

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

June 05, 2012

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

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, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a health preparedness grant update.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss potential pending litigation concerning a former Health Department Employee.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on the negotiations in the Prosecutor's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an issue concerning the A-Frame building.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning a realignment of the staff in the Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning an unclassified 2012 salaries update.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning a Public Housing Agency vacancy update.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss furloughs in the Division of Planning Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review the Executive Session minutes of May 15, 2012 Board of Chosen Freeholder Meeting.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchua, Raritan Township resident came before the Board because she saw a sign on the County Library stating it would be discontinuing there Sunday hours. She asked the Board to continue Sunday Library hours as it is a valuable, public resource. Ms. Suchua recommended running the Library on a limited basis without Reference in order to save costs, and on staff the building with Clerks.

Ms. Suchua asked about Executive Session minutes and recommended the Board when listing Executive Session minutes state when they would tentatively be released to the public.

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident informed the Board that people in the audience have questions about the Freeholders' consent agenda.

Ms. Bonnett also thanked the Board for the use of the Library for meetings. She asked if the Room Use Policy will be extended to future political groups.

Director Walton advised the County is in the process of change the Room Use Policy and at a future date the revised policy will be released once County Counsel has had time to review several other county's policy and new legislation regarding room use.

George Cassa came before the Board representing the Musconetcong Watershed Association. The Association submitted comments concerning the Point Mountain Bridge proposal this week. His purpose this evening is to find out what the Musconetcong Watershed Association can remain engaged in the development of what they feel is a good bridge but there are questions on it.

Director Walton informed Mr. Cassa that someone from his organization was present at the Hunterdon County Parks Advisory Board meeting last night and submitted the same comments to the Advisory Board with a letter from the Musconetcong Watershed Association. Those comments will be forwarded, along with the minutes of that organization to John P. Glynn, Director of Public Works (formerly Roads, Bridges and Engineering), for comment. Also, there will be opportunities to meet and discuss those issues as the County tries to make every effort to include every single stakeholder in the community with regard to the County's bridges.

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent came before the Board and introduced Karen Lamonico, who is a parent of an adult cosmetology student who is now working; in addition to a son, Tommy, who graduated from the Electrical Trades Program.

Mrs. Lamonico stated she is former resident of Hunterdon County, currently living in Warren County for the past 15 years. Both of her children graduated from Hunterdon County Polytech - the Adult Programs. Mrs. Lamonico explained she is here this evening to thank the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders and to also let the Board know that because of Polytech's programs, her son was able to graduate and go off to college. He will be attending East Stroudsburg University. Her daughter was able to find work in her profession of Cosmetology.

Mrs. Lamonico thanked the Board for their continued Adult Polytech Programs. Also, she suggested that Polytech reach out to the high schools in Warren County to inform students that these programs are available to them.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Kimberly Brown for graduating in May 2012 receiving her Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership, from Liberty University, in Virginia and for graduating with the highest distinction.

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

FARMLAND/PLANNING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Delaware Township (Copeland), for Block 39, Lot 3, consisting of an estimated 70 acres, (SADC-\$533,400; County-\$177,800; Township-\$177,800), total of \$889,000.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of a development easement on property owned by Louis Cyktor IV and Louis Cyktor III, Block 51, Lot 1, in Delaware Township, (SADC-\$393,120; County-\$131,040; Township-\$131,040), total amount of \$655,200.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County of Hunterdon hold the Deed of Easement for the Conley Farm through an assignment from the NJ Conservation Foundation.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

Shared Services

Director Walton informed those present that he supports shared services by the County of Hunterdon. He would like to see the County's Planning Services Division take on a more active role in helping municipalities and the County to coordinate with each other, in regard to finding and implementing shared service agreements. Director Walton thinks this would involve putting out templates of shared service agreements, coordinating requests for positions that maybe shared and finding common areas where a particular service is looked for/or a service to be shared. Director Walton would like to see someone on staff that municipalities can go to in the County, to coordinator work with the various County departments. After talking with many of the municipality mayors, an area which has been difficult to find someone who can an initiative and help the municipality work through the language of the shared service agreement in conjunction with municipal attorney's; help them find opportunities for sharing; and various ways that a shared services coordinator would do and has done in other counties. Director Walton feels the County should take the leadership role and this proposed resolution would place that responsibility within the County's Planning Services Division.

Sue Dziamara, Planning Director, attended a shared service conference/seminar run by Director Walton some time ago and told him, at that time, that she thought this looked like an excellent opportunity for the Planning Department to be involved in that effort because Planning has already developed relationships with the municipal partners through the County's Farmland Preservation Program and through the Open Space Program; plus the Planning Department's Breakfast talks and award ceremony. Mrs. Dziamara feels there is a logical connection between the municipal partners and the County Planning Department.

Mrs. Dziamara reported that shared services was brought up at the Planning Board meeting who said if the County wanted to take on shared services, that it makes sense for the Planning Department to be involved.

Mr. Mennen asked Mrs. Dziamara to discuss how that correlate to recent discussions that were, in some part, generated by the Planning Department about the manner in which staff is stretched thin, specifically with regard to discussions on layoffs. He is having a difficult time grasping how a whole new layer of responsibility will be added on a department that not more than a month or so ago, the Freeholders were told was at the breaking point in terms of staff allocations.

Mrs. Dziamara stated the workload in the Planning Department ebbs and flows and some things remain very constant which is the Farmland program; Open Space program, the work with the NJTPA (North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority). The Wastewater Plan is nearing the completion of Phase I and the state has yet to identify or come up with how they are going to move forward with the second Phase of that program. Mrs. Dziamara feels there is a little bit of staff available because her staff is waiting for the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inform the County Planning Department what they want the County to do; instead of her department constantly trying to do what it thinks the state wants and ending up repeating the exercise. She is aware DEP wants the County to get the Frenchtown Chapter of the Waste Water Plan done and submitted so they can move forward.

Mrs. Dziamara explained that shared services is something that would have to be developed as the County moves forward. She is not exactly sure how it would work but it is like any assignment received from the Freeholder Board, they will do the best they can do.

Mr. Mennen wished someone had brought to the Freeholders' attention the issue of ebbs and flows workload in the Planning area. It sounds like the Planning area is coming into a bit of a down time. When talking about staff allocation and shortage of available staff, that is frustrating. Mr. Mennen asked what sort of qualifications someone would need to be able to effectively facilitate this sort of a program. He asked who would create templates or who would disseminate a template. Would that not incur County Counsel time as well?

Director Walton advised he does not know if this would involve County Counsel time because he feels the shared services agreements/contracts should be reviewed by the municipal attorneys. It is more of an exchange of information; a place where a municipality can go to talk with someone who can coordinate and provide an exchange of information for municipalities. Director Walton thinks this would only take an hour or two a week and if it takes more than that, then this would have to be revisited.

Mr. Mennen explained his reluctance relates to the fact that this is similar to a program which the County signed onto, not with dollars and cents, but with being supportive, by a program run by the Chamber of Commerce which was funded by public dollars. This Board can agree, that despite the fact that the Chamber had some personnel issues, with people coming and going, one of the most glaring shortcomings of that was the lack of delineated measurements of success. This falls into that same trap potentially in the manner in which it is put together. Mr. Mennen stated this Board was frustrated at the amount of money spent, from the last go round for Shared Services, as compared to the results. He would be very concerned if the County were running the risk of falling into that same situation. If the County were to go in this direction, the County should learn from the mistakes made in the past. There is more work to be done in the County whether it is in the Planning Department or some other area to provide this service but Mr. Mennen doesn't feel enough steps have been taken to correct those short comings of the past. He questioned the measurement of success. Mr. Mennen renewed his earlier stated concern with regard to the dire emergency situation that was portrayed with regard to staff availability just two/three weeks ago and suddenly today there is availability.

Mr. Holt advised the first priority for the Planning staff that he sees to be undertaken is the Open Space Program, in terms of revamping the policy. As everyone is aware, the County undertook a great stride a few years back, to try and update the Farmland Preservation/Open Space policy. At a meeting a couple weeks ago, it became evident to many that there was frustration as to how the system was working. While it is no fault of the Planning Department; it just means the system doesn't need to be so cumbersome and should be reworked. Mr. Holt said if the County is going to continue with the Open Space program, the expectation is that it will be revamped in the future.

Mr. Holt said the issue regarding Shared Services Coordination, which gets evidenced each day is that there does need to be a "center collection point". For example, John Glynn of Roads, Bridges and Engineering gets at least 10 calls a week looking for a shared service or what is at least perceived as a shared service and that occupies part of his time, in determining what can and can't be done. It seems if this is done right, there is a mechanism by which there becomes a process that is cleaner in terms of looking at shared services and what can be provided. Shared Services is two fold, on one hand there is a shared service because a municipality(s) are looking to have something together. There is a further model of shared services which involves County activity (it does not mean free) by which there is a mechanism the County can undertake a service for less cost per capita for municipalities than they can do it themselves. Both entitles have value and the County model may have the greatest impact.

Mr. Holt feels there is a great value in the County establishing shared services and getting it up and running. The County has to vet exactly what the expectation is with the Department in order to determine how much staff time this will take and that is still an unknown factor.

Mr. Sworen agrees with Mr. Mennen regarding the process and what happened with the Chamber of Commerce. That was driven by a number of different things and feels that bad legislation was put forward by Joe Roberts and other people; including current legislation that does not serve places like Hunterdon County very well. All the legislation that was put forward was done based on a model of a city or large urban area and it is geared to that. The thresholds and all the pieces are not geared to small towns/small counties. It is difficult and frustrating for anyone, especially with the issues the County has with the Chamber, to put those things together into a viable system and make them work under the rules they have established. Mr. Sworen advised he has testified a number of times at the State, against these legislations and has tried to get changes made to them.

Mr. Sworen said over the years, the County's Planning Department has been the largest information sharing resource; hosting a lot of meetings to get different municipal officials up to speed on statewide issues and such.

Mr. Sworen advised he can see this evolving as a process but he also sees that the Planning Department had been doing this type of information sharing and getting people together with the right people on the state level. He sees the Planning Department in the beginning stages as the resource to get information in and disseminating information out; which is probably the most important aspect of shared services today. He sees the Planning Department as a conduit for the municipalities and as the office that can do research and it out to all parties.

Mr. Melick explained he has been involved with shared services before it was shared services, years ago. There are a lot of things which are obvious for sharing and there are things that people don't know how to react to. At this time, in order to get involved the County would need more state incentives to make it happen. He doesn't feel it would be appropriate at this time for the County to be involved until there is more guidance through state legislation with incentives and such.

Mr. Melick thinks there are things which can be done within department within the County but there is resistance because people don't want to do it. There are always objections to the sharing of personnel between departments.

Mr. Holt pointed out that the County's Health Direction is a position which the County is sharing with Sussex County and Hunterdon accomplished that without the assistance of the state.

Mr. Holt confirmed with Director Walton that part of his intent is to indicate a strong commitment for the shared services coordination; and that at this time, no one is sure how that can be accomplished. A statement should be made that this is a priority for the County and suggested the language in the resolution be altered to state that shared services, properly implemented would impact taxpayer costs showing if done right, there is a value to be achieved including (a) the cost of local government services; (b) improving the availability and efficiency of services; and (c) coordinating the efforts between municipalities, school districts and so on. Mr. Holt feels the resolution should include that the Board of Chosen Freeholders indicates an interest in the utilization of the County Planning Department to begin the process of the creation of Shared Services coordination for the County of Hunterdon and its twenty-six municipalities. Mr. Holt said the County understands that shared services are valuable to the County and the municipalities and there are many ways this can be accomplished.

Mr. Holt advised based on what Director Walton has said, it is believed there maybe interest in the Planning Department to start the creation of a shared services process. The County should take a step that indicates interest but the County isn't there yet in terms of staffing. Information should be brought back to the Board to determine if it can be done and can it be done properly; and if so, is the property place the Planning Department and what those costs would be. Mr. Holt confirmed this is a priority for Director Walton.

Mr. Sworen informed the Board that there is incentive to do this; the Governor of New Jersey has made it very clear that by imposing a 2% CAP that all government entities must begin doing things differently. Also, the Governor has pushed forward that he will be bringing in all services under the 2% CAP, such as trash collection.

Mrs. Yard advised she was asked to comment on Shared Services and Director Walton has said, as long as something has been said, discussed or debated that it is public information. In looking at what happened in the past, with the Chamber of Commerce who received \$450,000 (\$150,000 for a three year period) to pursue Shared Services and to coordinate shared services. Unfortunately for the Chamber, the success has to be quantified especially when it is stated that someone is going to be empowered to reduce the size and cost of local government for the benefit of the taxpayers; that the availability and efficiency of government services will be improved for the residents; and that efforts will be coordinated. Unless that person can quantify what the success of this endeavor will be, wherever the initiative takes place, so you can look back at it and show if it was successful. If this is going to be the same as the Chamber did, which was get a couple people together and asked them to share services and it doesn't go anywhere; and they hire someone to do some studies.

Mrs. Yard said shared services are wonderful but it has to mean something to the taxpayer. A taxpayer has to be able to say their municipality uses the County for such and such, and it shows on the tax bill or the municipal budget is lower because services are being shared. If the success isn't quantified, then the question is "How can the County show if the initiative was a success or failure and why". Mrs. Yard said in discussions with Director Walton, the question is how to make municipalities do that. The County can ask the municipalities to try and not increase their budgets if they are sharing services but the County can not force them.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that she has been staying on top of shared services and Speaker Sweeney and Governor Christie and it is more than just buzz words, it is more than just taking about shared services and having meetings. Shared Services has been talked about for many years and the Chamber of Commerce wasn't able to accomplish it and they had \$450,000 in grant money to do it.

Mrs. Yard thinks that before anything is done, the County has to identify what it is that people are to do and what will quantify their success.

Director Walton stated the Chamber of Commerce submitted a detailed list of their achievements with monetary values attached to them. The grant paid for itself. He asked if anyone disagreed with the monetary value attached to the Chamber's successes. Director Walton stated the Chamber did justify the expense of the grant.

Director Walton questioned Mrs. Yard on how to quantify the success of a Shared Services program.

Mrs. Yard suggested figuring out what the County is trying to achieve; then set up objectives of what is a successful achievement of that objective. If the objective is reduce the size and cost of local government for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Director Mennen stated the goals of Shared Services in general, are to reduce the cost of local government and make it more efficient; improve the availability and efficiency of those services; coordinate the efforts between municipalities, the County and any other government agency to try to better achieve shared services. Each individual shared service will have to stand on its own merit and whether or not a municipality is able to take the full savings from a shared service and deliver all that money back to the taxpayer or enable the municipality to do something else that would not be done, is within the confines of those municipalities. It doesn't negate the benefit of the shared service if a municipality uses the money elsewhere.

Director Walton stated part of the problem with the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce as a municipal participate at the time, was the code set by the County with regard to working and engaging in shared services. There was a real, probable sense that the County was not interested and that thresholds were set to high and made things to difficult to work with the County. It is important for the County to reverse that impression with municipalities.

Director Walton feels the Freeholders need to tell the Planning Department to develop and create a Shared Service coordination responsibility. Part of the developing of that position would be to develop some metrics for achievement that Mrs. Yard spoke to but at the same time, begin to also do the work of engaging in shared services. Director Walton think there is a parallel track of developing metrics to measure the success but you can attend the job fairs and say that what services have been achieved and at what cost, the price and what the savings are and begin to do it.

Director Walton wants the Freeholder Board to agree to have personnel in the County become active in working with the municipal partners in doing shared services. Municipalities are co-equals in governing and administrating local government services; they are not children. The County needs to demonstrate its willingness to partner with them and work with them. The Planning Department has had a great success on a great many fronts doing just that. The County would be engaging in a new service and it is going to evolve. The County should be open to the fact that this will be a work in progress but at the same time, it must also begin to do some work.

Mr. Mennen suggested setting aside his earlier statement on the availability of resources within the Planning Department and assume that isn't an issue.

Mr. Mennen said it sounds like there are two goals/initiatives; (a) is to make an affirmative statement that says the governing body of the County of Hunterdon is supportive of and intends to lend its assistance to facilitating shared service arrangements that may or may not include County government; and (b) the County is going to task a department or an individual or an individual within a department to facilitate/execute.

Mr. Mennen feels this Board is in full agreement with Part A and this resolution does that but with regard to Part B, he doesn't think the County is there yet. It is unfair to ask the County's employees and the department to put together an execution plan of a program that is fairly loose and while the general goals maybe clearly enumerated there is no specificity to it. He suggested bifurcating the initiative and instead start by seeking a statement of support and as a part of the statement of support the Freeholders direct the Planning Department to put together its recommendations as to how it would implement. That would be a demonstration to the municipalities and the other partners that the County is serious and it would also give Planning the opportunity to inform the Board what they expect; what is reasonable; and what they could accomplish and what is beyond the bounds of whether it is time limitation, experience, knowledge or authority. Mr. Mennen is afraid something is being set up in a rush, to demonstrate the County's support and willingness, and it is potentially putting something up that could flounder and would not achieve the goals which Director Walton is seeking to achieve.

Mrs. Yard asked if those people who call Mr. Glynn to services, such as painting lines, are now going to go to the Planning Department for services and then Planning gets in touch with Mr. Glynn. Who knows better than the Department Heads/Manager of their resources.

Director Walton stated Mr. Glynn would continue in the capacity he has done before and handle roads and bridges requests. The same if someone contacts George Wagner, Director of Public Safety for a generator, it would not have to go back to Planning for approval. Planning would be a place for someone who did not know to call Mr. Glynn or Mr. Wagner, they now know they can contact the County Planning Department, whoever is given the responsibility, and they can direct them who can assist them. Planning would be a point of contact for many of the requests. A new member of a governing body/a new administrator of a municipality may not be aware of whom they should contact. The County would have someone available as a Shared Services point person they can call.

Mr. Holt said the object is to make this successful. The resolution indicates the County's strong support of shared services and it directs the Planning Department to begin to map out a strategy under which shared services coordination could be implemented. The intent of this resolution is to get things started.

Director Walton recommended changes to the resolution before the Board for Shared Services, saying the Planning Department should develop a plan for shared services coordination with the goals of such and such, within 60 days and report back to the Board.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Planning Department to develop a Shared Services Plan within 60 days and report back to the Board in September, 2012.

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

Mr. Mennen left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

GRANTS

Mrs. Dziamara reported that she discussed the Sustainable Communities Grant with the Planning Board members who are supportive of the County's joining the Consortium. Joining could provide additional funding opportunities for the County. The balance of the work and what will be determined and the function of the Consortium will be developed as it moves forward. There is an initial \$10,000 grant which would provide funding for Planning staff to attend meetings. There are no additional resources, at this time, necessary from the Planning staff. Mrs. Dziamara would like for Hunterdon County to be a part of this as it moves forward because that is the only way to get a program that will benefit a rural County such as Hunterdon.

Mr. Holt added that the original grant was filed by NJTPA two years ago and they were not successful. They reapplied this year for the \$5 million grant (over a three year timeframe). He and Mrs. Dziamara have been advocating at NJTPA as the grant was developed that all counties with the region (13 counties are represented by NJTPA) have the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the joining to the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium and authorizing becoming a member of the Consortium Steering Committee; as well as approving the Consortium Memorandum of Understanding.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26135, using State Contract #A-77560, with Software House, Inc., for software licenses for the Communications Division of the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$20,581.20.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.3492, using State Contract #A-70256/WSCA/NASPO, with Dell, Inc., for server equipment and hard drives, for use by Information Services, in the amount of \$80,582.31.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-06, for Three (3) 2012 or newer, AC Model Chassis and Body, 24 Passenger +2Wheelchair Position Buses, with Rohrer Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Rohrer Bus Sales, in an amount not to exceed \$259,479.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-09, for the Reconstruction of Hunterdon County Bridge W-71, on County Route 579, in West Amwell Township, to Reivax Contracting Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$410,913.85.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- The County is waiting for the final invoice to come through County Route 519, from State Route 12 to County Route 513 for the contractor; plus there are still two outstanding claims by subcontractors that have to be resolved.
- Comments have been received from the State Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding County Route 19, from Bridge Street to the Milford Borough line. Those comments will be revised and submitted back to DOT so the project can advance.
- The contractor for the Route 523 project from last Fall has done some of the corrective work.
- The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is looking for an archeology study/report on the area on Route 579, in Ringoes, where new sidewalk will be placed. Mr. Glynn is trying to work things out so the County only needs an advisor/viewer on the field when excavating is done. The sidewalk project is funded through Federal Highway so there is a federal process to follow; hopefully the State Historic Preservation Office can assist the County.
- County Route 609, from County Route 514 to County Route 60, is around 65% complete and this is part of the Transportation Trust Fund money.
- Hunterdon is waiting to hear from Somerset County on the public meeting for County Route 637.
- The contractor has been given the go ahead for the design for Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township, based on the comments received.
- Mercer County is applying for state aid for Bridge E-140-M, on County Route 518, in East Amwell Township. Hunterdon has some funds remaining in the bridge bond money and the County has contact NJDOT Local Aid advising Hunterdon can package the remaining balance of Hunterdon's monies for various projects and use it for this project and a SAGE application is being prepared for that.
- A public meeting was held on May 09, 2012, for InterCounty Bridge L-25-W, on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township and Mansfield Township in Warren County and a presentation was made to the Parks Advisory Board on June 04, 2012. Several comments have been received from various groups, including the Musconetcong River Association and from the Highlands. All those comments will be addressed as the project advances. The County will keep the Musconetcong River Association informed as the County is working closely with this group.

- County Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, Lebanon Township and Mansfield Township in Warren County was winterized and the contractor will be on site next week to finish the project.
- Hunterdon is waiting on the final comments to come back from the consultant for InterCounty Bridge T-36-S, on Black River Road in Tewksbury Township and in Bedminster Township, in Somerset County. The County is also waiting for authorization from NJDOT to proceed with the project.
- County Bridge W-71 on County Route 579, in West Amwell Township is closed. The project will start to mobilize on July 05, 2012 and the road will be closed on July 09, 2012. This project will take four months to complete.
- In-House projects include Culvert HA-11 on Sweet Hollow Road, in Alexandria and Holland Townships; as well as Culvert HA-13, on Sweet Hollow Road, in Alexandria and Holland Townships. This involves taking out the steel and putting in a concrete deck.
- Comments have been received from the Union Township Historian on Culvert U-18, on Race Street; as well as two citizens on the details of this project. The culvert is in the Rock Hill Historic District. Hunterdon is waiting to receive SHPO comments.
- A utility meeting was held in connection with the County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road in Franklin Township and a revised utility plan is needed.
- The contractor is working on reducing the treatment going into the retention basin for County Bridge E-174 in East Amwell Township.
- A utility meeting was held in connection with Bridge D-300, on Raven-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, on May 17, 2012. No utility relocation is necessary.
- Jacobs Engineering Inc. (formerly Edwards & Kelcey) has prepared a proposal for value engineering. Mr. Glynn stated that Jacobs Engineering was at the site today with NJDOT walking around Exit 15-Interstate 78, at County Route 513.
- The County has received the environmental evaluation for County Bridge RQ-179. Temporary right of way construction easements are being worked on for this project.
- An understanding has been reached with the utility company on the County Route 512/513 Intersection project.
- County Route 600/612 is a small culvert intersection improvement on the backside of the Hunterdon Medical Center. The County has not yet settled with the property owner. Plans have been provided to County Counsel. A public hearing will be held on the acquisition for that right of way.
- Mr. Glynn reported the County has not received any funding from the Bureau of Local Aid from the FHWA. The County has received comments from FEMA and they are being addressed.

COUNTY Update

HUD/Public Housing Agency

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator reported to the Board regarding a grant funded Interim position in the Public Housing Agency. This is a HUD (Housing and Urban Development) position and they have agreed to allow the County to hire an interim position while the person in the position is on leave.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission to fill an interim position in the County's Public Housing Agency.

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

Requests for Trips, Conferences, Training and Meetings (805-810-815).

Mrs. Yard asked the Board for guidance regarding trips, conferences, training and meetings (805-810-815), in the Prosecutor's Office. Earlier when the Board discussed the budget of the Prosecutor there was a reduction of \$20,000 to his budget which was not the total amount it was increased this year and she was under the impression that the Prosecutor would get back to the Board but the County has to wait until the budget is adopted, as far as where the \$20,000 would be reduced.

Mrs. Yard advised since the last meeting, her office has received over \$8,000 worth of requests for 805-810-815. The Freeholder Director is currently in the process of revising the policy for Trips, Conferences, Training and Meetings. Mrs. Yard asked for guidance from the Board concerning these requests.

Mrs. Yard advised last year when the County was under the restrictions of 805-810-815, it required the Board to make a decision, in the Prosecutor's case what was mandated versus discretionary. In the other County departments the criteria was it had to lead to a credential, certification, CLE's, CEU's, licenses or education and that was considered to be mandated and funded by the County and anything would not because it was discretionary.

Mrs. Yard stated the Administrative Finance Team tried to loosen up a bit, saying it would have to be all or nothing because it was too difficult to say one department's request is valid over another's.

Mrs. Yard provided the Board with a list of requests from the Prosecutor's Office received in the past couple of weeks to be funded from the 805-810-815 budget line items. Mrs. Yard provided the Board with the Study Commission's recommendations about the Prosecutor following County policy. In addition, the County has an Administrative Code which would suggest that everyone follow central personnel policies and central procurement policies. Mrs. Yard asked if the Board would inform her of which requests to approve and she will reflect that on the requisition or she could send a memorandum to the Prosecutor explaining that until this has been decided and the

Board establishes a policy making it clear for everyone that these requests would be held in abeyance.

Newspapers

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that the Prosecutor's Office is receiving from Higgin's Newsstand, seven days a week the following newspapers: The Star Ledger, Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express Times, the Courier News, and the Sunday's, Start Leger, Express Times and Courier News. These newspapers are picked up by an individual from the Prosecutor's Office daily. Mrs. Yard had asked Director Walton about this and he asked what she would do if the Public Safety Department did this. Mrs. Yard tries to treat all County employees equally and abide by the County's policies, and she would write denied on the request. Director Walton was present once when she denied a request by the County Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Yard advised she wrote denied on the Prosecutor's newspaper requests and the Prosecutor contacted the Freeholder Director.

Mrs. Yard stated she did some research regarding newspapers and it was discussed at an Administrative Staff meeting and there was a reaffirmation in 2010, when the County is looking to keep a flat tax rate but in looking back at paying bills to Higgin's newsstand, after the fact, she has approved in 2011 requests. Mrs. Yard advised she should have written a letter to the Prosecutor informing him that this was not the way the County does business.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that newspaper subscriptions in the County have been stopped because information is available on the internet now. Proofs of Publication are also available through the internet now.

Mrs. Yard said while this is not an allowable expense under Freeholder policy she will take some credit for not communicating with the Prosecutor after he submitted \$256 for July, August and September of 2011, which she approved and also \$269 for October, November and December of 2011. Unless the Board directs Mrs. Yard otherwise, she will communicate to the Prosecutor that three/four newspaper seven days a week is necessary or that it should come out of County funding. Mrs. Yard stated she will abide by the governing body's decision.

Mr. Melick moved to deny the Prosecutor's request to pay for newspaper seven days a week. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that subscriptions have been stopped for all departments.

Mr. Holt said in order to decide what should come out of the County budget for 2012, this Board needs to continue to work on the 805-810-815 policy. He would like to table this request until the Board has decided if the policy will be changed.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion directing Mrs. Yard to send a letter to the County Prosecutor explaining all items regarding the 805-810-815 line item expenditures are to be held at this time until the County's policy has been resolved.

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

Director Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion authorizing the County Administrator to sign off on the request to pay Higgin's newsstand for January, February and March 2012.

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

Director Walton asked if a requisition was sent to the Purchasing Department requesting the subscription service for newspapers from Higgin's Newsstand by the Prosecutor's Office.

Mrs. Yard confirmed with Director Walton that she is to inform the Prosecutor that the County will no longer fund, bills after the fact, for the newspaper and that he should submit a requisition which will go through the regular channels.

Director Walton feels the Prosecutor is entitled to run his office the way he sees fit and if he wants to spend the budget he is given purchasing newspapers, then he should be allowed to do it. The Prosecutor was appointed by the Governor of this state to run his office as he feels and if the Prosecutor feels he needs these newspapers to properly carry out law enforcement activities, he should be able to do it.

Ms. Sworen confirmed the County will not hold any outstanding bills for Higgin's newsstand. He asked what the County should do from July 1st moving forward.

Mr. Holt agreed that a tab should not be run in order to receive newspapers. If it's determined that the Prosecutor needs to receive newspaper each day, at a cost of around \$1,000 a year, it should come out of his budget but he should make it clear why he sees value in this.

Director Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion that Mrs. Yard send a letter to the County Prosecutor informing him that effective July 01, 2012, his office should submit requisitions to the Purchasing Office to purchase the service he is receiving from Higgin's Newsstand for newspapers in accordance with the County's Procurement process and that requisition should be forwarded to Higgin's new for signature; then the Board will approve it provided there is funding in the budget to support it.

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

Mr. Melick stated over a year ago, there was a report done by a Study Commission appointed by the Governor which outlines how there was a move for the state to take over the Prosecutors' offices. This Commission got into a lot of fact findings about the Prosecutors Offices in what it is costing taxpayers for purchasing, travel expense and such. Outlined in the Study Commission Report is that the Prosecutor, in all counties make an effort to adhere to that County's policies which are in place in that particular county and which are followed by their departments.

Report of a vehicle policy violation.

Mrs. Yard reported she is looking for direction from the Board concerning a violation of the County's policy in regards to the Prosecutor's Office. Mrs. Yard stated as part of the record that she will do what she has done in the past and follow the County's procedures which are set up and she will be referring this to the Prosecutor tomorrow for investigation and looking into. She is following the vehicle policy. There are parts of the County's vehicle policy which the Prosecutor does not follow but this is a very important part.

Mr. Sworen confirmed the violation was caused by one of the Prosecutor's employees.

Flemington Borough/Prosecutor's Office personnel

Mrs. Yard advised that Lois Stewart, resident of Flemington Borough attends the Borough's meetings, as they are open to the public. There was a report that Mrs. Stewart asked Mrs. Yard about concerning the Prosecutor has agreed to fund or half fund (offset funding) for a Police Officer in Flemington Borough. The Prosecutor will be giving \$25,000 to the Borough towards this officers' salary. The Prosecutor has over \$500,000 in his trust funds and the trust funds can be used for any law enforcement activity. Mrs. Yard is concerning the County is entering into an arrangement without an agreement with the Borough of Flemington. In order for the County to give away money, it has to serve some public purpose. There should be a mutual aid agreement or something documented in case this individual gets shot, hurt or something. The question is what is the County's liability. The County's insurance people should be made aware of this. Director Walton was aware of this but the Board should either consider or acknowledge this.

Mr. Sworen stated that he has known about the position for a couple of months. He was approached by the Prosecutor regarding this program what a Prosecutor's person serves a municipal police department for a year. Many Hunterdon County police departments have gone through this program over the years. Mr. Sworen recalls that Frenchtown Borough paid for the officer they were assigned. He feels there was an agreement which went with this.

Mr. Sworen reported that he heard yesterday that the Prosecutor would be paying have the salary for the officer in Flemington Borough. There is a well established process where towns have also taken police officer and assigned them to the Prosecutor's office for a specific period of time for training in working undercover.

Mrs. Yard explained she is concerned about the County's liability. She feels there should be some type of mutual aid agreement.

Mr. Holt said there should be a proposal from the Borough to the County and the Board could determine if it was a great idea and County Counsel should draft up an agreement to memorialize this in a fashion that protects all entities. He confirmed that at this time, no such proposal has been received.

Director Walton agreed there should be a shared services agreement put in place with the Borough of Flemington for a County employee that spells out liabilities and the particulars of the arrangement. This agreement should then come to the Board for approval. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders directed County Counsel Taylor to reach out to Flemington Borough in order to get an agreement put in place.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident informed the Board that she was present when Flemington Borough established an employee for the Flemington Borough Police Department without any previous discussion. She asked if the County Prosecutor could use his trust fund to pay for the \$25,000 for half of this officer's salary.

Mr. Holt stated this has not yet been formally presented to the Freeholder Board yet for approval. The Board asked either Mrs. Yard to Ms. Taylor to reach out to the Borough of Flemington and make an inquiring about this announcement and inform them that they need to have something in writing from this Board in order for County participation to be considered. Mr. Holt added that the County can not discuss this until it receives something official from the Borough.

Choir School

Mrs. Yard stated the Flemington Methodist Church on Main Street in Flemington Borough wanted to use the Hawke Property parking area and the Choir School, and charge people a fee to use it. They were advised they could not charge for using the parking area as it was not within the law. Mrs. Yard asked the church for what purpose and length of time they would like to use the Choir School, plus the terms and conditions. Mrs. Yard has not heard back from the church.

Mrs. Yard advised the County's 300th Anniversary Committee, which she and Freeholder Holt are on, would like to use the Choir School for storage, as well as their monthly meetings. Mrs. Yard asked until such time as a more definitive need is identified for the Choir School and approved by the Board, if the 300th Anniversary Committee could use the Choir School.

Mr. Melick said the Choir School could be used for storage because there is no electric in the building and that the meetings should continue to be held in the Main Street County Complex

After further discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission for the County's 300th Anniversary Committee to use the Choir School as a staging area for storage materials and he further asked that the County turn on the electric and water in order to provide this committee a proper place to work as this committee is working on the County's 300th Anniversary events.

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

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."

Items #47 and 50 were held at this time.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the Claims Register dated June 05, 2012.

See Page 06/05/12-11A CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-11B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Keith Monahan, Laborer 1, transferred to the Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-11C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Eric Bentzinger, Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds, transferred to the Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-11D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Piatt, Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds, transferred to the Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-11E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edward McCaffrey, General Supervisor Parks, transferred to the Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-11F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alan Johnson, District Recycling Coordinator, transferred to the Division of Public Health Services, Public Safety and Health Department.

See Page 06/05/12-11G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bryan Manning, Equipment Operator, transferred to the Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Louis P. Maddalena appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Christine Hammerstone appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Creating the Division of Clinical Services under the Department of Human Services.

See Page 06/05/12-12D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Donna Gapas appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Clinical Services Division, Human Services Department.

See Page 06/05/12-13E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, John Davenport appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Division of Purchasing, Department of Finance/Administration.

See Page 06/05/12-12F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert Thurgarland appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Division of Information Services, Department of Finance/Administration.

See Page 06/05/12-12G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Carol Bodder appointed unclassified, full time Division Head, Division of Parks, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-12H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeffrey Schellhorn, Mechanic, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department, leave of absence without pay.

See Page 06/05/12-12I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adam Prokofiew appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Andrew Weldon appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Williamson appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Patrick LaFevre appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Division.

See Page 06/05/12-12M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew LaFevre appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Division.

See Page 06/05/12-12N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robin Krog appointed permanent, full time Human Services Specialist 3, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 06/05/12-12O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kristopher Knechel appointed permanent, full time Library Page, Library.

See Page 06/05/12-12P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Adjusting the salary for Jennifer Levy, Rutgers' Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County.

See Page 06/05/12-13A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Alyssia Pinkerton appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jacqueline Schulack appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gregory Vaccarino appointed temporary, seasonal Laboratory Assistant, Division of Public Health Services, Public Safety Department.

See Page 06/05/12-13D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Heather Wehrle appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Gail Jacobsen appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Isabel Esparza appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Zofia Lemise appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Joseph Bercaw appointed temporary, seasonal Recreational Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas LaFève appointed temporary, seasonal Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

See Page 06/05/12-13J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brett Durborow appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jennifer Wanisko appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Emilie Milcarek appointed temporary, seasonal Recreation Leader, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 06/05/12-13M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Christine Hammerstone, Social Services Division Head, to represent the County of Hunterdon on the Workforce Investment Board, to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2014.

See Page 06/05/12-13N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications for the Painting of County Bridges J-1 on Main Street in Califon; E-233 on Cider Mill Road, in East Amwell Township; W-11 on County Route 523, in Raritan Township and alternate I-3-W on Church Street in Bloomsbury Borough.

See Page 06/05/12-13O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of County Routes 513, 519, 616, 635, 643 and 651 in various townships, and at the Hunterdon County Buildings of the Everittstown Garage, Justice Center, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon.

See Page 06/05/12-14A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #7, for County Bid #2010-24, for the addition and fuel island upgrade at the Everittstown Garage, with Tekton Development Corporation, in the amount of \$70,770.55.

See Page 06/05/12-14B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for County Bid #2012-11, for a Brush Bandit Trailer mounted disc style brush chipper and associated equipment or approved equal.

See Page 06/05/12-14C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional medical examiners agreement with Steven Diamond, Director of Pathology at the Hunterdon Medical Center, not to exceed \$250,000 annually, \$437,500 for a 21 month period.

See Page 06/05/12-14D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Petitioning the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and Governor Chris Christie, to halt the proposed demolition and reconstruction of the Scudder Falls Bridge.

See Page 06/05/12-14E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Lisa Ostermueller Coster as the Environmental Representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Council, for 2012.

See Page 06/05/12-14F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Regina Hlasney to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 06/05/12-14G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Thomas Antosiewicz to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 06/05/12-14H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Right of Way Easement, for Block 16.01, Lot 1, in Califon Borough to the Borough of Califon.

See Page 06/05/12-14I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting the passage of S1694/ A2758, to permit two or more counties to enter into an agreement with any other county(s) to share a County Tax Administrator.

See Page 06/05/12-14J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting A2759, allowing paying over time expenses incurred by municipalities and counties to implement municipal consolidation, Sharing of Services and creating a Joint Meeting agreement.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-14K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Opposing United Nations Agenda 21.

Director Walton explained that Agenda 21 is a movement by the United Nations to become a centralized government to fulfill aspects of planning across the world. The reason it is on the agenda tonight, is because there are a great number of institutions and organizations which are concerned that the NJTPA program is part of the UN Agenda 21. To put to ease the minds of those who view the centralized planning effort of NJTPA as an offshoot of Agenda 21, this Board wishes to make it clear that Hunterdon County does not believe that NJTPA is a pawn in the world game of the Agenda 21 enthusiasts and therefore going on record opposing Agenda 21 as presented to the United Nations.

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

Director Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-15A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting religious liberty for people of all faiths.

Director Walton explained he is alarmed with the movement by the Federal Government to restrict people of all faiths and he feels it is a violation of the First Amendment Rights. There is a separation between church and state that exists to protect religion from the state. He believes much of what is being forced upon religious affiliated organizations violates that right.

This resolution is in a non-denominational format expresses that each of us has the ability to practice our faith as we see fit.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 06/05/12-15B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Christopher DeSapio on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 06/05/12-15C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Max Kane on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 06/05/12-15D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Connor Daniel on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-15E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application with New Jersey Transit for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance program, in the amount of \$410,000 for 2013.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 06/05/12-15F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the FTA Section 5311 Operating Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$271,343 (federal), with a State New Jersey Transit Corporation match in the amount of \$135,671 and a County match of \$135,671.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Hunterdon Harmonizers, requesting permission to use the front steps of the Historic Court House during the annual Craft Fair, to take place September 15 and 16, 2012; as well as using rest room facilities in the rear of the building, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event was coordinated through the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

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

Correspondence was received from the Frenchtown Fire Department, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Saturday, June 09, 2012; Sunday, June 10, 2012; Saturday, July 14, 2012 and Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the intersection of Kingwood Avenue and Race Street, in Frenchtown Borough, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Walton congratulated Andrea Bonnett, resident of East Amwell Township, on winning the Primary in the Democratic position for Freeholder.

Director Walton congratulated Freeholder Holt for winning the Primary in the Republican position for Freeholder.

Mr. Sworen reported the County will have 8 free Concerts this year at Deer Path Park starting on June 21, 2012 and ending August 09, 2012. He thanked the County's Park person, Patrick Eckerd for getting the talent together for these concerts. He also thanked Carol Bodder, the Parks and Recreation Division Head for making it real and making it happen.

Mr. Sworen advised the Friends of the Parks is now active and will be providing the extra restroom facilities at the concerts. .

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Andrea Bonnett asked the Board what the NJTPA is.

Director Walton explained the NJTPA stands for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

Mr. Holt who is a member of the NJTPA, explained a percentage of federal transportation funding comes out of Washington back to the State of New Jersey must go through the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) system which is managed by County representation. It ensures a percentage of the federal monies come to counties who can decide how it gets spent. As NJTPA's rule continues to change based on its based its partnerships, planning becomes more of what TPA does; technology is also more of what TPA does.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, expressed concerns about the majority of the Freeholder Board who allows the Prosecutor to do what he pleases. She continues to raise concerns over the number of vehicles that office has. Mrs. Stewart asked the members of the Board who feel the Prosecutor should spend his budget as he sees fit to consider the fact that the budget request wasn't cut enough, sufficiently if he can do things that are not appropriate. If he is allowed to continue spending as he sees fit then the County should tell him he has to spend that money to purchase vehicles. There has to be a procedure put in place for the Prosecutor's Office to pay for gasoline and maintenance for the vehicles.

Mrs. Stewart is happy to hear that Mr. Holt would like to streamline the Open Space Program.

Mrs. Stewart appreciates Director Walton work regarding shared services.

Anna Prescott came before the Board concerning the item on the consent agenda for the Scudder Falls Bridge and asked why the County is petitioning regarding this matter.

Director Walton explained that the Delaware River Joint Toll Commission (DRJTC) is suggesting the Scudder Falls Bridge be replaced with a new bridge and charge tolls on it. He believes the bridge should not be replaced or confined because there are no structural issues with it; rather this is another attempt by the Commission to increase its largeness. This resolution calls upon the Bridge Commission to not move forward with a new Toll Bridge. It is a bipartisan effort supported by the State Senator for the 15th District and Hunterdon's State Senator and the Freeholders are supporting their efforts to stop the replacement of a good bridge with a toll bridge thereby increasing the costs for residents who traverse the Delaware River to get to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Holt added that money would have to be borrowed (bonded) in order to build a replacement bridge. This bridge is structurally sound and has passed all its bridge inspections. It is deemed to be functionally deficient but that is due to the volume on the bridges at certain times of the day. This is one of the few freeways that does not have a toll. Why borrow money to do this project when the bridge is in good shape.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders answered questions for the public concerning the Roads and Bridges report and the County Budget.

Questions answered for the press concerning medical examiner services.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board