

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

October 02, 2012

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:00 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 September 28, 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. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee. (8)

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to review the Executive Session minutes of August 02, 2012 and September 04, 2012.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss and update on pending litigation.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

POLYTECH

Kimberly Metz, Polytech Superintendent presented the Board with a tray a cookies, from their Culinary Arts program, as this evening is the "Back to School-Open House" night, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.. She invited the Board to stop over after tonight's meeting if possible.

HUMAN SERVICES

Jennifer Shore, Human Services Administrator, came before the Board to make a presentation on provider services.

Director Walton advised he asked Mrs. Shore to make this presentation because there are only a handful of areas of significant monetary value that are discretionary. The one million dollars set aside for Human Services Agencies, is one of those area. Mrs. Shore will explain the process of how it is decided where the money is spent and how much is spent. This will provide the Board with an idea as it prepares to look at the budget for 2013.

Mrs. Shore explained that historically those provider services funds were put aside was to help the County develop a comprehensive human service delivery system, and it allowed to evaluate what was currently available and what parts were missing and where the County could plug the holes, where there weren't existing services. In 2007, Human Services received from the Freeholders, \$1,562,000.00 for those efforts and that amount is now down to \$1 million, which is a 36% decrease over the last six years. Of that \$1 million, Human Services sends approximately \$885,000 to community providers and \$114,000 stays within Human Services to supplement services that are either given by the state but don't have the amounts needed such as for the Homeless program and others are unique programs which the Human Services Department has identified as needs over time.

Mrs. Shore reported in 2008 the County had a group of people develop a Comprehensive Plan and that broke down what the needs were across the County. There were 7 target areas, with the number one being the people who were at risk for homelessness; the second were people with low wages/living in poverty; the third issue were people impacted by substance abuse; fourth was mental health issues; fifth was family experience in crisis; sixth were individuals with disabilities in the community and seventh were general issues impacting seniors. The County puts out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to meet these needs every two years.

Mrs. Shore further explained when funds are allocated every two years, there are a group of people within the Department of Human Services and outside assessors who are involved in the Human Services Advisory Council who review all the RFP's received and they make the determination which requests fit into which population. They are evaluated with how they fit in with priority areas and then they are allocated accordingly. Every dollar allocated fits into one of those 7 areas.

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, explained in the past, people would come before the Board and filled the room, asking for dollars then the County moved to an Allocation Committee; then a few years back it was decided to make this an RFP process which is a two year cycle. It is competitive and it is driven by level of service with the County identifying what the top issues are. A comprehensive needs assessment has been done.

Mrs. Yard reported that since Mrs. Shore has joined the County, she has identified where things should be weighed a little differently. Part of Mrs. Shore's 2020 Vision is to look at the needs assessment each year because needs change, especially in the Human Services world.

Mrs. Yard reported that all these provider service agreements are only paid once the services have been delivered. If a service isn't provided the funds are not spent. That is a check and balance the County uses to make sure a human services agency is going to deliver the services which they are being paid for.

Mrs. Yard stated a lot of this money supplements an organization in order to get money from the state and/or federal government. Even though these are discretionary services, they are services which the public has an expectation that County government/government will take care of. Technically there is no law or mandate or statute which directs the County to provide these services.

Mrs. Shore stated the fund is used for something which is mandatorily required; the County matches funds with another agency to reduce the County's expense, and that is for special child health services through the Hunterdon Medical Center. There are certain services which deflect the number of people coming into the Department of Human Services. There are certain things which would have a direct impact on the services in terms of increasing volume such as the Flemington Food Pantry, which would reduce the number of food stamp applications, theoretically, which the County would see. Mrs. Shore stated a lot of the money that is geared towards the senior citizens is intended to keep them in their homes which would have a very dramatic impact if they weren't able to do so. There are some areas that while they are a priority area they don't result in something detrimental happening to the citizens but it might result in something to the agencies.

Mrs. Shore understands this is the first allocation year where some community providers are not being funded by the County who had historically been receiving funds. The County calls this a provider contract but it really is a fee for service arrangement as the County only pays on the actual unit of service and services are monitored quarterly and payment is held back if a provider doesn't meet the level of service.

Mrs. Yard confirmed site visits are done by Human Services in order to hold providers accountable to these agreements.

Mrs. Yard feels that in a sense, this is a shared service. These are services, whether discretionary or mandated the expectation is that government will provide for people. The system is very objective and very measurable; it takes the politics out.

Mr. Melick recalls before this system was put in place, the process was very political; people would fill the room and freeholders would get phone calls. By setting up this process, it has been put into the hands of people who work in this area and know the parameters and know more than the Freeholders when it comes to these services. This process allows for the County to make constructive evaluations because it is done by people who work in the area.

Mr. Melick stated the process which has been put into place, through the Human Services Department provider service contracts allows for the County's funds to be effective and well spent. Also, because there is a contract, if a service isn't provided correctly the funding can be pulled.

Mr. Melick feels it was good that the Freeholder Board is no longer involved in awarding contracts for these services which allows for those with the expertise to define the parameters. The Freeholder Board now allocates a certain amount of money which is used for the best purposes possible.

Mrs. Yard added that there is an appeal process. The Allocations Committee does a good job in going through the RFP process for these needed services.

Mr. Holt stated since this process was put in place, the needs changed and they can change from year to year. This process makes sure that the County is not duplicating services.

Mrs. Shore explained the Human Services Department is conservative with the money provided by the County because there is an understanding on its importance and parameters have been set within the specific programs within the County. The County has set different standards for the County's homeless with regard to extreme heat/extreme cold, so money is conserved in order to have it available when it is needed. There are certain agencies funded by the Department of Human Services budget that would be eligible for a larger allocation through the State Triple A,

Senior Funding and the County has been working with the state to shift the money out of Visiting Health Services in order to maximize the drawdown with the state and that frees up the County's money.

Mrs. Shore reported Human Services values every dollar received from the Freeholders and there are certain programs which there is a moratorium on, so Human Services can assess the need for those program in moving forward. If there is no demand they will be eliminated.

Mrs. Shore reported the reason some of the numbers seem high has to do with the fact that Hunterdon County does not have a homeless shelter. Other counties have different options in terms of housing people who are homeless that Hunterdon doesn't have at its disposal. So that is an area where a lot of money has to be allocated.

Mr. Holt feels the service choice Hunterdon has chosen is wise compared to the costs of running a shelter.

FINANCE

Kim Browne, Finance Director and Margaret Pasqua, County Treasurer, came before the Board concerning the 2013 Best Practice Inventory Program. 2012 was the first year that counties had to do this. It comes from the Division of Local Government Services and it is geared more towards the municipalities regarding state aid. This is a questionnaire which has to be filled out. Finance worked with the County Administrator in answering some fo the questions on the survey.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2013 Best Practice Inventory Program, as requested by the Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2012 County Budget, for the Homeland Security Grant program, in the amount of \$127,330.61.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget, for the Section 5311 Grant, (NJ Transit), in the amount of \$407,015.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget, for the County's match for the Section 5311 Grant, (NJ Transit), in the amount of \$135,672.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of revenue in the 2012 Budget, for the New Jersey Historical Commission, in the amount of \$13,146.

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the cancellation of a grant receivable for the 2011-2012 Subregional Transportation Planning Program, in the amount of \$.01.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the cancellation of unexpended balances in the following Capital Ordinance Account (Capital Ordinances #18-03, 13-05 and 01-07), totaling \$490,813.11.

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

Mrs. Browne handed the Board a snapshot of where the County is as of September 30, 2012 for the operating budget and overtime. Mrs. Browne doesn't see anything at this time that the County would have to worry about.

Mrs. Browne reported that Human Resources is probably going to go over their budget due to Labor Counsel and all the negotiations with the unions this year, and the costs associated with them.

Mrs. Browne stated the Information Technology budget looks high but that is because the maintenance agreements are paid at the first of the year.

Mrs. Browne pointed out that in the operating budget for Health Services, the \$35,000 for the Health Office was not placed in that budget and it will have to be added through a transfer in December.

Mrs. Browne confirmed for Director Walton that regarding surplus the County will not be able to return as much as it did to surplus in 2010.

Mrs. Pasqua explained when the previous year budget lapses, there will be around \$5 million but it really depends how the County does with revenues.

Mr. Melick confirmed the goal is to return money to next year's budget. The best way to do that would be to reduce the use of County vehicles, but a majority of the Board does not want to do that.

Mrs. Browne feels all the departments have been frugal in their spending.

Mrs. Browne informed the Board that the capital budgets from departments are due back by October 19, 2012. She asked if the Board could start scheduling Budget meetings in November. Also, a date is needed for the last meeting of the year in December in order to do transfers and any other business that may come up. The Board will check their schedules.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a development easement application from Sandra M. Search, Diana R. Makatura and Dale S. Makatura, in Kingwood Township, (Maplewood Farm), Block 7, Lot 6, (SADC-\$644,100; County-\$214,700; Township-\$214,700; additional Township contribution-\$56,500), total amount of \$1,130,000.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application for the allocation of Open Space Trust Funds, with Lebanon Borough, in the amount of \$70,000, for the historic preservation of a municipally owned Community Recreation Center, Block 5, Lots 8 and 24.01.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application for the allocation of Open Space Trust Funds, with Milford Borough, in the amount of \$9,444.67, to develop, improve and maintain "York Street Park", Block 7, Lots 36, 39 and 43.

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

Shared Services

Sue Dziamara, Planning Manager, reported that on Thursday, October 04, 2012, at 7:30 a.m., there will be a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m., at the Route 12 County Complex, Building #1. Mrs. Dziamara has talked with the Department Heads and Division Heads who have shared services listed on the County's website. Mrs. Dziamara invited the Freeholder Board and County Administrator to attend this meeting. Also invited as any individuals interested in learning what the County is doing with shared services.

Mrs. Dziamara reported that more than half of Hunterdon's municipalities have responded and they will be sending representatives.

NJTPA

Mrs. Dziamara reported, at the request of Freeholder Sworen, on the Freight Rail meeting held last week. The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is completing their Rail/Freight Needs Assessment study. NJTPA held a meeting in Hunterdon County and all municipal partners were invited in order to receive an update and to ask if there were any issues or concerns they had which were specific to their municipality.

HUD/Sustainable Development

Mrs. Dziamara reported that Hunterdon County is one of three pilot programs that will receive funding and support from the \$5 million HUD grant which NJTPA received. A public meeting will be held in Hunterdon County on December 10, 2012 at the Assembly Room Area at the Route 12 County Complex, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

PURCHASING

John Davenport, Purchasing Agent informed the Board that Dan Shea, Solid Waste Advisory member has postponed the meeting they were to have concerning recycling. He will report to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Davenport stated he has prepared a list for the meeting with Mr. Shea on what the County can and can't do for them.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #IT.3534, using State Contract #A-70256, with Dell, for a server and a network storage device, for Information Services, in the amount of \$29,098.09.

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

Requisition #Sheriff.1553, for tough books, for the Sheriff's Office, has been tabled until the next meeting so that Freeholder Sworen can obtain more information from Sheriff Brown.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-22, for the Hunting License Agreement for Block 6, Lots 44, 49 and 49.02, in Holland Township, to the Farmers Sportsman's Club, amount to be received is \$8,179.99.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/02/12-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional consulting services agreement, using County Quote #0049-2012, for the 911 Backup and Redundant System and Replacement Tower, for the Department of Public Safety, to VCOMM, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

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

COUNTY'S DEER PROGRAM

Freeholder Melick asked George Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services to provide the Board with an update on the County's dead deer program/pick up at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

John P. Glynn, Director of Public Works came before the Board to provide an update of various County road and bridge projects.

- The plans for County Route 519, in Milford Borough are being modified to address the ADA requirements and the County has to follow the Federal Aid process to acquire the necessary easements.
- The County will be provided a contractor another month for the repair of work and pavement markings needed with regard to County Route 523, Readington Township and County Route 517, Tewksbury Township. If the work doesn't get done in a month the County will go after the security for the project.
- A presentation will be made to the Board at the next meeting for County Route 637, which is a joint project with Somerset County. Mr. Glynn will go over the scope of the project, as well as the assigned costs.
- The plans and specifications for County Route 523/609 are on the agenda for approval.
- Surface Treatment is being done. The contractor is currently working in Milford Borough, milling is being done today in the rain. The road should be paved prior to this weekend.
- The County is waiting on NJDOT to hear if County Bridge E-140-M, which is a joint project with Mercer County, has been approved. There was excess funding in the bridge bond money and Hunterdon would like to put those funds towards the E-140-M project. NJDOT agreed to allow Mercer County to use their funds for this project.

- Additional plans were submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office regarding IntereCounty Bridge L-25-W, on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County and in Mansfield Township, in Warren County, on September 04, 2012.
- InterCounty Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County and in Mansfield Township, in Warren County, has been paved. The bridges should be open by the end of October.
- The deck for County Bridge W-71, on County Route 579, in West Amwell Township is scheduled to be poured on October 05, 2012.
- The Califon Bridge is on the only bridge left, in the bridge painting project to be completed. The final coat should be on by the end of this week.
- The floor beams are in place for Bridge T-85-A and the concrete bearing pad and seat was also poured.
- County Culvert T-59, on Cold Spring Road, in Tewksbury Township has been stripped, the stone arch was put back into place. The stone for the walls is being relayed.
- The County will be making a presentation to the State Historic Preservation Office with regard to County Culvert U-18, in Union Township, on October 18, 2012.
- The revised scope of work for the drainage project in Stockton Borough has been sent to the Borough Engineer and the County is waiting for a response.
- County Bridge F-45 has been authorized by New Jersey and sent down to the Federal Highway Authority but the County is waiting for a letter to proceed with the project.
- Plans and specification for County Bridge D-300 in Delaware Township are on tonight's agenda for approval. There is an agreement on the County's agenda between the County and the federal government.
- A permit extension was received for County Bridge E-174, extending the project through February 13, 2012.
- The County is waiting to hear if the State has approved the County's GeoTech subcontractor for County Route 513, Exit 15-Interstate 78.
- Authorization has been received to proceed with County Bridge RQ-179.
- The County is looking for better cooperation from JCP&L regarding relocating a pole. Mr. Glynn has spoke with County Counsel on this issue. He would like to work out a working relationship on how to set this pole and on who will negotiate with the property owner. JCP&L has a new policy where they expect the County to act as an agent for them to acquire the permission of the property owner to set the pole. An easement is needed regarding the ownership of the soil. Mr. Glynn is trying to set up a meeting with Counsel for JCP&L on this matter. The County is looking to have put in place Standard Operating Procedures on how to deal with the issue of the poles.
- A public information meeting for County Routes 600/612 is being rescheduled for the acquisition of the right of way.
- Mr. Glynn will be meeting tomorrow with FEMA with respect to County Culvert HA-14 for replacement costs.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that a letter of congratulations was received concerning the Sand Brook Historic District. The state has included a section of County Route 523, as well as County Bridge D-345 and the other bridge on Sand Brook Road, as part of the historic district. Mr. Glynn advised the last time this happened, the Board took exception to having a County bridge included. He asked if the Board wants to make a statement to DEP asking them to except out the features of the County's infrastructure within the historic district. There will be a hearing on this on October 18, 2012.

Mr. Melick moved and Director Walton seconded a motion directing the County's Director of Public Works, John P. Glynn, to ask DEP to except out the County's infrastructure (Bridge D-345 and the small culvert) in the Sand Brook Historic District not be included so the County would not be subject to a stricter permitting regiment.

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

Mr. Glynn reported to the Board that a letter was received from Bethlehem Township and from Lapatcong Township asking to purchase a dump truck and a tractor/truck. Mr. Glynn feels the County should service its municipalities first. Mr. Glynn stated that Bethlehem Township is offering a fair price for the vehicle.

After further discussion, Mr. Glynn asked to check with the County's Garage Services division who sent over this request as Mr. Glynn does not believe Lapatcong is still interested in a vehicle. He will report back at the next meeting.

COUNTY UPDATE

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator reported to the Board concerning Division Staffing needs in the Department of Public Works.

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that Mr. Glynn came to her prior to the 2013 Budget, concerning staffing needs. She complimented Mr. Glynn and the County's employees because the County has had a hiring freeze and a promotion freeze since 2008. Mr. Glynn has lost a lot of people through attrition and he has held off on filling those vacancies. Mrs. Yard has told Administrative Staff that they have done a great job since 2008 with no interruption in quality services to the public but there is going to come a time, in certain areas where positions need to be filled.

Mr. Glynn reported to the Board that a lot of young, future employees of the County that have a nice skill set have left County employment due to wages. People are going to work for municipalities because they pay more and he's lost people to JCP&L. Some have resigned because of no future outlook. These people are now getting paid between \$6,000 to

\$10,000 more per year. Mr. Glynn is asking to replace the people who left during 2012. He has reached a point where he is concerned about the County's ability to perform its duty to provide safe roads. Mr. Glynn is worried about where the County will be in 5 or 6 years because most of the supervisors will be retired in that timeframe. The County needs to start grooming staff to fill the supervisory slots because there is concern over how the County will be able to perform.

Mrs. Yard explained one of Mr. Glynn's immediate concerns is the coming winter and not having enough employees to staff the crews.

Mr. Glynn stated at this time he is asking to replace 4 people in order to fill out the road crews. These people are going to have to be groomed and they have to obtain their CDL's. There are two seasonal which could be asked to come on board and be regular employees because seasonal people can only be kept for so long.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that he has people working out of title and some are working as acting supervisors.

Mrs. Yard explained when someone is acting as a supervisor; they are getting paid as a supervisor. This isn't going to cost the County more money, it would just be to make them permanent as supervisors.

Mr. Glynn stated that a couple years ago, he was granted permission to fill an Engineer vacancy but at \$57,000 no one wanted the job. Things have not improved that much since then but people are unemployed so he is again going to see if he can find someone that meets the County's requirements.

After further discussion, Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission to Mr. Glynn to start the process to fill 4 laborer positions in his department.

Mr. Mennen confirmed Mr. Glynn is concerned about the ability of his department to meet the public safety needs that will present themselves in going forward with the number of staff he currently has based upon the departures in his department in the last year.

Mr. Glynn stated he got through last year but it was a relatively mild winter. Without an additional 4 laborers he will have trouble getting through. In addition, everything has been delayed such as the drainage, the grading, and the tree removal. Everything has been held off because of the lack of staff. Mr. Glynn doesn't feel the County can go another six months without catching up on some of this work.

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

FOR DISCUSSION-Volunteer Recognition

Director Walton advised the County has a number of volunteers and he would like to recognize their service. He's aware the Senior Service volunteers have a luncheon each year.

Director Walton stated he would like to get the Emergency Service volunteers a T-shirt which is roughly around \$10/\$11 per person. There are around \$160 emergency volunteers. This would be a small token to show the County's appreciation for the service these people give the County.

Mrs. Yard questioned why not recognize all the County's volunteers not just the emergency services volunteers. There are volunteers in Parks and Recreation, in the Library, on all the County's Boards, Committees, Councils and such.

Mrs. Yard questioned what the T-shirts should say, suggesting it should be something generic.

Director Walton recommended that the County seal would be on the front and on the back of the shirt it would say CART team, CERT Team, Parks Service or the area in which they are volunteering.

Mr. Mennen thinks that sounds more like a uniform.

Director Walton said it isn't because it isn't mandated that the volunteer wears it. It isn't for the paid staff because the County would have to seek union permission to get a uniform.

Mr. Mennen said when it was first outlined, it sounded like a token of appreciation, but this sounds more like a moniker or a method of identification. His first reaction when he heard seal on the front and something on the back is something someone would wear because it bestows upon them some credential.

Director Walton feels that is okay because they are volunteering and they are certified. CERT, CART, Fire Coordinators and Emergency Coordinator, all go through training so they have a credential of sorts. Director Walton added that when someone arrives at a scene, people should be able to identify who they are.

Mr. Holt questioned the costs to do something for all the County's volunteers.

After further discussion, Mrs. Yard was directed by the Board to determine how many volunteers the County currently has and bring this back before the Board at the October 16, 2012 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Walton announced that: "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 12 and 15 were held at this time, as well as Check #138620 from the Claims Register.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the Claims Register, minus Check #128620, dated October 02, 2012.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of September 04, 2012.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 10/02/12-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Cody Kolb appointed permanent, full time Public Safety Telecommunicator, Division of Emergency Services, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 10/02/12-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Faith Quickel appointed unclassified, full time Clerk to the Constitutional Officer, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 10/02/12-8D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brayden Fahey, County Emergency Management Coordinator, be designated as the County's Risk Communicator, (Public Health Preparedness Grant), in the Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 10/02/12-8E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an administrative name change for GreenCycle of Hunterdon County, LLC, to GreenRock Recycling, LLC, which is part of the Solid Waste Management Plan, approved on August 16, 2011.

See Page 10/02/12-8F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Roadway Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements for County Route 609 (Manners Road), in East Amwell Township and County Route 523, on Lamington Road, in Tewksbury Township and authorizing Purchasing to advertise for bids.

See Page 10/02/12-8G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the supplementary specifications for the 2012 Demolition of various County Structures and authorizing Purchasing to advertise for bids.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving plans and specifications for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge No. 10XX300 (D-300), on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road, over the Lackatong Creek, in Delaware Township and authorizing Purchasing to advertise for bids.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the Provider Services Agreement with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, for the Comprehensive Family Evaluation program, for 2012, in the amount of \$51,275 and for 2013, in the amount of \$49,480.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to the Provider Services Agreement with Sunrise House Foundation, Inc., due to an increased demand for services, amending the not to exceed figure from \$51,567 to \$64,565, for 2012.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, for the maintenance of the Neshanic River Gauge, required as part of the County's Water Allocation Permit, for Heron Glen Golf Course, in the amount of \$1,350.

RESOLVED, Approving a Federal Aid Agreement No. 2012-DT-BLA-306, for the Rehabilitation of the Rosemont-Raven Rock Road Bridge 10XX300 (D-300), in Delaware Township, for Federal Highway Administration funding in the amount of \$3,055,378.

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

Director Walton moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the County's vehicle policy.

Director Walton confirmed this resolution codifies the changes made to the County's Vehicle Policy at the last meeting.

Mr. Mennen stated that earlier today, the Board spoke with Finance about the Best Practices Inventory Program for the County which was required by the Division of Local Government Services, there is a section in there which talks about whether or not the County has a use policy that prohibits the personal use of vehicles. It also talks about situations where, if someone does have the use of a vehicle for commutation it should be consistent with IRS Publication 15B which talks about those who are supposed to get an income statement W2 related to that; those which are specifically exempt. Mr. Mennen feels at the very least the County should have a similar recitation within the County's policy.

Mr. Mennen asked that those on the Board who are going to vote to approve this policy, at least make reference to the IRS publication with regard to the issuance of statements of income for those individuals who do have the right and are not exempt. Exempt means it is a qualified, non-personal vehicle. By definition the exemption is: "A vehicle that an employee is not likely to use more than minimally for personal purposes due to the vehicles design."

Director Walton understands the County reports as income as some individuals fill out the 1099 form.

Mrs. Yard confirmed for Director Walton that she has started to look into this and the County needs to firm this up.

Director Walton state the policy amendment, in his mind, recognizes the Prosecutor's authority over his employees who take home vehicles. Tonight he has decided not to change the policy but in the future the IRS language can be included if the policy is amended again.

Mr. Mennen encouraged Director Walton to look at IRS publication 15B and he offered to send Director Walton the link. It clearly sets forth the criteria and the reporting requirements and so forth.

Mr. Melick reaffirmed his belief that everyone is a County employee here and everyone should have to meet the same criteria. He doesn't feel everything going on here is in the public's best interest.

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

Director Walton stated regarding Check #138620, he has been on the Freeholder Board for three years and every time a check of this nature comes up he has simply voted no but he can't anymore. He apologized to his colleagues for this situation. Check #138620 is for Planned Parenthood. The County does not fund abortions but Director Walton believes that by funding Planned Parenthood for the service they provide, because money is fungible, it allows Planned Parenthood to use the money they raise for those services. The State of New Jersey does not fund Planned Parenthood, the federal government does not fund Planned Parenthood and he doesn't believe that Hunterdon County should be either.

Director Walton moved to deny payment of Check #138620 to Planned Parenthood and that the County further denies any future expenditures for Planned Parenthood.

Mrs. Yard explained that originally these funds were set up for low income women's health services. Planned Parenthood is one of the money vendors who are able to provide those services. Decades ago the County set up a voucher program for these services allowing eligible women to choose the vendor they wanted to provide services to them. Through Public Health Nursing, there is a check and balance, an eligible female citizen would go to them and have them approve a voucher. Public Health Nursing would have to approve the services being needed and the bill would be sent to Human Services.

Mr. Mennen confirmed that the County only pays a certain amount so there needs to be a vendor who is willing to perform the service under that threshold which limits the number of providers within the County.

Mrs. Yard reported that last year at budget time, the County included in this fund low income men and children, as well as women, who require medical services.

Shana Taylor, County Counsel explained to the Board that it is an individual's choice to go to this vendor.

Mr. Mennen said the County does not tell people where to go for their medical care. The issue here is that there is an amount of funding that is made available to someone who meets the criteria and once the need has been established, then they have the right to choose their provider.

Mr. Mennen asked Ms. Taylor to be specific about what the services are, since she used to head the County's Human Services Department. He is not asking about a specific patient or procedures; these are non abortion services such as mammographies and other cancer screenings.

Ms. Taylor advised these are OB/GYN screenings provided to eligible women, including screenings for STD's, etc.

Ms. Taylor stated if the Board does not want Planned Parenthood to provide these services that is something that Human Services can adjust in their policy and procedure.

Ms. Taylor stated there was an individual who obtained services from Planned Parenthood and recommends the County pay for those services which have already been received.

Director Walton stated his motion was to not pay this check and to also deny any future services from Planned Parenthood. He rescinded his motion regarding Check #138620 but he continued his motion that the County excludes Planned Parenthood as a vendor for Hunterdon County Services.

Mr. Holt confirmed currently there are several providers providing services which meet the County's policy. He recommended that County Counsel and the County Administrator review the policy and procedure and suggest to the Board revisions.

Mr. Mennen confirmed Director Walton has stated why he does not wish Planned Parenthood to be a vendor, and confirmed Director Walton is saying that any replacement vendor cannot provide abortion services. He said Director Walton is making his decision on moral/ethical grounds to accomplish his purpose.

Director Walton stated people can get abortions at the Hunterdon Medical Center and the County pays bills to the hospital. He said he has a problem with the vendor more than services.

Director Walton's motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Holt asked to table this issue to allow for County Counsel and the County Administrator to come back to the Board in two weeks with revisions to the County's policy regarding this issue.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve Check #138620 in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 02, 2012.

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

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring November 2012, as Caregivers Awareness Month, in the County.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the FY 2012 and FY 2011 Job Access/ Reverse Commute Agreement (JARC-Rounds 12 and 13), with New Jersey Transit in the amount of \$470,000.

See Page 10/02/12-10C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating Assistance Agreement, for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, for federal funds allocated through the FTA Section 5311, in the amount of \$271,344, (New Jersey Transit allocating \$135,672 and a County Match of \$135,672).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Kissimmee River Pottery, requesting permission to use the Justice Center parking area for the New Jersey Pottery Festival, to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (former Stangl Pottery factory building). A shuttle would be used to transport people back and forth from the festival to the parking area. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission.

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

A letter was received from the Milford Merchants Association, requesting permission to use County Route 519, during their annual Halloween Parade, on Sunday, October 28, 2012, starting at 1:00 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

NJAC

Mr. Sworen reported he attended the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) meeting last week and provided the Board with a copy of NJAC's annual audit and recommendations.

Flu Clinics

Mr. Sworen stated the County had a great presentation from Dr. Frank to the Board a few weeks ago regarding flu clinics. Mr. Sworen attended the first clinic for County employees and received his flu shot. He recognized Dr. Frank, Tag Rainey, Health Services and George Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services who arranged for the flu clinics.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township resident told Director Walton that she respects his conscience and his belief system. She has been concerned for a number of years about the political agendas on both sides, whether it be the left or the right, to promote an agenda and get it inserted into politics. On tonight's agenda under Consent was a modification to a provider service agreement with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, for family evaluation. She confirmed that Director Walton wants to ban Planned Parenthood as a provider because they perceive to advocate for abortion. There are other opinions that it is position is to provide women with a choice and do what is best for the women, children and families to have the best health. She knows people who lost their ability to have children because of back-street abortions. Ms. Gavigan said she respects a woman's right for self-termination. There should be the separation of church and state.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, came before the Board concerning the flu vaccine and other vaccines that the County promotes. She told the Board there are fetal cells used in the development of the vaccines. There are also heavy metals in vaccines and they have mercury which cause harmful effects.

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident, pointed out that Planned Parenthood uses 97% of its money towards women's health services. She is very upset that someone's religious view is coming into this matter. This is not what the First Amendment intends.

Mr. Mennen doesn't want anyone pro or con to leave here this evening thinking that anything has happened here other than one of the five Freeholders has raised an issue and asked the other four to consider it. No action has been taken; there is no finality as it stands now, as you say from tonight's vote on the expenditure for the services rendered. There is no change. The Freeholder Board ponders and listens, and the members take the passion and arguments of our colleagues and incorporate it into our thought process. At this point a question/issue has been raised and a suggestion has been made and that is all it is at this point. Mr. Mennen asked everyone not to leave here this evening thinking that the world in terms of how women's health is treated or the request for services has changed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board