

SPECIAL MEETING

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS County Bridge F-45, on White Bridge Road, in Franklin Township **March 08, 2012**

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

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

ABSENT: MR. SWOREN.

Also Present: John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, Kenneth Miller, Senior Planner and Jim Martin, County Engineer.

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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 faxed on or before February 27, 2012, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, and Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

Director Walton explained to those present (roughly 13 to 15 residents at various times) that the Board of Chosen Freeholders held a meeting previously at a bridge in East Amwell Township, to allow the residents to see the proposed projects scoped out and see the impact of the bridge. He further stated the residents were able to get a better feel of the project and it is his hope that this meeting will provide that to the residents of Franklin Township.

John P. Glynn, Director of Roads, Bridges and Engineering provided a history of the F-45 bridge project stating it began in 1999; a scope of the project was made to the residents and township officials in 2002 at the firehouse. The original project was two (2) 12' lanes. The scoping of the project was completed in 2008.

Mr. Glynn explained that traffic counts have been taken over the years, and in 2002 the count was around 700 vehicles and the current traffic count is around 8,000.

Mr. Glynn stated the lanes for the bridge have been reduced from 38' to 36', with 11' lanes and side treatment. The bridge is designed to ASTO standards. The County has worked with the Franklin Township Committee who appointed a subcommittee to work with the County.

Mr. Glynn advised at this time, the bridge will remain white as suggested and there will be no sidewalk. He provided a set of plans for the resident to view.

Mr. Miller explained the markings set out by the Engineering Division for the bridge project.

Mr. Glynn and Mr. Miller answered various resident questions on the bridge. Mr. Glynn advised all but one property owner has signed off on the project.

Mr. Glynn further advised that the County has a No Net Loss Tree policy. He agreed to have the County tie ribbons around the trees for the residents to see which will be removed.

Mr. Glynn confirmed that construction for the Bridge would take between 4 and 5 months.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board