

# HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

**February 05, 2013**

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

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

## **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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

**See Page 02/05/13-1A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss on-going litigation in the Prosecutor's Office.

**See Page 02/05/13-1B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss the potential liability with regard to community vehicles.

**See Page 02/05/13-1C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a municipality's request for additional County services.

**See Page 02/05/13-1D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss an update concerning the Tax Administrator's position.

**See Page 02/05/13-1E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss a vacancy in the Library Commission.

**See Page 02/05/13-1F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Executive Session to discuss legal question from the Tri-Centennial Committee.

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

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident asked the Board to talk about items #5, 14 and 18 under the Consent Agenda prior to consideration.

Ms. Stewart asked the Board if the vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office, listed under the Purchasing agenda are the most fuel efficient models.

Ms. Stewart would also like to know where the trees are being cut down. This is listed as items #2 And 3, under Purchasing.

Bob White, Milford Borough resident, advised he's talked before about the nuisance ordinances and the problems that are almost becoming a statewide epidemic with building which are falling down, in particular non-resident homeowners who are allowing their property to disintegrate. Mr. White presented to the Board a resolution from Milford Borough reaching out to the State of New Jersey asking for assistance since the Borough does not have the funds to pay for the demolition. The Hunterdon County Health Division has advised that the County also does not have the resources for demolition. Mr. White stated they are asking for the State to assist in removing the eyesores and dangers to the public. Mr. White stated that someone has to be responsible for maintaining these properties. Mr. White stated Freeholder support is needed.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, questioned items 2 and 3 under Purchasing for the Rich Tree Services. She is concerned about trees being taken away which are snags, which are used by wildlife as protection.

Ms. Suchau advised the Board that she feels Polytech's website could use some updating.

Ms. Suchau informed the Board that Flemington Borough is having discussion regarding the gun issue and she would like to have some public debate on that issue.

Rob Costanya, Milford Borough resident, stated Milford is struggling as most townships across the country are struggling. Milford does have some super businesses that are trying to make a difference; money is being spent on advertising to bring people to the County. It is a same there are buildings, on Main Street that are falling down. The foreclosure issue is sweeping the country. These buildings can sit for years becoming the most dangerous buildings in Milford. There are County and State inspectors parading through Milford all the time to visit the gas station and the restaurants and his bed and breakfast. Someone has to do something and he is begging the County, state or the town to step in and take care of the worst buildings in town.

Mr. Melick asked if someone could address the Milford issue as there appears to be several people in the audience here for this matter.

Director Walton reported that County Counsel, Shana Taylor, has looked in this matter. He explained the County has a shared service agreement with the Borough of Milford for certain health issues. Those health issues do not include taking care of dilapidated buildings or abandoned buildings. That is the purview of the Construction Official for the Borough and that official is the State Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Director Walton doesn't feel DCA is inclined to be aggressive in dealing with these issues.

Director Walton agreed this is a very serious problem and Milford Borough is not alone in facing this problem. This should be addressed by elected officials at every office. It will take the assistance of the legislature to resolve this issue.

#### **POLYTECH**

Dr. Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, introduced two Polytech students who came this evening: Marissa Markiewicz and Stephen Scheich.

Miss Markiewicz is a senior at Del-Val Regional High School and is enrolled in the Teacher Academy and is working towards being and Elementary School teacher.

Mr. Scheich is a senior at Hunterdon Central Regional High School and is enrolled in the Auto Tech I class. He is working towards being a Master Mechanic and move down to Florida and open his own shop.

The Board thanked Miss Markiewicz and Mr. Scheich for attending this evening's meeting.

Director Walton noted that February is National Polytech Month and stated the Board has a proclamation for Polytech.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/13-2A**

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing February 2013 as Career and Technical Education Month.

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

Mr. Melick confirmed with Dr. Metz that there will be a meeting to brief the Board on Polytech's budget ahead of the Board of School Estimate meeting.

#### **FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE**

Mr. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/13-2B**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement, from Thomas J. Cullianane and Cynthia A. Cullianane, on Block 6, Lot 48, in Holland Township, consisting of 49.8453 acres, (SADC-\$215,581, County-\$62,930, Township-\$62,930), total amount of \$341,441.

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

#### **PURCHASING**

Director Walton confirmed with Purchasing Agent, John Davenport, that items 2 and 3, with Rich Tree Service are to remove trees which fell during the last storm (Hurricane Sandy). He confirmed that some trees are left down for the preservation of the natural environment and that trees are removed if they are blocking trails.

Mr. Davenport stated that Rich Tree Service is working with the County's Parks and Recreation Department on reopening trails. He believes Parks takes into consideration how this will affect the habitat. The areas to be worked on are at the Mountain Farm and Crystal Springs.

Director Walton confirmed with Mr. Davenport that the vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office are more fuel efficient than the previous police vehicles purchased.

Director Walton explained to the public, that the issue of demolition of properties has been on the Freeholders' agenda several times. It is a list of dilapidated structures in the County that are not of historical significance that would be more expensive to rebuild and there is no current use for the buildings at this time. It is costing the County to money to maintain the buildings. The County has tried to have non-profits take an interest in these buildings and the County has done a lot of work to try and find people to use these facilities and no one is interested. The County is not doing this because it wants too but rather, because there is no other choice.

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, noted that the Board of Chosen Freeholders took a "Road Trip" a few years ago to look at the structures to make a determination on the buildings. The public was invited to follow the Board on the tour. Several people did go on the tour, including Stephanie Stevens from the Cultural and Heritage Commission; Kevin Richardson, the Open Space Trust Fund Coordinator; and several members of the press.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/13-3A** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PROS.793209, using State Contract #A-82927, with Carmen Dodge, for vehicles, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$42,726. (FESA Trust Account).

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded these:

**See Page 02/05/13-3B** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PARKS.06136, using State Contract #A80902, with Rich Tree Service, for tree removal at Mountain Farm, for Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$22,000.

**See Page 02/05/13-3C** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #PARKS.06134, using State Contract #A80902, with Rich Tree Service, for tree removal at Crystal Springs, for Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$16,750.

**See Page 02/05/13-3D** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #40032433, using County Quote #0005-2013, with Ennis Paint, for thermoplastic striping powder, for the Division of Roads and Bridges, of the Public Works Department, in the amount of \$11,900.

**See Page 02/05/13-3E** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #40032441, using County Quote #0007-2013, with 3M Traffic Control Materials, for reflective Sheeting, for the Division of Roads and Bridges, of the Public Works Department, in the amount of \$24,936.84.

**See Page 02/05/13-3F** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Requisition #IT.3609, using State Contract #A70256, with Dell, for ups maintenance, for the Division of Information Technology, in the amount of \$19,394.40

**See Page 02/05/13-3G** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-30, for County Route 512 (Main Street) and County Route 513 (High Bridge-Califon Road) Intersection Improvements, in the Township of Lebanon and the Borough of Califon, to Reivax Contracting Corporation, amount not to exceed \$151,516.65.

**See Page 02/05/13-3H** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-31, for Roadway Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction for County Routes 579 and 602, in the Township of East Amwell, to Reivax Contracting Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$554,733.65.

**See Page 02/05/13-3I** **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-26, for the demolition of various structures, to KDP Developers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$186,465.

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

## **ROADS and BRIDGES UPDATE**

John P. Glynn, Public Works Director, updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- County Route 637 is a joint project with Somerset County, who is the lead agency. The project runs from Readington Road to Harlan School Road. Somerset County has held several public hearing at Raritan Valley Community College on this matter. An agreement is being prepared for the Counties to enter into about the duties and responsibilities for each county. The County is working on a detour with Readington Township as the road will be closed.
- A mechanic's lien was filed by a subcontractor for County Route 523 in Readington Township and County Route 517 in Tewksbury Township. The contractor is supposed to be relieving the Mechanic's Lien before he gets paid.
- Authorization has been received from the State of New Jersey to proceed with the County Route 579 and 602, in East Amwell Township. East Amwell has the sidewalks fully funded through an NJDOT grant. Utility work has been completed.
- Field work is 90% complete for County Route 614, in Union Township. This is a high risk rural road (HRRR) federal aid project.
- County Route 651 in Kingwood Township is also a HRRR project. Field work is 50% complete.
- Bids were taken for County Bridge E-140-M, on County Route 518, in East Amwell Township, on January 09, 2013.
- Punch list need to be addressed for Inter-County Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township and in Mansfield Township in Warren County.
- Funding authorization has been received (verbally) from NJDOT for County Bridge Q-168, on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Raritan Township. The County is waiting for written authorization before proceeding.
- Bridge money from NJDOT will be put towards Inter-County Bridge T-36-S, on Black River Road, in Tewksbury Township and in Bedminster Township, in Somerset County.
- The County is waiting on a response from the Union Township Historical Society for County Culvert U-18, on Race Street in Union Township, for the text required for the historic sign which NJDEP is making the County install.
- Stockton Borough has provided approval concerning the Stockton Borough Drainage Study. Purchasing will get acquiring engineering services for a study. An agreement has to be prepared between the County of Stockton Borough outlining that they will be paying for one half of that study.
- Bids were received for County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township, on January 25, 2013. This is a federal aid project so the contractor has to put together documents because there are DBE requirements.
- An extension has been received on the permit for County Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Township. A meeting was held with the appraiser for the right of way this week and he will be updating the two parcels that have to be acquired and the remaining ten temporary construction easements.
- The contractor for County Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, is going to meet the DBE requirements.
- A meeting will take place tomorrow, with NJDOT, on County Route 513, Exit 15-Interstate 78, to talk about the preferred alignment and method to proceed.
- Bids were received on
- January 31, 2013 for County Bridge RQ-179, in Raritan and Readington Township.
- Application was made to NJTPA for Bridge K-110 and K-111, in Kingwood Township, on County Route 579 but the project did not score high, so funding probably isn't going to be received.
- Bids were received on January 23, 2013, for County Route 512/513. This is also a HRRR project. A meeting will be held with the utility company as a pole has to be relocated.
- The County has completed its plans and specifications for the Parks Trail (Columbia-Landsdown Trail) to resurface the trails as they have washed out. The County has received numerous complaints on their condition.

## **SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES**

Alan Johnson, Solid Waste Recycling Services Coordinator came before the Board requesting amendments to the Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Entitlement Grants.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

**See Page 02/05/12-4A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the time extension of the 2010 Recycling Enhancement Act Bonus Grant (County Grant #7292-2010), to expire March 131, 2014.

**See Page 02/05/12-4B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the time extension of the 2009 Recycling Enhancement Act Grant (County Grant #7292-2011), to expire March 131, 2014 and to re-designate the spending plan as outlined by SWAC at a previous meeting.

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

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. King seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/12-5A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing the reduction of the 2011 Recycling Enhancement Act Grant, (County Grant #7292-2012), in the amount of \$30,000 be reduced to \$10,000 and dedicated to "Transfer Station Engineering Services" with the remaining \$20,000 to be used to offset 2013 salaries.

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

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, informed the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the County's Purchasing Agent, John Davenport, has met with Dan Shae of the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) as directed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Shae does have the information he requested so the ball is in SWAC's corner.

**COUNTY UPDATE**

County Policy #2005-03

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, came before the Board of Chosen Freeholders concerning County Policy #2005-03, Fringe Benefits for Constitutional Officers, Department Heads, Unclassified Employees and Non-Contractual Employees. When Hurricane Sandy occurred many County resources/employees did a fabulous job in taking care of Hunterdon's citizens. She was asked to look at this policy regarding overtime; and she has learned from the FEMA funding that unless there was some sort of reference in an existing policy there referred to compensation for otherwise exempt employees under a declared disaster FEMA would not cover or help to offset those salaries. The first step is for the County to include this in a policy. Mrs. Yard provided a copy of the policy to the Board with suggested changes and asked them to look it over so that it can be discussed in two weeks, at the February 19, 2013 meeting.

Vacancies

Mrs. Yard advised the Board that Sheriff Brown is asking to backfill two Sheriff Officers' vacancies in his department. The Sheriff has answered those four questions the Board requires when departments ask to fill vacancies. In 2008/2009 the County when through a rigorous evaluation concerning staffing levels in the Sheriff's Office; it was so rigorous that Assignment Judge Ciccone was involved and George Wagner, Public Safety Director represented Hunterdon County's staffing on the County House Security Committee. Judge Ciccone mandated, after receiving information from various people, that the appropriate number of Sheriff's Officers for Hunterdon County services was 16. When Fred Brown became Sheriff, he had 15 Sheriff's Officers and felt that was sufficient. Currently there are only 13 Sheriff's Officers since losing two recently, as they resigned. The salaries for those two officers was around \$81,000 and replacing them at entry level would cost the County \$63,000.

After further discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission to Sheriff Brown to post and backfill the two vacant Sheriff Officers positions.

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

Sheriff Brown expressed appreciation to the board for backfilling those two positions.

Project Lifesaver

Sheriff Brown informed the board that on January 27, 2013 at 5:15 p.m., an elderly person in Cokesbury walked away from his house. This individual is a member of the County's Lifesaver Group and was wearing a locator bracelet. Clinton Township responded to the missing person call first but after realizing this person was a member of the Lifesaver Group, they called his office and Officer Dahmer was on-call and fortunately she was in Clinton Township and she responded within 15 minutes and followed the signal on her locator and was able to find this person several hundred feet into the woods at the edge of the woods, this person was found tangled in some sticker bushes and without one show. This person was taken to the Hunterdon Medical Center to be checked out and was released.

Sheriff Brown feels this incident shows the value of the Project Lifesaver Program. The program is free and supported through donations. The Program just received a large donation of batteries to replace the ones in use.

**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."

Director Walton confirmed with the County Administrator that Item #5 is an increase for the Human Services Administrator who was hired a year ago. As part of that hiring there was a probation period to determine if she worked out and this is a salary increase because she has worked out so well. This individual is one of the County's best human service administrators the County has had.

Director Walton informed those present, in response to an earlier questions from the public, that #14, refers to the County's Labor Counsel, Matthew Giacobbe.

Director Walton advised, in response to an earlier question also, #18 regarding the soccer club which will be using a portion of Deer Path Park will only be playing on the grass and the County is named as an additional insured on the insurance Certificate.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated February 05, 2013.

**See Page 02/05/13-6A**

**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 minutes of October 16, 2012, November 01, 2012, November 07, 2012, November 20, 2012, November 27, 2012, December 04, 2012, December 18, 2012, December 27, 2012, January 02, 2013 and January 15, 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 02/05/13-6B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jessica Slattery appointed provisional, full time Social Worker Aging, Human Services Department.

**See Page 02/05/13-6C**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Kevin Barile appointed permanent, full time Laborer, Division of Roads and Bridges, Public Works Department.

**See Page 02/05/13-6D**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Jennifer Shore, Department Head, Human Services, salary adjustment.

**See Page 02/05/13-6E**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Salaries for employees covered under FOP #186 (Prosecutor's Investigators, Sergeants, and Lieutenants) for 2013.

**See Page 02/05/13-6F**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Rachel Wilt appointed permanent, full time Senior Receptionist, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

**See Page 02/05/13-6G**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, George Ditzler reappointed to the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board.

**See Page 02/05/13-6H**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2012-09, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge W-71, on County Route 579, (Linvale-Harbourton Road), over the Peters Brook, in West Amwell Township, with Reivax Contracting Corporation, in the amount of \$29,706.26.

**See Page 02/05/13-6I**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #1, final, for County Bid #2012-10, for the 2012 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County roads, in various municipalities, with Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., in the decreased amount of \$17,441.44.

**See Page 02/05/13-6J**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing final payment for County Bid #2012-10, for the 2012 Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County roads, in various municipalities, with Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., in the amount of \$127,509.92.

**See Page 02/05/13-6K**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a contract modification with Transystems Corp., for professional engineering consulting services, in connection with the restoration and rehabilitation of County Bridge D-300, on Rosemont-Raven Rock Road, over the Lockatong Creek, in Delaware Township, in the amount of \$87,758.

**See Page 02/05/13-6L**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a contract modification with Keller and Kirkpatrick Consulting Engineers, for professional engineering consulting services, in connection with regard to the reconstruction of County Bridge E-140-M and E-142-M and approach roadway of County Route 518, over the Stony Brook, in East Amwell and Hopewell Township, in the amount of 3,189.80.

See Page 02/05/13-7A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a professional services agreement for labor counsel, to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri and Jacobs, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

See Page 02/05/13-7B

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving and endorsing Assembly Bill 691/2030 and Senate Bill 717, allowing Veterans to present their DD214 or Federal Activation Orders to obtain identification as a Veteran on their drivers' license.

See Page 02/05/13-7A

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Authorizing that County Bid #2013-03 (Replacement Communications Tower) and County Bid #2013-04 (Long Life Traffic Epoxy for Road Striping) be advertised for bid.

See Page 02/05/13-7D

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Tower Lease Agreement with Industrial Communications Co., Inc., for use of their tower in Milford, in the amount of \$22,045.56 for one year.

See Page 02/05/13-7E

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Lease Agreement with The Hunterdon United Soccer Club for certain portions of land at Deer Path Park.

See Page 02/05/13-7F

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Recognizing and including Veterans in the County's Specialized Sedan and Volunteer Driver programs.

See Page 02/05/13-7G

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Change Order #3, with Warren County, for the Restoration of Inter-County Bridge #16007/L-97-W, on Old Turnpike Road, over the Musconetcong River, in Mansfield Township (Warren) and Lebanon Township (Hunterdon), net decrease of \$70,878.36, revised contract amount of \$977,404.26. (Warren County share - \$488,702.13).

See Page 02/05/13-7H

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the plans for the reconstruction of Readington Road (County Route 617) from Dreahook Road to Harlan School Road, in Branchburg Township, (Somerset County). To be a joint project with Somerset County.

See Page 02/05/13-7I

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the plans and specifications for the Columbia and Landsdown Trail Improvements.

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

**GRANTS**

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 02/05/13-7J

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, in the amount of \$1,901, for the period of October 01, 2012 through September 30, 2013, to carry out a project to support the County welfare agency's administration of the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance program.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 02/05/13-7K

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving Area Plan Grant, #10-038/060, for Adult Day Services-Social, in the amount of \$24,790 to Brideside Adult Day Centers.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/13-8A**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC – Round 14) application, with New Jersey Transit for \$235,000 in federal funding and a local Match of \$235,000, total grant amount of \$470,000.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

**See Page 02/05/13-8B**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, Approving a Letter Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for state funding in the amount of \$161,502, for the purpose of substance abuse prevention and education programming through the County's Municipal Alliance Programs.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Team Somerset/Race Team, requesting permission to again conduct the Readington Time Trial, on County Route 629 (Pleasant Run Road), on Saturday, April 13, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A request was received from Girls on the Run, asking permission to again use the Court Street Park, the steps of the Historic Court House, electricity and to place port-a-johns in the Main Street County Complex parking area, for their Girls on the Run 5K event, on Sunday, June 02, 2013, starting at 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

**FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. King presented to the Board a copy of a resolution to be reviewed and considered at a future meeting concerning the County's budget.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Newly formed Boy Scout Troop, Troop 65

Richard Diacont, Deputy Scout leader for a newly formed Troop out of Ringoes, New Jersey and introduced two scouts: Zachary Ingersoll and Brandon Diacont. They are here this evening trying to earn a merit badge for community, so they have to attend a public meeting and listen to what goes on.

Milford Issue

Andrea Bonnette, East Amwell Township resident asked the Board to clarify its response concerning the matter in Milford Borough.

Director Walton stated the Board of Chosen Freeholders will speak with Hunterdon's legislators, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Districts to see if something can be done.

Shared Services

Lois Stewart, Flemington Borough resident, asked if there is a printed list of any and all shared services available to municipalities through the County.

Director Walton replied that there is a list on the County's webpage and the information is thorough and once you click on the information it goes directly to the person who can assist with that matter.

Vehicles

Ms. Stewart questioned how many vehicles the County will be purchasing this year in its 2013 budget for the Prosecutor and for individual departments.

Director Walton explained the County's Fleet Management Committee has met with the County Prosecutor and the County's Department Heads regarding vehicles. The County has not replaced vehicles as quickly as it should have so the Fleet Management Committee was asked to make a recommendation on the number of vehicles which should be replaced in 2013 and they suggested 2 vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office and 2 trucks for Parks and Recreation. There are also come heavy trucks that have to be replaced.

Mr. Holt feels the County needs to set up a replacement schedule for dump trucks and vehicles.

Mr. Holt feels the County is reaching a point where vehicles are going to need to be replaced in large numbers. The County needs to start putting money aside in the budget for this purpose.

NJAC

Ms. Stewart questioned if the County is going to join the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

Director Walton explained that no decision has been made regarding join NJAC and it will be discussed during the operating budget sessions.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

Vehicles

Director Walton answered additional questions from the public regarding vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office and replacement vehicles.

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the County of Hunterdon

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that she and Marcia Karrow have been attending municipal meetings bringing forth information to get the municipalities involved in the County's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The goal is to have very municipality participate in the year long celebrations.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan  
Clerk of the Board