

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

January 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:02 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

ABSENT: MR. HOLT.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Walton 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 03, 2012, 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. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss insurance matters with the County's Risk Manager.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss various labor negotiations with Labor Counsel.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss with the County Prosecutor issues concerning the NTF and the DEA.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident, came before the Board to again urge that the County's policy regarding the use of meeting rooms be placed on a future agenda for discussion. She feels the County should allow meetings by partisan political groups. Every County that has a County library system does allow their library rooms to be used by political groups.

Director Walton advised Ms. Bonnett that the Freeholder Board discussed the County's policy regarding the use of meeting rooms at length a few years ago. It is the opinion of this Board, that political groups should not be using facilities at the expense of the taxpayers and should go to hotels, restaurants and those types of facilities. This Board is within the bounds of the Constitution in limiting those uses to the one prescribed in the County's policy, which is backed up by County Counsel. This Board will not be revisiting that policy. If someone wishes attend meetings to press for this, it is their right.

Mr. Melick this Board has spend many hours discussing the Room Policy. Political meetings do not belong in government buildings.

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent introduced JoAnne Budnick, who is a professor for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), and she is teaching Polytech's Dental program, which started this year.

Ms. Budnick thanked the Board for their support because without your support there would not be a Dental program.

Ms. Budnick stated that Freeholder Sworen attended the open house for the Dental Program.

Ms. Budnick stated she is representing the UMDNJ as an adjunct professor at Polytech. The Dental program began being developed last Spring. She came to Polytech after teaching at a Vocational/Technical School in Linden, New Jersey for many years. After substitute teaching at Polytech for awhile she became the Dental Instructor.

Ms. Budnick stated there are many career options available in dentistry. Opportunities in the health occupations are steadily rising. There is still a need and definite growth pattern in the health fields. People in dentistry can take careers in not just dentists, dental assistant, dental hygienist, but also there are opportunities in marketing, sales, insurance companies, and more.

Ms. Budnick stated Polytech's Dental students are working very hard. Results were just received back from a UMDNJ exam they took on January 05, 2012 and 80% passed. The students will receive three college credits for that. This program will allow the students to receive seven college credits if they pass all the UMDNJ exams. Ms. Budnick explained the courses to be taken and what the student will learn. Two of the students are already working in dental offices, one with an orthodontist office and the other in general practitioner's office.

Ms. Budnick stated in the future, they are looking to expand the program and make it a two year program, instead of a one year program, which will allow students to have another nine college credits to graduate with. Also, she is trying to add to the program a post-secondary component to get those who have graduated high school who are interested in dentistry and would like to get into the field related to dental assistance.

The students currently involved in the program have taken many field trips, participated in the dental convention in New York, they are doing community service, they participated in Polytech's Day of Renewal, they are also part of the Tooth Fairy project and will go out in the Spring to teach little children and they are also involved in the Kinder Magic program where they teach children how to take care of their teeth and give them oral hygiene lessons.

Ms. Budnick advised the students are also participating in a lot of fundraising, such as "Healing the Children of New Jersey" which they are doing with the Nursing students.

Ms. Budnick informed the Board that currently there are three dentists on board who have agreed to become a part of the clinical externship with Polytech.

Dr. Metz informed the Board that Perkins funds (federal grant) are being used to pay the teachers salary. Polytech received some good deals on equipment supplies. Perkins funds should be able to sustain the program for two years.

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.3408, using State Contract #A-77003, in the amount of \$85,964.24, with Dell, for software licenses, for Information Services.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.3409, using State Contract #A-70256, in the amount of \$24,101.19, with Dell, for UPS Maintenance, for Information Services.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2011-29, for 18 Tait TB8100 Series VHF Base Station/Repeaters, to Holzberg Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$109,302.

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

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.

- Application has been made to the State Department of Transportation and funds have been received for the Route 519, Bridge Street, up to the Milford Borough line. This is a rural road safety improvement.
- Field work is completed for Route 523 from County Route 517 to Somerset County Line. This is part of the Transportation Trust Fund. Resurfacing was finished late last year. Raised pavement markings, topsoil and seeding are the punch list items to be completed this Spring.
- Field work is proceeding for County Route 609, from County Route 514 to Route 602. This also is a Transportation Trust fund project for 2012.
- A meeting will be held tomorrow with concerned officials regarding County Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township and also C-32 which is on Payne Road.
- County Bridge E-142-M on County Route 518, in East Amwell Township is now open. This bridge runs over to Mercer County.

- Plans and specifications have been received for final review for County Bridge T-36-S on Black River Road, in Tewksbury Township and Bedminster Township, in Somerset County. This project should be included in the local grant money for 2012.
- The County is waiting to receive permits for County Bridge W-71 from the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- Preliminary discussion has taken place with DEP regarding the Multi-Purpose Trail/Bridge project and while it looks favorable, the County is waiting on an award letter.
- In-House project, Culvert A-31, on Mt. Salem Road, in Alexandria Township was opened two weeks ago.
- Revised plans have been received for Bridge E-174. The right of way documents have not been started yet because of DEP. Mr. Glynn feels the County should be getting the approval from DEP on the modifications submitted.
- The County is waiting to get the schedule resubmitted from the consultant on County Bridge RQ-179. This also is a federal aid project for rehabilitation of the historic truss.
- The County has completed all work on the storm damage from Hurricane Irene and the storm flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. The County continues to remove trees which were damaged from the snow.
- A meeting is scheduled with Stockton Borough Officials to discuss a corrective action plan on January 26, 2012.
- The first Shade Tree Commission meeting was held on January 11, 2012. Arbor Day will be held in Flemington Borough. The Oak Tree in front of the Main Street County Complex will be removed as the Shade Tree Commission feels it is a hazardous tree. It will be replaced with an appropriate tree. In addition two trees were moved in the Court Street Park will be replaced. Three trees will be planted for Arbor Day to replace these trees. Arbor Day is the last Friday in April.

Mr. Glynn reported on the consent agenda is a Right of Way along County Block 16.01, Lot 1, in Califon Borough. He explained the County owns Columbia Trail which runs parallel with River Road. River Road falls within the deed of the County but the maintenance responsibility is with Califon Borough. This easement would perfect that and it would allow Califon Borough to apply for state aid to redo River Road. Mr. Glynn urged the Board to grant the easement again stating the County maintains the rights of the property but Califon has the right to maintain the road. Mr. Glynn questioned if the County has to hold a public hearing and asked that Shana Taylor, County Counsel be given time to review this and place it back on the February 07, 2012 agenda after she determines if the County has the right to give an easement to a municipality for the public roadway. Califon has been using the road for years as a municipal street. Ms. Taylor will review this and report back to the Board.

COUNTY Update

Pilot Program

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator informed the Board that in discussions with the Marc Pfeiffer, of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and the County's Auditor, the County was incorrect in requesting the PILOT reimbursement from municipalities under the Garden State Trust program. Mrs. Yard noted that it was the County's auditor who advised the County could seek this reimbursement.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mrs. Yard to communicate to the municipalities explaining what happened. A letter will be sent out by the end of the week to the municipalities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Walton 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 #6 held at this time.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the Claims Register dated January 17, 2012, minus Check #6668.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve Check #6668 on the Claims Register dated January 17, 2012.

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 06, 2011 and December 20, 2011; the special session minutes of December 13, 2011 and December 28, 2011; and the reorganization minutes of January 03, 2012.

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jason Snyder appointed permanent, full time County Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Public Safety Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving contracts with various vendors for the provision of human services, for the period of January 01, 2012 through December 31, 2013, through the RFP #0039-2012. Funding to remain flat at \$1,329,205 per year (includes all vendors).

See Page 01/17/12-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the Local Aid & Economic Development Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the Milford-Warren Glen Road, (County Route 519), in Holland Township, increase of \$210,381.

See Page 01/17/12-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2011-05, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge W-124, on Alexauken Creek Road, in West Amwell Township, with Kalogridis Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$40,562.78.

See Page 01/17/12-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2009-04, for Improvements to County Routes 523 and 517 Intersection, in Tewksbury Township, with Library Surety First, in the amount of \$131,703.28.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2011-09, for the 2011 Painting of Hunterdon County Bridges N-1, E-228, RT-16 and L-26, in various municipalities, with Allied Panting, Inc., in the amount of \$54,261.

See Page 01/17/12-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Agreement, with New Jersey Transit Corporation, in the amount of \$431,328 for 2012 and the closeout balance from previous contracts of \$20,225.45, for an amount not to exceed \$451,553.45.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with the Central Hunterdon Cluster, represented by Delaware Township, for substance abuse prevention services, in the amount of \$31,400.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Sussex for the full time services of a certified Health Officer.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Robert Hauck for having served on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Robert Hauck for having served on the Planning Board.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Nancy Brown for having served on the Mental Health Board.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Karen Widico for having served on the Mental Health Board.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Robert McGeary for having served on the Advisory Council for Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services.

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Toni Hansen for having served on the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subgrant application for the Hunterdon County Victim Assistance Project/Victims of Crime Act, with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$59,870 (\$47,896-federal and County Match of \$11,974).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subgrant application for the Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$8,631 (\$6,473-federal and County Match of \$2,158).

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for the 2011 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Grant, in the amount of \$110,000.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Raritan Valley Community College's Budget

Mr. Melick asked about Raritan Valley Community College's Budget.

Mrs. Yard advised the Board had given her direction and she left a message for the Somerset County Administrator today to verify that they had their meeting. The Board had said it would stand united with Somerset County on the budget approach.

Polytech Academy

Mr. Melick asked if anyone knows what Polytech is working on.

Mrs. Yard advised the Finance and Administrative Budget Team learned a few years ago that there is a statute which says the County has to provide Polytech with level funding or a formula(s) has to be used. Polytech is aware of this statute, as is the County. Mrs. Yard reported over the last two or three years, Polytech has been consistent with an amount.

Zufall Dental

Mr. Sworen questioned if anyone has an update on what happened to Zufall Dental. He recalls a couple of years ago a dental van would come around for eligible individuals.

Mrs. Yard advised that was a Health Department initiative.

After further discussion, Mrs. Yard was directed to look at the situation of Zufall Dental and see where it stands today.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Shared Services

Terry Wright, Hunterdon Democrat Reporter asked the Board about the costs for a shared health officer through the Sussex County Health Agreement.

Director Walton reported the resolution on today's agenda authorizes him to sign a contract with Sussex and the funds would come out of the County's operating budget. He confirmed with Mrs. Yard that an amount has not yet been settled on. The County will be saving money because through retirement the County has lost the Health Director, who made over \$112,000 a year.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders returned to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,