

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

November 07, 2012

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:01 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

ABSENT: MR. HOLT.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Walton announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 03, 2012, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, 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. Mennen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Tax Board Administrator position. (8)

See Page 11/07/12-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointments to the Cultural and Heritage Commission. (8)

See Page 11/07/12-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential counsel for the Construction Board of Appeals which maybe required for the November 21, 2012 meeting.

See Page 11/07/12-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel/litigation in the Prosecutor's Office.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m., recessed at 4:38 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Volunteers

Director Walton extended his thanks to all the people who helped the County out during the recent storm. He thanked the many volunteers, the County's staff, the CERT Team, the CART Team, Dispatchers, OEM Coordinator and the people in Human Services, the Red Cross and many, many more. The County would not have been able to make it through the storm without the assistance of these people.

Director Walton shared with the Board an email received today from a resident, not from Hunterdon County. It says, "I live in another county and I signed up for emergency alerts in my county and received nothing. Information came after the fact and it was not very helpful." This individual also signed up for Hunterdon County alerts and said it was a life saver. This individual recognized Brayden Fahey, Emergency Management Coordinator of Hunterdon County should be applauded for his reliable, effective and life saving communications. He hopes every county could learn to hire someone like Mr. Fahey". Director Walton stated this individual went on to praise all the staff at Emergency Services for the work they do.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Kerrie Messinger, Flemington Borough resident and Library employee, questioned the Board about an article in NJ.Com about the water at the Route 12 County Complex being contaminated. Ms. Messinger stated the Library has received notes at various times and they conflict because one says there is e-coli in the water and another says there is no e-coli. She asked if there is an emergency situation at the Route 12 complex with the water.

Director Walton stated the water has been a difficult issue for the County since the first report came out. Steps have been taken to inform the public of the dangers. Necessary steps have been taken to test the water. The County is compliant with all New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection regulations and codes. The County is trying to make the water safe for drinking which is why the County is taking the emergency steps of going out to bid to take care of this situation.

Tera Zengle, West Amwell Township resident, asked about the possible development of County owned space slated for active recreation at Gulick Road and County Route 179 in West Amwell Township and also bordering East Amwell Township. There are residents representing various organizations in the Townships of East Amwell, West Amwell, Delaware, Kingwood and Lambertville City, Stockton Borough and parts of Raritan Township. The groups include but are not limited to the Amwell Valley Local Baseball League, Amwell Attitude Softball, Field Hockey, South County Soccer League, Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. These organizations are interested in the idea of developing the open space off of Route 179 in West Amwell Township. The groups represented here, as well as others, would like to see the space developed for local youth sports teams and organizations, as well as other types of active and passive recreation. Currently these organizations must share fields because of space constraints; rearranging schedules to accommodate all teams; scheduling around school events and continual wear and tear on current fields that are used throughout the year for many different purposes. Also, different age levels require different size fields and a few teams do not have any space of their own. The site is highly visible and easily accessible by southern Hunterdon County residents. It is a logical spot for a park that could be built for the use and enjoyment of residents and organizations. This portion of Hunterdon County has been in need of a County park for residents to enjoy for many years. The representatives of these organizations are willing to work with the County Freeholders to bring this project to fruition.

Director Walton explained to Ms. Zengle that all park projects first go to the Parks Advisory Board, which is a citizen board, for review and consideration. They will also point out items that need to be done and how to prepare before this is brought before the Freeholder Board for consideration.

Ms. Zengle thanked the Board for its time.

Mina Shadow, Union Township resident thanked Director Walton for bringing to light the fact that Hunterdon County tax dollars are being spent for services at Planned Parenthood. While, Planned Parenthood may provide minimal screening procedures, the main source of their income as an organization is abortion, which is a controversial issue. Ms. Shadow is in favor of using County tax money for anyone who is in need of medical services; she believes there is no reason that the Board of Chosen Freeholders should not be able to specify a list or an individual preferred provider. There is no reason for Planned Parenthood to be on that list getting tax dollars.

Jen Strambro, East Amwell Township resident, congratulated and offered her support to Freeholder Robert Walton for his courage to publically denounce using taxpayer money to pay Planned Parenthood. Although the financial amount is small; the principal cannot be compromised. It is time that the citizens of this great country hold elected officials accountable for the truth. Planned Parenthood is an organization who claims to be at the forefront of women's health care but it is lies. Planned Parenthood does not provide wellness care of just mammograms, pregnancy care, OBGYN services in the form of wellness; they offer contraceptives and abortions which violate her religious beliefs and more importantly, they put women's health at risk. Ms. Strambo thanked Director Walton for his courage to publically stand up for moral and religious conviction. She advised the Board she firmly supports health care for any man or woman in Hunterdon County who can afford it. Please don't distort the true the definition of health care at the local level.

Mark Luzen, High Bridge Borough resident, also thanked Freeholder Walton for courageously defending citizens from corrosion by the minions of Planned Parenthood.

Glori Ann Robi, East Amwell Township resident, advised she supports Planned Parenthood and explained to the Board that Planned Parenthood helps with regards to planning families. She was thankful for their services when she was a college student and those services were provided for a minimal amount of money.

Anthony Robi, East Amwell Township resident, stated the South County Library recently moved from the Ringoes area to a location closer to Lambertville. He asked if the County would consider having a drop box for books to the Library, at a location near the Municipal building. The Library said the boxes are expenses and their route does not allow for that. Mr. Robi stated years ago there was a library in the Municipal parking area with a drop box.

Mr. Sworen advised the matter of a drop box being placed in Ringoes was brought up at the Library Commission meeting and it was decided there is no place else in the County that has drop boxes that doesn't have a Library Branch. It maybe a good idea but the issue the Library faces today is that it is well understaffed because of cutbacks due to the reduction of taxes. The Library doesn't have the manpower to actually set up new routes.

Jill Karakas, Raritan Township resident, came before the Board to support Freeholder Walton and his speaking up against using taxpayer money for Planned Parenthood. The point of that amount is charity, for services for someone who could not afford whatever the service was. Ms. Karakas understands this was of a medical nature. She feels true charity is to promote and give someone

an opportunity to live a virtuous life. In her opinion, Planned Parenthood's revenue comes from abortion; plus a fair amount comes from contraception. Planned Parenthood has been in the news many times for different scandalous things. Planned Parenthood is in the abortion business and the taxpayers' money should not be going to Planned Parenthood. There are many other places in this County where money can go to, to be charitable. Ms. Karakas agrees that the tests performed are important but there are other agencies that offer those services and they do it in true charity.

Marlene Langrader informed the Board that she does not wish her tax dollars to towards abortions. She supports Freeholder Walton's decision.

Jim Vargas, Raritan Township resident also congratulated Freeholder Walton and expressed his support also. He also is against funding Planned Parenthood.

COUNTY UPDATE

Director Walton stated that the Board of Chosen Freeholders asked Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator and Shana Taylor, County Counsel to look at all the County's provider service agreements and how services are contracted for with any provider service delivered.

Mrs. Yard advised the Board that a needs assessment is performed each year by the Human Services staff, who identify the needs and prioritized the needs. Mrs. Yard reported as she and Ms. Taylor were looking at this, they found out that this particular medical services for eligible citizens was the only service provider that did not follow the County's RFP (Request for Proposals) process. The Human Services staff evaluates the needs for Human Services, including drug counseling to alcohol counseling, to anything that is contracted out for provider services.

Ms. Taylor explained during the most recent budget cycle, this Board decided to open that funding for the medical needs of all low income individuals in Hunterdon, not just for women. Regardless of who the provider is, Ms. Taylor recommended, she be allowed to work with the County Administrator, the Human Services Administrator, and the Public Health Nursing Supervisor to determine a scope of services; what the County needs to be addressing in the community and what this money can be utilized for, in order to have the most benefit for the citizens in Hunterdon. The fair and open contracting process should be used, as is done for almost every other contract the County has. The County should put out an RFP and determine who the best provider would be. Eventually this should be wrapped into the bi-yearly cycle for the Human Services RFP because that is based on the global assessment of needs in the community.

Mrs. Yard stated the scope of services should be for the target population, whether it is male or female, medical services for eligible citizens (low income citizens), then every provider service contract will be consistent with the County's procurement process and it will be a fair and open, competitive process.

Ms. Taylor explained the County would have the RFP process narrow down to one provider; unless the County felt otherwise, to meet the service need in the community.

Mr. Mennen confirmed Human Services, Public Health Nursing, Ms. Taylor and Purchasing would be developing the specifications for this service in order to put it out to bid through the County's RFP process.

Director Walton confirmed this process can take place quickly so that a contract can be awarded in 2013.

FINANCE

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-3A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Requesting permission, from the Director of Local Government Services, to approve a dedication by rider of revenues, for the purpose of paying expenditures related to snow removal.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-3B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services to include an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget for the Division of Elections, in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services to include an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, in the amount of \$47,178.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting Local Government Services to include an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget for the Hunterdon County Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$367,009.

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

HCUA dissolution

Kim Browne, Finance Director, informed the Board that she, Mrs. Yard and Mr. Melick went to a meeting today with the Local Finance Board because the dissolution of the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority (HCUA) was on their agenda. The Local Finance Board took 30 seconds to bless the dissolution and the HCUA will be finished as of December 31, 2012 and the Board of Chosen Freeholders will again be overseeing solid waste/recycling for the County.

Mrs. Yard advised that on every Freeholder Agenda will be a time set for Solid Waste/Recycling activities, in order to give this new responsibility of the Board sufficient time.

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Public Works came before the Board to discuss various County road and bridge projects.

- Mr. Glynn reported on the last storm and recognized Stem Brothers for this assistance on putting together the fuel agreement for the County, 3,000 gallons of gas and diesel last Saturday.
- One to two inches of snow is expected this evening and around three to four inches in the north section of the County. There are four trucks are out now, assisting people in their travels home.
- The cover page for County Route 523-Lamington Road, from County Route 517 to Somerset County Line, in Tewksbury Township needs to be signed by the Freeholder Director, in order to get the project bid.
- County Route 609, from County Route 514 to County Route 602, in East Amwell Township will use Transportation Trust Funds for this year and it should be authorized by the end of November.
- Inter-County Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township, in Hunterdon County and in Mansfield Township, in Warren County, is now open and the cap stones are being placed on the parapet walls.
- There is a mess on the approaches for County Bridge W-71 on County Route 579, in West Amwell Township with power poles and trees. It is to be paved on November 12, 2012, so hopefully everything will be out of the roadway by then.
- Bridge T-85A, on Old Mountain Road, in Tewksbury Township is an in-house project which will be paved on Friday, November 16, 2012.
- Verbal authorization has been received to bid County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township. Mr. Glynn is waiting for approval in writing from NJDOT in order to see what conditions they have placed on the project.
- Bids are due for Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, tomorrow. This is the restoration of the phoenix truss.
- Bridge RQ-179 is the same as F-45, there is verbal authorization but the County is waiting to receive a hard copy.
- Final plans and specification have been received for County Routes 600 and 612. The right of way is scheduled for closing.

Debris Removal

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that the County's last policy on debris removal, was if fell in the road and the County moved it off the road, the County would come back and clean it up. The County is not going to be cleaning up debris from people's yard that is brought down to the road. That policy is to be applied to this storm otherwise the County will be chipping and cutting forever. Sometimes the municipalities come along County roads to take the brush.

Mr. Glynn confirmed for the Board that if the debris fell in the road and the County moves it off the road, the County will cut it up and remove it. If the debris falls in someone's yard and they bring it down to the road that will not be picked up.

Mrs. Yard suggested the County's policy on debris removal be placed on the County's website. The Board agreed.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing a non-standard Request for Bid, due to the water system at the Route 12 County complex; the Freeholders have declared it an emergency situation, which needs prompt repair.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26364, using Quote #0085-2012, with TransCore, for voice modules and adapters, for the Emergency Services Division of the Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$12,414.30.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26372, using Quote #0085-2012, with Communication Equipment Specialist, for emergency lighting for rehab units, for the Emergency Services Division of the Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$14,774. (Homeland Security Grant).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26379, using State Contract A-53804, with Motorola Solutions, for maintenance, for the Division of Emergency Services, Public Safety and Health Services Department, in the amount of \$31,696.44.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #Print.1388, using State Contract A-51144, with Canon USA, for a copier, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$13,370.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #PROS.793142, using N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(g), with Ditschman-Flemington Ford, for vehicles, for the Prosecutor's Office, amount of \$32,844.

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

Director Walton asked the Clerk of the Board to place this requisition on the next agenda.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-21, for Payroll and Payroll related services, for the Division of Finance, in the Finance/Administration Department, to Paylocity, in an amount not to exceed \$64,380 for a two (2) year period.

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

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Gail L. Cooper, (Cooper Farm), in Holland Township, Block 16, Lot 16, (SADC-\$197,090.50; County-\$58,684.25; Township-\$58,684.25), total amount of \$314,459.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Linda Peterson, in Franklin Township, Block 30, Lot 14, (SADC-\$140,080; County-\$38,552; Township-\$38,552.), total amount of \$217,124.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application, for the allocation of Open Space Trust Funds, with Clinton Township, in the amount of \$261,343.90, for the property located on Block 82, Lots 4 and 4.0.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application, for the allocation of Open Space Trust Funds, with Readington Township, in the amount of \$43,290, for the property located on Block 63, Lot 66 (Yard) and on Block 63, Lot 68 (Smith et al).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded these:

See Page 11/07/12-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Program Application, for the allocation of County Open Space Trust Funds, with D&R Greenway Trust, in the amount of \$85,000, for the eligible cost of acquiring property located in West Amwell Township, Block 29, Lot 16, (Wooden).

See Page 11/07/12-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Program Application, for the allocation of County Open Space Trust Funds, with Hunterdon Land Trust, in the amount of \$85,000, for the eligible cost of acquiring property located in West Amwell Township, Block 29, Lot 16, (Wooden).

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Nonprofit Grant Program Application, for the allocation of County Open Space Trust Funds, with New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in the amount of \$210,000, for the eligible cost of acquiring property located in Raritan Township, Block 20, Lots 3, (Davino), Block 20, Lot 12, (Hollenback) and Block 20, Lot 18, (Lo).

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

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. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve the Claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated November 07, 2012.

See Page 11/07/12-7A

CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded these:

See Page 11/07/12-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kaitlyn Lauber appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 11/07/12-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeff Fenton appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 11/07/12-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kathi Ragno appointed provisional, full time Human Services Specialist 3 in the Division of Social Services Specialist 3, Human Services Department.

See Page 11/07/12-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Margaret Binion appointed provisional, full time Human Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 11/07/12-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving salary adjustments for the FOP Lodge #94, for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

See Page 11/07/12-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of John M. Hale as an alternate member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, with a term effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

See Page 11/07/12-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing an application for payment #8, for County Bid #2010-24, for the addition and fuel island upgrade at the Everittstown Garage, with Tekton Development Corp., in the amount of \$96,116.44.

See Page 11/07/12-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the establishment of a speed limit for both directions of traffic between County Route 602 (Wertsville Road) and 800 feet south of Mountain Church Road (Mercer County Line).

See Page 11/07/12-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of County Bridge No. F-45, on White Bridge Road, over the Capoolong Creek, in Franklin Township.

See Page 11/07/12-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the specifications for the Roadway Resurfacing for County Routes 579 and 602, in East Amwell Township.

See Page 11/07/12-7L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #2, for the Inter-County Agreement with Warren County, for the Restoration of Inter-County Bridge #L-97-W, on Old Turnpike Road over the Musconetcong River, decrease of \$442.77, revised contract amount of \$1,048,282.62 (Warren County share - \$524,141.31).

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded these:

See Page 11/07/12-8A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring November 15, 2012 as "America Recycles Day".

See Page 11/07/12-8B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Acknowledging November, 2012 as National Caregiver Month.

See Page 11/07/12-8C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Acknowledging Tommy Cucuzella achieving the Eagle Scout award.

See Page 11/07/12-8D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Acknowledging Kyle Levy achieving the Eagle Scout award.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the 2013 C.E.H.A. grant application with the State Department of Environmental Protection, in the amount of \$300,326 to support environmental inspections, enforcement, and education.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the FY12 State Homeland Security Grant application with the NJ Office of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$127,330.61, to fund state and local capabilities and implement goals and objectives of State Homeland Security strategies and initiatives.

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

FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 11/07/12-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting the establishment of a long-term, dedicated source of state funding for the purpose of sustaining open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder Sworen thanked the County workers for all their hard work during the recent storm. The Board agreed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JCP&L

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident, asked for action from the County regarding the lack of performance on behalf of JCP&L. Something has to be done to make it more transparent that JCP&L has a plan/quality system. If a utility company fails to maintain or manage a problem with their system, they should be fined. Each utility on the poles in the County are getting tax money. East Amwell lost a new fire truck and a new ambulance because trees fell on them. Fortunately no one died but people were unable to be served by the rescue squad for CO poisoning.

Mr. Sworen said according to JCP&L they expect the remaining 177,000 customers to have their electric restored by Saturday, November 10, 2012.

Planned Parenthood

Kerry Messinger, Flemington Borough resident, informed the Board that Planned Parenthood does more than just perform abortions.

Ms. Messinger who is also a County Library worker said she knows the Board appreciates the County workers, the road department working seven days a week during this recent snow storm, which continues tonight. The County libraries have been swamped with people seeking information.

Director Walton stated the County's workers are doing a fine job and the Board appreciates that.

Ms. Messinger asked if the County is going to give its employees the raise they deserve. She would like to receive 5% across the Board for 4 years or just offset the amount put into the pensions and healthcare.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board