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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations in connection with the three labor units in the Prosecutor's Office and the status of the arbitration involving those units.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA Union negotiations and options for avoiding layoffs.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, introduced students from Polytech's Criminal Justice course: Ryan Slaton, Heather Ford and Nick Lebrato. Each offered a brief description of their education experience at Polytech and their future goals.

Superintendent Metz invited everyone to Polytech's Open House on January 12, 2011.

PLANNING

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director along with Peter Banta, a representative from the Musconetcong Watershed Association, conveyed concern about the draft water level plan for Lake Hopatcong and the potential negative downstream affects which could occur. The Musconetcong Watershed Association is requesting the County adopt a supporting resolution to urge the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to suspend or withdraw any portion of the State Plan with regard to a lower water level, until a full environmental impact analysis can be performed. Mr. Banta went on record that the interests of the down-stream owners need to be better considered and ultimately if there is to be a limitation in flow at some point, it has to be based on consultations/determinations by DEP with the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife and the parties to be impacted..

Mr. Banta left a copy of the Musconetcong Watershed Association's most recent newsletter.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to suspend or withdraw any portion of the draft Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan until a full environmental impact analysis is performed.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSTAIN) MR. SWOREN.**

PURCHASING

Requisition #PROS.792226 was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Req. #25340, using GSA contract #GS-07F-5566P, with Southern Precision Armory, for night vision devices, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$20,053.18.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-26, for a two-year contract for certified and non-certified home health Services, for the Department of Human Services, to Comfort Keepers, in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-26, for a two-year contract for certified and non-certified home health Services, for the Department of Human Services, to Anita's Angels, in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-26, for a two-year contract for certified and non-certified home health Services, for the Department of Human Services, to Visiting Health & Supportive Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000.00.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-26, for a two-year contract for certified and non-certified home health Services, for the Department of Human Services, to Res-Care Homecare, in an amount not-to-exceed \$280,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-26, for a two-year contract for certified and non-certified home health Services, for the Department of Human Services, to Open Arms Health, LLC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$246,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing award of County Bid #2010-29, for additions/alternations, for the Hunterdon County Records Retention/Warehouse Center, to Belmont Construction Corporation, not-to-exceed \$1,724,000.00. (Paris Grant funding being used \$1.4 million).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON.
(NAYS) MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.**

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

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

- Resurfacing on County Route 519 has been completed from Church Road to Dennis Road today. The rest of the project will be winterized.
- County Route 619 (Seventh Street to Alexandria Township) will be bid in April for a June start.
- Preliminary work will begin on Pennsylvania Avenue next month.
- Bridge R-123 on Holland Brook Road in Readington Township should open on December 30, 2010.
- Bridge W-124 on Alexauken Creek Road, in West Amwell Township will be bid in February 2011.
- Drainage projects completed: County Route 513 in High Bridge and County Route 617 in Raritan Township.
- The final design for the end column for Bridge N-1 in Clinton Town has been received.
- The appraisal report for Bridge F-45 on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township was received and forwarded to the property owner.
- A public outreach meeting will be held for County Route 579 over the Lehigh Valley Railroad in early January 2011. Resolutions of support from Bloomsbury Borough and Bethlehem Township will be received before moving ahead with the project.
- County Bridge E-166 is basically complete with punch list items to be done.
- Bridge RQ-164 on Rockafellows Mill Road should be completed by January 10, 2011.
- A meeting is scheduled with the property owner adjacent to T-85A bridge in the Mountainville area in Tewksbury.
- A preliminary audit was done for the Federal Aid Stimulus projects.

Mr. Glynn reported on a request by Susan Lutz who is seeking permission to re-open her roadway for the purpose of connecting to the gas line. The property is located on Route 623 in Clinton Township. The road was one of the County's stimulus AARA projects and the release must come from the Board. Subsequent to this request, the water company already opened the road due to an emergency break in the waterline. The construction was 2 inches mill and resurface so there is no detriment to opening the road. Mr. Glynn talked with the gas company who will be putting pilot holes over the utilities and bore across, so there would be minimum trench. Mr. Glynn explained the Board must give permission/relief from the resolution previously approved by the Freeholders that speaks to a three-year moratorium to re-open a road once it has been paved. The County has allowed the road to be opened in with the water company and in the past the County has allowed the road to be opened for hardship cases.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the re-issue of a road-opening permit, at 202 Hamden Road, Clinton Township, for the purpose of allowing a homeowner to connect to the gas line to install a gas boiler to heat her home.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Flu Clinic

John Beckley, Health Director came before the Board to provide an update on the seasonal flu vaccine clinic. From the original 1,150 doses received, over 1,000 vaccines were administered among the County's clinics; the Touch-A-Truck event, as well as a special wellness clinic held in Lambertville that family physician residents volunteered as vaccinators. The County has signed over its remaining doses to them for use at a January 2011 wellness event in Lambertville.

A total cost analysis report on the administration of the flu vaccine will be provided in January, to include an explanation on what appears to be an issue with Medicare reimbursement claims.

Dental

Zufall's dental program (originally scheduled to open by December 2010) has been delayed due to a leasing issue; the new expected opening should be sometime between March and July 2011. Mr. Beckley is requesting authorization for a three-month grant extension to the 2010 Delta Dental (who has already agreed) grant to use the unspent balance of \$9,000.00 (original grant was \$30,000.00) to continue funding the staffing for the Delta Dental program with a not-to-exceed cost to the County of \$3,585.00; which would probably be exhausted in less than three months.

Given that Zufall's program may not be operating until July 2011, there was some discussion about submitting a new grant application for three months of funding (maybe \$10,000.00) to bridge the gap from April through July. The County would need to provide funding for staff to perform tasks, approximately ten hours per week, essentially \$1,500 per month that would include salary and fringe.

Mr. Holt explained there are a couple of issues involving this matter. One is that the line item which existed in the Health Department for dental services with Zufall anticipated Zufall would be up and running by 2010 but it isn't. Zufall is behind schedule but should be up and running by April or May. Hopefully in the next few months Zufall gets its office up and running and at that point it should come back before the Freeholder Board to address the grant and the gap in the grant for these services.

Director Mennen requested Mr. Beckley to administratively look at internally staffing this scheduling position with someone with less credentials than the current part-time public health educator who works an additional ten hours to perform the scheduling duties and report back to the Board by December 28, 2010. Mr. Beckley asked to report back in January 2011. The Board agreed Mr. Beckley is to report back to the Board regarding a scheduling person to dental services to the Board by the end of January 2011.

Director Mennen informed Mr. Beckley that he could report back to the Board, after his initial inquiry through a memorandum to the Board for the Freeholders end of the year meeting on December 28, 2010.

Mr. Sworen confirmed with Mr. Beckley that the extension for Zufall for dental services must be approved this evening.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the extension letter with Zufall to administer the dental program, for the County's Health Department.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN.
(ABSTAIN) MR. MELICK.**

PROJECT Update

Frank Bell, County Architect, came before the Board concerning the replacement of the HVAC at the Routed 31 County Complex which is to take place in 2011. The County could realize a cost savings of \$20,000 per year of the units are replaced. Mr. Bell explained \$50,000 would be used of the Direct Install program money and another \$11,500 of County funds would be used to do

the remaining work on the units. Mr. Bell is seeking authorization to proceed with the Direct Install grant application. Mrs. Yard explained this is not the only time Mr. Bell, Peter Maddalena and Sue Dziamara will come before the Board concerning grants of this type.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that there are three components of the Direct Install program for the Route 31 County Complex that includes curbs which are non standard sizes; heating units and possibly an upgrade for one of the HVAC units which is around 20 tons and the program covers up to 15 tons. Mr. Bell feels that based on the energy efficiencies that the County can stick with the 15 tons but if need be there would be an extra \$5,000 charge to go with the 20 tons. The State would be giving the County \$15,000 to do this project plus the time and labor of Donnally Associates to do the work.

Mrs. Yard confirmed with Mr. Bell that Building One at the Route 31 Complex would be included in this efficiency project.

After further discussion, Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an additional \$15,000.00 to be provided for the Direct Install grant monies for the Route 31 Main Street County Complex.

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

RECOGNITION

Director Mennen recognized Anthony Kearns, County Prosecutor who is in attendance this evening and congratulated him on being appointed by the Governor as Hunterdon's County Prosecutor.

Prosecutor Kearns thanked the Board for the introduction, saying he has started at the Justice Center and has taken over the reigns in the office. There is a challenge in the office and he believes he is up for the challenge and with the right people in place, he feels everyone will hear positive things coming from the office. The public safety will be provided for.

Prosecutor Kearns is amazed at all that takes place in the office and all the responsibilities to be had in the Prosecutor's Office, in terms of what they oversee and handle.

Prosecutor Kearns stated that are some very good people in the office already, who know their jobs and are professionals; and there are some people who need supervision and help and they will be encouraged to fulfill their responsibilities.

Prosecutor Kearns informed the Board that one of his goals is to provide the story and not be the story. It is time to do the work of the people and with the Freeholders' help, a great job can be done. He feels he is off to a good start through communications with the County Administrator, Cynthia Yard and County Counsel, Gaetano M. DeSapio and it will continue.

Prosecutor Kearns hopes to attend the Freeholder Meetings in order to know what his place is. His office has a very large budget in the County and he feels he should be present to answer any questions the Freeholders may have. Prosecutor Kearns stated he will work with Mrs. Yard to find out the Freeholders' schedule and he will attend the meetings to answer questions and help the Freeholders understand what his office is doing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Mennen 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 the Claims Register dated December 21, 2010.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds report for October 2010.

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SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 07, 2010.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

See Page 12/21/10-6A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, John Phelan appointed temporary Instructor, when and as needed, in the Public Safety Department.

See Page 12/21/10-6B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, James Janci appointed unclassified, full-time First Assistant Prosecutor, in the Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 12/21/10-6C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, Final, Bid #2010-05, reconstruction of Bridge C-88, with Underground Utilities Corp, a decrease of \$2,275.45, for a new total contract amount of \$395,798.22.

See Page 12/21/10-6D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving Final payment application, Bid #2010-05, reconstruction of Bridge C-88, Reformatory Road, Clinton Township, with Underground Utilities Corp, in the amount of \$14,378.23.

See Page 12/21/10-6E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a federal aid agreement, for a resurface project, County Routes 517 and 523, Readington and Tewksbury Townships.

See Page 12/21/10-6F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, a federal aid agreement, for reconstruction of County Bridge W-71, County Route 579, over Peters Brook, West Amwell Township.

See Page 12/21/10-6G **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, a provider service contract modification, for Comprehensive Treatment Services, with Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen, to reduce the overall total program level of service, with the not-to-exceed amount remaining unchanged at \$41,839.00.

See Page 12/21/10-6H **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the termination of a vehicle lease agreement, for a 2006 Bluebird (vehicle #16-1133), with the New Jersey Transit.

See Page 12/21/10-6I **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Agreement, with the New Jersey Transit Corporation, for Casino Revenue funds, for operating, capital and administrative costs, for transportation services to seniors and disabled Hunterdon County residents through the LINK, for FY2011 funding in the amount of \$531,350.81.

See Page 12/21/10-6J **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing payment to High Bridge Borough, for a Deed of Conservation Restriction, Block 31, Lot 14.02, (Catanzareti) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion providing the County Purchasing Office permission to solicit bids to lease golf carts for Heron Glen and to solicit bids for replacement parts/pieces for golf course maintenance equipment.

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

Finance/Budget/Prosecutor/Sheriff

Mrs. Yard informed the Board, that both Prosecutor Kearns and Sheriff Brown have agreed to sit with the Finance Office, and welcome sitting with the Finance Administrative Team (Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Pasqua, Mrs. Yard and Ms. Wieder) to assist in developing their budget for the 2011 operating budgets. That spirit of cooperation is much appreciated and it will serve the County well in getting through this difficult budget process.

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 12/21/10-6K **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED - Approving a grant renewal agreement, for The Local Arts Program, with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, for a total grant amount of \$60,049.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant renewal agreement, for non-service related aspects of the Personal Assistance Services Program, with the New Jersey Division of Disability Services, in the amount of \$28,798.00.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Jeff Schmidt attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Isaac Eckel attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Terence Brown attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ben Wheat attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Matt Koester attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Lloyd and Elsie Wilson on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS/REPORTS

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders wished all present a Happy New Year.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Mennen opened the meeting to the public.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Mennen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Kelly
Deputy Clerk of the Board