

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

April 16, 2013

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. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Walton announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 02, 2013, 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. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on the Human Resources Department transition.

See Page 04/16/13-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss potential policies for the County.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive session at 4:04 p.m., recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Director Walton asked all present to stand for a moment of silence for the deaths and events which occurred in Boston, Massachusetts yesterday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Bucky Buchanan, Raritan Township resident came before the Board with a petition, signed by 11,000 people in honor and memory of Jeffrey Scheuerer, who lost his life two weeks ago in the line of duty, while working with the New Jersey State Division of Forestry Service. There is interested to rename Lebanon-Stanton Road or Round Valley Access Road in Mr. Scheuerer's memory and honor. Jeffrey was a 21 year volunteer with the Readington Township Volunteer Fire Company; he devoted his life to firefighting; he devoted his life to firefighting and was a resident of Raritan Township.

Director Walton informed Mr. Buchanan that the naming of roads is a municipal responsibility but that the County would work with Readington Township in trying to get this accomplished. He confirmed that the petition was made out to the County of Hunterdon, as well as the Township of Readington.

FINANCE

Director Walton opened the public hearing for the adoption of a resolution to establish a 2013 CAP Bank.

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

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the adoption of the resolution to establish a 2013 CAP Bank for the County.

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

Kim Browne, Finance Director and Margaret Pasqua, County Treasurer, came before the Board for the introduction of the 2013 County Budget. Mrs. Browne informed the Board that the budget being introduced has a total appropriations of \$88,827,025.36 with anticipated revenues of \$24,671,025.36 and a flat tax levy of \$64,155,000.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to introduce the 2013 County Budget.

Mr. Mennen questioned the introductory statement on Sheet 39 regarding the Capital Budget and the Capital Improvement Program. It states there is a six year plan which lays out the Capital Plan for the County. The statement says the six year plan does not in itself confirm the authorization to raise or expend funds; specific authorization to expend funds must be granted elsewhere by separate ordinance by including a line item in the capital improvement section of this budget. There is one Capital item listed in the budget that stands alone and has a different status amongst the capital projects. It is specifically listed and given a specific line item on Sheet 27, which refers to a contribution of \$1.5 million to that capital improvement fund and it lists several other improvements with zeros and then it lists the Fire School at \$300,000. Mr. Mennen asked the distinction of having the Fire School being listed separately at \$300,000 apart from the general capital improvement fund.

Mrs. Browne explained that is to reserve funds for the future, as has been done in the past with particularly large projects, such as the Justice Center and the Library addition. The \$300,000 is being reserved for a future time when those funds will be sent to Capital Improvement.

Mr. Mennen asked if this is one of the exceptions to the disclaimer, as it says separate authorization required to expend funds unless and then it lists exceptions which include the inclusion of a line item in the capital improvement section of the budget. Is this what that is. Mr. Mennen reads this as saying that every other capital improvement listed in the budget requires a separate authorization to raise or spend funds but this item for the Fire School does not because it is listed exclusively as line item in the capital improvement section of the budget. Mr. Mennen asked Mrs. Browne if his interpretation is correct. If it is correct, he asked for someone to explain why.

Mrs. Browne stated the County is not spending funds on the Fire School. It is to reserve funds for the future. When the County is ready for the Fire School and Finance is directed, there will be an ordinance in the capital plan for that improvement. It is reserved for future.

Mr. Mennen asked why the Fire School isn't just listed in the capital improvement fund itself like the other projects listed, such as improvements to the Justice Center, Parks Equipment, Expansion of the Garage Bay and such. Why is this mentioned on its own, separate and stand alone.

Mrs. Browne explained that the Fire School is listed alone because it will be a larger project, just like the Hall of Records, Library Addition and Court House will have substantial improvements.

Mr. Mennen stated the Hall of Records, Library Addition and Court House are in the budget but they have zero numbers next to them.

Mrs. Browne explained those projects have been completed.

Mr. Mennen stated there are items within the capital budget which would require separate action, which are significant, for example \$8.4 million, \$5.7 million. He does not feel the Fire School project will exceed more than \$8.4 million.

Mrs. Browne explained the projects costing millions, will have bond ordinances prepared for them.

Mr. Mennen confirmed with Mrs. Browne that the Fire School project could be lumped into the regular capital improvement fund if the Board chose to do that.

Mr. Mennen explained he was not necessarily in favor of the expenditure for the project. It being a standalone project in the capital project made it have more providence compared to the other projects which were lumped together as a group within the plan.

Mrs. Browne explained she was trying to be more consistent by having funds set aside each year for the Fire School project over the next three to four years, so when the project began there would already be funding in place to offset the costs.

Mr. King stated the County's budget has held the tax levy flat for the taxpayers of the County. It's appropriate to note that it is essentially flat in spending and it takes into account future projects, as well as taking care of capital issues, the replacement of vehicles, and trucks.

Mr. Melick is disappointed as he felt the Board could do more for the taxpayer that what is being done. In the past years, the Freeholders have reshuffled some departments and services have become more efficient. Everyone needs to realize that half to two-thirds of this budget is for personnel. In some areas, the benefits are 79% of what a person makes. He is disappointed that more adjustments are not being made with regard to projects. This Board needs to work for more efficiency and work on how things are done.

Mr. Mennen said he's made a fair amount of remarks during the course of the compilation of this budget and this is only the introduction. He will reserve more remarks for the public hearing on the budget.

Mr. Mennen feels like the sense of euphoria surrounding this budget is misplaced. It isn't all together an accomplishment worth padding ourselves on the back about because it isn't worse than last year. He feels reviews should have been done in every department, not just some. Certain departments were not subjected to questioning or were allowed to have items placed in the budget based upon what Mr. Mennen terms as exparte communications by individual members on the Board as opposed to the department head coming into a meeting and arguing or rationalizing or advocating their budget. Mr. Mennen stated in some instances he asked for department heads to come before the Board to explain, and the choice was made to go ahead without that explanation.

Mr. Mennen stated as disappointed as he is, that he did not have the ability; he feels the public was deprived of the opportunity to see the give and take as a discussion that takes place in setting budgetary allocations. He is troubled and unhappy by that and he continues to take great issue with the characterization of a flat tax levy of being no implication to the County taxpayers as a whole. The ratable base is down 2.3573% this year and the same amount of money is still being raised off of a reduced base.

Mr. Mennen suggested looking at the newspaper coverage in all counties, not just Hunterdon, which talks about flat levy/flat tax. People are doing all kinds of gimmicky stuff by lowering one tax, raising another. This Board has had the discussion about levy versus ratables several times.

Mr. Mennen stated that he and Mr. Melick feel there has been relaxation on certain restrictions on spending that this Board put in place a few years ago. Mr. Mennen feels it is premature to relax these restrictions.

Mr. Mennen explained he will be voting against the introduction of the budget.

Mr. Melick advised the shrinkage in the ratable base is going to be with the County through next year. Merck has given notice to the public that they will be moving out of the County in 2014. He rides Route 202 from the Somerset County Line to Lebanon and he can count approximately 100 small business offices (professional and medical) that are empty. He questioned how people are paying the taxes on those empty businesses.

Mr. Holt advised over the past twenty years this Board has watched the tax rate go down and theoretically the tax bill should have gone down also but that is not the case. Also, spending levels in this budget are equivalent to where Hunterdon County was in 2002 and 2003. In order to sustain those reduced spending levels, this Board must take a serious look at 5 and 10 year projections in order to make sure the cuts made are sustained. Anyone can cut a budget and anyone can cut surplus, the goal here in a conservative County that does not borrow money, which is Hunterdon, the County must have a 5 and 10 year plan on how to keep the employee level 130 employees lower than it was 5 years ago and a budget which is \$10 million lower than it was 5 years ago and a spending level where it was 10 years ago. Mr. Holt stated this budget re-addresses capital expenditures, capital plan to make sure the County doesn't go into a borrowing mode down the road, is finally put in place.

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

COUNTY UPDATE

County Vehicle Policy

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, brought before the Board the County's Vehicle Policy in order to discuss out of state trip requests. There is one minor change to the vehicle policy under the Fleet and Assignment Decisions, letter H which talks about the procedure for requesting the use of a vehicle. Mrs. Yard explained that an area had asked to reserve a van to go Ohio on one trip and to Nebraska on another trip. The Board asked the Fleet Management Committee to look at this and make a recommendation back to the Board. This change states that any overnight request for the use of a County owned vehicle must be submitted prior to the date with adequate time for review and recommendation from the Fleet Management Committee to the governing body for final disposition of the request.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion directed the Fleet Management Committee finalize this modification in the County's Vehicle Policy.

See Page 04/16/13A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the County's Vehicle Policy.

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

Health Services - 1st Annual Report

Mrs. Yard invited the Health Services Division Head, Tag Rainey and the Director of Public Safety and Health Services, George Wagner, to the table to provide the Board with their first annual Health Services Report.

Mr. Wagner reported that he and Mr. Rainey are present this evening to present the 2012 Health Division annual report. The Department of Public Safety compiles annual statistics and posts them on the County's website and the Health Division annual report is a hyperlink off that website. Copies of report will also be available by request in hard copy format and will be sent to each municipality as well. It is now 16 months since the Health Division was consolidated under Public Safety and best management practices continue to be implemented to insure the most efficient and effective operation possible. Alternatives continue to be explored in achieving their mission; an example is the private/public partnership formed to deliver vaccinations to the community without absorbing the costs.

Mr. Wagner introduced Tag Rainey, Health Services Division Manager.

Mr. Rainey explained there have been many changes in the Health Division over the past year. It was a busy year/a good year and the goal now is to continue in the direction of cross training and in building depth. Health Services are needed with disease outbreaks or hurricanes and more. Also included in the report are septic inspection numbers and the number of clients the nurses serve. The Health Services Division scored a 97 on the Alter Session which was for the preparedness group. Mr. Rainey stated there are some challenges in the report and they are being addressed.

Mrs. Yard reported a presentation will be made the second meeting in June on shared services.

POLYTECH

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Supporting the Hunterdon County Vocational-Technical School, known as Polytech, at the New Jersey Association of Counties 2nd Annual County-Vocational Technical School Cook-Off Challenge.

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

HUNTERDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (SWAC)

Alan Johnson, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager stated the Health Division in Hunterdon County takes a lead in the protection of Hunterdon County's environment, as well the public health.

Mr. Johnson introduced Will Harrison, Solid Waste Advisory Council Chairman who is present this evening; as well as Lisa Coster, who heads education for solid waste/recycling.

Mr. Johnson stated the website which deals with Recycling and Solid Waste Issues has been revamped. There is now an increased emphasis on increasing the County's recycling rate. There is a booklet that accompanies the website and it is the first comprehensive booklet covering recycling and waste issues in the County. People need to be directed to the website.

Mr. Mennen left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Johnson went through a brief presentation of SWAC's website and the booklet which is now available.

Director Walton thanked Mr. Johnson and the members of SWAC present for a job well done.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Keith Kiskel, to represent Alexandria Township, to the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

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

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Program application, at the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, with High Bridge Borough, in connection with the acquisition of the Lake Solitude property, in the amount of \$11,598.20.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with Readington Township, (Toll Property), consisting of 26.755 acres, Block 94, Lot 17, (SADC-\$232,768.50; County-\$77,589.50; Township-\$77,589.50); total amount of \$387,947.50.

Mr. Melick questioned what the amount for the property is being based on, as it seems very rich to him. He does not feel this is the true value for the property.

Sue Dziamara, Planning Division Head explained the cost is based on the SADC's (State Agricultural Development Committee) certified market value.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-05, for Columbia and Landsdown Trail Improvements, to Earthworks, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$233,040.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract modification #3, to the professional services agreement with Cherry, Weber and Associates, P.C., for engineering design services in connection with the reconstruction of County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, over the Cakepoulin Creek, in Franklin Township, increase of \$36,464; amendment the not to exceed amount to \$248,411.

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

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Arbor Day

Director Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-5D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day.

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

John P. Glynn, Public Works Director informed the Board that Hunterdon County's Arbor Day event will be held at 12 noon, at the Route 12 County Library Headquarters, on April 26, 2013. Thirty tree plantings will be given to various schools to also hold their Arbor Day celebrations.

Mr. Glynn updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- The design work for County Route 513, High Bridge Borough to the Morris County Line should be completed by late April 2013.
- County Route 519 is a small project that has received HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) funding. The plans and specifications have to be submitted to the NJTPA (North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority) by mid-May, 2013.
- The final invoice is being prepared for County Route 523, Readington Township and County Route 517, in Tewksbury Township.
- County Route 579/602, in Ringoes, East Amwell Township, sidewalks are about 30% complete and the drainage work is 90% complete.
- Final plans and specifications for County Route 614, in Union Township are 90% complete.
- County Route 651, in Kingwood Township has been put off until 2014.
- Transportation Trust Fund Projects (2012), County Routes 609 – drainage is complete and shoulder stabilization is complete. County Route 523 stabilization is now being done.
- Plans and specifications for Surface Treatment for 2013 have been completed. The work will begin when school lets out.
- County Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township, additional information is needed for the DEP (State Department of Environmental Protection) permit.
- Additional borings are scheduled for tomorrow on Inter-County Bridge L-93-W, on County Route 645, on Changewater Road, in Washington Township and Lebanon Township.

- Inter-County Bridge T-36-S, on Black River Road, in Tewksbury Township and in Bedminster Township, the counties are waiting to hear from NJ DOT on setting up the preconstruction meeting.
- Public Works is working with Parks and Recreation on the Multi-Purpose Trail/Bridge Project at Echo Hill Park. The permit will expire in 2014.
- Field work is complete for HA-11, on Sweet Hollow Road, in Alexandria and Holland Townships and the final design is complete.
- Bids are being reviewed for County Culvert U-18, on Race Street in Union Township and a contract should be awarded on May 07, 2013.
- A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled for the Columbia and Landsdown Trail improvements.
- Demolition is 80% complete on the projects approved.
- The County will be working with the Historical Group on the Spring House at Tower Hill.
- The material questionnaire for County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township has to be submitted to NJ DOT and the AA documents for the general contractor and the subcontractor before the preconstruction meeting can be set.
- A public information session is scheduled for May 22, 2013 for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Bridge at the Bloomsbury Fire House.
- Appraisal offers went out in connection with County Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Township. A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday to discuss the project.
- The tentative construction date for County Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, is the end of this week.
- The County still has issues with the DBE requirements and the NJ DOT is waiting for the AA documents, as well as the listing of subcontractors from the contractor for County Bridge RQ-179, in Raritan and Readington Township.
- Bridges K-110 and K-111, in Kingwood Township, the County received a letter from NJTPA but the project did not score well enough to qualify for funding.
- County Route 512/513 intersection project is being held up by NJ DOT because of the affirmative action plan approval and the material questionnaire not being on the federal form which was just changed again.
- County Routes 600/612, final plans are being revised by the consultant.

Mr. Glynn reported a request was received from the West Amwell to use the South County fuel system. Mr. Glynn recommended this request be approved. He confirmed for Mr. King that an administrative charge is applied to both the gasoline and diesel fuel.

Director Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission to West Amwell Township to use fuel at the South County garage.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Walton announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Item #14 was removed from the agenda.

Item #4 was held at this time.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated April 16, 2013.

See Page 04/16/13-6A CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of April 02, 2013.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 04/16/13-6B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving temporary, seasonal Recreation Leaders, in the Parks and Recreation Division, of the Land Use and Facilities Management Department.

See Page 04/16/13-6C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a provider service agreement modification with the Institute for Medication Access and Compliance, for services for the period of 2013, at an amount of \$21,060.

See Page 04/16/13-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a provider service agreement modification with the North Hunterdon Regional High School District, for services for the period of 2013, at an amount of \$5,000.

See Page 04/16/13-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a provider service agreement modification with Brideside Adult Day Services, for services for the period of 2013, at an amount of \$21,936.

See Page 04/16/13-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Shared Services Agreement with Sussex County for Health Officer Services, for 2013, in the amount of \$28,000.

See Page 04/16/13-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Reappointing Glenn Duncan to the Human Services Advisory Council.

See Page 04/16/13-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Reappointing Diane Clapp to the Human Services Advisory Council.

See Page 04/16/13-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Reappointing Cynthia Good to the Human Services Advisory Council.

See Page 04/16/13-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Appointing Robert Caulkins to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 04/16/13-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Appointing Victoria Miller to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

See Page 04/16/13-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving salaries for individuals covered under the FOP #186, (Prosecutor's Detectives), for 2012.

See Page 04/16/13-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving salaries for individuals covered under the FOP #186, (Prosecutor's Detectives), for 2013.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a provider service agreement modification with the Hunterdon County YMCA, for services for the period of 2013, at an amount of \$8,100.

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

PROCLAMATION

Director Walton moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-7K

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring April 14 - 20, 2013 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week, in Hunterdon County.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Flemington-Raritan First Aid & Rescue Squad, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss event in May 2013. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

Correspondence was received from the High Bridge Emergency Squad, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Saturday, May 11, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in front of their headquarters on West Main Street, in High Bridge. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A letter was received from the Milford Fire Company, Inc., requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss, on Saturday, May 04, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., in front of the firehouse on Water Street, at the intersection of County Routes 519 and 619, and on the Jersey side of Bridge Street. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A request was received from Delaware Township, asking permission for a road closure (County Route 604 between County Rout 523 and Rittenhouse Road) for a Block Party for Delaware Township's 175th Birthday, on Saturday, June 15, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

Correspondence was received from Readington Township, requesting to use a portion of County Route 523, on Monday, May 27, 2013, as part of a parade route during their Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A request was received form the Oldwick Fire Company, asking permission to use the parking area of the Cold Brook Reserve, as a staging area for its 75th Anniversary Parade, on Saturday, June 01, 2013. Also asking to place a port-a-john in the area. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 04/16/13-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subgrant award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Victims of Crime Act, in the amount of \$58,973.00 (Federal funds: \$47,178; County Match: \$11,795).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 04/16/13-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with the North Hunterdon Regional Alliance, in the amount of \$14,700.

See Page 04/16/13-8C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with the Central Hunterdon Alliance, in the amount of \$31,400.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no Freeholder reports this evening.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Lou Reiner, Raritan Township residents addressed the Board concerning the County's budget and gave an explanation of tax levy versus tax rate.

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township residents stated for the record that she wanted to publicly thank John Glynn, the County's Director of Public Works for all his help in getting sidewalks in Ringoes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board