

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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

May 07, 2013

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. KING, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN.
ABSENT: MR. HOLT.

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 05/07/13-1A **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss litigation.

See Page 05/07/13-1B **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss policy changes and their legal requirements

See Page 05/07/13-1C **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

See Page 05/07/13-1D **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss policy changes to Leaves of Absence without pay, which is a current policy and practice of the County.

See Page 05/07/13-1E **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a job description for an Open Space Coordinator.

See Page 05/07/13-1F **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss negotiations for potential acquisition of easements for roadwork.

See Page 05/07/13-1G **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss a potential acquisition of property.

See Page 05/07/13-1H **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointments to the Human Services Advisory Council.

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

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m., recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

POLYTECH

Dr. Kim Metz, Superintendent of Polytech came before the Board and introduced Steve Scheich who is in the automotive classes at Polytech.

Mr. Scheich came before the Board to explain the job shadowing program he has been involved in through Polytech. He was sent to Flemington BMW to oversee the Master Mechanic and it was very informative and he was offered a job at BMW when he was shadowing. Mr. Scheich stated he is a senior at Hunterdon Central Regional High School but he will be returning next year for Polytech's Auto 2, as a post-graduate, in order to learn more and take the AAC courses which are offered.

SHARED SERVICES – Frenchtown Borough

Director Walton recognized Mayor Warren Cooper and Councilman Robb Arent of Frenchtown.

Mayor Cooper came before the Board to ask the County to take over the Borough's Public Works Department in order to save the residents of the Borough and the taxpayers of Hunterdon money. The Borough is seeking a shared services agreement that would result in a more efficient and less expensive way to maintain Frenchtown's streets, roads, buildings and parks. Much of Frenchtown and its entire downtown are on state and federal historic registries. The downtown has been deemed one of the state's great places by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mayor Cooper and the Council of Frenchtown, as stewards of one of the great places in New Jersey, are deeply concerned about the ability to properly maintain both the Borough's infrastructure and its character has begun to be compromised by the limited ratable base and the state imposed 2% budget cap. Mayor Cooper feels the County has the personnel, the expertise and the equipment to meet the Borough's needs. Mayor Cooper stated the Borough has things to contribute, as well.

Mayor Cooper asked the Board to join with the Borough of Frenchtown to explore whether the County can take over all or part of the Borough's Department of Public Works functions. The Borough does not have any preconceived notions except that this is recognized as an opportunity. Small municipalities throughout Hunterdon County face similar problems and Mayor Cooper feels that a successful arrangement with Frenchtown can provide a model with which the County can help address those problems. Mayor Cooper has already altered the Borough's DPW Manager of this intention and would like to schedule an initial meeting as soon as possible with the County's Directors of Public Works, Buildings and Maintenance and Parks and Recreation.

Mr. King feels this is an interesting concept. He does not think that the County has ever been presented with this type of opportunity before.

Mr. King asked Mrs. Yard how she would structure or put this together.

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, reported that this type of discussion has taken place before; there was a proposal for the County to get involved in plowing snow in Frenchtown Borough. There were concerns raised, at that time, concerning the size of the County's equipment versus the need for small equipment to be used in the Borough in order to get in and out of the streets and country roads.

Mrs. Yard stated she has had conversations in the past with Director Walton and with Freeholder Holt on shared services. If there is to be a savings to the municipality they should not go out and purchase new vehicles, the savings should be passed on to the citizens.

Mrs. Yard agreed shared services are wonderful but there are a lot of things that need to be considered first, before it can happen.

Mrs. Yard expressed concern because the County has 26 municipalities and the County has to make sure they are all treated the same. It is true that it would be great to have a success story in order to start somewhere.

Mrs. Yard stated the County has 250 miles of roads that need to be plowed when it snows and the County has a priority to deliver the services on the County's collector roads. It would not be fair to ask Frenchtown Borough to wait 48 hours while the County finishes doing its responsibilities. In addition there are questions on liability and who maintains equipment and what happens when an engineer is needed for storm water management and so forth.

Mrs. Yard confirmed with Mayor Cooper that Frenchtown is in the process of building a new Department of Public Works building.

Mrs. Yard stated shared services are worth looking at but it has to be given its due with all factors being considered.

Mr. King questioned who would be the individuals in the County to work out the details.

Mrs. Yard feels that the Director of Public Works and Land Use and Facilities Management should be asked to look at this. The County has created an entity as part of the Planning Division which is looking at shared services and they should also be at the table but they are not able to make the decisions. Everyone needs to be candid and upfront about the costs.

Mrs. Yard stated efficient is doing things right and effective is doing the right things and that is what the Board of Chosen Freeholders are charged to do.

Mr. Mennen feels this would be a starting point and it should be viewed as a starting point. For reasons of equity and potentially, legally, the county should be looking at getting the most bang for the shared service buck. It needs to be looked at in all 26 municipalities not just one municipality. This dialog can be a micro-discussion to kick this off. What is started here will start a precedent and hopefully it will be a good precedent but the County needs to be prepared to potentially replicate this elsewhere. He agrees this discussion should happen sooner rather than later.

Mr. Melick advised he would be happy to be involved in these discussions. He questioned who would be the point person making determinations on who mows grass today or does catch basins.

Mayor Cooper agreed with all that has been said, including Mrs. Yard's comments. This is not something that can work on a wink and a handshake. Details have to be worked out and it has to be determined what the best strategy would be in moving forward; what can be done and what can't be done at all. His hope is that things will be identified that can be done together through discussion and exploration. We should not let the things that can't be done or things that may be more difficult to do right away hinder the County and Borough from going forward with things that can be done.

Mr. Holt stated the discussion regarding shared services goes back to free versus shared costs. Shared Services is the ability for one entity to perform a service which lowers the cost on the service. Within the shared services dialog that has occurred for many years, there is always the fear of the loss of autonomy. Municipalities fear the loss of autonomy. Mr. Holt stated that a large number of people may care about who polices their area but they don't care about who plows the snow because they just care that it is done.

Mr. Holt agreed a step should be taken using Frenchtown Borough as a model at this moment in time. A test model should be done on paper which will allow the County to determine if this is possible.

After further discussion, Director Walton feels the County should look at the possibilities to take over the public work possibilities in Frenchtown Borough. This requires a great deal of study and deliberation and a lot of hard work. In doing that hard work, several things can be achieved; it will determine if this is feasible and it will provide a model which can be used in other 25 municipalities. Finally there will be an example which will either work or not work.

Director Walton moved and Mr. King seconded a motion directing the County Administrator and all County employees and staff to cooperate in formulating a shared services model between Frenchtown Borough and the County of Hunterdon.

Mrs. Yard confirmed the County is to facilitate a group with the Mayor and his representatives to start to meet and develop a feasibility study; to find out what Frenchtown's objective is; find out what all the true costs are; find out if there are any other municipalities or counties that do this and find out if they have a model.

Director Walton recommended the first meeting be with the Mayor and Councilmen and whoever Mayor Cooper chooses from the Borough as well as a Freeholder and the County Administrator and whoever else is needed in order to create a scoping document which asks questions and then the task is to answer those questions.

Director Walton stated the scope of services will come back before the Board for discussion and approval. He realizes there are a lot of unknowns at this point.

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

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 05/07/13-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement for the Development Easement with Louis Cyktor IV and Louis Cyktor III, Trustee for R.K. Cyktor and Anne C. Cyktor, for Block 51, Lot 1, in Delaware Township, consisting of 21.459 acres, (SADC-\$200,725.20; County-\$66,908.40; Township-\$66,908.40), total amount of \$334,542.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/07/13-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the acquisition of a development easement from Kingwood Township (Gross), for Block 5, Lot 4.03, estimated 58 acres, (SADC-\$265,060; County-\$85,550; Township-\$85,550), total amount of \$446,600.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 05/07/13-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40033167, using State Contract #A-51144, with Canon USA, for a copier, for Human Services, in the amount of \$12,862.

See Page 05/07/13-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Requisition #Sheriff.1627, using State Contract #A-77349, with Tyco Integrated Security, for a security system upgrade, for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$35,955.13.

See Page 05/07/13-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Requisition #IT.3663, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)DD, with ESRI, for software maintenance, for Information Technology, in the amount of \$26,636.30.

See Page 05/07/13-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Requisition #26642, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)DD, with Everbridge, for message unit minutes for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$27,392.10.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/07/13-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Quote #0006-2012, for professional auditing services for the Hunterdon County Division of Housing, for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2012, with Suplee, Clooney & Company, in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.

See Page 05/07/13-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Quote #0024-2013, for professional surveying services under the Farmland Preservation Program, for the Snyder property, Block 82, Lot 2, in Raritan Township, to Bohren & Bohren Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.

See Page 05/07/13-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-31, for the Reconstruction of County Culvert U-18, in Union Township, to Reivax Contracting Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$359,347.

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

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Thomas Mathews of the Department of Public Works, came before the Board to provide an update of various County road and bridge projects.

- The plans for County Route 513 are under final review.
- County Route 579/602 in East Amwell is under construction (sidewalks and curbs).
- County Route 614 is a High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) project and final plans and specifications have been submitted for approval to the Local Lead.
- County Route 523 and County Route 609 projects are the 2013 Transportation Trust Fund projects.
- The tentative start for Bridge E-140-M on County Route 518 in East Amwell Township is July 01, 2013.
- Final engineering documents have been prepared and are under review for County Bridge Q-168, on Pennsylvania Avenue, over the Best Western Railroad.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on May 02, 2013 for County Culvert U-18 on Race Street, in Union Township. Construction will commence on June 15, 2013.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on April 25, 2013 for the Columbia/Landsdown Trail Improvements. Construction began on May 06, 2013.
- The demolition projects are 95% complete.
- The reconstruction and resurfacing of the Emergency Services parking area is 75% complete.
- The County is waiting for NJDOT to authorize a preconstruction meeting for County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road, in Franklin Township.
- A public information center will be held for County Route 579, over the Lehigh Valley Railroad going into Bloomsbury Borough, on May 22, 2013, at the Bloomsbury Fire House.
- County Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, the project started on April 23, 2013.
- A public information meeting is scheduled for County Route 513 at Exit 15, off of Interstate 78 on June 05, 2013.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on May 03, 2013 for County Bridge RQ-179, in Raritan and Readington Townships, and construction begins on May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SAFETY/LAND USE AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

To discuss the future of Communication Tower.

Frank J. Bell, AIA, Director of Land Use and Facilities Management and George F. Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services came before the Board to make a presentation on a proposal for a tower project.

Mr. Bell explained that Public Safety currently has a plan in place which will take a few years to implement, of placing towers throughout the County in order to improve communications for the Emergency Services people (Fire, Police, Rescue, EMT) in the County.

Mr. Bell reported that the Department of Public Safety and Health Services was contacted by a company who wants to place a tower in the County. He stated they want to put the tower up for their use to transmit data. Mr. Bell and Mr. Wagner feels this company could put the tower up in

the County and the County could place its equipment on it. This would save the County around \$350,000 of tower expenses.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Wagner have discussed this with County Counsel, the Purchasing Agent and Planning, it was found that since this would be on Park Property that a diversion would be needed. Also, this would be a concession so the project needs to be bid out to other tower companies.

Mr. Bell reported the other issues to be worked through; is the vendor would have to pay for all the costs to purchase the land for the diversion; all the professional fees; and any other items that may come up for the project.

Mr. Bell confirmed for Director Walton that the location for the tower would be the Tower Hill Preserve, which would provide coverage in Bloomsbury Borough, Bethlehem and Holland Townships. Mr. Bell stated the current tower at Cherryville (Emergency Services) is running around 325/350.

Mr. Mennen confirmed that a third party vendor approached the County with the idea of siting towers for their use, which is microwave. This vendor has specific locations in mind where they want to set the towers and those locations marry up well with the County's initiatives.

Shana Taylor, County Counsel confirmed for Mr. Mennen this can be done and the County will have to figure out the diversion.

Mr. Bell stated if the Board wishes to proceed, they would explore in more detail how to facilitate this. This is not a final choice tonight but only to move onto the next phase of investigating it to make sure it will work for the County.

Mr. Melick confirmed with Mr. Bell that municipal approval is required.

After further discussion, a majority of the Board (three members) agreed that Mr. Bell and Mr. Wagner should move forward with this project.

COUNTY UPDATE

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, informed the Board that this Friday, at the Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, a public employee's picnic will be held.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Susan Miller, member of the Board of Elections came before the Board to get approval for a three year subscription to the Hunterdon County Democrat for those who work in the Board of Elections. A three year subscription is \$82.95. This subscription allows for those employees not have to spend hours online researching death notifications, legal ads and display ads.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion granting permission for the Board of Elections to have a three year subscription to the Hunterdon County Democrat, to be used in verifying death notices.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. KING, MR. MELICK, 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. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 07, 2013.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve the Social Services Funds Report for the period of November 11, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

See Page 05/07/13-5B

SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS REPORT

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve the budget session minutes of January 08, 2013, January 22, 2013, February 12, 2013, February 26, 2013 and March 26, 2013.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded these:

See Page 05/07/13-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Michelle Auerbacher appointed unclassified, full time Special Probate Clerk, Surrogate's Court.

See Page 05/07/13-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Frank Crisologo appointed full time Investigator (Detective), Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 05/07/13-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Edward Pawlick appointed full time Investigator (Detective Trainee), Prosecutor's Office.

See Page 05/07/13-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Bernard Campbell appointed provisional, full time Gardner, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

See Page 05/07/13-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeffrey Godwin appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division of Public Works.

See Page 05/07/13-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, James Brown appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division of Public Works.

See Page 05/07/13-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nicholas LaFevre appointed temporary, as needed seasonal Laborer, Roads and Bridges Division of Public Works.

See Page 05/07/13-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Matthew Hoffman appointed when and as needed Fire School Instructor, Emergency Services Division of the Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 05/07/13-6H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Del Rocco appointed when and as needed Fire School Instructor, Emergency Services Division of the Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 05/07/13-6I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Charles Puha appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer, Division of Roads and Bridges of the Public Works Department.

See Page 05/07/13-6J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kevin Baril appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer, Division of Roads and Bridges of the Public Works Department.

See Page 05/07/13-6K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving waiver agreements for the 39th Annual Senior Art Show.

See Page 05/07/13-6L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving specifications for the Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of County Routes 519A, 519B, 579A, 579B, 614, 633, 639 and 645 in various municipalities, in the County of Hunterdon and at the Hunterdon County Justice Center.

See Page 05/07/13-6M

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2012-26, for the 2012 Demolition of various structures throughout Hunterdon County, with KDP Developers, Inc., increase of \$2,860.

See Page 05/07/13-6N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #2, for County Bid #2012-26, for the 2012 Demolition of various structures throughout Hunterdon County, with KDP Developers, Inc., increase of \$1,100.

See Page 05/07/13-6O

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for County Bid #2011-17, for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to County Routes 523 and 517, in Readington and Tewksbury Townships, with English Paving Co., Inc., in the amount of \$54,118.38.

See Page 05/07/13-6P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement with Delaware Township, for the Delaware Valley Regional Alliance, in the amount of \$18,400.

See Page 05/07/13-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Sanitary Sewer Easement with the Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the Route 12 County Complex.

See Page 05/07/13-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Bridge Maintenance Easement acquisition in connection with the structure K-126, in Kingwood Township, from Diana R. Makatura, Sandra M. Search and Dale S. Makatura, in the amount of \$446.50.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Melick seconded these:

See Page 05/07/13-7C

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the teachers selected to receive the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition award.

See Page 05/07/13-7D

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Ryan D. Young for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

See Page 05/07/13-7E

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Michael James Cannizzaro for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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

Mrs. Yard informed the Board that this week is Nurses' Week.

Director Walton moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion recognizing Hunterdon County Nurses Week.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 05/07/13-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2013 County Environmental Health Act Grant (CEHA), with the State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, in the amount of \$178,280 (State - \$89,140; County - \$89,140).

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 05/07/13-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the extension of the County Wastewater Management Plan Grant Agreement, through December 31, 2013, with no change in grant amount.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Flemington, requesting permission to place two (2) port-a-johns in the Main Street County Complex parking area, for use during the 5th Annual Bark in the Park Dog Walk in the Court Street Park to be held on Sunday, June 09, 2013. Units will be picked up Monday after the event. Mr. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Parks and Recreation Division and the Division of Buildings and Maintenance.

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

Correspondence was received from USA Cycling, is asking permission to use roads in East Amwell Township (Dutch Lane to Old York Road to Manners Road to Wertsville Road and back to Dutch Lane), on Saturday, June 08, 2013, to hold the New Jersey State Junior Road Championships. Mr. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

A request was received from the Fairmount Fire Co., No. 1, asking permission to hold a coin toss on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the intersection of County Routes 512/517, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mr. King moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Public Works Department.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no reports or comments from the Freeholder Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Shared Services

Tom Borkowski commended the Board for the motion to study shared services. He is a candidate for Freeholder and everyone he talks to, while going door to door, wants to cut their taxes and clearly shared services would do that. He would also like to see shared services between counties.

Director Walton informed Mr. Borkowski that Hunterdon shares a Health Officer with Sussex County and has a shared services agreement with Morris County to house juveniles.

Neil Fant, of Readington Township is glad to hear the County is researching shared services with Frenchtown Borough.

JCP&L

John Anderson of JCP&L informed the Board that on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, JCP&L will be hosting the County OEM offices, a first responder training overview for general safety, and provides an update on what has been done to JCP&L since Hurricane Sandy.

Recording Equipment

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident, brought before the Board again, a challenge match for updated recording equipment. After the last meeting, County Counsel Taylor informed her that the County did not believe it could accept her private money as a donation.

Ms. Bonnett informed the Board that she has done some legal research and contacted Jerry Syneski of the State Division of Community Affairs, and there is a statute (NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159 procedure which says you can share private donations and have matching donations by having the governing body adopt a resolution requiring approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the insertion of any special item from any public or private source. The resolution must include the statutory reference.

Director Walton advised Ms. Bonnett that the County has been doing research on purchasing an initial recorder and was able to find one that is half of what Ms. Bonnett offered the County. The County is also looking at doing an improvement on how recording is done. He explained that Freeholder King is working on this with the County people in Information Technology and the Clerk of the Board.

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