

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

November 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. WALTON.

ABSENT: MR. SWOREN.

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."

Swearing in of Freeholders Elect – Robert G. Walton.

George K. Walton, father of Freeholder Elect, Robert G. Walton swore in his son while his wife, Kathleen and children, Michael, Alexander and Samantha held the family Bible.

Freeholder Walton addressed his family and those in attendance and thanked them for coming today. He thanked his family for sharing him with the people of Hunterdon County. He realizes he spends a lot of time away from them.

Director Mennen congratulated Mr. Walton saying he was happy to have him serve again on the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Walton and Mr. Sworen stepped out of the meeting.

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

ABSENT: MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-1A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a personnel issues in regard to possible layoffs or furloughs of County employees. (8)

See Page 11/16/10-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a recommendation by the Raritan Valley Community College Search Committee for an individual to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. (8)

See Page 11/16/10-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a vacancy of an OEM (Office of Emergency Management) Director in the Public Safety Department. (8)

See Page 11/16/10-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the status of an attorney for the Construction Board of Appeals. (8)

See Page 11/16/10-1E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Youth Services/Juvenile Justice Commission. (8)

See Page 11/16/10-1F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and negotiations for property known as the Kuhl/Kadezabek property in Raritan Township. (5)

See Page 11/16/10-1G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and legal issues regarding the County contributing to the Windy Acres property. (5)

See Page 11/16/10-1H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations including the hearing for the arbitration of the contracts in the Prosecutor's Office. (7) (8)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an arbitration award concerning Corrections' Officers. (7)

See Page 11/16/10-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the results of a determination by Assignment Judge Ciccone to award attorney fees in a lawsuit entitled: Ginsch v. Hunterdon County. (7)

See Page 11/16/10-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review executive session minutes that were listed in an OPRA request.

See Page 11/16/10-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations for the terms of a contract with the Hunterdon Medical Center for Public hearing nursing. (7)

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m., recessed at 6:00 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session in the Historic Court House at 6:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item #8 from the Consent Agenda

Director Mennen informed those present that he would like to accelerate for consideration this evening Resolution #8, which is listed under the Purchasing portion of the Agenda, that is specifically to reject bids related to a timber harvest on Block 63, Lot 53, known as the Round Mountain North Section of Deer Path Park.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-2E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the rejection of County Bid #2010-22, for Timber Harvest on Block 63, Lot 53, known as the Round Mountain North Section of Deer Path Park, and authorizing reevaluation of the project.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Mennen opened the meeting for short public comments at this time. Director Mennen explained for those who wish to speak more than a couple of minutes there will be an opportunity during the second Public Comment section of the agenda.

Adam Liebtag, President of the Communication Workers of America (C.W.A.) Local 1036, introduced himself saying he represents the rank and file and the supervisory units in Hunterdon County. He stated he is also a County resident, living in Frenchtown Borough.

Mr. Liebtag said a layoff plan is not listed on tonight's agenda and questioned if the Board is going to discuss a layoff plan at anytime during tonight's meeting and if the answer is yes, he would ask the Board to afford ample opportunity for the well over one hundred employees present to make public comments on that plan before any action is taken.

Director Mennen advised the answer is yes; and as he discussed with Mr. Liebtag over two weeks ago, the public will absolutely be afforded the opportunity to be heard on the plan before formal action is made.

Mr. Liebtag asked the Freeholder Board to waive the two minute limitation.

Director Mennen explained to Mr. Liebtag that the Freeholders have a busy agenda, so the Board will move through the agenda. He assured Mr. Liebtag that the Freeholders will stay this evening as long as it takes to allow everyone the opportunity to speak.

Director Mennen entertained those present to talk on issues not related to the union at this time.

Forestry Management

Gerry Shamey, Readington Township Mayor came before the Board to thank you for the recent vote this evening to reject the bid for timber harvest at the Round Mountain North Section of Deer Path Park. Readington Township is concerned about indefinitely postponing the project.

Mayor Shamey advised he is present to voice Readington Township's unqualified opposition to any commercial logging at Round Mountain. He noted that the Township has sent the County a resolution expressing that opinion. He stated that Readington Township does not feel this is a sustainable activity.

Beatrice Muir, Readington Township Committeewoman came before the Board to echo the words spoken by Mayor Shamey.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to indefinitely suspend any harvesting program at the Round Mountain North Section of Deer Path Park.

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

Rick Connelly, President of the New Jersey Forestry Association, which is a nonprofit group that consists of 700 to 1,000 landowners and foresters who spend their time dealing with the scientific issues of running a forest. He encouraged the County when it discusses forestry to ask his association for help. The New Jersey Forestry Association deals with issues professionally and scientifically and they have some of the best foresters, not only in the State of New Jersey but in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Connelly stated his association is not taking a position and has not been to the site but they are concerned in the long term view of forestry. It is important to management forests. He again offered the New Jersey Forestry Association to be a tool for the County to be able to use and to look at these issues. Forests should be managed to preserve the habitat rather than invading species and for regeneration.

Doug Tobella, Co-Chairman of the New Jersey Division and Society of American Foresters, came before the Board expressing disappointment in the action taken with regard to Round Mountain. His organization visited the site today and this site has had active forest management on it since the 1980's including the timber harvest and the result of that harvest was the establishment of hardwood regeneration on the site and also the beautiful appearance of the forest that exists today.

Mr. Tobella stated he will be submitting a white paper on this issue and stated that the New Jersey Audubon Society will also submit a white paper to the County based on the value of the site with regard to habitat for bird species.

Mr. Tobella hopes that Hunterdon County will revisit this issue sometime in the future and that decisions will be made on the facts and the science.

Heather Gracey, professional forester, stated she first visited the Round Mountain site 25 years ago and at that time the forest was in a poor, unhealthy condition because of invasive species. She is impressed that over the past 25 years to see the forest which has trees that are around 15, 20 and 25 years old. The trees which were marked for removal are in a distressed state and it is apparent from a science standpoint that it makes sense to harvest those trees and determine what will be plants for growth for the next 15 or 20 years from now.

Gerald Vontibaum commended the Freeholders for rejecting the commercial logging plan. He reviewed the Forest Management Plan and found it to be inappropriate. Logging is not consistent with the issue of Hunterdon County Parks.

George Glasshoff identified himself as a resident of Delaware Township, a County employee at the Roads and Bridges Department for the past 20 years and an elected official for the union members present. Mr. Glasshoff said the County employees deferred weeks of pay for the County to save money, and he questioned why the Board would in try to get more money from the employees who only make around an average of \$33,000 a year. He feels the County has money in surplus that could be used.

Barbara Stoddard, employee of the Hunterdon County Health Department and a Steward for Local 1036 and stated she was the principal person of the Lambertville Historical Society. Ms. Stoddard said her family settled in Hunterdon County in 1732. Ms. Stoddard said regarding the people here this evening, that she is standing up for, you can trust them with your stuff; the County may not be able to trust a private firm with personal or work stuff.

Adam Sokel, Boy Scout Troop 186, informed the Freeholder Board that his Boy Scout Troop has done projects at Round Mountain. The troop also hikes at Round Mountain.

Les Alpaugh stated he is a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County; he owns a farm and is a former State Forester and a member of the State Forestry Association. He thinks the Freeholders have made a grave mistake and that the Board needs to stand up for the science that is involved in forestry.

Erik Swirling thanked the Board for the decision made with not timber harvesting at Round Mountain. Mr. Swirling stated he is a member of the Readington Board of Education and said his opinions are his own.

Elizabeth Duffy, Readington Township resident came before the Board stating that the harvesting plan for Round Mountain would remove 2/3rds of the trees and that would remove half of the trees between 18 and 23 inches, along with other trees. A majority of the large trees would be removed and that is not management, that is logging and it will not provide a park that people want to hike in. Mr. Duffy thanked the Freeholders for the action taken this evening to not log at Round Mountain.

Shawn Estefan asked if logging will happen at Round Valley in the future and what is being done so that won't happen.

Director Mennen explained the Freeholder Board has acknowledged that the level of input by municipalities is necessary. The County is working to address those efficiencies across a whole load of issues not just limited to this issue. The County recognizes this is something it can do better and the County will continue to do that. The County continues to strive to be as transparent as it can be.

Robert Boss stated he is not a County resident, he is from Bloomfield but he wanted to support open space and to say he would like to keep County parks safe. He noted that the jobs of professional foresters is to manage a forest in a way that maximizes timber production and they can manage to increase a diversity in species but they are not managing for a natural process.

Jason Groening informed the Board that he used to live in California where there were redwood trees and he just wants Hunterdon to preserve its forests.

Collin Hunter, President of the Student Environmental Alliance Club of Hunterdon Central Regional High School, pointed out there is a difference between commercial logging and forest management. He said people spend a lot of money trying to copy nature so why are we trying to tell the forests that we know better.

Mr. Hunter pointed out several members of the Student Environmental Alliance Club of Hunterdon Central Regional High School who are also present tonight.

Paula Jameson asked the Freeholders to continue to preserve nature.

Julia Allen, Readington Township Committeewoman thanked the Freeholders for their motion today and she looks forward to working with the County concerning Round Mountain.

Ed Rawlik, Readington Township resident, stated he is concerned with the CWA job loss.

HUNTERDON COUNTY POLYTECH

Present: Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent came before the Board with students enrolled in the New Career Exploration program. Jonathon Wright of Hunterdon Central High School and from North Hunterdon were Alex and Peter Casis who explained the New Career Exploration Program and the benefits it provides to them.

FINANCE

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2009 County Audit.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-4A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 Budget for the Hunterdon County Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$293,633.

See Page 11/16/10-4B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 Budget for the 2010 County Environmental Health Act Grant, in the amount of \$30,490.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-4C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 Budget for the Homeland Security Grant program, in the amount of \$468,116.67.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-4D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2010 Budget for the Housing Preservation Program, in the amount of \$55,000.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #H.C.Sheriff.1305, using State Contract #A-53804, with Motorola, Inc., for radios, for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$32,262.80. (Cops Grant funding).

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.01142, using State Contract #A61405, with New Jersey Business Systems, for wireless LAN Maintenance, for Information Technology Division, in the amount of \$34,374.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying contract, for the Farmland Preservation Program, using County Quote #0061-2010, with Bohren & Bohren Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$22,450.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying contract, for the Farmland Preservation Program, using County Quote #0061-2010, with Harris Surveying, Inc., in the amount of \$3,800.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying contract, for the Farmland Preservation Program, using County Quote #0061-2010, with Heritage Consulting Engineers, in the amount of \$2,500.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying contract, for the Farmland Preservation Program, using County Quote #0061-2010, with Hatch Mott MacDonald, in the amount of \$5,915.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional surveying contract, for the Farmland Preservation Program, using County Quote #0061-2010, with Van Cleef Engineering Associates, in the amount of \$4,410.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-27, for Snow and ice Control Materials, with International Salt Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$462,600.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-27, for Snow and ice Control Materials, with Peckham Materials Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$30,080.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-28, for Maintenance and Repair Materials, with the Campbell Foundry Company, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-28, for Maintenance and Repair Materials, with the Flemington Bituminous Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$163,107.50.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-28, for Maintenance and Repair Materials, with Tilcon New York, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$66,800.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-28, for Maintenance and Repair Materials, with Trap Rock Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$11,250.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2010-28, for Maintenance and Repair Materials, with Stavola Construction Materials, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$101,701.25.

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

PLANNING/FARMLAND

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Robert C. and Linda D. Runge and Charles F. and Rose I. Runge, (Runge II), on Block 19, Lot 13, in Alexandria Township, consisting of approximately 72 acres, (SADC-\$352,800, County-\$111,600, Township-\$111,600), total amount of \$576,000.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Tracey Frick and Stephanie Levick, on Block 15, Lot 13, in Alexandria Township, consisting of approximately 41.5 acres, (SADC-\$190,900, County-\$58,100, Township-\$58,100), total amount of \$307,100.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Craig Smith and Leslie Pittman-Smith, on Block 21, Lots 3, 3.02 and 12.03, in Delaware Township, consisting of approximately 64.5 acres, (SADC-\$387,000, County-\$129,000, Township-\$129,000), total amount of \$645,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Perryville Road Farm, LLC (Roerig), on Block 30, Lot 8, in Union Township, consisting of approximately 60 acres, (SADC-\$356,400, County-\$118,800, Township-\$118,800), total amount of \$594,000.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering came before the Board to provide an update of various County road and bridge projects.

- County Routes 650 is currently being paved.
- The inlets for County Route 519 are being constructed.
- The deck for County Bridge R-123 should be poured on Saturday.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that he was called away this evening at 6:00 p.m. because of a car accident in Clinton Town. He explained there is currently a vehicle sitting sideways on the historic bridge in Clinton Town. That bridge is now closed and he is asking the Freeholder Board to declare this matter an emergency in order to get inspections done on the bridge. Mr. Glynn explained the center pier is damaged and the bridge has moved about three inches. Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion declaring Clinton Town Bridge an emergency and authorizing a detailed inspection be done and make a determination on the repairs to be undertaken.

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

Mr. Glynn informed the Board of an ongoing drainage issue in Holland Township where a complaint was received from the property owner. A meeting was held about a week ago with Holland Township, the property owner and there is an erosion problem. Mr. Glynn stated it is the County's opinion that the County has not created any action that would have accelerated the deterioration. Mr. Glynn advised that Soil Conservation was present and there is a storm water management system in place which is working correctly. He stated there is a significant amount of erosion on the property. Mr. Glynn had discussions with the Holland Township Deputy Mayor, John DiSarro, and it was recommended to take a field reconasense of this issue.

Director Mennen confirmed a formal request has been made by the property owner for the County and Township to look at this situation.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to accept Mr. Glynn's recommendation that the County will not be offering assistance to the property owner as this is outside the County's right of way.

Mr. Glynn advised the County will be putting a preformed pipe on the one cross drainage on Bellis Road as part of the County's storm water plan. He explained that outside of the right of way the County has no right to work.

Mr. Glynn also recommended that Holland Township be informed that the County will not be offer assistance at this time.

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

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that the County did not receive a bid in the minimum price of \$200,000 for the Bush property. He suggested the County re-advertise the project with no minimum bid and the County can make a decision once the bids are received.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to re-advertise for bids for the Bush property in Readington Township, owned by the County, with no minimum bid set but that the County reserve the right to review bids and make a determination after all bids have been received.

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

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that the County has resolved issues with Clinton Township and \$80,000 has been retained and he would like the County to release the remaining farms and that the different the County settled for the right of way and what it was acquired for in 2002 be subtracted from the payment, which is \$11,000.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-8A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Smith-Gogal Farm Land Preservation, County Route 629, Clinton Twp., Right of Way, Bridge Maintenance and Sight Easements.

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

Mr. Glynn advised the Choir School will be advanced for sale. He asked if the Board wanted to set a minimum price.

Mr. Melick recommended the Choir School be sold by sealed bids, as is the Bush property, with the County reserving the right to sale after reviewing the bids.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion authorizing Mr. Glynn to move forward with the sale of the Choir School building by sealed bids.

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

Mr. Glynn brought before the Board an issue that has been discussed for many years, being Old Mountain Road and County Bridge T-85, which currently services one residence. The property owner would like to take access off of a cull de sac off. This has been discussed for sometime and the discussion was recently reactivated. The County could work with the Township and the property owner in order to make this connection and to remove the bridge.

After further discussion, the Board directed Mr. Glynn to write a letter authorizing to the Township and property owner concerning this matter and recommend the construction of a right of way which the County would participate in making.

Director Mennen confirmed the easement is to benefit the township and the property owner, so the Township needs to approve access. He directed Mr. Glynn to correspond with the Township to allow access. Mr. Glynn explained this has been an ongoing matter for 20 years and further suggested the placement of a stone Class 3 driveway.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded motion directing Mr. Glynn to correspond with the Township of Tewksbury and explain the Board concerns and recommendations to remove the bridge and provide access to a cull de sac with a right of way.

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

Mr. Glynn recommended to the Board the County take control of the railroad bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Lehigh Valley Mainline, in Bethlehem Township and Bloomsbury Borough.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Glynn to get the Townships concurrence in writing concerning the County taking over the railroad bridge. Mr. Glynn added that he will hold a public information meeting on this matter and report back to the Board before he brings back to the Board a resolution for approval.

Sustainable Energy

Frank J. Bell, County Project Administrator and Sue Dziarama, Planning Board Director came before the Board to make a presentation on Sustainable Energy. Discussed were the following:

- Director Install.
- Energy Audit.
- Solar Energy Initiative.

Mr. Bell confirmed for the County that the Energy Audit would be reimbursed by 75%. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for an energy audit to improve energy efficiency for County Buildings 2 and 3 at the Route 31 County Complex.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

Verizon Wireless Cell Tower.

County Counsel DeSapio informed the Board that at the regular meeting of the County's Agriculture Development Board, (CADB) the owner of a preserved farm asked for approval to erect a cell tower within the 3 acre non-servable exception area of the farm. The property is located on Block 41, Lot 4, in Franklin Township.

Mr. DeSapio stated the farmer received approval for the cell tower from the Franklin Township Land Use Board on the condition that "This approval is subject to the waiver of the County Agriculture Development Board's approval."

Mr. DeSapio reported his office has reviewed the Deed of Easement which states that "the exception area shall be limited to two existing single family dwelling." The CADB's interpreted this provision from the deed as meaning that the farmer is restricted from building any additional residential structures, but the restriction does not limit other structures within the exception area so long as the farmer receives municipal approvals. Mr. DeSapio further stated that the applicant has represented that the cell tower and all related infrastructure will be contained solely within the exception area and will be connected to existing lines within the exception area.

Mr. DeSapio advised the CADB is recommending that the Freeholder Board adopt its interpretation of the Deed of Easement and approve the farmer's application.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion concurring with the CADB's interpretation and also noted that the farmer's request to place a cell tower within the 3 acre non-servable exception area of the farm, on Block 41, Lot 4, in Franklin Township was approved in concept by the Franklin Township Land Use Board.

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

County Tax Rate

Director Mennen advised that before giving Mr. Liebttag the floor, he would like to make a brief statement with regard to how the County got to this point and by that he stated that there are comments brewing concerning the use of surplus or increasing the tax rate. He is sure that discussion will take place as the evening progresses.

Director Mennen stated that this Board of Chosen Freeholders has pledged to deliver a flat tax rate to the citizens of Hunterdon County. The objective of achieving a flat tax rate was unanimously and publicly reaffirmed by this Board in early June 2010. As a part of that reaffirmation the Freeholder Board again endorsed as list of acceptable strategies. Specifically included on that list were personnel initiatives to realize reductions in spending. On October 19, 2010, in response to an inquiry from this Board the Hunterdon County Tax Administrator made

a presentation on his estimates on ratables for 2011. It is estimated that there will be a reduction of \$988 million or 4% of the ratable base within Hunterdon County. Each 1% reduction ratable translates into a set of numbers of reduction in revenue to the County. Prior to the Tax Administrator's estimates this Board was informed by the Finance Department that even if ratable were to stay flat for 2011 that the County would experience a \$1 million shortfall in the 2011 budget. Director Mennen reported that the County is anticipating a \$4 million shortfall in the coming budget.

Director Mennen advised that cost savings initiatives regarding personnel requires approval from the Civil Service Division of the State of New Jersey. That approval process takes time, therefore in order for the County to have the savings available for the 2011 budget year the County must submit a plan to Civil Service for approval now. This however, is by no means the end of the process. The County will continue to work with anyone who cares to join this Board in an effort to find cost savings which might lessen or avert the need to displace County employees.

Director Mennen further stated that in order to provide some perspective the County has reduced its budgeting in each of the last three years without displacing any employees. In 2007 the Hunterdon County budget was \$99.4 million; in 2008 it was \$96.9 million; in 2009 it was \$96.8 million and 2010's budget is \$94.1 million. Given the latitude of the 2011 shortfall, the fact that cuts in the three preceding budgets have already trimmed any extras and the fact that salary, wage and fringe accounts for 44.1% of the County budget, the County cannot hold these personnel expenditures fully exempt from cuts necessary to achieve the objective and maintain the fiscal health of Hunterdon County. It is for that reason that Hunterdon County began to advance a plan to implement furlough days across the entire County operation; from top to bottom. No one distinction will be drawn between the most senior management and any other employee in the County. The purpose of the plan is not to make up the entire \$4 million shortfall but to achieve a portion of the \$4 million; specifically \$1.5 million of the \$4 million.

Director Mennen advised this was and continues to be, in the Freeholders' opinion, the far more equitable means to achieve personnel savings. Furlough days spread across the entire workforce while layoffs target a select few to shoulder the entire burden. Unfortunately PERC, the Public Employees Relations Commission has stripped the County of the ability to implement a furlough plan, even if one were to be approved by the Civil Service Commission without negotiating with the union. Director Mennen explained the most recent decision against the Borough of BelMar, for the Communications Workers of America, the Court decided on October 28, 2010 that a furlough plan amounts to a reduction in work hours which must be the subject of collective bargaining. Curiously, that same case repeatedly states that the town or county at all times retains the non-negotiable managerial prerogative to reduce the number of employees. The County finds the preference for layoffs as opposed to furloughs to be alarming, counterproductive and wholly inequitable.

Director Mennen stated the County will continue to discuss alternatives with the CWA, including reopening the existing contracts and even the acceptance of furloughs. However, even the BelMar decision the County has reluctantly shifted gears and must now consider the submission of a layoff plan to the Civil Service Commission. The layoff plan is part of the overall \$3 million package of savings. The layoff plan itself represents \$1.347 million of a \$3 million savings. The remainder of the proposed savings are realized by not filling funded vacancies including known impending retirements and other reductions to operating expenditures. It is with deep regret to each member of this Board that to accomplish the \$1.347 million in savings, up to 30 people may lose their jobs.

Director Mennen reiterated on behalf of the Freeholder Board that this is not the end of the road. Each of the department heads whose departments are targeted to lose personnel as a result of this layoff plan have been both encouraged and challenged to find other means of realizing cost savings within their departments which could spare jobs. Starting as early as tomorrow, the Board welcomes anyone to the table who might have cost savings ideas beyond the \$3 million already identified which would lessen the need for layoffs. The Freeholders intend to continue to search, be it collaborative or be it solo to find cost savings right up until the day that any layoff would take effect.

Director Mennen said in the meantime, however, a plan has to be sent to Trenton for review and consideration. Failure to do so would take away the County's ability to utilize contemplated savings in the 2011 budget. The submission of a layoff plan is not where the County stops; it is simply a necessary step in the process, a step taken in recognition of the garnering state approval of such a plan. Throughout the pending approval process the County will continue to seek other spending cuts remaining all the while local minded to any additional suggestions.

Mr. Liebttag informed the Freeholders that he has a proposal to save \$80,000 by eliminating the Freeholders' salaries of \$16,000 each.

Mr. Liebttag advised the Freeholders can say how difficult this decision is but the reality is the people present tonight have to live with the decision. The County can get work done with the remaining workers; the County can decide to get out of the business of doing certain government services. A layoff to Roads and Bridges will extend or delay County projects and it could drive overtime costs but layoffs create jobless householders and those people will come back to the County seeking social services and support from the County because 30 jobless households may be created. These people are taxpaying residents of the County. The Freeholders need to look at these people as County residents, taxpayers and service providers to the public. Consider all those issues before taking action on a layoff plan this evening.

Mr. Liebtag asked the Freeholders to remove the resolution from the consent agenda that deals with seeking a bid for custodial services. He asked for a roll call vote.

Mr. Liebtag asked all the County servants to stand up and be recognized for their hard work for the County and ask the Freeholders to find an alternate path. These people do their jobs and because they do their jobs well, they are invisible.

Mr. Liebtag said the County met on November 03, 2010 and at that meeting the Freeholders deferred action on a layoff plan. The Union thanked you for deferring action at that time.

Mr. Liebtag said the union agreed to meet with the County on November 08, 2010 and at 9 am they came prepared to talk about budget savings but instead the discussion was on a layoff plan. He explained the discussion of a layoff plan put a chill on any discussion that was to take place. He stated he has been waiting for information on that layoff plan. He confirmed the union and the County have not met since November 08, 2010 because he wanted the Freeholders to hear from the union membership.

Mr. Liebtag acknowledged that the union did receive from the County repeated requests to meet and he now wonders what the purpose was.

Mr. Liebtag asked the Freeholders for a commitment that every dollar saved is a dollar that will avert a layoff. At a recent membership meeting last week and it was clear they do not want furloughs and layoffs are unacceptable. Other ways to cut the budget can be found but trimming or cutting the workforce is not the first option. The membership says there are alternate members and the union will agree to work with the County.

Mr. Liebtag stated in 2010 the budget was \$94 million and \$12 million of surplus was to be used. He asked if the County intended to spend that \$12 million because at the end of this year around \$5.5 million will be returned into surplus. In 2009, \$12 million was used and half of that was returned to surplus. He asked where the budget problem is because he doesn't see it in the numbers. The County has surplus which were obtained through contract concessions. He questioned what other counties are doing because they also do not want to raise taxes. Morris County's budget is three times Hunterdon's, a \$300 million budget in 2010 with a \$40 million surplus balance and they spent \$20 million of their surplus. He feels Hunterdon's budget is in healthier shape than Morris County's. He asked the Freeholders to use surplus to save people's jobs.

Mr. Liebtag asked about deferred pay and if the County employees who did not defer 10 days of pay, were they laid off and Mr. Liebtag answered his own question by saying they were not. The CWA union deferred 10 days of pay and saved at least \$1 million for the County and now there is talk of layoffs. Mr. Liebtag advised he is being told that the other groups that did not defer 10 days of pay have no furloughs and no layoffs this year. Mr. Liebtag asked the Board to spread the pain on people who did not already step up and give back two weeks of pay.

Mr. Liebtag asked for the Board to confirm that every dollar in savings identified by the union or by a department head would go to saving a job.

Mr. Liebtag offered the following money saving ideas to the Board:

- Cut the open space tax by one cent.
- Increase the property tax rate by one cent.
- Eliminate all seasonal employees.
- Cut the paid student help.
- Cut any non-permanent, non-regular employee first.
- Cut out all seasonal from every department.
- Eliminate managerial increases.
- Cut the salaries of managerial employees by 15 furlough days to start.
- Reduce professional fees by using in-house counsel.
- Hire more in-house staff – they are less expensive than outsourced services.
- Cut the overtime budgets or restrict the overtime budgets except in emergency situations.
- Offer a retirement incentive. There are employees who would take the retirement incentive and leave which would accrue savings through attrition.

Mr. Liebtag would like access to all department budgets in order to look at cost savings; the Board should listen to its department heads who he believes does not want to see layoffs. He asked the Freeholders to commit this evening to find dollar to dollar savings to save jobs.

Director Mennen at this time asked any person present if they would like to approach the Board to speak and make a statement or comment.

The following approached the Board concerning County privatization of services, furlough days and/or a County layoff: Paul Kasces of Buildings and Maintenance; Barbara Metzger of Social Services; Joseph Natazio (not a County employee); Lenny Banko of Buildings and Maintenance; Cheryl Kasces (former County employee); Carol Miller of Buildings and Maintenance; Carrie Messinger of the Library; Fred Alby of Roads and Bridges; Joyce Hoffsford of Alexandria Township (not a County employee) and several other approached the Board without providing their names.

Director Mennen confirmed the Freeholder Board has had the opportunity to hear Mr. Leibtag's and several members of the public, both employees and non-employees and there is a decision that needs to be made with regard to a plan and whether or not that plan is transmitted down to Civil Service in Trenton to start the process, the resolution of this Board's commitment to continue to work independent of that plan to hope to lessen, if not avert the need for layoffs. He said Mr. Leibtag's challenge/question during his remarks, he is sure we can agree on protocol whereby if real, additional, new, novel savings are identified by the Union that the County can certainly see to it that they are allocated to and go to serve to avert the need or lessen the need for layoffs.

Director Mennen advised there is still the question of whether or not this Board is of the mind to advance a plan at this point.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion authorizing the County of Hunterdon to forward a layoff plan to the Division of Civil Service of the State of New Jersey and requests that discussions continue between union and the County on solutions. Mr. Melick stated there were suggestions made this evening and he noted that a lot of those suggestions are already in the County's work plan but the Freeholders will continue to look at each suggestion. He assured those present that the Freeholders do not take this lightly. He said the Freeholders are getting a thrashing this evening from those present but the process has to move forward and confirmed there will be discussions with the union and everyone's input will be considered. Mr. Melick said the Union and the Freeholders have every right to meet and he confirmed those meetings will take place to discuss this situation. He explained there are several options but the process has to be started. He again stated his motion is to start the process to forward this plan to Civil Services.

Mr. Walton said that no one on this Board takes any pleasure in taking this action of moving forward. It is felt this is necessary and it is not without sadness that the Board looks at the options.

Director Mennen explained to those present that the County does not have the luxury of operating at the same flexibility as the private sector employer does; the County is subject to the whims, the delays and the approval process of Civil Service. This leads to nothing less than 90 days before any of this could begin to take effect. Director Mennen stressed to the union and those present that there is 90 days to talk. There is no reason not to talk. The County has met the challenge and the Freeholders will continue to talk and to search for savings. The County itself found an initial \$1.7 million and is very happy to entertain further suggestions that anyone may bring to the table.

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

Director Mennen asked if Mr. Liebtag would provide available dates to meet with either the Human Resources Director or the County Administrator before he leaves.

Mr. Liebtag responded by saying no.

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."

Item #2 was held until the next meeting.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 19, 2010.

See Page 11/16/10-12A CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 11/16/10-12B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carol Bodder to receive adjustment in pay consistent with other bargaining unit provisions, for serving as Acting Department Head, Parks and Recreation.

See Page 11/16/10-12C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lisa Wim appointed permanent, full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 11/16/10-12D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Stephen Allara, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Emergency Management, Public Safety Department, hours adjusted to part time.

See Page 11/16/10-13A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing no passing zones along County Route 623 (Hamden Road-Wellington Road-Allerton Road), in the Town and Township of Clinton.

See Page 11/16/10-13B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for: #2010-31, NJDex State Police Interface for Prosecutor's Office; #2010-32, Custom Fitted Uniforms for various departments; #2010-33, providing Janitorial Services for County buildings.

See Page 11/16/10-13C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Frank Giannattoniuo and Associates, Inc., the KeyClaims Paper Entry & Transmission Services, for the Hunterdon County Health Department, for electric transmission of Medicare Flue Claims, for a monthly fee of \$35.00, with a \$1.10 per claim charge.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-13D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Tanner Mazewski for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-13E

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for the County Environmental Health Act, in the amount of \$146,488 in state funds and a County Match of \$146,488, for a total of \$292,976.

Director Mennen asked that paragraph two be removed from the

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-13F

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant award application with the National Association of County & City Health Officials for participation by the Health Department in the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) Capacity Building Awards grant, to support the integration of MRC units into local public health and emergency response infrastructure, in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-13G

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant award from the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$468,116.67.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-13H

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Ella Rue to the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College to fill a vacancy.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-14A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subgrant award from the FEMA Emergency Management Performance grant, from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$100,000. (\$50,000 in federal funds and a County Match of \$50,000).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Township of Holland requesting in-kind printing services for their municipal directory, Solutions to Stormwater Pollution, Holland's newsletter, and the printing of standard envelopes for the Township. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this request is coordinated through the Department of Central Printing, Mail and Information Services.

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

A letter was received from Michael Skoczek, Center for Educational Advancement, requesting permission to use the Main Street County Complex parking area during the Turkey Trot, to place port-a-johns, which would be delivered on November 24, 2010. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this request is coordinated through the Department of Buildings and Maintenance.

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

A request was received from Janice Waldman asking permission to plant a tree at the Hunterdon County Arboretum. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion that this request be coordinated through the County's Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Route 202/31

Mr. Holt reported on a feasibility study for State Routes 202 and 31.

Shared Services

Mr. Walton reported he will be holding a Shared Services seminar on November 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Route 12 County Complex. The discussion will be with municipalities are shared services for fire, rescue and police.

Sheriff's Office/Prosecutor's Office

Mr. Melick advised that the County Prosecutor's Office confiscated, during the investigation of the County Sheriff a lot of County property. Since then the indictments were thrown out by the Attorney Generals Office. Mr. Melick recommended that the County ask the Attorney General to return all Hunterdon County's property which was confiscated since they have no need for it since they threw out the indictments. The equipment includes computers, ID machines and more.

Director Mennen will draft a letter to the Attorney General and send it on behalf of the Freeholder Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Recycling

Lois Stewart, resident of Flemington Borough asked the status of recycling in the County.

Director Mennen stated recycling is a municipal obligation but the County is doing all it can to assist.

Solar Panels

Ms. Steward asked about solar panels.

Frances Gavigan, resident of East Amwell Township reported that currently there is an application before DEP for 100 acres of solar panels to be placed adjacent to the village of Ringoes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 9:15 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session at 9:52 p.m.

RECONVENE - OPEN SESSION

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders reconvened in Open Session at 9:52 p.m.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 11/16/10-15A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the release of executive session minutes as listed in an OPRA Request, for May 06, 2008, November 06, 2008, January 08, 2009, March 17, 2009, April 07, 2009 and May 05, 2009.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Mennen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board