

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

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The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Holt announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before April 29, 2011, 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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded these:

See Page 08/02/11-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss reappointments to the Human Services Advisory Council. (8)

See Page 08/02/11-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for insurance services. (7)

See Page 08/02/11-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a letter received from outside counsel, John Lanza, in regard to the 911 Emergency Services/Communications Center dispute. (7)

See Page 08/02/11-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the status of a disciplinary matter before the Office of Administrative Law involving a Correction Officer and their demotion. (7)

See Page 08/02/11-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations in the Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 08/02/11-1G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations for the Corrections' Superior Officers unit.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 4:43 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL SHARED SERVICES PRESENTATION

Freeholder Robert Walton provided an overview of meetings he has held concerning shared services over the past several months. Mr. Walton went thorough a list of items including what is currently offered at the County level to municipalities and what municipalities would like to see offered as a shared service.

Mr. Walton thanked all those present for attending this presentation.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m., recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Choir School and Hawke Property

Director Holt informed those present that the last piece of property the County declared as surplus and sold was in Readington Township, and there was no minimum price established based upon the criteria of the property. It was advertised twice with no bidders when it had a minimum price established.

Director Holt stated in the establishment of the bid for the Choir School and Hawke property, there was discussion that there may need or desire to be a minimum price for them. If, in fact,

the Board opts to advance a sale and decides to have a minimum price on one or both properties, the Board would not open the public hearing this evening because it would have to be re-advertised because the conditions for the public hearing has changed.

Director Holt opened the floor for public input on the sale of the Choir School and Hawke Property. If there is a need for public hearing, he will open it up and if not, it will be reschedule for public hearing.

Director Holt limited the discussion at this time, to any comments specific to the Choir School and Hawke property.

Mary Ann Adams of Alexandria Township and the Hunterdon County Historical Society expressed concern over the County declaring the Hawke property surplus and putting it up for bid as it is visible to people on Main Street and people use that parking area when shopping on Main Street.

John Kuhl of Union Township opposes selling the Hawk property lot, as it is a well known parking area that people use and it is the only parking lot on Main Street that is visible.

Andy Cohen of Raritan Township advised he has a successful business on Main Street in Flemington Borough and asked how the Board would insure there is parking because there is no street parking and people know this parking area. If the County sells this parking area, there won't be any parking and it will be a severe blow to the businesses in the Borough. Is there an alternative the County is doing to insure there is parking in the Borough.

Ryman Herr of the Stanton area stated he has misgivings about both of these ventures being sold. He feels the County will be sorry to have lost these two assets. He stated the Historic Court House is a great asset and the Union Hotel will be another great asset once it is restored and there will be a need for parking. Mr. Herr asked the Board to not get rid of the Hawke Property lot and to save it for the general public's good. He suggested the County's employees park at the Hawke property lot so visitors to the Court House can park at the Main Street Complex lot.

Lee Roth, Esquire, Flemington Borough property owner, thinks the Freeholders' role is difficult, especially in balancing the budget. He has reviewed the report the County provided in selling the Choir School and the Hawke Property lot, which he feels are assets to the County. Mr. Roth said the timing is terrible to do this because Flemington Borough is in the process of trying to revive itself. The Borough has created a business improvement district. It has a committee working on improving the downtown area. Mr. Roth said to take away 46 public parking spaces hurt that committee. The County is occupying a substantial frontage on Main Street in Flemington, yet the County's does not pay taxes as a government agency. The County has the same needs as the businesses along Main Street. Mr. Roth asked the Freeholder Board to contribute this parking to the effort to reviving downtown Flemington. He understand from reading the report that the Freeholders' goal is to keep the tax rate flat but if you look this long range, he thinks that preserving both the Choir School and the Hawke Property lot is what should be done long range.

Mr. Roth recommended the Board separate the Choir School sale from the Hawke property lot sale as the Borough may try to step up and acquire the Hawke property lot. He feels the Choir School should remain private or run by a non-profit.

Nancy Roth, Chair of the Hunterdon Symphony and Director of Hunterdon Musical Arts, said since the 1970's she and her students and members of the symphony have used the upstairs of the Choir School for rehearsal purposes and performances. This building is unique and has the best acoustics of any space in Hunterdon County. If the County were to get rid of the Choir School property, it would be irretrievable. This building should be kept by the County and used for music.

Frank Bannish, owner of 111 Main LLC, the property in front of the Hawke Property lot. The County is in a unique position currently, to be a strategic partner with the Borough of Flemington and the Flemington Business Community. The Choir School and the Hawke Property lot are two key assets in that partnership. The parking area is in a central location and is valuable to Flemington Borough. The Borough was approached on whether the Hawke property could be a strategic asset in helping to get the Union Hotel redeveloped. The redevelopers of the Union Hotel have been hoping this would not be a fleeting opportunity.

Mr. Bannish said he came to talk about the Choir School, because like the Union Hotel, it achieves international prominence because of its association with persons of international acclaim, such as Paul Robeson. Mr. Robeson acknowledged that his training in music and signing was attributable to a teacher (Miss Betsey) at the Choir School. He realizes it is not the County's business to try and manage these assets on its own, if they don't serve a purpose for the County. Mr. Bannish feels there is strategic partnership between the nonprofit community and as Flemington is rebuilt as a tourist destination that includes all Flemington's history. The County has some strategic assets that are important to the Borough and in time the County can divest itself of them. He asked the County for time to find nonprofits that can pay for what it takes to do something with the Choir School building.

Don Schumann, resident of Raritan Township, stated Flemington Borough is not the responsibility of Hunterdon County, so that is a separate issue from what is being discussed tonight. The sale of the Hawke property is only a short term fix in generating revenue with a long term negative result. When the economy picks up, there will be a real need for that parking area, for the community. Mr. Schumann said the sale of this property could have an impact on the redevelopment of the Union Hotel, and other currently vacant buildings on Main Street.

Mr. Schumann feels this is a decision that should be made, not at a time of need, but at a time when judgment can be based on what works for the community.

Director Holt asked for further comments.

Director Holt confirmed for those who came to the meeting late, that the Freeholder Board did not open the public hearing. It was decided to have dialogue because if there are to be any changes, the County would have to re-notice the public hearing based upon any changes or adaptations that may occur.

Director Board asked the Board for comments.

Mr. Walton suggested the County offer the property with a minimum price set. He would like to take this until the County can re-advertise the bid.

Mr. Mennen advised those present that currently there is a bypass project taking cars off of Main Street and the Borough of Flemington is asking the County to participate and assist with regard to the realignment of Park Avenue. Mr. Mennen proposed the County reach out to Flemington Borough to see if they are interested in taking a portion of that in-kind, as a credit against the Borough taking the Hawke Property lot off the County's hands. This would continue to keep parking as a viable piece of the downtown Main Street redevelopment/resurgence. This would also solve the County's issue of getting the lot off the County's book. Mr. Mennen recommended a member of the Board reach out to Flemington Borough.

Mr. Walton supported Mr. Mennen's suggestion to offer the Hawke Property lot to the Borough of Flemington as a credit towards the Park Avenue realignment/bypass.

Mr. Walton questioned what level of government is most appropriate to provide a particular service and also who shares in the responsibility to provide these services, assets and public goods. Parking is a public good and the question the County has to decide, whether or not this property is sold, is who is responsible to provide parking for the retail businesses of Flemington Borough. The County government did not secure that parking area for the merchants group. The question is "Is it the County's responsible to continue to provide parking" or "is it the responsibility of the Flemington Businesses".

Mr. Walton appreciates the historic value of Paul Robeson signing at the Choir School, but wondered if that is a government function to provide choir/music space for people. He feels that would be a better function for a nonprofit.

Mr. Walton said the County does owe some responsibility to Flemington Borough because the County Seat is here and the County's buildings are not on the tax rolls. He questioned what value another municipality's resident would place on parking in Flemington. This Board is looking at what is best for the County's taxpayers down the road.

Mr. Melick explained to those present, the history leading up to placing the Choir School and Hawke property up for County Bid. The County's architect prepared a cost estimate for what it would cost to preserve the outside of the Choir School and it could cost around ½ million dollars. The building isn't handicapped accessible and something would have to be done to make it ADA accessible. The County is not in the music business and put the Choir School out for public bid with no minimum bid. He realizes the history of the building and how it could serve Flemington. If a group, an Historical Society or nonprofit were interested in the Choir School, he would be interested in selling it for a minimum amount, so the building could be preserved.

Mr. Melick advised the Freeholder Board had no thoughts about the Hawke Property parking area until County Counsel advised an individual purchasing announced that an individual approached someone about purchasing the small building on the on the right hand side of the lot. Currently there are no County employees parking in that lot.

Mr. Melick would like to see an individual or group come forward with an idea on how to save the Choir School.

Mr. Melick advised the County is in a severe economy recession. When Mr. Melick first came to the County in 1978, there were three times as many employees in the Administration Building and Hall of Records, than there is today, because the County has cut staff. Also, on Park Avenue and Capner Streets is a very large parking area that the public can use.

Mr. Sworen agreed with Mr. Melick, the County has purchased open space and farmland and there have been buildings on the properties, which the County is not capable of maintaining. He agreed the Choir School is historic and he also appreciates the acoustics in the building but the problem is that the County cannot afford to maintain that building. The County taxpayers cannot afford to renovate the building, with all the rules and ADA regulations, it can't be reasonably done.

Mr. Sworen said the goal is to get rid of an asset the County has for the benefit of the taxpayers but to get it into the hands of someone who can utilize the building and doesn't have the same restrictions that a government entity does. The County moved people out of the building, because the rules said the County has to do too much inside the building for ADA access and such.

Mr. Sworen feels there are people who can utilize that building, just as Mr. Melick stated and the process is to get the right people to restore the building or do what they need to make it work for them. A nonprofit does not have to follow the same rules a government entity has to, so they won't have the same expense.

Mr. Sworen said whoever purchases the Union Hotel Building will be looking for parks because there is a lack of parking but every small town in Hunterdon County has a lack of parking. The Hawke property is an asset the County doesn't need anymore so it is prudent for the County to try and put these properties out for people who can purchase them and utilize them. The purpose of this wasn't to destroy the Choir School building or to impend on the businesses or Flemington. His goal is to get the right group to purchase the Choir School. He hopes whoever purchases the Hotel will see the Hawke property as a perfect marriage.

Director Holt advised the County's building count is around 55+ buildings. In the last two or three years, the County has methodically working at looking at all improvements to determine if the need for its purpose still exists and if it should be kept or not and if not, if another source should be found for it. The County is clear on what it has done so far with the Choir School and Hawke property lot in indicating it no longer wishes to own or occupy those two properties. The arguments of those this evening do hold some merit.

Director Holt reported Mr. Mennen has made a suggestion with regard to the Hawke Property lot with regard to parking and offering the lot to the Borough. This Board should discuss as to how to proceed with the Borough on this matter. He recommends putting this into a proposal to the Borough of Flemington.

Director Holt confirmed, as Mr. Melick stated, that the County's architect has represented a fairly sizeable sum for the County to occupy or maintain the Choir School building and bring it up to ADA code.

Director Holt recommended tabling this issue for a future date for consideration.

Mr. Mennen said the County is putting a call out to find the appropriate party who can make the necessary repairs to the Choir School. He directed his comments to Mr. John Kuhl, Mr. Roth and Mr. Bannish who know people that can do this. These extrinsic issues of necessary repair were forced upon the County. If the appropriate party can be found who can make the repairs without the over arching complications of being a public entity, it should be done.

John Kuhl, Union Township resident, said when the Choir School sale was first broached, he had a distinguished architect who works only with old buildings, and his estimate of the repairs for the Choir School were less than a third.

Director Holt explained the County has to work with prevailing wage and a number of issues which the government has to; as well as ADA requirements.

Mr. Kuhl asked the timeframe for any sale.

Mr. Melick it is going to take months.

Mr. Kuhl said there is a society that might be interested in the Choir School.

John Davenport, III, County Purchasing Agent informed the Board that after the public hearing, it requires 90 days for sale.

After further discussion, Director Holt confirmed with the Board, that the Public Hearing will not be held today for the Choir School and Hawke Property lot. It will be tabled at this time. The County would like to find some resolution this year on both these properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Holt opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Nancy Ramore, resident of Clinton Township, came before the Board concerning the Transco Pipeline. She is part of a grassroots coalition that is opposing the Transco Pipeline. The pipeline will destroy 13 private streets through Clinton Township. Ms. Ramore said there is no established need for a 42" pipe to go through Hunterdon County to bring gas to New York City. Transco has not established a need. Ms. Ramore asked for the Freeholders' participation in opposing this pipeline. Clinton Township has adopted a resolution opposing the pipeline. Assemblyman Eric Peterson is writing a letter in opposition and Congressman Lance's office is also writing a letter in opposition. Ms. Ramore asked the Freeholder Board, as the elected officials, to stand behind the residents because this is going to cause property values to decrease. People are not going to be able to sell their homes. This would cause her to have a 42" pipe sitting 14' underneath her bedroom window.

Director Holt advised before today's meeting, he and Mr. Mennen discussed Clinton Township's resolution which asks specifically that Transco have a meeting with Clinton Township. Discussed was the County joining in that resolution requiring, insisting and pleading to insure that both in Clinton Township and the County, that there be a specific meeting set up for the County and the Township to participate in with Transco. This would be the first step in insuring that the County knows exactly what the role of the County would be; what authority it may or may not have; and how the County, or its resources may participate.

Mr. Mennen confirmed with Ms. Ramore that Transco has not met with Clinton Township as yet. The County should insist that meeting take place and there should be the opportunity for the local government to meet with them regarding the impact.

Ms. Ramore believes 12 years ago when Transco tried to get this passed, it was an 85 mile pipeline and it goes through numerous municipalities including Readington and a number of other towns. She believes Transco's strategy today is to divide and conquer; if they can get this approved through Clinton, Union and Franklin Townships, they will have no problem putting the pipeline through Readington and all the other towns. Ms. Ramore stressed that this pipeline has to be stopped now because this is going to devastate Hunterdon County's property values.

Mr. Sworen said there is some benefit to the municipalities to the pipeline. He asked if Ms. Ramore's objection is to the pipeline going through her backyard or is it just having the pipeline. He explained there is a pipeline under a major route in Frenchtown Borough.

Ms. Ramore stated the pipeline in Frenchtown was for the surrounding municipalities but this pipeline in her area will serve no purpose to anyone in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Sworen confirmed Mrs. Ramore does have natural gas in her neighborhood. He asked if she would have issue if the pipeline were not through people's yards but through an established right of way.

Ms. Ramore if there was an established need for additional gas in Hunterdon County, in New Jersey, there maybe some validity to having a pipeline go through open fields where homes aren't involved.

Ms. Ramore does not feel the pipeline should go through Hunterdon County when there is no established need and no demand. Hunterdon County is not getting developed anymore. There is no additional need for gas and this pipeline isn't going to serve Hunterdon County, it is going to New York.

Director Holt stated Clinton Township's resolution to require Transco to come to the Township and have specific meetings with the residents has fallen on deaf ears. The first step would be for the County to put its weight behind a similar resolution stating it is imperative that this meeting take place. The County will work on the language and draft such a resolution to be considered by the Board at the next meeting. Copies of that resolution will be forwarded to Clinton Township and municipalities that are affected by this pipeline.

Mr. Ramore advised to put in a pipeline of this size (42"), will call for huge machinery which is going to damage the rights of way.

Mr. Mennen confirmed that Transco cannot install the 42" pipe within the easement that already exists. This represents a taking, eminent domain.

Ilene Denkuff of Clinton Township said the issue is that Transco is going to try to expand their existing easement and they are going for additional easements and they are going for additional temporary work space where they will hijack people's yards for storage of the tons of dirt that will be excavated. Transco is going to destroy people's septic systems and leech fields. Transco's proposal says they plan on working 6 days a week, 7 am to 7 pm, for a minimum of 6 to 8 months. This work will be done in small crowded spaces where there are already 2 smaller existing pipelines (24" and a 36"). They will be disturbing pipes that have not been touched in over 50 years. If you look at the history of natural gas pipeline explosions, some of these explosions have occurred because during excavation damage is done to the pipeline. New Jersey currently has an Administrative Code that does not allow pipelines for natural gas to be within 100' of any dwelling that can be inhabited by a human. However, Transco's pipeline runs from Texas to New York and because it runs interstate they do not pay addition to individual state laws. Transco is planning on putting this pipeline within 20' of the foundation of some people's home. She and her husband moved away from Middlesex County to be away from this type of congestion and they chose Hunterdon County for what it had to offer.

Ms. Ramore welcomed the Freeholders to walk the properties in Clinton where the proposed pipeline is scheduled to be place.

Director Holt confirmed a resolution will be ready for adoption on August 16, 2011 by this Board. It is important this Board seek out documented information in order to determine what role the County can play and what role it should play and what resources are available.

POLYTECH

Kimberly Metz, Superintendent of Polytech, came before the Board with Dr. Mary Eyles who is going to talk about a partnership with the Hunterdon Care Center. Dr. Eyles reported on the Certified Nursing Assistant Program, which students interning at the Hunterdon Care Center. The program was started the summer of 2008 and the first Adult Education class completed the program in 2009. This is a unique partnership which benefits Adult Education Polytech students in the Nursing Assistant Program and the clients at the Hunterdon Care Center. Students who complete this program are able to work at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Somerset Medical Center and nursing homes; as well as in home health agencies and hospice care.

This program has been extremely successful. Three students from this past semester were hired by the Hunterdon Care Center before completing the program as Training Nurses Aides.

PURCHASING

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #25642, with AW Bennett Enterprises, for Shelter, for the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$11,424.72. (2008 Homeland Security Grant).

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40027597, with Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment, for an asphalt hot patcher for Roads and Bridges, in the amount of \$18,079.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement, County Quote #0035-2001, for engineering design services for the reconstruction of Bridge C-26 and approach of Cratetown Road, over the Prescott Brook, to IH Engineers, P.C., in an amount not to exceed \$85,971.50.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders accepted the report from John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering as written.

COUNTY Update

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, came before the Board concerning Rutgers', advising she met with Dr. Katz and things are moving along. Dr. Katz was very sharing in college's vehicle policy. The agreement set up with Rutgers served to get them off the County's payroll and to make sure it was clear that the Freeholder Board had the final say for all budgetary requests. Dr. Katz was provided with a draft document, which the Board had reviewed, and he saw no problem. Dr. Katz told Mrs. Yard that Rutgers' University does not provide cars to commute back and forth to their people. If someone uses a vehicle, it is used during the day. If someone does have a vehicle which was purchased and is insured by Rutgers' they are responsible for the gas, maintenance and repairs. Dr. Katz feels Win Cowgil, Department Head at Rutgers' Cooperative may have USDA grants that could be used for the purchase of gas and maintaining a vehicle. Dr. Katz promised to look into that.

Mrs. Yard also took Dr. Katz to the former Youth Facility, which is part of the move currently going on, where Rutgers' will be moving to the Route 12 County Complex.

Frank Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator, advised he has looked at the lower level of Building #2 at the Route 31 Complex and the Health Department's existing space at Route 12 Complex. Mr. Bell looked at the space with the Facilities Committee and it makes sense to have Public Health Nursing placed back at the Route 31 Complex where they were originally. Mainly because of the delivery systems of the Human Services Department, the Division of Social Services and the Senior Services and the Hunterdon Medical Center. The lower level would be vacated in Building 2 which would allow for room for expansion for Public Health Nursing (PHN) and they would have private areas for nurses and examiners, for the patients coming in.

Mr. Mennen stated Mr. Bell's report is very straight forward and clearly indicates that Route 31 is well suited and Route 12 is deficient for Public Health Nursing. Mr. Melick agreed.

Mr. Sworen also agreed that PHN should be placed back in the Route 31 County Complex. He expressed concerns over privacy.

After further discussion, Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to endorse the recommendations as written by Mr. Bell for the Route 31 County Complex and the Route 12 Complex with the relocating of PHN and Rutgers' Cooperative Extension.

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

County Health plans/unemployment

Mrs. Yard advised at the August 16, 2011 Freeholder Meeting, the Human Resources Director, Cheryl Wieder and the Finance Director, Kim Browne, will make a presentation to the Board of the updates on Health Reform.

Mrs. Yard asked the Board, when the presentation is made on August 16, 2011, to think about the fact that there has always been a provision in each contract for Medicare Plan B. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved this many years ago so it is incumbent on the employee to inform the County when they reach the age or file for this. The County does not track employee ages or when they file for this. It is referenced in the contracts that this is

something the Freeholders will support. If someone informed the County that they turned 65 five years ago but just filed for Medicated B, the County will go back 6 months. The County's policy is going to change from Public Law 78, and the Board will need to give thought to the look behind for employees. When the presentation is made on August 16, 2011 she asked the Board to support the 6 month look behind.

Mrs. Yard reported that she, the County Treasurer, Margaret Pasqua, Mrs. Brown will be attending a training session on August 16, 2011 about Health Care Reform and Pension.

Unemployment Update

Mrs. Yard advised the County for many years has contracted out with People Systems regarding unemployment claims. In 2011, it cost the County \$2,700 for this service. This group audits the County's benefit charges; they appeal invalid claims; they consult on an individual cases and they offer technical assistance. The County put out two major inquiries; the Payroll Administrator called and asked where it is written that particular groups do not pay into unemployment. The groups are the Constitutional Officers, the Prosecutor and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Payroll person has not received an answer to this yet. Mrs. Yard reported the County's representative at People Systems was asked to show the County where these people get a pay out through unemployment if they don't contribute to unemployment.

Mrs. Yard reported that People Systems has protested the claims by the unclassified individuals who filed for unemployment, who did not contribute to unemployment.

Mrs. Yard advised if someone does get unemployment who was not supposed to, the County will be paid back. The first 26 weeks it would be from the state and after that it is the federal government.

Requisitions

Mrs. Yard advised she has had discussion with Director Holt, Mr. Sworen, Mr. Mennen and Mr. Walton about requisitions. Often she is asked to approve requisitions which are related to a County policy. She also receives requisition for grant and expenditures which subjectively she reviews. There were four requisitions which came across her desk and she held them as they were confusing because she found them questionable. She received an email from the department head asking for her decision because they needed to be encumbered under a grant. Mr. Sworen asked Mrs. Yard about the four requisitions which were to come out of the BioTerrorism Grant, for pens which said "immunity begins in your community, County Health Department" it was 1,000 pens for \$619; another was for 60 safety vests; one was for a sound system and the last was for 5 walkie-talkies but for language.

Mrs. Yard asked for guidance with regard to these requisitions because they are subjective.

Pen Requisition

Mr. Sworen feels engraved pens are usually a lesser quality than the standard type pen. The Health Department needs pens in storage for when they have mass events. He is not convinced they need to have imprinted pens unless it is a requirement of the grant.

Mr. Walton confirmed there are pens the County has in storage that can be used by the Health Department during their trainings/mass events.

Mr. Sworen understands Mrs. Yard's responsibility and dedication and as she just stated the County has a supply of pens that can be dispensed in an hour or less to any department for use.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to deny the requisition or 1,000 pens asked to be purchased under the BioTerrorism Grant, for the Health Department.

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

Mr. Sworen said he would like to resolve the length of time it took to get to this point. This conversation should have been held two weeks ago.

Vests Requisition

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed Mrs. Yard could sign off on the requisition for vests for the Health Department.

PA System

Director Holt expressed a desire to have a proper PA System at the Route 12 County Complex Meeting Room. He questioned if there is a PA System somewhere in the County to meet the Health Department's needs.

Mr. Sworen informed the Board that the types of PA System the Health Department is looking at, the County doesn't have, which is small and portable.

Mrs. Yard suggested contacting Pete Maddalena of Buildings and Maintenance who supplies the PA system for the County's reorganization meetings in the historic Court House.

After further discussion, Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to deny the requisition for a PA System.

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

Director Holt confirmed that the Health Director, John Beckley, should meet with Mr. Maddalena to discuss what the County has and if it will meet his needs.

Walkie Talkies

Mrs. Yard advised the requisition for walkie-talkies is for 5 units at a cost of \$2,750 for a two way multi-language communicator.

Director Holt advised you can speak into the device in English and it will translate into another language. He questioned if 5 devices were necessary.

Mr. Mennen agreed and confirmed these devices will allow someone to communicate with another person who does not speak English without having to hire someone to translate.

Director Holt stated he has talked with Mr. Sworen about the Walkie-Talkies and recommended the number be reduced to determine that they do work and how much they are needed.

Mr. Sworen said there needs to be a discussion with the Health Department on the need for these as the need may not exist. This discussion hasn't been held, so we don't know what the need is. The need has not been defined from a document or grant application. He has not had the opportunity to have a valid discussion about the need. This process has to be changed so it is more transparent and that anyone can determine the need.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that when the Grant Management Committee reviews the grant applications with the departments, they talk about the budget. There is always a dollar amount for program supplies which is used as a catchall. The issue is when a request comes in two weeks before the grant is going to dry up, how much could something be needed when you decide two weeks before the grant goes away that the money has to be spent.

Mr. Sworen agreed but wants to change the process so these discussions are held earlier. If there is money left in a grant, a decision should be made three months in advance.

Director Holt confirmed the grant is a Health Preparedness grant and in the event of a true emergency, he can see a value of being able to quickly communicate with someone who doesn't speak English.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve 2 Walkie-Talkie units for the Health Department and to evaluate at a later date, with the Health Director, if there is a need for an additional 3 units.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

"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."

Items regarding the FACT Team were held at this time.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Walton seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated August 02, 2011.

See Page 08/02/11-8A CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Walton seconded these:

See Page 08/02/11-8B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joshua Gahles appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/02/11-8C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tyler Mazewski appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/02/11-8D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Aleza Iannitelli appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/02/11-8E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sabrina Herron appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/02/11-8F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kyle Mazewski appointed temporary, as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/02/11-9A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cindy Rochman appointed provisional, full time Senior Account Clerk, Division of Senior Services, in the Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/02/11-9B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Purchasing Department to advertise for competitive bids for the management of the Heron Glen Golf Course.

See Page 08/02/11-9C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2011 Black Fly Surveillance Contract with Millersville University of Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed \$8,999.17.

See Page 08/02/11-9D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Accepting a trailer awarded as part of the Urban Areas Security Initiative be given to the Township of Raritan Office of Emergency Management.

See Page 08/02/11-9E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Accepting a trailer awarded as part of the Urban Areas Security Initiative be given to the Township of Readington Office of Emergency Management.

See Page 08/02/11-9F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Violet Kocsis to the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board.

See Page 08/02/11-9G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #6, for County Bid #2010-29, for the Addition and Alterations to the Hunterdon County Records Retention Center, with Belmont Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$204,431.19.

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

Mr. Sworen stated there was a meeting with the former Prosecutor where he was very agitated about the County's Fatal Accident Team (FACT) and it was agreed at that time that the County would not fund the FACT Team. The Prosecutor at the time wanted various equipment for the FACT team but he could not answer how many fatal accidents there have been in the past year, or two years or five years in Hunterdon County. There was no need for special equipment for this team.

Mr. Sworen does not recall when the County agreed to have a FACT Team. He asked when this team was formed.

Mrs. Yard advised the County has always had a Fatal Accident Collision Team, including equipment and vehicles. The FACT team was approved when Nick Susalis was the Chief Detective in the Prosecutor's Office.

Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board recalls when Chief Susalis came before the Board in either the late 1990's or early 2000's requesting the County create the Fatal Accident Collision Team.

Mr. Walton confirmed the agreements before the Board are between the County and the Municipality and the police officers to be on this FACT Team and that the County is held harmless.

Mr. Sworen confirmed this is not a new program with new funding and new equipment.

Mr. Sworen moved and Walton seconded these:

See Page 08/02/11-9H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the City of Lambertville, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-9I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Township of Readington, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-9J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Readington Township, for specialized law enforcement services, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT). (Greco).

See Page 08/02/11-10A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Township of West Amwell, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Township of Clinton, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Ptl. Sharon Polyak, of the City of Lambertville, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Sgt. Patrick Gooley, of the Township of Readington, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Ptl. Jeffrey Glennon, of the Township of Clinton, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Ptl. Todd Pantuso, of the Township of West Amwell, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

See Page 08/02/11-10G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Volunteer Agreement with Joseph Greco, of the Township of Readington, for specialized law enforcement services for emergencies, through the County's Fatal Accident Collision Team (FACT).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Frenchtown Fire Department, for permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, August 20, 2011 and Sunday, August 21, 2011, at the intersection of Kingwood Avenue and Race Street, in Frenchtown Borough, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve this request provided it is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 08/02/11-10H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Recovery Stop Violence Against Women Act (RAWA) Subgrant Award, from the State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$6,027 in federal funds and a County Match of \$1,507.

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

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 08/02/11-10I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Subgrant Award, from the State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$85,949 in federal funds and a County Match of \$21,487.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

County Buildings/Structures

Mr. Melick suggested the Board set a date to tour the various County Buildings/structures which the County currently has. There are buildings the County no longer has a use for. Mrs. Yard was directed to coordinate a tour of County structures.

Pino Report

Mr. Melick recommended the representative from Pino Consulting come before the Board to explain how this report is beneficial to the County. Mrs. Yard was directed to set up this presentation through the County's Finance Department.

Library

Mr. Walton stated tax bills were received this past weekend showing the Library Tax and County tax, and so on. He recommended the County show the true cost to the County and the Library. He suggested raising the Library Tax by one penny.

Deer Path Park/Flag

Mr. Sworen complimented Carol Bodder, Acting Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. She took care of a long standing problem at Deer Path Park. There has never been an American Flag or Flag Pole at Deer Path Park. Mrs. Bodder made an issue of that this year and found funding at around 4:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 28, 2011 the flag was finally installed just before the concert and he had all the veterans come up to the flag pole and there was a full flag ceremony.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 08/02/11-11A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding contracts.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 08/02/11-11B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss contractual issues regarding Park Avenue.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:33 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Holt adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board