

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Polytech Career Academy, Culinary Arts Center

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

December 18, 2012

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

PRESENT: MR. WALTON, MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, 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 November 05, 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:

See Page 12/18/12-1A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an extension of Labor Counsel's contract.

See Page 12/18/12-1B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a recommendation for a new hire in the Division of Senior Services, in the Human Services Department.

See Page 12/18/12-1C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an employee potentially using the Lechner House at Echo Hill Preserve.

See Page 12/18/12-1D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss vehicles and their use by County employees.

See Page 12/18/12-1E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a payroll decision.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m., recessed at 4:42 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Director Walton asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the Sandy Hook incident in Connecticut which recently occurred.

Director Walton advised those present that he has asked the Human Services Administrator, Jennifer Shore; the County Prosecutor, Anthony Kearns; and the Superintendent of Schools, Jeffery Scott to give a short briefing on the types of steps being taken at schools to prevent these types of incidents from occurring in Hunterdon County and what the County can look out for from a health standpoint to prevent a situation from happening here.

Mrs. Shore explained that what she wants people to take away from today is that most people who are violent are not mentally ill and most people who are mentally ill are not violent. The reality is that people who are mentally ill are more likely to be victims of violent crimes not perpetrators.

Mrs. Shore advised there are predictors of violence: they are particularly male gender, interest in violence and interest weapons, poverty and substance abuse. When you look at the profile of people who commit these violent, rampage acts which we are talking about, there is a typical profile and they are people who have trouble dealing with anger or resentment; personal beliefs about being persecuted or were mistreated; and they have highly personalized agendas.

Mrs. Shore explained mental health professional stress that the lines of communication be kept open and allow people to express their concerns. A lot of research has been done on workplace violence, which was more common where these things occurred. Professionals need to identify those who are ostracized or loners and get them the support they need is very important. People should be referred to counselors early; early identification is key.

Mrs. Shore stated Hunterdon County has school based counselors help to keep people safe in all the school districts. The County gives \$189,000 to the school based program through the Hunterdon Medical Center to provide on-site services to youth who struggle with emotional and behavioral issues. The conflict resolution model has been modeled and witnesses should be present if it is felt someone is going to be agitated, so when you are dealing with people, you have to allow them access to leave so they don't feel trapped; and an escape plan should be in mind; don't stand over someone as that can intimidate them when talking; be mindful of what the other person's perceptions are because as much as we maybe seeing them as violent and acting act the reality is they are feeling powerless. Taking all this into account should reduce some of those episodes. It is recommended any incidents of harassment or abuse be documented and reported to law enforcements immediately.

Jeffrey Scott, County Superintendent of Schools, stated he was asked to talk on the security measures that schools have been undertaking in New Jersey. New Jersey has some of the strictest schools security in the country requiring up-to-date school safety plans and regular school lockdown drills. On Monday, throughout the County all School Superintendent using their website, Facebook page or blast email, communicated with their students and staff with suggestions on how to speak with the students about the Sandy Hook tragedy, including information provided by the National Association of School Psychologists on how to emotionally deal with such tragic events. Superintendents met with their staff before school started on Monday to talk about how to deal with students who are anxious about the events that occurred this past Friday; what they could do to help the students.

Mr. Scott advised it is standard practice at all Hunterdon's schools is to have all exterior doors locked during school. Once all students are in the building the front door is locked and the only way to get into the building is to be buzzed in by a receptionist, who will ask who you are, and there will be a video camera on to eye up the individual. This has been in place for at least 10 to 15 years in most schools in New Jersey. Some schools also have video cameras throughout the building(s) in order to see areas where there maybe blind spots.

Mr. Scott advised every principal in a school with two or more rooms, or at least one room, should have at least one fire drill and one school security drill per month. Drills also have to be conducted during summer programs. There are four different types of security drills and those are done twice a year at various times. Sometimes in conjunction with the police department and/or prosecutor's office, table top drills are sometimes done. Reports have to be submitted once the drills have been conducted.

Mr. Scott stated each year the County Superintendent of Schools' office sponsors a program on school security, memorandum of agreement and gang awareness. The next program is scheduled for this Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., at the Route 12 County Complex. A conversation will take place on the recent tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut.

County Prosecutor, Anthony Kearns congratulated Ron Sworen for all his service to the County of Hunterdon.

Prosecutor Kearns thanked for Board of Chosen Freeholders for inviting Mrs. Shore, Mr. Scott and himself to speak this evening on such an important topic that needs to be addressed.

Prosecutor Kearns advised the uniform crime report came out this week and Hunterdon County has the lowest crime in the State of New Jersey. The Democrat newspaper read that crime is lessening in Hunterdon. Mr. Kearns stated that isn't the message; the message is that what happens anywhere else can happen here. In light of what happened in Newtown, Connecticut just last week could happen here in Hunterdon. Mr. Kearns stated he is very aware of this fact.

Prosecutor Kearns stated after the Newtown incident he received emails from several Freeholders regarding this issue and their concern for Hunterdon. The Freeholders have the burden of thinking about this stuff and the Prosecutor's Office has the burden of thinking about how to handle incidents and how to minimize any such event. Prosecutor Kearns stated the County has to be prepared for any incidents.

Prosecutor Kearns advised what happened in Newtown was a problem that law enforcement says two years ago, last week and it is still a problem today that needs to be addressed. What he is talking about is not reactionary, it is very real and everyone has a responsibility to do something about this. On December 04, 2012, a symposium was held to address the safe campus initiative. His office, in collaboration with the schools, will be meeting on Thursday with the Superintendents to introduce this standard response protocol where everyone will meet with the same language. All these schools, pursuant to State requirements, need to have security clearance but the schools are address this using different language so when law enforcement arrives on a scene it doesn't understand the school's codes because they are different by each school. This protocol will have everyone with the same language, so if a lockout is identified, it is a lockout. The Standard Response Protocol was developed through the horror of a school shooting in Colorado (Columbine High School). A lot of time has been put into developing the Standard Response Protocol and Hunterdon's schools are going to adopt this language so everyone is talking with the same terms.

Prosecutor Kearns stated the County does not have police officers in the schools; the schools used to have resource officers who had special certification and special training but when budgets dried up, so did those positions. Schools suffer as a result of not having those Resource Officers. Prosecutor Kearns is willing to meeting with the Board of Freeholders at any time to discuss how this might be handled on a County level. The schools need this resource available to them and officers back in the schools.

Prosecutor Kearns announced a program is being implemented in the County called Crime Stoppers, which is an attempt to allow people to provide anonymous tips, to a non-profit agency who then turns them over to law enforcement. If an arrest is made then Crime Stoppers will give an award. There is another program called Safe To Tell, in schools kids talk and tell things to other kids, and this Safe To Tell program is out of Colorado, out of the Attorney General's Office, and he would like to see it done here in Hunterdon County. He may ask Crime Stoppers to take this on, as well because they would have an infrastructure in place to deal with this. Kids would be able to anonymous text that someone is having a gun or doing violence where law enforcement can intercede.

Det. Kevin Burd, County Prosecutor's Office advised the safe security initiative started on December 04, 2012, at Hunterdon Central High School. Not only is identical language needed by the schools but law enforcement agencies must also have that language.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the public or press wished to address the Board at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING, DISSOLUTION OF THE Hunterdon County Utilities Authority (HCUA)

Director Walton opened the public hearing for the dissolution of the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority. The HCUA will no longer be an authority and all the power of the HCUA will now be performed by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 12/18/3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the dissolution of the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority and sets forth the parameters, dates for which the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders assume responsibility.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 12/18/3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the establishment of a line item account in the County's Budget for solid waste/recycling activities.

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

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Director Walton asked Correction Officer, Donald Schreck and his family to come before the Board for the presentation of an awards to Officer Donald Schreck, recognizing him as the County's Correction Officer of the Year.

Director Walton explained that each year the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Corrections recognizes an outstanding member of the Division staff which a County Correction Officer of the Year award; with the recipient is elected after being nominated by his peers. The 2012 County Correction Officer of the Year is Officer Donald Schreck.

Officer Schreck told everyone that this award means a lot to him, knowing that it came from his peers.

POLYTECH

Dr. Kim Metz, Superintendent of Hunterdon County Polytech, reported that the refreshments this evening were made by the Culinary Arts program.

Dr. Metz reported that each year the 21 County's Career and Technical Schools in New Jersey identify a business partner of the year and she is honored to announced that this year, the associate for Hunterdon County Polytech's business partner of the year is Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). Dr. Metz has personally worked with RVCC for at least a dozen years and within that time they have developed and implemented many new initiatives for Hunterdon's students, both at the High School and post secondary levels. At the high school level, they have implemented numerous, articulated, current credit agreements where students can earn up to 15 college credits before heading off to college. At the post secondary level, they have successfully developed and implemented a food and beverage management associate degree program, which has grown over the last five years and now has 80 students.

Dr. Metz the partnership with RVCC has been expanded to offer an Automotive Entry Technician program to prepare adults for entry level employment. Also, Polytech and RVCC are working together to develop a Veterinary Assistant Associate degree program. It is these partnerships, using creativity and vision that create further opportunities for students to become successful and to also save money.

Dr. Metz recognized Dr. Casey Crabill, President of RVCC, for her visions, support and efforts. Polytech looks forward to the many new ideas that will be developed in the future.

Dr. Metz stated it is an honor to recognize RVCC as Polytech's business partner of the year for 2012 and she presented Dr. Crabill with a plaque.

Dr. Crabill stated that she enjoys the partnership with Polytech saying there are many things that the college can do with Polytech. She appreciates the award and the partnership.

FLEMINGTON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT update

Erica Edwards, Flemington Borough Mayor thanked the Board for putting them on tonight's agenda.

Ms. Edwards advised the Borough of Flemington has designated a redeveloper for the Union Hotel project effective November 26, 2012. It is believed the concept is right for the Borough. The concept is multiple restaurants, retail and a boutique/hotel, among other amenities. The developer has committed to acquiring title to the Union Hotel, to the liquor license that is held by Bensi Restaurant and also to draft and execute a redevelopment agreement with the Borough within 90 days of the deed of designation.

Ms. Edwards advised other redevelopment projects are on the Borough's slate, such as looking at the local Agway site on the north end of the Borough. The Flemington Glass site has been the subject of a redevelopment effort for sometime and they just acquired a water permit from the NJDEP. There are a number of other projects which are being discussed for development.

David Rucki, Director, Flemington Business Improvement District, stated the success for the Union Hotel be given to the Flemington Borough, as they are working together to bring performing arts to the area. The Borough has celebrated 32 grand openings for businesses with 8 occurring in the past few months. It is hoped that going into 2013 opening will continue to happen.

Ms. Edwards thanked Freeholder Sworen for all his hard work for the Borough of Flemington and for his work on the State level. She appreciates all his hard work and help over the years.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Crabill, RVCC President, thanked Mr. Sworen for all his hard work at the college over the years. She thanked Polytech for this recognition.

Dr. Crabill informed the Board that RVCC's Board of Trustees is finalizing its strategic plan in economic and demographic trends in both Hunterdon and Somerset Counties; continued with focus groups both inside the college and out in the community culminated with a community input session in June, 2012 and now the RVCC Board is challenging the college with 5 strategic drivers that are centered around excellent programs, student centered planning, strong financial planning with a careful attention to costs, community responsiveness and an increased use of technology. The key is that the responses to those drivers be measurable and achievements can be marked on an annual bases along each of those lines. The RVCC Board will consider its final review of the strategic plan in January 2013 and Dr. Crabill will forward a copy to Hunterdon County so the Freeholders can see what the college is looking at for the next 5 years.

Dr. Crabill reported an economic impact study has been done in order to develop some good metrics and to understand how the college operates. It is important to understand how the college operates in the two County areas. There are many models for economic impact studies and the college chose a model that provides an understanding of what difference it makes to have a college in these two counties; the difference it makes on students, to the public, to taxpayers and what the overall benefits could be. RVCC found a company that has practice in doing this and they would evaluate what would happen if the college were not there; what percentage of students would receive a college degree anyway and where might they go; how would business fare and who would be available to hire. For students the benefits are obvious, in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties if you have an Associates degree as compared to a High School Diploma they will earn 35% more per year; if you take the value of that and look at a rate of return for students, the rate is around 14%. Dr. Crabill feels RVCC is providing a benefit to the local economy. Also considered was the taxpayer rate of returns through looking at the students who have achieved an Associates degree and multiply that by prevailing state and local tax rates to derive a figure of \$8 million in additional tax revenue. RVCC is watching the baseline for the future with increased productivity, increased taxes and increased benefits that accrue individually for the students.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Director Walton announced to the Board that this will be Kevin Richardson's last presentation to the Board as he is retiring the end of this year and moving to Pennsylvania. Director Walton thanked Mr. Richardson for his services and stated he will be missed.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from J. Bruce Dorsi, executor for the Estate of Mary W. Dorsi, for Block 29, Lot 50, in Franklin Township, estimated 41 acres, (SADC-\$205,000; County-\$65,600; Township-\$77,900), for a total of \$348,500.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for participation in the 2012 Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance Round, for the Township of Clinton, for the Marookian Parcel, Block 82, Lots 4 and 4.03, in an amount not-to-exceed \$455,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for participation in the 2012 Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance Round, for the Township of Delaware, for the Plum Brook Greenway Parcel, Block 13, part of Lot 19, in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for participation in the 2012 Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance Round, for the Township of East Amwell, for the Sourland Mountain Reservation Parcel, Block 38, part of Lot 3, in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for participation in the 2012 Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance Round, for the Township of Kingwood, for The Farm Parcel(s), Block 12, Lots 25 and 26, in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an application for participation in the 2012 Cooperative Open Space Acquisition Assistance Round, for the Township of Readington, for the Round Mountain Natural Area Parcels, Block 63, Lots 66 and 68, in an amount not-to-exceed \$43,290.00.

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

ROADS and BRIDGES Update

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

- County Bridge T-85-A, in Tewksbury Township was completed.
- Money has been received from the NJTPA for the High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR), for County Route 614, in Union Township, for overhead signs and County Route 651 in Kingwood Township.
- Bids are due in January 2013 for Bridge E-140-M.
- Bids are due in January 2013 for the sidewalk project in Ringoes, Route 579.
- A meeting takes place on Thursday regarding the damage from Hurricane Irene with FEMA.
- The County is still working on the damage claims from the recent Hurricane, Sandy.
- Mr. Glynn reported he has met with Clinton Township regarding Exit 15/Interstate 78.

Mr. Glynn reported the large copier document printer scanner is in need of replacement. His office has talked with Bob Thurgarland, Central Printing, Mail and Information Technology regarding its replacement and he has also talked with Finance, and there is money available in a previous ordinance.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the approval of Requisition #40032180, with NAPCO, for a wide format copier, for the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, in the amount of \$9,800.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 12/18/12-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to All American Healthcare Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$92,168, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Anita's Angels, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Comfort Keepers, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Res-Care Homecare, in an amount not to exceed \$168,976, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Open Arms Health, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$46,984, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Visiting Health and Supportive Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for a two year period.

See Page 12/18/12-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-18, for Certified and Non-Certified Home Health Aide Services, to Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for a two year period.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of Bid #2012-12, for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge 10XX300 (D-300), on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road, in Delaware Township, to Rencor, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,141,610.40.

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

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. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims are listed on the Claims Register dated December 18, 2012.

See Page 12/18/12-6I

CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for the period of May 01, 2012 through October 31, 2012.

See Page 12/18/12-6I

SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of September 18, 2012 and October 02, 2012.

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

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 12/18/12-7A RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Danielle Lauyer appointed permanent, full time County Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 12/18/12-7B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lucas Haring appointed permanent, full time County Correction Sergeant, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 12/18/12-7C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jason Yard appointed permanent, full time County Correction Sergeant, Department of Public Safety.

See Page 12/18/12-7D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a fixed weight limit on County Bridge T-85-A, on Old Mountain Road, in Tewksbury Township.

See Page 12/18/12-7E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a fixed weight limit on County Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township, an InterCounty Bridge with Warren County.

See Page 12/18/12-7F RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a fixed weight limit on County Bridge W-71, on Linvale-Harbourton Road, (County Route 579), in West Amwell Township.

See Page 12/18/12-7G RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for County Bid #2013-01, for various Ford Vehicles and County Bid 2013-02, for the Replacement of Corrections Facility Door Locking Control Panel.

See Page 12/18/12-7H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Inter-County agreement for the Reconstruction and Widening of Inter-County Bridge #22021/L-93-W, in Washington Township in Warren County and in Lebanon Township, in Hunterdon County, with the costs of the work being shared 50/50 by each County.

See Page 12/18/12-7I RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2012-12, for the 2012 Painting of Hunterdon County Bridges J-1, E-223, Q-11 and Alternate I-3-W, with Allied Painting, Inc., for a decrease of \$1,602.

See Page 12/18/12-7H RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for County Bid #2012-12, for the 2012 Painting of Hunterdon County Bridges J-1, E-223, Q-11 and Alternate I-3-W, to Allied Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$352,398.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 12/18/12-7I PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Gregory Borowski for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 12/18/12-7J PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Paul Dorf for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 12/18/12-7J RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an extension to the County's CEHA grant, extending the time period through February 28, 2013.

See Page 12/18/12-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an extension to the County's CEHA grant, extending the time period through February 28, 2013.

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

RECOGNITION, Ronald M. Sworen

Director Walton read a proclamation recognizing Ronald M. Sworen and his years of public service while serving Frenchtown Borough and the County of Hunterdon.

Director Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/18/12-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ronald Sworen for his years of service to the County of Hunterdon while serving on the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

The following individuals came before the Board to publically recognize Ronald Sworen for his service: Mary Melfi, County Clerk; Senator Mike Doherty; Assemblyman John DiMaio; Assemblywoman Donna Simon and Assemblyman Erik Peterson.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Sworen was recognized by his colleagues on the Board of Chosen Freeholders who individually acknowledged the work that was able to be accomplished while he was on the Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the audience this evening came before the Board to recognize Mr. Sworen for his hard work while serving the public: Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent; Elaine Neuman, Sheriff Fred Brown, Chris Phalen of the Chamber of Commerce; Carol Hoffman; former Freeholder Paul Sauerland; Brett Myer of Frenchtown's Council; Elizabeth Martin who sits on the Polytech Board; George Fisher the Mayor of West Amwell Township and Mayor Graefe of Bethlehem Township.

Mr. Sworen thanked everyone for coming out this evening in his honor. He especially thanked his colleagues and Director Walton for arranging this event. He deeply appreciates what everyone has done. He has enjoyed serving the public and for his time on the Freeholder Board.

Readington Trail

Jay Kelly, a member of Readington Trails, informed the Board that they went out and assessed the trails after the recent storm on Round Mountain. There are a lot of trees down on Round Mountain, which are very large and some fell across the trails. FEMA is willing to pay 35% towards tree removal.

Director Walton explained to Mr. Kelly that this request first needs to go through the County's Parks Advisory Board, who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Freeholders. The Parks Advisory Board will be meeting again on December 27, 2012 and stated Mr. Kelly should be able to get this discussed at that time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board