

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

January 15, 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.
ABSENT: 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 10, 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 01/15/13-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss litigation in the Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 01/15/13-1B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the future of the contract for the Transfer Station.

See Page 01/15/13-1C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a request from an employee regarding hours of work.

See Page 01/15/13-1D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue regarding overtime.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:39 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident questioned the Board regarding Rich Tree Services removing trees at a County park.

Ms. Suchau asked about the bid for the Prosecutor's Office for vehicles. She would like to know the titles for the individuals driving those vehicles.

Ms. Suchau asked about longevity payments listed on the Consent Agenda.

Director Walton explained that the longevity payments are in accordance with contracts, which have been negotiated and the County is trying to get that removed from the contracts.

Director Walton stated the County's Fleet Management Committee is working with the Prosecutor's Office and all departments to look at a replacement policy for vehicles.

Director Walton advised the requisition with Rich Tree services is to remove downed trees on Round Mountain Reservation and other County parks; it is not for the removal of standing trees. This service is largely being reimbursed by FEMA.

Ms. Suchau stated very often downed trees represent snags which are used by wildlife and birds as homes. In many cases, downed trees represent an asset to the environment unless they are in a spot that is not the right spot, such as across trails.

Andrea Bonnette, East Amwell Township resident, explained she was in a few weeks ago to listen to the November 07, 2012 meeting which she was unable to attend and noticed the County's antiquated recording system. Her municipality has a system which is digital, with a cost of around \$3,000 and she would like to offer the County that she will pay for half of the cost for a replacement system.

POLYTECH

Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, introduced Janet Stoakes, the United Way Grant Coordinator for the Career Hub.

Dr. Metz wished the Board a Happy New Year and congratulated the newest Freeholder, John King on his election and Freeholder Matt Holt on his reelection.

Mrs. Stoakes came explained to the Board that Polytech received a grant from the Flemington United Way. The purpose of the grant is to raise awareness of education programs, the employers, the jobs, careers and pathways that the community can benefit. The first event will be held next Thursday, in health services. It is felt that the community is in need of "CNA's", Certified Nursing Assistants at the local hospital, the Hunterdon Medical Center. Polytech does offer a program for CNA's which is really good; then the students continue their education at Raritan Valley Community College or elsewhere if they want to continue in the health fields, such as nursing or other allied health areas.

The Board thanked Mrs. Stoakes for coming this evening.

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H FAIR COMMITTEE

4-H members present: Roger Everitt, President; George Connor, Treasurer, and Daniel Torrone.

Mr. Torrone reported that he is speaking on behalf of the Hunterdon County 4-H Agricultural Fair (HC4HAF). HC4HAF has a proposal for the South County Park pertaining to the building of an Antique Tractor barn and an office building. The barn would be fully enclosed with a concrete floor and electric and would be used during the 4-H fair to display rare antique tractors and farm equipment. The barn will be 60 x 160 and it will feature an exterior lean-to roof extension. The barn will be used before and after the fair and it will provide a safe and enclosed environment for craft shows, 4h activities and meetings. It is the intention of the HC4HAF to have the barn built and ready for use by the 2013 County 4H Fair.

Mr. Torrone advised it will be the responsibility of the HC4HAF to carry liability insurance, as is done with the other buildings on the South County Park site. The HC4HAF will also carry a Builders Risk Policy during the construction of the building and a liability and comprehensive policy. The antique tractor barn project is a fully funded project. It is understood that the building will become a leasehold improvement on the South County Park and that the ownership of the building will accrue to the County of Hunterdon upon termination of an extended lease given to the fair by the County.

Mr. Torrone advised the Board that the HC4HAF is asking that the antique tractor barn be known and tagged as "The Grange Building".

Mr. Torrone stated that phase II of the project would be to build an office building immediately following the building of the antique tractor barn.

After discussion concerning the lease and the terms of the lease, which would extend the existing lease which will terminate in 2023, out to 2043. The Board directed County Counsel, Shana Taylor to review the proposed lease with the 4-H and revise it to the County's standards within the next week.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion, pending legal review, to approve a lease with the HC4HAF for the building of an antique tractor barn and office, at the South County Park, with a termination date of 2043.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26470, using Quote #0099-2012, with PMC Associates, for microwave radios, for the Emergency Services Division, of the Public Safety and Health Department, in the amount of \$24,383.18.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #PARKS.06100, using State Contract #A-80902, with Rich Tree Services, for tree removal, for the Division of Parks, of the Land Use and Facilities Management Department, in the amount of \$45,490. (Trust Account).

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

Requisition #PROS.793209 held until the February 05, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-27, for Roadway Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements, for County Routes 609 and 523, to Top Line Construction Corp., in an amount not to exceed \$2,515,782.66.

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

- Authorization has been received to proceed with the SAGE application for County Route 513, from High Bridge Borough to the Morris County Line.
- Utility work is complete for County Route 579, which runs from County Route 602 to Route 179 and then up to the Black River and Western Railroad. This includes a sidewalk project which the County has been working with East Amwell Township for many years to get the funding to get this done.
- High Risk Rural Road funding has been received for County Route 614, in Union Township. The field work has commenced.
- DEP and SCS permits have been submitted for Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, in Clinton Township. State bridge money may have to be used to do this project.
- Bids were taken on January 09, 2013 for Bridge E-141-M, on County Route 518, in East Amwell Township. Bids came in under the estimate and this project will be advanced.
- A field meeting was held with the State Historic Preservation Office on December 11, 2012 for Bridge L-25-W, on Point Mountain Road, in Lebanon Township (Hunterdon) and in Mansfield Township (Warren), looking for an alternative analysis.
- Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township (Hunterdon) and in Mansfield Township (Warren) is completed except for top soil and seeding which will be done in the Spring.
- The County is looking for a funding source for the project involving Bridge Q-168 on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Raritan Township.
- The County is working with the Union Township Historical group on the text for the historic sign, in the Rockhill Historic District.
- The permit plans for County Culvert X-6, on Mine Road, in High Bridge Borough are 90% complete.
- The County has asked Stockton Borough to review how much they will be contributing towards the drainage study.
- Additional test pits had to be dug for water quality basins for County Route 519, (Warren Glen Hill), Safety Improvements.
- Bids will be received for County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township.
- Right of way documents have been received for Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Townships, in a form that is satisfactory to the County. The County will work with County Counsel in preparing the offer and getting the appraisal reports updated. A utility meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Mr. Glynn explained on County Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, it is the responsibility of the contractor to provide a 12% DBE (disadvantaged business enterprise) and the contractor is only coming up with 7.6%. The contractor is out soliciting for other DBE business contractors who can contribute towards the project and still meet the 12%. If the contractor can't make this happen the County will have to look at the next bidder.
- A resolution is on the agenda for this evening for Bridge K-110 and K-111, in Kingwood Township to make application for funding.
- Bids are due for County Routes 512/513 on January 23, 2013.
- A meeting was held with FEMA today on the debris process and everyone is on board.
- The County has to complete the application for funding.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

Alan Johnson, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager, advised he received a phone call yesterday, from the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) advising the Aspirate Company who had a project in Readington Township, clearing a right of way of debris but due to Hurricane Sandy they have to deal with more debris than what was anticipated. They would like to deliver 21,000 cubic yards of wood chips to the Pattenburg Quarry. The Quarry will accept this materials. The DEP signed off on the project; as has the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation and the Rutgers' Extension Service but now it was realized that the County also has to sign off on the project.

Mr. Johnson explained the 21,000 cubic yards represents 35 trips a day of 100 cubic yard trailers over the space of two weeks. There are concerns on how that would impact the community. Also, the County has yet to see the application for how this will be put in place.

Mr. Johnson confirmed for Mrs. Yard that it is the County's responsibility as the administrating agency of the Solid Waste Management Plan and this could be done as an administrative action could be taken by the Freeholder Board signing off on this process. Mr. Johnson doesn't feel he has enough information to bring this officially before the Board. Also, Bethlehem and Union Townships have yet to be contacted on this project and the trailers would be traveling though those townships.

Mr. Johnson feels before the County can give approval on this project, more information is needed.

Mr. Johnson confirmed for Mr. Melick that the material has to be land applied, no more than six inches within a space of 6 months. Currently, the County doesn't have the delivery schedule for tracking or knowledge if there is going to be a soil management plan at the Patternburg Quarry site.

After further discussion, Mr. Mennen directed Mr. Johnson to bring this back before the Board in two weeks with more information.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that when the power substation was done on Route 202, most of that soil came to Hunterdon County in the quarry. The biggest problem then was that the material was brought in tandem trucks, not in trailers, and there was tracking coming back onto Route 614. He asked if Mr. Johnson has seen the SCS permit yet?

Mr. Johnson stated he has not seen the SCS permit or the application yet. He did talk with Soil Conservation who said there is no real approval they have to grant other than the reclamation plan approval. He suggested the County might want to strengthen some of the requirements Soil Conservation has for the reclamation plan to take place.

Mr. Holt questioned what has to be put in place.

Mr. Johnson explained this is a solid waste activity and because the County has the oversight of the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Management Plan so the County has to approve this activity before it can move forward.

Mr. Johnson will come back before the Board with further information in two weeks.

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. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated January 15, 2013.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 01/15/13-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to a resolution adopted on January 02, 2013, for departmental memberships and liaisons for 2013 for the Freeholder Board.

See Page 01/15/13-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract modification with Hunterdon Drug Awareness, Inc., for 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$153,190.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract modification with the Sunrise House Foundation, Inc., for 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$54,706.

See Page 01/15/13-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Hunterdon Behavioral Health for Caregivers Support Group, (RFP #0018-2012) in an amount not to exceed \$27,470.

See Page 01/15/13-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subordination of mortgage with William Tarrant, for Block 35, Lot 4, in Flemington Borough.

See Page 01/15/13-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a subordination of mortgage with William Tarrant, for Block 35, Lot 4, in Flemington Borough.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity payments under FOP Lodge #29.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity payments under the CWA Non-Supervisory contract.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity payments under the CWA Supervisory contract.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity payments under FOP Lodge #133.

See Page 01/15/13-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving longevity payments for employees covered under the fringe benefit policy.

See Page 01/15/13-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Brian Jados appointed unclassified, full time Investigator, Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 01/15/13-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Patricia Herold appointed permanent, full time Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 01/15/13-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Robert J. Hunt III appointed provisional, full time County Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Shea appointed provisional, full time County Correction Officer, Division of Corrections, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 01/15/13-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Laine Nauman appointed unclassified, full time Division Health, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, in the Human Services Department.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 01/15/13-5I

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ken Jagel for having served on the Library Commission.

See Page 01/15/13-5J

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Joseph R. Fernicola for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 01/15/13-5K

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Henry L. Symanski for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mr. Melick left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

GRANTS

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 01/15/13-5L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2013 Subregional Transportation Program subcontract, in the amount of \$64,880; (Federal Hwy/Federal Transp. \$51,904; County Match of \$12,976).

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

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 01/15/13-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant application from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, to process requests for Universal Service Fund check replacements generated through the Family Assistance Management Information System, for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$1,268.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 01/15/13-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Agreement, for 2013, with New Jersey Transit, in the amount of \$460,517, for LINK services.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 01/15/13-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant contract with the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for the concept development phase funds for the Reconstruction of County Bridge K-110/K-111, on Kingwood Road, on County Route 519, over the Lockatong Creek.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Freeholder King reported on email communications he has received concerning NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties) and he questioned whether or not Hunterdon County should belong to/or join NJAC. Mr. King advised there are some deadlines associated with Committee members. He would like this discussion to be included in the budget process.

Mr. Holt agreed stating NJAC has changed and he would like it to review this issue again. He feels NJAC could be helpful to the County.

Mr. Holt explained that a few years ago, Freeholder Melick, proved that the activities of NJAC were not above board. But as he said, he feels NJAC has turned around.

Director Walton congratulated the County Clerk, Mary Melfi, on her appearance on NBC Nightly news on Saturday, January 12, 2013. She was featured at the end of the newscast for people making a difference. The County Clerk performs many weddings and instead of taking a fee, the couple is asked to donate to SAFE in Hunterdon, which is a shelter for people affected by battering and other abuses in their homes. This is a wonderful charity for which Ms. Melfi was recognized in the County Democrat for this work also and then it was picked up by the Nightly News and the Sunday Morning, Today's Show.

Director Walton recognized Sheriff Brown.

Sheriff Brown informed the Board that he received notice today from the PBS NOVA Series that on January 30, 2013 the documentary they shot in the County's historic Court House with regard to the Lindberg/Hauptman Trail. It is called "Who killed the Lindberg Baby".

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Suchau questioned the 4-H lease and if it was for 30 years into the future.

Mr. Holt explained the 4-H Fair has been in place for many decades and for which is held on a piece of property which was designed and built for the fair and this Board considered this only after review by County Counsel to review the lease and make sure there is nothing to preclude the lease from being extended. Mr. Holt can't think of an organization more worthy than the 4-H.

Ms. Bonnette stated that on June 05, 2012 the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a resolution opposing United Nations Agenda 21. She read from the minutes: "Director Walton explained that Agenda 21 was a movement by the United Nations to become a centralized government to fulfill aspects of planning across the world. The reason it is on the agenda tonight, is because there are a great number of institutions and organizations which are concerned that the NJTPA program is part of the UN Agenda 21. To put to ease the minds of those who view the centralized planning effort of NJTPA as an offshoot of Agenda 21, this Board wishes to make it clear that Hunterdon County does not believe that NJTPA is a pawn in the world game of the Agenda 21 enthusiasts and therefore going on record opposing Agenda 21 as presented to the United Nations."

Ms. Bonnette explained she is now ready a book by Glen Beck about Agenda 21. Ms. Bonnette stated that she admires the Board of Chosen Freeholders for standing up to this audacious plan of the United Nations to take over New Jersey Transportation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board