

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

March 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:03 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

ABSENT: MR. MENNEN.

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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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss potential litigation concerning a property acquired for open space.

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RESOLUTION

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

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Human Services Advisory Committee.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m., recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: MR. MENNEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Niemann, Kingwood Township Mayor, came before the Board to express concerns regarding proposed staff reductions, especially in the Planning Department. She advised the State's strategic plan is crafted in such a manner that more responsibility will fall upon the County. Mayor Niemann feels it is critical to maintain the staffing the County already has. Especially in the spirit of shared services which is being cultivated with the municipalities. Also, the County's open space program depends heavily on several employees in the Planning Department, and open space is a top priority for the residents of this County.

Mayor Niemann encouraged the Board to consider utilizing some of the Open Space Taxes towards the costs to maintain the staff which is required to administer the program.

Mr. Walton stated the County is working with the union to avoid layoffs. The Finance Department has been directed to look at what can be done to defer salaries in the Planning Department from the Open Space Tax and if there are any other expenses that might be applicable to the Open Space Tax.

Mr. Walton explained the Board has no action to take this evening and again stated, the County is working with the union to negotiate a settlement that will avoid layoffs.

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, came before the Board and introduced Zack Hutchins, a student from Delaware Valley Regional High School.

Mr. Hutchins explained to the Board he is saving his parents money by getting college credits before attending college; through Polytech, he is able to get 17 free college credits through the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), by taking Polytech courses and

testing at UMDNJ. Currently Mr. Hutchins has 11 credits and will be able to get another six credits by the end of this year. By attending Polytech, he doesn't go to his home school but attends Raritan Valley Community College, and he now has 4 college credits from taking Calculus 1 and he is now taking Calculus 2 for an addition 4 credits; which will bring him up to 25 college credits before he graduates High School. Mr. Hutchins explained this will give him a huge advantage.

Mr. Hutchins informed the Board that the by going to RVCC while in high school, he gets the half discount, so it cost him \$300.00 to get 25 college credits.

Ms. Metz advised that according to the article today in Hunterdon County News, Zack has saved his parents \$30,000 on his career goal to be a doctor.

The Board wished Mr. Hutchins much luck in all his future endeavors.

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26008, using State Contract #A-53804, with Motorola, for radios for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$62,090.60, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26023, using GSA Contract #GS-03F-055U, with Alternative Support Apparatus, for an off-road ambulance, for the Public Safety Department (Flemington Rescue), in the amount of \$58,185, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26037, using State Contract #A-53804, with Motorola, for radios for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$48,171.20, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26045, using State Contract A-69836, with Queues Enforth Development, for continued NJDEX software interface between the County collection hub and local police departments, for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$165,406, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26046, using State Contract #A-73979, with ePlus, for Cisco Router Equipment, for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$30,301, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26051, using GSA Contract #V797P-4527A, withy Masimo, for carbon monoxide detectors, for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$14,348, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26052, using GSA Contract #GS-35F-0408W, with Vision Computers, for tablet PC's for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$43,699.80, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26053, using GSA Contract #GS-07F-0043L, with L.N. Curtis & Sons, for portable shelters for Emergency Services, for the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$72,150.42, using Homeland Security Grant funds.

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

FARMLAND/PLANNING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Board, for High Bridge Borough, in the amount of \$12,310.91, for Lake Solitude, Block 4.07, Lot 1; Block 7, Lot 1; Block 40, Lot 2; and Block 40, Lot 11.01, 128 acres.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Board, for Hunterdon Land Trust, (amending an earlier application 12/07/10), in the additional amount of \$39,600, for two additional parcels in Kingwood Township (Trstensky), Block 24, Lots 13.08 and 13.09.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Board, for Hunterdon Land Trust, in the amount of \$298,350 for general open space, for Block 15, Lot 1.01, in Raritan Township (Ewing), consisting of 58.592 acres.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Board, for the D&R Greenway Land Trust, in the amount of \$60,000, for open space preservation of Block 27, Lots 53 and 53.01, in East Amwell Township, consisting of 22.98 acres.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a acquisition for a development easement on Block 16, Lot 16 and Block 15, Lot 6, in Holland Twp., (Cooper), (SADC-\$183,180, County-\$61,060, Township-\$42,160), total amount of \$210,800.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, with Readington Township, on Block 94, Lot 17, (Toll), consisting of 26.76 acres, (SADC-\$232,814; County-\$77,604; Township-\$77,604), total amount of \$388,020.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWORN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON.
(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."

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the Claims Register dated March 20, 2012.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve the special minutes of February 28, 2012 and March 08, 2012.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jessica Slattery appointed provisional, full time Family Service Worker, Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing Donna Gapas be reappointed to the Human Services Advisory Council, as a Welfare Agency Director and WIB Representative.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subcontract Award Agreement with Somerset County, awarding Hunterdon County Human Services \$49,221, for July 01, 2011 through June 30, 2012, in accordance with the State Labor Department, Workforce Investment Act, to provide employment services to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, General Assistance, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2011-10, for the 2011 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County Roads, with Trap Rock Industries, Inc., decrease of \$109,205.36.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2011-10, for the 2011 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County Roads, with Trap Rock Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$48,767.08.

See Page 03/20/12-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional engineering consulting agreement, using Quote #0023-2012, for mechanical and electrical for the HVAC replacement for the Route 31 County Complex, Buildings #2 & #3, to Strunk Albert Engineering, amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Application for Payment #11, for County Bid #2010-29, Addition and Alterations to the Hunterdon County Records Retention Center, with Belmont Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$37,955.89.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving re-grants for the Cultural and Heritage Commission, Local Art Program, in the amount of \$63,908.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Paul Kaszas appointed provisional, full time Public Health Investigator, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Human Services.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Dr. Sherol A. Lewis for having served the residents of the County of Hunterdon on the Hunterdon County Mental Health Board.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Thomas M. Caporaso for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Michael J. Marsh for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Michael J. Matza for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

**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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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring April 28, 2012 as World T'ai Chi and QiGong Day.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for Highway Safety, from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, for the Kids are Riding Safety program, in the amount of \$19,825.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Lucy Bush asking permission to hold the annual National Day of Prayer on the historic Court House steps, on Thursday, May 03, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Also, Ms. Bush is requesting permission, to use an electrical outlet. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting approval provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Buildings and Maintenance.

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

A letter was received from the Oldwick Fire Company requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss at the County Route 523 and 517 Intersection, on April 21, 2012. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

A request was received from the High Bridge Police asking requesting permission to all the High Bridge Business Association to use a portion of County Route 513 between Fairview Avenue and West Main Street, on Saturday, June 02, 2012, between 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon, for their annual Soap Box Derby. Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Roads, Bridges and Engineering.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder Holt reported that he and Sue Dziarama, Planning Director spent today in Morristown, New Jersey at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority meeting. It was time well spent. The overall theme was trying to determine the best way to get the money which is sent to Washington D.C. back into our region, so it can be determined within the region what the money should be used for.

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 asking two separate contractors for a start up date to finish their projects which include punch list items, top soil and seeding, raised pavement markings have to be installed. These include the projects for Routes 519, 523 and 517.
- A public information meeting is scheduled for April 04, 2012 in Clinton Township's Municipal Building for Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road.
- The County is asking Warren County to agree to a date and location to hold an information meeting for Inter-County Bridge L-25-W, on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township and Mansfield Township in Warren County. Mr. Glynn suggested holding the meeting at the bridge. He is waiting to hear from Warren County.
- Final plans and specification for Bridge W-71, on County Route 579, in West Amwell Township are complete and were forwarded to NJDOT. This is a bridge bond money projects.
- The field work has been completed for X-6, on Mine Road, in High Bridge Borough. This structure was damaged during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The design is being finalized.
- A meeting was held with Stockton Borough and Delaware Township concerning the drainage issue along Route 523. A scope of work will be prepared the interested partners to review and then discussions will be held on how to pay for the design work.
- There is a field review of the County Route 519 (Warren Glen Hill) safety Improvement on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
- The alternative analysis study (AA Report) is now complete and it has been submitted to NJDOT for their approval for County Route 579 over the Lehigh Valley Railroad.
- Comments have been received for Bridge E-174 from NJDEP. It has been close to 8 months trying to get the modified permit. There is a minor change on the inlet structure that needs to be made. Once the permit for that is received the right of way work can begin.

- The final plans for Bridge RQ-179 are 90% complete and were sent to NJDOT for approval. Mr. Glynn hopes to get approval to proceed to final design.
- Authorization has been received from NJDOT to proceed with the High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) program which will change some lane configuration at the Route 512/513 intersection.
- A culvert is falling apart at the intersection of County Route 600/612 outside of the Hospital. In addition, the guiderail will be moved back in order to create a turning lane to get into the Hunterdon Medical Center hospital facility.
- The final application has been made to F.H.W.A. for reimbursement in connection with the storms.
- FEMA data had to be messaged and they needed additional data with regard to the storms to support the County's claim. That information has been provided to FEMA.

Mr. Glynn reported to the Board that at a previous meeting there was discussion about Railroad Avenue in Califon Borough. County Counsel and Califon Counsel have worked out a resolution which grants the rights of Railroad Avenue to Califon Borough so they maintain the road. The Borough wants to make application for funding to redo the road as it is in disrepair.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Granting the Califon Borough the rights to Railroad Avenue for the Borough to maintain.

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

Mr. Glynn advised that Stockton Borough is advancing a project on Old Prallsville Road. This is a drainage project and they are installing storm/sewer work. This goes through the County's culvert which is located on Prallsville Road. Stockton Borough is asking the County to waive the fee, which is around \$100.00. Stockton Borough will include the performance of the work in their performance bond.

Mr. Glynn reported that the County has waived fees before for municipalities. This involves taking out a 15" pipe and placing another pipe in the same hole.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion agreeing to waive the fee for the Borough of Stockton in connection with a project on Old Prallsville Road, at the recommendation of Mr. Glynn.

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

Mr. Glynn informed the Board of a drainage issue in Delaware Township on Covered Bridge Road, which he and Director Walton will be looking at. There has been an ongoing flooding issue and Mr. Glynn will try to set up a meeting with Delaware Township on Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton passed out to the Board a draft resolution concerning Shared Services and asked them to get back to him with their thoughts and/or suggestions. This can be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, informed the Board that the residents of the County expect the Open Space Tax Levy to be used for the purchase of open space.

Oliver Albert, Raritan Township resident, thanked the Freeholders for supporting open space.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board