

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Main Street County Complex, 2nd Floor, 71 Main Street

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

September 07, 2010

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:13 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, 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 September 02, 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 SESSION REQUESTS

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss with the County Architect additional claims in regard to the 911 Center/Emergency Services Building. (7)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the efforts in Delaware Township to designate certain bridges historic and the legal implications of that possible designation. (7)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss legal issues in regard to certain designations of dams and the discussion of a contract extension for a consultant in connection with a project. (7)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the status of a claim by PAIC in connection with the resolution of the Kobner versus Hunterdon County Sheriff case. (7)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a letter from the Sheriff dated August 30, 2010 regarding salaries in her office. (7)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the review of executive session minutes for July 06, 2010, July 20, 2010, August 03, 2010 and August 17, 2010, to determine what can be redacted and released. (7) (8)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Workforce Investment Board. (8)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the personnel analysis regarding vacancy for the Department of Parks and Recreation. (8)

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 5:18 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Mennen opened the meeting to the public.

At this time no one from the public wished to address the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance No. 2010-01

Director Mennen opened the public hearing on County Ordinance No. 2010.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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ORDINANDE NO. 2010-01

ADOPTION, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDARD PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS FOR THE RECOVERY FROM THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RESPONDING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE INCIDENTS.

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

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent came before the Board saying she thinks its important for the Freeholder Board to get to see the students of Polytech and get of feeling of what is being done at Polytech. This evening the Culinary Arts Instructor Paul Ingenito is teaching at Raritan Valley Community College tonight. Ms. Metz informed the Board that Mr. Ingenito was chosen Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Metz advised this summer Mr. Ingenito started an initiative where a garden was grown at Polytech and ran the "Farm to Table" classes over the summer where the students came and worked in the garden; used the produce and the herbs and learned the teachers slow food philosophy.

Ms. Metz introduced Christopher Minikus and Anthony Stockelberg from the Culinary Arts Class.

Mr. Stockelberg explained that over the summer there were 4 required classes to attend with Chef Paul. The students would spend time in the garden, weeding, watering and maintaining the garden over the summer; then they would spend time taken items from the garden into the kitchen to make meals out of it. Mr. Stockelberg and Mr. Minikus were able to make eggplant parmesan from items in the garden.

Mr. Minikus agreed with Mr. Stockelberg that the program was a lot of fun. The four classes were required but they were fun and the students got to cook with the items from the garden. There are a lot of plants in the garden such as tomatoes which they made tomato sauce with; they used eggplant and fresh mint was used to make Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream, oregano, basil and other herbs.

Mr. Minikus and Mr. Stockelberg advised that this evening they brought the Board fresh tomato and basil from the garden and made an Italian salad with fresh mozzarella that was made today, as well as peanut butter cookies.

Ms. Metz thanked the Board for supporting the Polytech School District.

Mr. Minikus and Mr. Stockelberg shared with the Board that they are planning on attending the Culinary Institute of American once they graduate from High School.

The Board thanked Ms. Metz, Mr. Minikus and Mr. Stockelberg for taking the time to come this evening and for bringing samples of their work.

PRESENTATION - REMEMBER TOGETHER FOUNDATION

Ken Mandoli, President of the Remember Together Foundation thanked the Board for giving the Foundation time this evening. All five members of the Foundation are present this evening. The Foundation was formed in early February 2010, as a dream and now it is becoming a reality. The Foundation plans on securing tax deductible donations to raise significant funds for two goals: (1) to design, build, implement and dedicate a public monument at an approved location. Two locations were looked at and chosen was the Landsdown Meadows (174 acres), Block 5, Lot 5, in the Township of Franklin, as there were issues with the first location, which was also in Franklin Township. The Landsdown Meadows is at the intersection of County Routes 513/617. This location is also easily accessible to Route 78.

Mr. Mandoli advised this property is jointly owned by several people and the Foundation has already received consent to use the property for the monument from the New Jersey Water Authority and from Green Acres. This evening the Foundation is before the Freeholder Board and will go before Franklin Township on Thursday, September 09, 2010. It is hoped to receive all the approvals in order to move forward with the project.

Mr. Mandoli advised the second goal of the Foundation is to tender the surplus. The Foundation plans on raising enough funds to have a surplus which would be turned over to the County as a maintenance endowment to take care of the project for years to come, so there won't be any maintenance costs to the County.

Mr. Mandoli reported after these two goals have been completed by the Foundation, the Foundation plans on dissolving after the unveiling. The target date being set at this time is the ten year anniversary, which would be September 11, 2011.

George Weichert, a member of the Foundation, came before the Board explaining the concept is to have a flagpole at the center, then memorials to each of the three sites (World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Schwanksville) to be orientated in the direction that they are as you stand in front of the flagpole. The concept is to pay tribute and respect the lives which were affected and lost at those three sites, as well as the flagpole being the center of the responders (Police, Fire, Rescue, Military) who rushed to those places to assist during this tragedy.

Mr. Weichert reported currently it is envisioned that a 76' diameter area would be needed; part of that is trying to maintain less than 5,000 square feet to be respectful of land use. There would be a walkway to the flagpole and at each of the monuments there will be a bronze or some metal plaque that indicates what they represent and in the center there will be the different responding agencies, indicating what they did to respond to the incident. The area around the flagpole will be low ground cover and the area behind that where the monuments will be located will be grass and outside that area will be the meadow effect.

Mr. Weichert stated the Foundation has received a commitment from the Port Authority to gain access to some artifact but the exact size of that is not known yet. Similarly in Schwanksville, a commitment was received to get some material. The Foundation is working on the Pentagon and it is hopeful that will fall into place.

Mr. Mandoli introduced Rich Rosenberg, with Masur Consulting, who is offering his services, free of cost to the Foundation, to assist in the engineering.

Mr. Rosenberg introduced himself as the engineer in Franklin Township and he also represents Delaware Township and Bloomsbury Borough in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Rosenberg provided an overview of the property and how the site would be laid out from the parking area to the memorial, as well as the trails. The monument is set back 600' from the road which reduces the ambient sounds.

Mr. Mandoli told the Board the Foundation feels the right site was chosen and asked the Board to closely look at the pamphlet for the Remember Together Memorial, there is a picture on the cover was taken by a Foundation members who was driving by the site with his cell phone camera, it shows two (2) rainbows coming down on the exact spot where the memorial is planned.

Mr. Mandoli recognized and thanked John Trontis, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the Foundation has worked closely with the Parks and Mr. Trontis. Mr. Trontis has provided great insight and ideas and he also provided a tour/field trips to other sites throughout Somerset and Hunterdon Counties.

Director Mennen confirmed the Foundation has made a presentation to the County's Parks Advisory Board.

Mr. Walton stated presentations were made in July and August and the Parks Advisory Board enthusiastically supported of venture.

Mr. Holt asked about the ambient noise.

Mr. Mandoli said there will always be some ambient noise. When you are at the monument site you can hear the ambient/background noise but you don't hear the truck rumbling on the roads.

Mr. Rosenberg said there are several memorials located throughout New Jersey but the Foundation feels this memorial will be unique because artifacts will be received from all three locations around the flagpole, and the first responders will be recognized.

Director Mennen asked County Counsel about the use of County property for the memorial, asking what the Freeholders would have to do to provide consent and what would have to be done to maintain the trust fund/endowment to be established for ongoing maintenance.

Gaetano M. DeSapio, County Counsel confirmed the owners of the property, and that the Water Authority and Green Acres have already provided approval. Mr. Mandoli stated this Thursday the Foundation will be making a presentation to Franklin Township.

Mr. DeSapio said the Foundation is looking for an irrevocable consent that the County is going to do this. He suggested voting for the project to go forward and an agreement be drawn up so that this is binding on the County, the Township, the Water Authority and Green Acres, with all parties signing off on the agreement.

Director Mennen confirmed the Foundation will set up a recurring fund/endowment which should be self-sustaining for the maintenance of the memorial going forward.

Mr. DeSapio questioned if anyone has an idea of the cost to maintain the monument and if the Foundation has a goal for the recurring maintenance fund. If there an obligation for this group to keep fundraising to reach a certain level of endowment and if not then someone would have to agree to maintain it.

Mr. Melick suggested since the monument is in Franklin Township, that it would be easier for them to maintain the monument better.

Director Mennen asked if anyone on the Board feels it's a bad idea to have a memorial on the site in the location as it has been depicted on the site plan of similar format and design, to what has been presented. The Board agreed to the concept.

Mr. Sworen recommended there be a separate agreement for maintenance. Mr. Mandoli feels there well plenty of funding because people are coming forward trying to make donations and the Foundation isn't ready to accept them yet because they are trying to get all the approvals first.

Director Mennen questioned when the Foundation will have a better handle on the actual design. The concept sounds respectful and appropriate and it sounds like all it ought to be.

Mr. Rosenberg said the memorial is being put into a final design. The Foundation would like to meet with John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering and the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the other components, such as the parking area and the trail locations to see what would work best. Once an agreement on what works best for the site is reached; not only for the memorial but for the future use of the site then the final design will be finalized, which will happen quickly.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion authorizing the Remember Together Foundation to move forward with the memorial monument for 911.

Mr. Sworen confirmed the parking area and the path/trails for the memorial will be talked through. He confirmed trails on the property are not a part of the memorial.

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

Director Mennen asked the Foundation to keep the Freeholder Board apprised of the design.

PLANNING/FARMLAND

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Grant Agreement for the Deed of Easement from Readington Township (Saqa/Ghatas), for Block 75, Lot 33, consisting of 114.043 acres, (SADC-\$1,240,387.87; County-\$501,789.20; Township-\$766,766.93), total amount of \$2,508,946.

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

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director, stated last month her office presented to the Board the final draft of the procedures manual for the Municipal and Nonprofit Grant Programs and Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance and Historic Preservation Grant Program. She thanked the Board for all comments and appreciates the time it took to review the manual.

Director Mennen stated that while the property information fact sheets, which form a portion of the application, which asks about the owners name and contact information, he was hoping there would be language that the County specifically reserves the right to contact the principle owner directly.

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director confirmed Director Mennen wants this language also on page 23, at question 2, of the application.

Director Mennen feels this information would help defuse issues which come up and have come up in the past year. The Board agreed to include the suggested language.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Municipal and Nonprofit grant programs and Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance and Historic Preservation Program, 5th Edition Procedure Manual.

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

Mrs. Dziamara and Kevin Richardson, Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator have been working on the Policy Document, to make sure it is in sync with the procedures manual. She presented to the Freeholder Board a draft Policy Document to be considered at the October 05, 2010 meeting.

PURCHASING

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40025045, with Montage Enterprises, for flair mower parts, for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, in the amount of \$15,576.69.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the award of County Bid #2010-16, for Fine Paper and Envelopes, to Paper Mart, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$79,086.10.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the award of County Bid #2010-18, to furnish and deliver two (2) 2010 Ford E-350 Super Duty Cargo Vans, upon the recommendation of the Fleet Management Committee, to Winner Ford, in an amount not to exceed \$45,626.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the award of County Bid #2010-23, for the Hunting License Agreement for Block 6, Lots 44, 49 and 49.02, in Holland Township, to the Farmers Sportsman's Club, Inc., amount to be received \$8,679.99.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving competitive contract for the provision of physician, nursing and psychiatric services, for the Correctional Facility of the County of Hunterdon, to Correctional Health Services, LLC, for three years, in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,522.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering came before the Board.

Mr. Melick asked Mr. Glynn to identify the 5 worst safety spots in the County, where there are high accident rates. The County has made progress in the past on these on these accident areas.

Mr. Glynn reported there are two areas that have not been finished; (1) Route 517 isn't done from the base of Dinnerpot Hill and the other one (2) is the Flatwoods Section on Route 523 which has a bad culvert at the base in the Flatwoods. These two projects were on the schedule to be done.

Mr. Melick asked the cost to have the engineering done for these two projects and can competitive bidding be done for the engineering.

Mr. Glynn would need to think about the cost estimates and he is sure the engineering could be competitively bid.

Mr. Glynn said since the County started these projects, the Highlands Act has caused a couple of issues and one of the projects Route 517 may not be buildable. The Highlands runs through Route 517 and there is a C1 stream coming through the area. All this would have to be factored into how a design would be done through there.

Mr. Melick is aware of the stream and that the County has a policy not to spend money but if these issues are present then the County has an obligation to fix them. There was an accident the other morning and the County has an obligation to the residents.

Mr. Glynn will think about this and report back to the Board at the next meeting. The County has to provide safe and convenient roads.

Mr. Holt questioned if this strictly a County initiative or will there be other funding.

Mr. Glynn reported if the County goes through the Federal Aid process, the 517 project will be very difficult to construct. The 523 project is more realistic to get federal funding for. The rules change when trying to go up to the next level of funding. The County has 14,000 vehicles a day on 517 and the County will not be allowed to have a 2' shoulder.

Mr. Glynn confirmed for the Board that a consultant would be needed to design the project and obtain the permits but the trust fund money could be used for the funding for construction and the means of construction. If the County has to turn to federal aid for this project, it will take a long time.

Mr. Glynn was directed to do an outreach on this project and report back to the Board.

County Road and Bridge Update:

- The County Route 519/650 project is the Transportation Trust Fund for this year. The project is expected to commence on September 27, 2010.
- County Route 619 project, Seventh Street in Frenchtown to Alexandria Township limit, is scheduled for a June 2011 start. Some Trust Fund money will be used for this project, a letter was received from the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation for next year.
- Punch list items have been completed for County Route 635, in Hampton Borough. The contractor is waiting for rain to do the topsoil and seeding. Mr. Glynn made a commitment to the residents of Hampton that this will be a super job and he still makes that commitment.
- The 2010 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment project is almost completed. There are funds left in the project and a section of County Route 513 in Lebanon Township has been identified, which starts near Bunnvale and it runs up to Califon Borough. There are three sections that are unraveling through the area. Mr. Glynn would like to get authorization tonight for a contract modification to Mannon Excavating and Paving to continue a small section to mill and resurface that area. The cost should be around \$25,000 to \$26,000 worth of work. Mr. Glynn stressed that the road is unraveling and it needs to be worked on. He would like to mill 2 inches and put back 2 inches.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion authorizing a modification to the contract with Mannon Excavating and Paving, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for an addition project added to the 2010 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment project. Mr. Glynn believes there is enough money in the project to complete this section without adding to the project.

Mr. Sworen questioned if this damage on 513 could have happened from the storm last year. He confirmed with Mr. Glynn there are safety issues.

Mr. Glynn explained this is material that is provided by Weldon Asphalt Industries and it is the same product that was provided on Route 579, which the County is having issues with. There are also issues with materials provided for Route 512 and 517 with the mix. The County has had the consultants to the site, as well as the plant manager. Mr. Glynn stated he has also had cores taken and there may be a problem with voids in it. They aren't sure if it is compaction due to construction or the actual mix. They are still working on the resolution.

Mr. Melick confirmed with Mr. Glynn that going forward there will be a warranty bond on the project. Mr. Glynn stated the County will be protected by a one year bond. Mr. Melick confirmed the bond will automatically expire.

Mr. Glynn said the vendor either has to change their mix designs or the County should not be using Weldon product. He confirmed Weldon does meet all the requirements of the state's specification; however, Hunterdon's history with that material is not good.

Mr. Sworen thinks part of the problem is the extra heavy truck traffic that the County has been experiencing. On Route 625, at the weight station the truck traffic has increased dramatically.

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

Update continued:

- The 2010 painting of the County's bridges has commenced, the contractor is now in Kingwood Township at K-47 on Route 651 and then the contractor will move over to K-87 on Milltown Road.
- Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township should be started in June 2011.
- The closing for Bridge Q-168, on Pennsylvania Avenue in Raritan Township, is very close, for the Yard property. The project should start soon.
- Construction for County Bridge R-123, on Holland Brook Road, in Readington Township will begin September 20, 2010.
- The construction on County Culvert E-163, (County Route 579), in East Amwell Township is being held until the Township has their Fall Celebration which should be over this weekend and the project will resume on September 20, 2010.
- Stream bank restoration is being done on County Route 612 at Bridge Q86, on Old Clinton Road, in Raritan Township. The County is waiting on Elizabethtown Gas to reset their gas line before the project can be completed.
- The deck for County Bridge T-116, on Boulder Hill Road, in Tewksbury Township was poured last week, so the County must wait 28 days before the bridge can be reopened. The roadway approaches will be completed. Tewksbury Township has asked the County to consider extending the pavement down, another 30 tons. Mr. Glynn informed the Township they would have to buy the material in order for the project to be extended but Tewksbury has not worked that out. The County is waiting to hear from Tewksbury.
- The contractor doing the drainage projects ran into a problem in High Bridge. Mr. Glynn explained the water main was to be looped around the new pipe being put in but High Bridge cannot turn off a valve to shut the water off so the main can be cut. The design will be changed from a one pipe to a two pipe system and there will be some additional costs for the work.
- The County has been working around the Senior Center at the Route 31 County Complex for the Sidewalk and Drainage Project at Gauntt Place. Mr. Glynn assured the Board that at all times, the seniors and staff at the complex have access into the facility. The pour around the Senior Center should be almost done after tomorrow.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board there is an old well, which he did not realize was in the Senior Center Building (Building 1). The complex is now on city water and the well is still operational and has to be sealed. Mr. Glynn stated he and the Director of Buildings and Maintenance, Pete Maddalena want to see the well sealed. They will get Stothoff Plumbing at the site to seal the well. Mr. Glynn further reported there is a tank that comes out of the building from under the ground and on top of it is a concrete slab that is broken, which is how the well was discovered. Mr. Glynn advised the slab will be replaced, they will get rid of the manhole, and seal the well.

- Waiting to hear from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township, how it will be funded. The project is supposed to be in final design but the scoping isn't finished. The County has emailed the NJTPA and DOT asking for a solution for funding to finish the scoping.
- A stake out meeting is being planned for County Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Township, in late September or in early October, 2010. The consultant has not completed the staking but he also wants to complete the design of the detention basin. A commitment was made to meet with a property owner for the project, concerning the pond, separate and distinct from that meeting. Once a design is completed the project will be staked out; the County will meet with the individual to go over the issues with the pond; then a general meeting will be scheduled for the horizontal and vertical stake out.
- County Bridge E-166 is moving ahead. The County has submitted four or five panels for stone veneer. Mr. Glynn hopes to receive authorization from the Historic Preservation Office on this stone. The colors have been varied so it isn't all blue. This goes on the box culvert, as well as the bridge pylons. The deck has been poured; the earliest the bridge can be opened is September 26, 2010 but Mr. Glynn does not feel the contractor will be ready to open the bridge at that time. He feels the bridge may be opened two weeks after that, around the second week in October. The contractor is doing a great job, which he started shortly in July 2010.
- County Bridge C-88 has been poured and the roadway construction will start this week. This bridge is stated to be opened around September 26, 2010.
- The truss for County Bridge RQ-164, on Rockafellows Mill Road, is scheduled to be delivered on September 10, 2010 with assembly starting on September 13, 2010.
- The Louvers are scheduled to be installed tomorrow, September 08, 2010, for the signal at the County Route 517/523 Intersection, to address the property owners' issues of intrusion.

Mr. Glynn reported to the Board on the Mill in Califon, saying at the last meeting it was agreed to take money from the demolition project for Califon and clean another site in the south County. He has now received a letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection authorizing the removal of the Mill in Califon. The cost for the work will be around \$11,000 to complete. Mr. Glynn further advised that the contractor has left the project site and it is not known if he will want to remobilize in the area. Mr. Glynn questioned if the Board wants to leave the building up until the next demolition project or take it down now. He noted there are ample funds in the demolition account. If authorized, Mr. Glynn will negotiate with the contractor to bring him back to remove the building.

Mr. Glynn advised he is also trying to get authorization from the Historic Preservation Office (HBO) to fill in the mill. Currently there is an eight to fourteen foot fall down through the raceway. He would like to leave the old Mill walls, not tear them down, but fill them so there is no drop issue. A small piece of pipe could be placed through the raceway; fill it with clean stone and the water will have to be left on in case someone is tied into it with their under drain or septic. This work would be done in-house. He feels the County is close to receiving authorization from HBO.

After further discussion, Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion authoring Mr. Glynn to proceed with the Mill in Califon project and approving additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$11,000. Mr. Glynn confirmed this amount will be beyond the contract price; but there is funding available in another ordinance to cover this project.

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

COUNTY Update

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, informed the Board that an In-Kind Print Request was received from the Township of Bethlehem for its Environmental Commission, to produce the Township's annual informational newsletter and directory. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion approving this In-Kind Print Request.

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

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 approving claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated September 07, 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 approving the regular session minutes of July 06, 2010 and August 03, 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, Samantha D'Antuono, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Public Safety Department, leave of absence without pay.

See Page 09/07/10-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Anna Suarez appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 09/07/10-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Silva, acting Superior of Garage Services, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, salary adjustment.

See Page 09/07/10-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jaclyn Griffiths appointed provisional, full time County Correction Officer, Corrections Division of Public Safety.

See Page 09/07/10-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the contract with Somerset County Human Services Department/Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board, increase of \$8,200 to reimburse services provided to GA/FS WFNJ participants.

See Page 09/07/10-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subcontract Award Agreement with Somerset County, in the amount of \$63,864, to provide employment related services to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA) and Food Stamp recipients.

See Page 09/07/10-8H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with the Hunterdon Medical Center for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, for the period of August 10, 2010 through August 09, 2011, in the amount of \$148,365.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring November 2010 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Hunterdon.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Michael Tyler Mellinger for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Melick left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Forces Grant agreement, for the period of July 01, 2010 to June 30, 2011, with the New Jersey State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$51,734.

RESOLVED, Approving an application with the United States Department of Agriculture, under Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant, to enhance the County Housing Rehabilitation program which utilizes Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds, to rehabilitate houses for very low to low income County residents, in the amount of \$55,000.

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

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Governor's Town Meeting

Mr. Melick stated the Governor of New Jersey is coming to Raritan Township tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Yard confirmed that Governor Christie is holding a Town meeting at the Raritan Township Municipal Building tomorrow and she has responded that the Freeholder Board will be attending.

Mr. Melick recommended the Board prepare a list of items that effect and concern Hunterdon County the most. The Governor is trying to get his "Toolkit" through. Mr. Melick feels that Binding Arbitration affects Hunterdon the most because it causes a ripple effect with contracts.

Mr. Sworen doesn't know if there will be much opportunity to address the Governor. He does not think there will be any press availability tomorrow. The Governor is putting out his plan and tomorrow he will be mostly talking about education.

Mr. Melick would like a message sent to the Governor from the Freeholder Board on what affects Hunterdon the most and what is need in order to protect the County's taxpayers.

Director Mennen stated he will be in attendance tomorrow. He is confident if the opportunity arises to speak, it will be seized.

Flags

Mr. Walton received an email today from a constituent lamenting the fact that the flags on the overpasses on Route 78 are gone. Given the upcoming anniversary of 9/11, he wanted to know if there is something the County Freeholders could do to fix that.

Mr. Walton explained the placement of the flags on the overpasses along Route 78 was done spontaneously by the good citizens across the County and hopefully that will happen again. He doesn't not feel government intervention is needed.

County Agricultural Fair

Mr. Sworen commended the 4-H on the recent fair held last week, saying it was well attended. He also recognized all the Parks' personnel and Rangers and every County employee who assisted during the fair. He stated it was nice to see the County's employees at the various booths promoting the County.

S-693

Mr. Sworen reported that S-693 is now Chapter 52 Public Law 2010 from Steve Sweeney, authorizing the Freeholder Director to veto any action by a County Authority. It seems that in Hunterdon, there really isn't Authorities, per se'. He questioned if this would be a conflict of interest since the Freeholder Director sits on the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority Board.

Mr. DeSapio will look into this and report back to the Board.

Sheriff

Director Mennen stated while he was away he read in the paper about the dismissal of certain indictments pertaining to the Sheriff's Office in Hunterdon County. The information which was in the public domain, which formed part of those indictments is alarming, and it is in the public domain. This body sat back, out of respect and out of protocol and attempted to allow the criminal justice system to do its job and to resolve the issues identified in that investigation. Now that that has come to a conclusion, the alarming information which is in the public domain, of which everyone is aware, still exists. It is still there.

Director Mennen stated it is incumbent upon this Freeholder Board, as the governing body of this County to administratively review the allegations that were levied as a part of the indictment process. Director Mennen is seeking authorization from his colleagues to correspond with the Prosecutor, the Attorney General and with the Criminal Justice Division to seek the benefit of the information which they turned up during those investigations so that this Board can adequately determine whether there is any administrative action that this Board needs to take.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion authorizing Director Mennen, on behalf of the Freeholder Board to correspond with the Prosecutor, the Attorney General and with the Criminal Justice Division to seek the benefit of the information which they turned up during those investigations.

Mr. Melick said a Grand Jury set in good faith and good conscience on this issue. He never thought that someone or a group would have the ability to tell a Grand Jury it does not know what it's doing.

Director Mennen stated at this time, he is not commenting on the propriety or the lack thereof, of the dismissal. He is stating there are things that are known, because it is in the public domain now. There maybe those within the criminal justice system who feel they don't rise to the level of indictable offenses but this Board is aware of items and it would be a dereliction of duty for this Board not to do something.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Mennen opened the meeting to the public.

Solar Panels

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, informed the Board that something is coming up that doesn't seem to be on the horizon yet, said there was recently approved an application in Lebanon, and she believe it was signed off on at the County level also, to put in a large solar farm. There are a number of properties that are being contacted by various organizations. This would be hundreds of acres of solar panels. Ms. Gavigan asked the Board to picture the rolling slopes of farmland in Hunterdon County that could be wall to wall solar panels, as farming. Mrs. Gavigan said there is a need for alternative energy sources and its impact on the nature of the County, residents' property values and the offsets of solar energy is something that will have to be dealt with if those panels are considered impervious coverage.

Ms. Gavigan said there is a 160 acre farm in Burlington County with solar panels and they have another 500 plus acres they want to have wall to wall. If you Google solar farms, you will see whole hillsides in Spain and other places that look like little checker boards. Ms. Gavigan feels they would have to be site specific. There is a lot of political pressure and financial incentives for this and there is pressure on the State Agricultural Development Commission (SADC) to allow this on preserved properties.

Ms. Gavigan stated she would prefer to see solar panels on buildings and buildings that exist such as schools, not the rolling hills of Hunterdon County.

Polytech/nurse

Larry Blanke, Vice Present, Hunterdon County Polytech Education Association stated he is here this evening with other members of the Association Board to address concerns about the County's Vocational School, Polytech. There is no school nurse. They have a shop industrial classrooms at the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Campus with no one medically trained in that facility to care for students should they get injured. There is no one in the entire district who is authorized to treat students. This is a concern and they have been approached by staff members about this and Mr. Blanke wanted to bring this to the Board's attention.

Press Questions

Warren Copper, Reporter for the Hunterdon County Democrat questioned if the Board knows how much Haz-Mat spills have cost the County.

Mr. DeSapio and Mrs. Yard suggested Mr. Copper contact the Health Department for that information.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Mennen adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board