life issue and getting people to work well.

Ms. Stewart said earlier today the County Clerk stated her office generates \$18 million and questioned if the County Clerk's Office could pay for its new furniture, since it is upgrading her office. Mr. Sworen advised the County Clerk's Office collects fees and some of it goes into the Trust Fund and some comes back to the County. The money the County Clerk returns to the County is usually more than double what their expenses.

Mr. Sworen stated the County Library lost \$6.4 million last year. Mrs. Stewart feels that unlike the golf course, more than 8% of the County residents use the Library System. Mr. Sworen agreed saying that number increases everyday.

Deputy Director Peterson advised he is concerned about what the County Clerk's numbers will be for 2007 because real estate has dropped close to 40% because the market is down. The County Clerk's fees are generated from people buying and selling homes because deeds and mortgages have to be recorded and there are fees to record. The other fee is the transfer fee and the Clerk's get a portion of the transfer fee and the state gets the rest. The transfer fee is where all the money is. To record a typical mortgage the cost is around \$200, a deed is around \$90 but transfer tax can be thousands of dollars. The market for houses is very low; houses aren't selling at the rate they were from 2002 to 2006, so the County is not getting the transfer tax fee. Deputy Director Peterson feels part of the reason the State is contemplating it will have a \$3 billion deficit next year is because the transfer tax fee generated a lot of money in the last 4-6 years.

Mr. Sworen stated the County Clerk's Office is open on some Saturday's and evenings, which the County pays overtime for, to process passports and such and the next income after expenses this year, so far was \$16,910.70 profit, just from the overtime.

Michael Yates of Glen Gardner Borough believes a replacement facility is needed at Heron Glen for the clubhouse. He said it is a waste of money to repair the trailers. He doesn't like the idea of spending taxpayer dollars to fund a facility that will deprive businesses of their revenue. If the County is going to build a clubhouse, it should be for registration or for a locker room for changing/restrooms and a snack bar; anything beyond that he would strongly object to. The County should not be in competition with private business in any form or fashion.

Mr. Yates said if the County was to build a clubhouse it would be targeting restaurants, banquet facilities and it would be taking money away from private business which pays taxes to the County.

Mr. Yates said on the hierarchy of needs for County residents, a Library ranks high but a golf course isn't really a need it is more for pleasure and recreation. The County has parks which provide for the preservation and recreation of County residents; which golfing is a singular activity that not everyone wants or can participate in; while a park is open to everyone.

Mr. Yates recommended the County not look at the golf course to make money off of it but rather as something nice to do for the County residents. To provide a facility that takes away from other profit making businesses can provide and provide very well, is wrong.

Mr. Sworen advised at the public hearing on the Ordinance, the owner of Hawk Point golf course testified and he approached Mr. Sworen on two occasions and went through some of what Mr. Yates just said that golf courses aren't doing very well but suggested the County sell him its golf course.

Mr. Holt said for the record, the press did a horrible job on reporting on this issue. It is not being recommended the County built anything expensive, what is being suggested is building a functional building to meet the needs of the course.

Mr. Holt stated the clubhouse should have been built and finished when it was originally done. The County took \$600,000 out of a bond ordinance and spent \$300,000 on trailers. This Board has a responsibility to finish the clubhouse and get it done and it will be done as inexpensively as possible.

Mr. Melick introduced a resolution to repeal the \$2.3 million ordinance and to start all over again. He advised there are water problems at the golf course and asked how it will be addressed. Mr. Holt said there are no water problems. Mr. Melick said the State Department of Environmental Protection says there is a water allocation problem. Mr. Holt advised DEP did not say that, the hydrologist made an estimate which is not accurate because no one knows the scope of the building yet.

Scott Kozar of Stockton Borough confirmed the Freeholder Board voted three weeks ago, 3-2, to appropriate the funding to build a new clubhouse. He asked if the project has been let out to bid. Mr. Holt advised there is no difference of opinion on this Board that the trailers need to be replaced. The question has been what is to be built. The resolve has been that Deputy Director Peterson has some great ideas concerning size and scope, and Mr. Holt has some ideas, so they are to be come a subcommittee with the Parks and Recreation Director, the County Architect and a number of the County's professionals to bring back to the Freeholders a proposal on size and scope, in order to agree to a building that will work.

Ms. Kozar said the more time this is in committee, the more money it will cost, if the County isn't careful. Mr. Holt stated the County wants to get this right and to build something that has been thought through and to obtain the unanimous decision by this Board to move forward. It is not the goal to be here 12 months from now debating on a clubhouse.

Valerie Jordan of High Bridge Borough asked for a copy of the letter the Board considered today from the High Bridge Business Association asking permission to close a County Road. A copy was provided to Mrs. Jordan.

Mrs. Jordan informed the Board that the County Library on Halstead Street in Clinton does have a lot of vehicles parked in it, many residents use that Library. She is glad the Board denied the sharing of parking spaces at that site.

Mrs. Jordan said she is hearing people tonight say a clubhouse is necessary but she is concerned that firm which manages the golf course will see the profit and not the County from any kind of banquet facility.

Mrs. Jordan believes Somerset County does not have a management company running their golf course facilities. Mr. Sworen stated Somerset has a Parks Commission. He assured Mrs. Jordan that the County receiving the profits would be built into any contracts. He has done much research on other county facilities. Mr. Sworen said Hunterdon County at this time does not have staff trained to do this and it would be in the County's best interest to have a management company. Mrs. Jordan asked the Freeholders to be careful that when a contract is done, that the profit will not be to the management company. Mr. Sworen agreed saying the Parks and Recreation Department at this time has no expertise to do this correctly.

Mrs. Jordan stated in July 2007, High Bridge Borough adopted a resolution to ask the County for \$2 million in extraordinary aid towards the purchase of the Catanzareti property. She is adamantly opposed to eminent domain. She is aware two of the Freeholders, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Melick, have gone on record saying they are opposed to eminent domain and when the Solberg Airport issue came up, she believes the County adopted a policy about eminent domain.

Mrs. Jordan stated the Open Space Coordinator, Kevin Richardson, did send her an email saying the Catanzareti property would not fall under open space but the issue would come back to the Board of Freeholders. Mr. Sworen advised he has not seen a formal request from the High Bridge governing body on this issue but there have been letters from the residents of the Borough, there have been comments from the residents of the Borough and he has read the email provided by Mr. Richardson. There are issues with what Green Acres funding can be used for. Mr. Sworen said until there is a legal resolve from High Bridge on the property that would not bring the County into a lawsuit; then at that point he would entertain a request from High Bridge to look at the issue. The County has not received a formal request for action.

Mrs. Jordan asked that when High Bridge brings the Catanzareti property to the County for acquisition, could she be informed. The County Administrator volunteered to advise Mrs. Jordan.

Phillip Stevens of Flemington thanked Mr. Holt for his comments regarding the clubhouse, saying he has had many discussions with the general manager at the course about a facility and being in competition with commercial businesses. He has a group of 24 golfers that plays at Heron Glen every other week. They can't get a sandwich after they play, all they can get at the course is hot dogs, a beer or soda and there are only 3 tables. Eventually this Board will go away and eventually the golf course will have a clubhouse. Mr. Stevens said the County can built a clubhouse now cheaper than it will cost in the future. The County now has a quality golf course without a clubhouse.

Mr. Holt advised as critical of the fact that he is that the County did not build a clubhouse when the course was built, at the same time he has very high regards for the fact that the County built a Class "A" course. The debate is what the Board feels should be built. He is pleased that the Freeholders placed this issue on its agenda to complete the project and he is confident the project will be finished.

Urbach Property

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion asking the Board to memorialize and honor the commitment that the County would participate with Raritan Township and the other partners to acquire the Urbach property. He noted that a maintenance agreement must be finalized with the Township for the property.

Mr. Trontis questioned if this would be a County park. Mr. Sworen stated that is part of the maintenance agreement that needs to be done.

Deputy Director Peterson feels the County committed to this acquisition before knowing what the County's role would be. He stated at the last meeting that this should not have been done without having everything in place. He feels Raritan Township has different ideas for the property than the County has.

Mr. Sworen advised the agreement was that if Raritan Township did x, y and z that the County would make a commitment.

Mrs. Doolan advised the Board did not take a formal vote on the Urbach property as the Freeholders agreed to wait and see what Raritan Township was going to do. Deputy Director Peterson confirmed the County agreed to move forward if the Township paid 50%.

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

Mr. Sworen left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

Mrs. Yard informed the Board she attended a WIB meeting with the Human Services Administrator, Pamela Pontrelli. At the meeting was Somerset County, who is the fiscal agent, a representative from Raritan Valley Community College, who runs the OneStop in Somerville for the WIB. Being asked for are two minor changes to the WIB agreement. The agreement says there is a rotating Chair and this year they want Hunterdon County to retain the Chair because they don't have either the interest or the talent or knowledge for Somerset to take the Chair at this time. The other minor change is that the agreement says there would be a 50/50 representation equal to Somerset and Hunterdon and being recommended is 60% to Somerset and 40% to Hunterdon. The bigger issue is that it is felt that the Joint WIB needs to be reorganized. The question is who would be representing Hunterdon's interest; along with Mrs. Pontrelli, because

there are issues that need to be addressed. Somerset has said they do not want to be the fiscal agent if this is not reorganized. The services that Hunterdon receives are minimal and Mrs. Yard explained the services received/not received. An option would be that Hunterdon and Somerset could just walk away. Hunterdon's representative is stepping down and Somerset is willing to work with whoever the Board names to represent Hunterdon. Mrs. Yard noted that John Sansky has volunteered to be Hunterdon's representative. Mr. Sansky has been very involved with the WIB. The Board feels Mr. Sansky would be a good representative.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion that Hunterdon County keep the Chair for the WIB for another year and that the Board agrees there be a 60/40 representation with Somerset having 60% and within the next year to decide what changes are to be made to the WIB.

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

Deputy Director Peterson asked Mrs. Yard to inform him when the next WIB meeting will be held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 10/23/07-14A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

See Page 10/23/07-14B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

See Page 10/23/07-14C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the setting of a salary for a vacant position in the Health Department.

See Page 10/23/07-14D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the perspective purchase of property in Lebanon Township. CWA Supervisors negotiations.

See Page 10/23/07-14E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the request for an easement over County property.

See Page 10/23/07-14F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the Hunterdon County Housing Corporation.

See Page 10/23/07-14G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Corrections Officers Superiors negotiations.

See Page 10/23/07-14H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA Supervisors negotiations.

See Page 10/23/07-14I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a lawsuit entitled: Gensch vs. County Clerk.

See Page 10/23/07-14J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss issues with the Superior Court regarding issues concerning space in the Justice Center.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Director Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,