

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, 2nd Floor, 71 Main Street
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

February 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:10 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Mennen 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 21, 2010, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to discussion the Sheriff's Officers' Arbitration and other law enforcement negotiations.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to receive an update on land acquisition concerning Horseshoe Bend Road.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to discuss the Appellant Division decision in the matter of Gensch versus the Hunterdon County Clerk.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to discuss litigation entitled Garden State Growers versus the County of Hunterdon and Freeholder Sworen.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review the Executive Session minutes of November 17, 2009, December 01, 2009, December 15, 2009, December 29, 2009, January 19, 2010 and February 02, 2010.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive session to discuss an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Council and the County Agricultural Development Board.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:14 p.m., recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Boy Scouts of the Pahaquarra Troops (Nick Bussel, Steven Calero and Michael Perrone) came into the meeting and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Scouting in Hunterdon.

Norma Burke Klipstein, Member of the District Committee of Pahaquarra, which represents Hunterdon County, provided the Board with information on the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States of America.

Also present were Cub Scouts from Pack 182: Avery Gould, Justin Miller, Aiden Beardsley and Joseph Rockner; Venture Scouting Crew 188: Jen Burowski and Adam Frytag and Eagle Scout Michael Perone from Troop 187.

The Scouts crowded around the Board of Chosen Freeholders to have their picture taken.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMED, Recognizing Andrew Jacob Buterbaugh for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMED, Recognizing Edward Frank D'Armiento for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMED, Recognizing Patrick Jordan Glennon for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMED, Recognizing Colin Timothy Smith for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMED, Recognizing Sean Brandon Smith for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Cultural and Heritage Commission donation of an oil painting by Rhoda Yanow, "Sand Castle"
Stephanie Stevens, Chairperson, Cultural and Heritage Commission came before the Board and explained that on an annual basis the Commission, with funding from the State Council on the Arts, runs an Art Show, which is generally held at the Prall's Mill in Stockton, New Jersey. This year there was an invitation only Art Show and this year invitations were given to nine, special artists in Hunterdon County. This was strictly a County Art Show and it was a huge success.

Mrs. Stevens introduced artist, Rhoda Yanow. Mrs. Stevens advised that Mrs. Yanow is a renowned portrait artist.

Mrs. Yanow presented her painting entitled: "Sand Castle" to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. She explained that she is originally from New York and moved to Hunterdon County and this County is exquisite.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to accept the painting of "Sand Castle" on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

The Board took a picture with the portrait with Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Yanow gathered behind it.

PROCLAMATION

Director Mennen informed the Board, he would like to move the proclamation for Parkinson's Disease Awareness month, as one whose family has been directly affected by Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-2F

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring April 2010 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the County.

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

Vicki Collier, American Parkinson's Disease Association, New Jersey Chapter President, came before the Board to accept the proclamation and have pictures taken.

Ms. Collier informed the Board that this proclamation has a special meaning for her because not only is she someone also touched by Parkinson's Disease but Hunterdon is her home County; it is also the home County of two other board officers with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association. Her younger brother was diagnosed at age 40 with Parkinson's Disease; it was then that she became involved with the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person.
(Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda)

Frances Gavigan of East Amwell Township, thanked the Board for an early opportunity in the meeting to address the Board and for the later hour in meeting.

Mrs. Gavigan asked if a date has been set for the onsite visit for Wertsville Road, Bridge projects in East Amwell Township.

Mrs. Gavigan asked if the Board would consider keeping the landscape in East Amwell in tact. Also, asked the Freeholders consider granting East Amwell Township permission to apply for scenic byway designation and Crossroads of the Revolution designation for the County roads in East Amwell.

Director Mennen informed Mrs. Gavigan that John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering in unable to attend tonight's meeting. Director Mennen recalls that the meeting was going to be scheduled after the limits of disturbance on the proposed construction area are staked out at the field. He stated the meeting was to be scheduled for March 2010, and he sees no reason not to stick with that time schedule. Director Mennen will reach out to Mr. Glynn to see if he can get a firmer indication as to when that meeting might take place.

Director Mennen explained to Mrs. Gavigan that he believes a formal request would have to be submitted to the Board from East Amwell Township concerning the designation for scenic byway and the Board would have to get feedback from Roads, Bridges and Engineering, the Planning Board, and County Counsel as to the implications both positive and negative if there are any to such a designation.

There being no one else wishing to address the Board at this time, Director Mennen closed the first public comment section.

Mr. Melick recused himself from the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-3A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal/County Cost Sharing Agreement with Kingwood Township for Block 14, Lot 23 (Felix Farm).

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

Mr. Melick turned to the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-3B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving County Requisition #24837, with Maxavision Technologies, for night vision monoculars, for Public Safety, in the amount of \$31,200. (Homeland Security Grant).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-3C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving County Requisition #24839, with Communications Systems, Inc., for video surveillance hardware, for Public Safety, in the amount of \$14,950. (Homeland Security Grant).

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-3D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Approving County Requisition #40023646, with Structural Metal Fabricators, for street sweeper refurbishments, for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$14,430.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-3E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-22, for Parkland Maintenance, for Block 1, Lot 9.01, in Holland Township and Block 37, Lot 28, in Bethlehem Township, to Andy Matt Inc., in an amount to be received annually of \$33.30.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-22, for Parkland Maintenance, for Block 54, Lot 27, Block 77, Lot 9 and Block 51, Lot 9, in Lebanon Township, to Ed Behre, in an amount to be received annually of \$146.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-22, for Parkland Maintenance, for Block 5, Lot 5, in Franklin Township, to Thomas Meyer, in an amount to be collected annually "in kind services".

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-24, for the resurfacing and sidewalk improvements to County Route 635, in Boroughs of Glen Gardner and Hampton, to Tilcon New York, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$729,693.52.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-28, for Municipal Records Purging, Reorganization and Inventory, Phase 2, with File Bank Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$43,750.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2009-29, for the rehabilitation of Rockafellows Mill Road Bridge, RQ-164, in Raritan and Readington Townships, to Ritacco Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,029,127. (Federal aid project, no County funds).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a professional services agreement for bond counsel services for the Finance Department, with Rogut McCarthy, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to an agreement with Correctional Health Services, for health care services for the Hunterdon County Correctional Facility and the Youth Facility, to extend the agreement through September 27, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$268,044.

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

Mr. Melick asked John Davenport, County Purchasing Agent if he was aware if the state has delayed the PARIS grant funding.

Mrs. Yard received word that the regarding the PARIS grant, the state has put things on hold. Being developed for the Freeholders Board by Kim Browne, the Finance Director, who also does the County's Grant Budget, is a list of the grants the County has. As Mrs. Browne hears what

grants are being reduced, a list is being compiled for the Freeholders. If a salary is deferred by a grant, that will be shown in the budget books, which are being prepared. The Board will be made aware of what grants are being decreased or discontinued.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND ENGINEERING Update

Update accepted as written.

ROADWAYS:

- County Route 513: Race Street to Frontage Road, project on hold.
- County Route 519 and County Route 650, preliminary design is complete.
- County Route 523, Raritan and Readington Township, project winterized, drainage is complete and start up will be March 15, 2010.
- Retaining Wall County Route 523 in Whitehouse Station, maintenance project needs to be scheduled.
- County Route 579, Ringoes, final alignment of sidewalk along County Route 602 has been determined. Culvert E-163: revised application was forwarded to NJDEP. Historic Preservation Office will need to grant authorization.
- Retaining Wall on County Route 579 in Pittstown, punchlist will be completed in the spring.
- County Route 619, Seventh Street to Alexandria Township Limit, project will be coordinated with improvements for 12th Street. (S.H.P.O. has the application.)
- County Route 635 in the Boroughs of Hampton and Glen Gardner, a preconstruction meeting needs to be scheduled.
- 2009 Resurfacing of Various County Roads, in Various Townships, project is complete. Punchlist includes germination of seed and repair of construction joints.

BRIDGES:

- Bridge B-26-W, Valley Station Road, Bethlehem Township, on the Hunterdon County side the abutment wall will be poured this week on either Wednesday or Thursday.
- Bridge D-345, County Route 523, Delaware Township, punchlist will be completed in the spring.
- Bridge E-140-M and E-142-M (County Route 518), East Amwell Township, plans forwarded to Township and affected property owners for comments; two separate applications will be made for environmental permits; a draft permit application needs to be prepared and reviewed.
- Culvert E-163 (County Route 579), East Amwell Township, Historic Preservation Office authorization package to be submitted by February 17, 2010.
- Bridge L-97-W Stephensburg Road, Lebanon Township, preliminary plans were reviewed and comments were forwarded to Warren County; Warren County met with Historic Preservation Office (HPO) on February 9, 2010. H.P.O. wants Blue Stone Caps. H.P.O. did not see the need for a sites council at this time.
- Bridge Q-168 Pennsylvania Ave, Raritan Township, final engineering documents are being prepared.
- Bridge T-102, Water Street, Tewksbury Township, punchlist Items will be completed in the spring.

IN HOUSE PROJECTS:

- Bridge C-110, Bridge work has been scheduled.
- Culvert D-329, Pine Hill Road, Delaware Township, Culvert opened January 29, 2010; Approach guiderail needs to be addressed with Delaware Township.
- Sidewalk and Drainage Project, Gauntt Place, Community/Extension Services Building, Field work is complete and plans and specifications are being developed.

N.J.T.P.A. SCOPING PROJECTS

- County Route 519 (Warren Glen Hill) Safety Improvement, Public Information meeting was held concerning Green Acres Taking on December 9, 2009; Public comments will be addressed; Meeting held with Design Consultant on February 3, 2010 to discuss issues raised at meeting, Preliminary plans being developed for reduced scope.
- Bridge F-45, Whitebridge Road, Meeting held with Design Consultant on February 3, 2010 to discuss status and R.O.W. acquisition.
- Bridge E-174, Additional field meeting needs to be scheduled; Meeting needs to be scheduled with Consultant to discuss project.
- Bridge E-166, Project was advertised on February 11, 2010 and construction bids are due March 4, 2010.
- Bridge RQ-164 Rockafellows Mill Construction, Preconstruction meeting needs to be scheduled.
- Bridge D-300, Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, kick off meeting was held January 12, 2010.

Melick LLC

County Counsel DeSapio informed the Board that he received a summary from Special Counsel, John Gallina with regard to the settlement status of Melick, LLC, in connection with the Oldwick Intersection project. Mr. Gallina has drawn a proposed Consent Order settling the case along the lines of the direction which the Freeholder Board gave him and sent it to the Melick's attorney. There are some technical aspects which need to be worked out. Mr. Gallina received a telephone call today from Melick's attorney that he would get back to Mr. Gallina by the end of the week with his comments.

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. Walton seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 16, 2010.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of February 02, 2010.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of Hunterdon County Bridge C-88, over the Beaver Brook, in Clinton Township.

See Page 02/16/10-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a federal aid agreement for the Resurfacing of County Route 623 and 625, in Alexandria, Clinton and Union Townships.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a federal aid agreement for the Resurfacing of County Route 512 and 517, in Tewksbury Township.

See Page 02/16/10-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a federal aid agreement for Resurfacing and Stormwater Improvements for County Route 650 in Raritan Township and Resurfacing and Stormwater Improvement Project, County Route 519 in Milford Borough and Holland Township.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the redacted Executive Session minutes of October 06, 2009, October 20, 2009, November 04, 2009, and November 10, 2009.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the specifications for the 2010 Demolition of various Structures throughout the County.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for the 2009 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement, in the amount of \$120,000.00.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application for the 2009 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Bonus Program application, in the amount of \$82,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant for the FY2011 Homeland Security and Preparedness Appropriation Award, with the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, to enhance the County's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies, in the amount of \$200,000.

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

George Wagner, Director of Public Safety came before the Board requesting permission to apply for Earmark funding through the FY2011 Homeland Security Earmark. Mr. Wagner explained the paperwork for this grant goes through Congressman Rush Holt's office and at this time it is not known how much the County will receive.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 02/16/10-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the submission of a grant application for FY2011 Appropriations, Homeland Security Earmarks, through the Office of Representative Rush Holt, for the purpose of completing the UHF Radio System and also to implement the FCC required narrow banding project.

Mr. Sworen directed Mr. Wagner to also coordinate this Congressman Leonard Lance and the County's two Senators, Mike Doherty and Steven Oroho. He suggested a letter of support from the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Wagner advised after talking with the County's Grant Management Committee, he will also be getting letters of support from the Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, and the Emergency Management Squad Chiefs.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from High Bridge Borough requesting permission to close a portion of County Route 513 between Fairview Avenue and West Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., to host a Soap Box Derby, on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion approving this request provided it is coordinated through the Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

A request was received from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon, asking for permission to use the County's Shooting Range, on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., to hold the New Jersey 4-H Shooting Sports State Match.

Director Mennen informed those present that Mr. Wagner has been consulted on this matter and is aware of the request.

Mr. Wagner asked Rutgers to make a written request in order to follow the County's process. They did meet with Rutgers onsite, as well as John Trontis, Parks and Recreation Director. He feels safety issues have been addressed but that the Freeholders or County Counsel may have some liability issues or insurance issues that may have to be satisfied.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion authorizing permission be given to Rutgers' Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon to use the County's Shooting Range, on Saturday, March 13, 2010, with the stipulation that permission is contingent upon County Counsel reviewing all insurance and liability protection required. Mr. DeSapio confirmed that adequate provision be made for security for those attending. Mr. Wagner advised he will be onsite, as this will be a pilot program to see how and if it works.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

NJTPA/Route 78

Mr. Holt reported that he met with Tara Sheppard, of HART and Sue Dziamara, Hunterdon Planning Board approximately two weeks ago to discuss transportation needs within the County. The thought process was to be as direct and thorough with the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on what Hunterdon's needs are. For many years the thought was to throw as many projects into the pot and see what is approved but with the release of the third phase of the Route 78 Corridor Study which has taken ten years; it is felt that the County's position for the next 100 years should be that the single largest focus of what Hunterdon needs is activity and results major roads in Hunterdon; Routes 78, 31 and 202. Also, the identifiable solutions that exist both within the 202 Corridor Study and the Route 78 Study, inclusive of rail service to Hampton and beyond and inclusive of rail service to Flemington must be looked at. Mr. Holt advised Ms. Sheppard and Mrs. Dziamara are working on a document which will continue to condense down but in essence they would like to draft a document that is very clear on what Hunterdon County needs with regard to transportation in the foreseeable future. Mr. Holt said identifying the needs into short, medium and long term solutions in both those studies and to also list which requires little to no funding, will assist the County in identifying its needs.

Mr. Holt also meet with North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority who has offered, once the County gets 3/4th done with the studies, to meet with Hunterdon in order to draft this document and it will be Hunterdon's pitch for the next several years to NJTPA. Mr. Holt stated this is not larger roads, bigger roads or faster roads, it is clearly identifying the way that Hunterdon is going to resolve traffic on County and local roads, which is going back to the source of the problem which is the lack of transportation and the overburdening of the County's highway system as it currently exists.

Resolution/Governor Christie/Unnecessary Burdens/Taxpayer

Mr. Melick advised he's had a draft resolution prepared because the Governor has told the counties that there isn't enough money. There are cuts coming in programs that will affect Hunterdon County. Currently everyone is faced with a sick economy which has to be turned around. Mr. Melick said he could accept some of this if the legislature and the Governor through legislation could relieve counties and municipalities of some of the mandatory COAH obligations, binding arbitration, and anything which is mandatory.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Urging counties and municipalities and school boards to work with Governor Christie to move our State forward and lift the unnecessary burdens placed on the taxpayer.

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

Fire Coordinators

Mr. Walton reported that he and George Wagner, Public Safety Director, met with the County's Fire Coordinators last night. They do a lot of important work in helping firefighters in large scale incidents.

Polytech/Schools

Mr. Walton reported that one of the cuts which Governor Christie made was to schools, affects Polytech, in the amount of \$300,000 from their surplus. Mr. Walton is sure Polytech will find a way to work through this.

Hunterdon Medical Center

Mr. Walton reported he toured the Hunterdon Medical Center today and it is a remarkable facility.

Open Space Funding

Director Mennen reported on the next Freeholders' Agenda in Open Session the Board will discuss the recommendations from the Open Space Advisory Committee for allocation to specific projects for Open Space Funding.

Director Mennen presented the Board with the six properties which were ranked by the Open Space Advisory Committee and also a property fact sheet which provides additional information with regard to each of the six properties, to be discussed on March 02, 2010.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Mennen again opened the meeting to the public.

Jim Travaris, 4-H Sporting Coordinator thanked the Board for consideration concerning the March 13, 2010, state shooting event. Hunterdon County has one of the strongest 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs in the State. They are a great group of children. He invited the Board to attend the event and see the skills of Hunterdon's youth.

County Counsel, Gaetano M. DeSapio asked Mr. Travaris to contact him in order to go over legal and insurance requirements to hold the event.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Mennen adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board