

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

April 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:14 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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 April 11, 2008, 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 OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review of Executive Session minutes of August 28, 2007 and September 11, 2007.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review legal issues concerning budget dispute with the Sheriff.

See Page 04/15/08-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Ginch vs. County Clerk.

See Page 04/15/08-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Quaker Valley Farms.

See Page 04/15/08-1E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss Route 523/517 road widening project.

See Page 04/15/08-1F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Transportation Adviosry Committee.

See Page 04/15/08-1G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss land acquisition in Franklin Township: Malinowski.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss land acquisition in Lebanon Township: Denton

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss land acquisition in Readington Township: Cramer.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into executive session at 4:16 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

COUNTY UPDATE

Fuel system purchases by municipalities, non-profit schools, fire and rescue

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator informed the Board that John Glynn, Director of Roads, Bridges and Engineering and John Davenport, County Purchasing Agent have been discussing the use of the County's fueling systems by outside agencies such as municipalities, schools, fire departments and rescue squads. It was suggested the County charge a \$25 per month administration fee for such use. Mr. Holt stressed that he did not want to see this become too complicated for either the users or the County. The Board discussed to continue charging on a

per gallon method. Mr. Melick asked Mr. Glynn and Mr. Davenport to review this further for solutions and report back to the Board. The Board provided Mr. Glynn and Mr. Davenport several suggestions and expressed concern over security at the fueling systems. Mr. Glynn and Mr. Davenport will report back at the next meeting.

Historic Court House

Mrs. Yard reported to the Board on the scheduling for use of the Historic Court House. She advised an entity would be charged \$75 per hour.

County Counsel DeSapio stated that no one should be permitted to use the Historic Court House or any public building for the purpose of conducting private business or to charge people to make money. It needs to be made clear that to those requesting to use the facility, especially if they use it for the same purpose each year, that they do not have a franchise on the court house. A policy is needed to address this issue.

Mrs. Yard advised an individual has been charging schools to give tours through the Historic Court House. Mr. Holt directed Mrs. Yard to inform the schools that the County provides tours at no cost through the Historic Court House. Mr. Sworen confirmed that the Sheriff's Department does provide tours.

Mr. Melick came into the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

George F. Wagner, Director of Public Safety provided the Board with a departmental update on the Division of Corrections and the Division of Emergency Management. The Fire Arms Training Center will hold an open house on April 24, 2008 from 10 am until 4 pm. On June 03, 2008 the Dispatch Center goes on line.

Mr. Wagner answered various questions from the Board and press.

PROJECT UPDATE

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

- The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has authorizing funding for the space in the Justice Center. The AOC did make changes to the plans and Mr. Bell is reviewing them.
- Quotes have been received for the Prosecutor's space.
- Issues are still taking place with Raritan Township on the wireless project. It was noted that this project is being done through PARIS grant funds and it is time sensitive.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion authorizing the Purchasing Department to go out to bid on the wireless project and directed the County's professionals to meet with Raritan Township to work out any concerns regarding this project.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/15/08-2A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.2913, with Dell, through State Contract #A-70256, for a blade server chassis, for Information Technology, in the amount of \$13,514.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/15/08-2B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisitions #PROS.6739, #PROS.6740 and #PROS.6741, through NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(g) Attorney General Bid waiver, for undercover vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office, (replacement vehicles), in the amounts of \$2,872, \$13,622 and \$23,882.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/15/08-3C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2008-10, to furnish and deliver Beam Guide Rail for the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering, to Chemung Supply Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$25,136.50.

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

Mr. Melick recused himself from the meeting.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 04/15/08-4A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Sharing Agreement with Alexandria Township, for Block 10, Lot 52.

See Page 04/15/08-4B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Philip W. and Susan M. Rochelle, on Block 10, Lot 52, in Alexandria Township, (SADC- \$195,000, County- \$52,500, Township- \$52,500), total amount of \$300,000.

See Page 04/15/08-4C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval for the acquisition of a development easement on property owned by Helen James, for Block 56, Lot 5, in Readington Township, (SADC- \$259,560, County- \$86,520, Township- \$86,520), total amount of \$432,600.

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

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

OPEN SPACE

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/15/08-4D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Program Application with High Bridge Borough, for the allocation of Open Space Trust funds, in the amount not to exceed \$20,053.74.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 04/15/08-4E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Purchase and Management Agreement with Readington Township, for the acquisition of a conservation easement for Block 20, part of Lot 11, from William and Adele Csepi.

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

Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator updated the Board concerning property owned by Bryce Thompson. The Board agreed to have Mr. Richardson further investigate this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Peterson 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. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated April 15, 2008.

See Page 04/15/08-4F **CLAIMS REGISTER**

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for March 2008.

See Page 04/15/08-4G **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT**

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 04/15/08-4H **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Matthew McGinley appointed unclassified, full time County Investigator, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 04/15/08-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Geoffrey Underhill appointed provisional, full time Senior Training Technician, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 04/15/08-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stephanie Maretta appointed provisional, full time Senior Clerk Typist, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 04/15/08-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Francis Tysiak appointed permanent, full time Laborer, Rutgers' Cooperative Extension.

See Page 04/15/08-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a cash Maintenance Bond, to Ferruggia Associates, in the amount of \$10,033.51.

See Page 04/15/08-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a cash Road Opening Deposit, to Spectra Energy, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, in the amount of \$5,000.

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RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a cash Road Opening Deposit, to Spectra Energy, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, in the amount of \$5,000.

See Page 04/15/08-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, Final, for Bid #2007-27, for Safety Improvements to County Route 513 with County Route 610, in Frenchtown Borough with Orchard Holding, LLC, decrease of \$31,699.20.

See Page 04/15/08-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to State Contract No. 08AHKC, with the State Department of Human Services, for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Awareness, increase of \$1,000, not to exceed amount adjusted to \$84,742.

See Page 04/15/08-5I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Award of Notice for the 2008 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Appropriations, in the amount of \$285,420, (\$134,225- Program Service funds, \$55,000- Program Management funds, \$96,195- Family Court Services funds and \$5,942- Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Federal Allocation).

See Page 04/15/08-5J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subgrant award agreement with Somerset County to provide employment related services to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, General Assistance and Food Stamps, in the amount of \$29,801.

See Page 04/15/08-5K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a provider service agreement with the Hunterdon County YMCA for a Youth Engagement program, in the amount of \$17,532.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Certificates for Years of Services for twenty-five years to: Kevin Kullman, Ross Debele Jr., and Rosemarie Geisenhoner; for twenty years to: Carol Michael, David Rosato, Barbara Stires and Kenneth Miller; for fifteen years to: Pragnya Vora, Amy Jo Seeley and Janet Kerr; for ten years to: Paul Bolanowski and for five years to: Karen Case, Robert Smith, Denise Childers, Christina Merrill and J. Patrick Barnes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 04/15/08-5L

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing April 25, 2008 as Arbor Day in the County.

See Page 04/15/08-6A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring May 12-16, 2008, as Hunterdon County Bike to Work Week.

See Page 04/15/08-6B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing John Frederick Heimerl for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 04/15/08-6C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills for attaining their "Girl Scout Gold Awards.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Fairmount Fire Co. No. 1, for permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, May 03, 2008, at the intersection of County Routes 517 and 512, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

FREEHOLDERS ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

NJAC membership

The Board discussed membership to the New Jersey Association of Counties for 2008. After further discussed the Board agreed to wait until after NJAC's meeting this Friday to make a determination on membership.

Route 31/Frontage Road/Route 78

Mr. Holt updated the Board concerning the recent North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Meeting held on April 10, 2009. Topics of discussion included projects under consideration such as the erosion on Route 31, Frontage Road, and Route 78. Mr. Holt will keep the Board informed.

EXECUTIVE SESSSION

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board