

side of the road and they won't do it. She asked if the Freeholders would provide a letter supporting/requesting an accommodation for this senior citizen and war veteran. Something has to be done, Hunterdon County has many rural roads and the residents lives should not be subject to termination to make the commuting experience for Pennsylvania drivers easier as they cut through to Princeton and New Brunswick.

Ms. Gavigan has talked with Mr. Mathews and there are factors that go into speed limits, such as the number of trips and the number of speeders but she feels a more formalize process could be used to where the conditions, density, the distance from houses to the road. Ms. Gavigan asked the Board to look into whatever Mercer County did on Route 579 at a grave yard. Hunterdon County and the Freeholders are known for common sense and rethinking situations.

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident, seconded what has just been said about the speeding along Wertsville Road. The Township administrator did a radar recording and people were clocked people at 90 mph on the straight section of the road. Ms. Bonnett stated that Ms. Gavigan and Mr. Whitehead are not exaggerating about the speeds people are traveling on the road.

Ms. Bonnett questioned how the Board starting meetings at 4:00 p.m. and then opening to the public at 5:30 p.m. stands with the Sunshine Law and if it is necessary to spend that much time in closed session.

Director Walton said nothing would make him happier than to spend less time in meetings. Minutes are released and the Board is within the Sunshine act.

Gaetano M. DeSapio, Esquire, came before the Board representing Margaret Pasqua who is the Chief Financial Officer for the County and has a three year term which doesn't expire until next year. Although the County is proposing to discipline her, she still holds that office and in connection with any discipline, the County has to consider her position and consider all the facts in good faith. It has been determined that the County is already advertising for a replacement and those advertisements include a notation that the position is immediately available. Mr. DeSapio stated that appears to evidence bad faith. Mr. DeSapio recommended the Board withdraw its advertisements to fill the position and sit back and listen because she will be able to convince you that there is no basis for replacement.

Mr. DeSapio requested to be allowed prior to the adoption of the audit, to present a response to some of the comments made at the last meeting.

Director Walton advised Mr. DeSapio that since he has served the County with litigation, that this Board cannot comment on any of the things he has said. Director Walton advised Mr. DeSapio that his clients will have their administrative hearing, on the guidelines which Mr. DeSapio helped to write, they will have their day in court. This Board is acting within the law and in the interest of the taxpayers.

Director Walton pointed out that tonight the Freeholders are acknowledging receipt of the audit only; nothing is being approved.

POLYTECH

Dr. Kim Metz, Polytech Superintendent, Hunterdon County Vocational School, came before the Board. She advised school has started and this year Polytech has 473 students, plus 46 post-graduates; as of today, Polytech has its highest student enrollment in over 18 years. She stated it is causing some capacity issues with some of the programs.

Dr. Metz informed the Board that Polytech's adult programs are doing well. Polytech has taken over the Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) electrical apprenticeship program in the evenings; and Polytech is also taking over the plumbing program. Polytech now has a three county partnership (Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren), which allows them to do the plumbing program and those courses are being held at North Hunterdon Regional High School.

Dr. Metz reported Polytech's auto programs now offer ASE courses and it is going very well, with over 16 students.

Dr. Metz stated Polytech is moving along with a strategic plan. Also, Polytech received a YTTW grant, to transition to work, this is a high school program. The goal was to have 12 apprentices and Polytech has over 20 apprentices. High School students are being encouraged to return to school and also get full time employment. In addition, Polytech received a United Way of Hunterdon grant to provide career programs after school for high school students not presently served by Polytech.

Dr. Metz informed the Board that Polytech did have vegetarian chili and cornbread at Hunterdon's Chili Cookoff, at the South County Park.

Dr. Metz invited the Board to attend Polytech's back to school night, this Thursday, October 03, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNTY AUDIT

Director Walton informed those present the next item before the Board is for receipt of the audit. It does not comment on the audit itself but it simply recognizes the County has received the audit. The Board is statutorily obligated to adopt a resolution to this effect. Director Walton read the resolution.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-3A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Acknowledging compliance with the Division of Local Government Services, in connection with the 2012 Audit.

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

Mr. Melick advised those present that this action is taken every year but since there are recommendations and findings in the audit, there will be corrective actions taken. He confirmed with County Counsel, Shana Taylor, that it would be proper for a motion to direct whoever is in charge of this, going forward, to report back to the Board on a monthly basis on what actions are being taken. Mr. Melick feels there should be a mechanism or resolution put in place stating that these issues be revisited on a monthly basis.

Mr. Melick moved and Director Walton seconded a motion authorizing the County Administrator and/or the Chief Financial Officer to report to the Freeholder Board on a monthly basis with a report of what progress and status is being made on the recommendations/findings in the audit.

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

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Manager, came before the Board with Cooperative Open Space applications and Non-Profit Applications, under the Farmland/Open Space/Historic Preservation program. The Open Space Advisory Board approved the Cooperative Open Space applications at their September 16, 2013 meeting. The Non-Profit applications are all within the funding limitation of the 2012 allocation.

Director Walton confirmed with Mrs. Dziamara that in past years, this Board, has underspent what was allocated for these purposes due to the fact, there had been a reduction in applications received and this year, there has been an increase in applications received and it is being suggested that prior year's unspent money that was allocated for the same purpose in this year.

Mr. Melick questioned how many members of the Freeholder Board have walked these parcels being considered? He is leery of the appraisals and when they were done. It might be wise to wait two weeks to think about this and for the Freeholders to individually physically look at some of the properties.

Director Walton stated he is familiar with all the applications received.

Mrs. Dziamara understands that most of these applications because they are cooperative applications, they have been initiated by the County's municipal partners or non-profits and they will retain ownership of the properties and provide the maintenance on the properties.

Director Walton confirmed with Mrs. Dziamara that the County is not responsible for the upkeep of the properties. This is County tax dollars going to other organizations to preserve open space.

Mr. Mennen said he is for going to see properties when the County is the initiator and the Lead Agency. In this instance, these are the cooperative programs where the County takes a backseat role, and the County is not driving the process. In addition, the County appointed an Advisory Committee who has spent many hours and many dollars to create a policy to put this process in place. The Open Space Advisory Committee is the eyes and ears for the County and they provide advisory opinions to the Freeholders. At the last meeting, there was a property where the Open Space Advisory Committee did not recommend proceeding and the Freeholders chose to send it back to them for consideration.

Mr. Mennen reported is will be voting in accordance with the recommendations of the County'

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded these:

See Page 10/01/13-3B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from Bethlehem Township, for Block 43, Lot 21, (Pfauth/Carmen acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$207,970.

See Page 10/01/13-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, for Block 21, Lots 4.03, 7.01, p.o. 6 and 5, in Delaware Township, (Cold Run Creek acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$372,500.

See Page 10/01/13-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from Holland Township, for Block 6, Lots 1.02 and 1.03, (Diocese of Metuchen acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from East Amwell Township, for Block 34, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01 and 21.02, (Ridge Road Assembly acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from Raritan Township, for Block 20, Lots 8, 12 and 3, (Croton Plateau acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Cooperative Open Space Acquisition application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from Delaware Township, for Block 31, Lot 6.08, (Rosemont Pocket Park acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the Tewksbury Land Trust, for Block 11, Lot 22, (Jeffrey acquisition), in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the Tewksbury Land Trust, for Block 38, Lot 1.04, (Hill and Dale Preserve), in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, for Block 38, Lot 1.04, in Tewksbury Township, (Hill and Dale Preserve), in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the Hunterdon Land Trust, for Block 6, Lots 1.02 and 1.03, in Holland Township, (Diocese of Metuchen), in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Non-Profit Open Space Grant application, upon the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee, from the D&R Greenway, for Block 34, Lots 18, 19, 19.01, 21.01 and 21.02, in East Amwell Township, (Ridge Road Assembly), in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

See Page 10/01/13-4I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of a Bridge Maintenance Easement, for Block 15, Lot 6 and Block 16, Lot 16, in Holland Township, for County Culvert H-88, from Gail Cooper, in the amount of \$248.50.

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

PURCHASING

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-4J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26825, using State Contract #A-83900, with PMC Associates, for receiver voting equipment for the new UHF Fire Radio System, for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$44,467.20.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-4K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26853, using State Contract #A-83900, with PMC Associates, for base stations/repeaters, for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$104,759.20.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #40034457, using State Contract #A-83907, with R.F. Design & Integration, for microwave channel bank equipment, for Emergency Services, in the amount of \$119,628.

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

Mr. King moved and Director Walton seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-5B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-14, for the reconstruction of Inter-County Bridge T-36-S, in Tewksbury Township and Bedminster Township in Somerset County, to Persistent Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$1,471,075.50. (50/50 with Somerset).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-17, for Snow and Ice Control Materials, (Rock Salt), to International Salt Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$461,520.

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-17, for Snow and Ice Control Materials, (Calcium Chloride Solution), to Setcon Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$29,600.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2013-20, for resurfacing and safety improvements to County Route 513, in Califon Borough and Lebanon Township, to Top Line Construction Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,896,919.10.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Bob Thurgarland, Central Printing and Mail, Information Services, provided the Board with a presentation to review paper reduction, in-house electronic proposal.

An In-house electronic agenda solution would improve efficiencies, reduce staff time and costs, enhance mobility for government operations and broaden the public's awareness and accessibility to County government by incorporating the following Benefits/Capabilities/Features:

- Anticipate operational cost reduction of approximately 19%.
- Immediate remote access of agenda items and or changes via secured web link for Freeholder Board and approved personnel.
- Enhanced mobility for Freeholder business and remote collaboration on agenda items by Freeholder Board and approved County personnel.
- Reduce the need for printed hard copies of agenda and the destruction after a meeting thus eliminating the requirement of picking up and returning printed binders.
- Expedite the generation of minutes.
- Create a PDF portfolio with expanded "bookmarks" to allow for supporting background information to be made available to Freeholder Board, County personnel and public and press as appropriate.
- Incorporate an expanded "Claims Register" by item if desired.
- Improved accessibility of agenda items and related documents prior to meeting.
- Improve OPRA access by having approved documents incorporated into the public section of the website.
- Ability to digitally record the audio of the open public meeting and incorporate to County website for public accessibility.
- Costs: No additional budgetary expenses are anticipated at this time.

Mr. King stated this is common in moving towards a tablet presentation for a Board. RVCC and Polytech are currently using this technology. There are a variety of solutions on the market.

Mr. King advised after meeting and discussing this with Mr. Thurgarland, it was realized the County could do this more economically then going to an outside source.

Mr. King feels the operational costs are straight forward. In addition this will eliminate the need to physically come to the office to pick up agenda packets. The information will immediately be placed on the website and everyone will have the same information available.

Mr. King thanked Mr. Thurgarland and his team for putting the presentation together.

Director Walton opened the meeting to questions and comments from the public.

Director Walton thanked Mr. Thurgarland for his presentation.

ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

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

- County Route 513, from High Bridge Borough to the Morris County Line, construction will begin the middle of October.
- County Route 519 is a High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Federal Project, in Milford Borough, plans and specifications have received verbal Federal Highway authorization with construction planned for Spring 2014.
- County Routes 579/602 is an overlay and sidewalk project in Ringoes. The project is now complete.
- County Route 614 is a HRRR project, the plans and specifications have received verbal Federal Highway authorization, construction is planned for Spring 2014.
- County Routes 523 and 609 are 2012 Transportation Trust Fund projects and the project is complete.
- 2013 Surface Treatment program, County Route 639 is being paved this week.
- Bridge C-26, on Cratetown Road, preliminary plans have been submitted and revisions are being requested from the consultant.
- Bridge E-140-M, on County Route 518, in East Amwell Township, construction of the superstructure is commencing.
- Bridge L-93-W, on County Route 645 in Changewater, the County has received the alternative analysis and comments have been forwarded to Warren County.
- Bridge RT-16, on County Route 523, the historical and archeological Phase I study plans have been submitted to NJDEP, as well as the revised stormwater management plan.
- Culvert U-18, on Race Street, the roadway and bridge should be opened tomorrow.
- In-House projects: Bridge U-36 on Van Sickle's Road will be closed on October 15, 2013, for about 4 to 6 weeks.
- County Route 519, Local Lead project, the Green Acres application has been submitted.
- County Bridge D-300, on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road, in Delaware Township, the stone masonry construction is complete.
- County Bridge RQ-179, the road construction is complete.
- Intersection of County Routes 512/513, in Califon Borough, punch list items from the County inspection; as well as the NJDOT inspection are being completed.
- County Routes 600/612, temporary construction easement for the project is on tonight's consent agenda and final plans and specifications are currently being reviewed.

COUNTY Update

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator reported that in accordance with the County's Policy regarding Leave of Absence Policy, the County received a request for medical leave of absence without pay for an employee at the Library. This has been approved by this individual's supervisor, the Library Director, and in accordance with the County's Policy this must come before the Board. The Board approved this Leave of Absence request.

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."

Check #143186 in the Claims register 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 October 01, 2013, minus Check #143186.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of September 03, 2013.

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

See Page 10/01/13-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Rachel Cheben appointed unclassified, full time Director of Housing, Housing Division of the Human Services Department.

See Page 10/01/13-7A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Catherine Kopec appointed unclassified, full time Director of Human Resources, Administration Department.

See Page 10/01/13-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Timothy Phelan appointed as a Fire School Instructor, on an as needed basis, Public Safety and Health Services Department.

See Page 10/01/13-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jeffrey Godwin appointed provisional, full time Road Repairer, Roads and Bridges Division, Public Works Department.

See Page 10/01/13-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lori Liggett, title changed to Library Clerk Driver, Library Headquarters.

See Page 10/01/13-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Greg Slomczewski appointed temporary, as needed Librarian, Library Headquarters.

See Page 10/01/13-7F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, for County Bid #2012-29, for the rehabilitation of County Bridge RQ-179, on Stanton Station Road, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Raritan and Readington Townships, with Interstate Contracting and Excavating, LLC, increase of \$4,320.

See Page 10/01/13-7G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving speed limits along County Route 513 (Frenchtown-Everittstown-Pittstown Road), in Alexandria Township and Frenchtown Borough.

See Page 10/01/13-7H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a professional services agreement with Florio Kenny, LLP, for hearing officer services, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

See Page 10/01/13-7I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a modification to an agreement for Route 78, Pittstown Road (Exit 15), and interchange improvements to County Route 513, in Union Township, with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Federal Project #ST)-0332 (105) DES, State Job #6410305, extending the time for the project to September 30, 2013.

See Page 10/01/13-7J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the acquisition of a portion of property in fee simple, along with a Temporary Construction Easement, and a Temporary Limited Grading Easement, over Block 8, Lot 26, from Edward A. Koch and Jennifer L. Koch, in the amount of \$35,000.

See Page 10/01/13-7K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Opposing The Common Core Standards and Assessments

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

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Mennen seconded a motion to approve Check #143186, on the October 01, 2013 Claims Register.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-7L

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Cancer Support Community of Central New Jersey on its 10th Anniversary.

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

GRANTS

Mr. King moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

See Page 01/01/13-8A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Section 5311 Operating Assistance Grant application, for the period of July 01, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$283,313, (NJ Transit \$141,657; County Match \$141,656).

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

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/01/13-8B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Title IV-D Reimbursement Agreement renewal, with the New Jersey Division of Family Development, for the period of October 01, 2013 through September 30, 2014, in the amount of \$192,333.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Milford Merchants Association, requesting permission to utilize County Route 519 to the traffic light in Milford, on October 27, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., for their annual Halloween Parade. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

Correspondence was received from the High Bridge Emergency Squad, requesting permission to hold a Coin Toss on Saturday, October 12, 2013, in front of their headquarters on West Main Street, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

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

A request was received from the Flemington Business Improvement District, asking to use the County's parking area behind the Main Street County Complex, for the Street Fair vendors to park, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Division of Buildings and Maintenance, of the Department of Land Use and Facilities Management.

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

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Bob Bush passing

Freeholder Melick noted with sadness tonight, he advised those present, that Robert "Bob" Bush passed away a few days ago. Bob was the "go to" person who had all the keys to all the County's buildings. He served the County in the position of Deputy Director of Buildings and Maintenance. Bob was very congenial with everyone and was very well liked by all.

Director Walton stated the Board shares in Mr. Melick's sentiments and wish his family God's blessings.

Economic Development

Mr. Holt reported this past Monday, was the first preliminary tour on sections of the County as a committee has started looking at the Economic Development strategy. The second round will take place tomorrow, which will encompass the northern section of the County. Mr. Holt stated the work will continue for the next 9 months.

Mr. King thanked Sue Dziamaria and Ken Boden for putting the tour together.

Mr. Holt thanked Freeholder King who provide a very thorough perspective on some of Raritan Township's issues over the years.

Pirates

Director Walton reported that the Pirates are in the playoffs, the first time in 20 years.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Speed Limits

Frances Gavigan, East Amwell Township residents questioned Resolution #10, on the Consent Agent, for speed limits on County Route 513. What speed limits were approved.

Mr. Mathews reported a statutory 25 mph and a statutory 35 mph in the Borough of Flemington.

Ms. Gavigan requested to get the East Amwell Post Office to move the mailbox of Russell Whitehead across the road, onto his property, so make it safer for him.

Director Walton recommended the County write a letter to the East Amwell Township Post Office requesting the mailbox be moved.

Mr. Melick advised there is no better cure for speeders than enforcement by the local police. When people see cars being ticketed, they slow down.

The Common Core Standards

Andrea Bonnet, East Amwell Township resident asked the Board about Item #14, under the Consent Agenda regarding The Common Core Standards. She asked if the Board discussed this issue earlier because there was no discussion prior to adopting this resolution.

Director Walton informed Mr. Bonnet that this was not discussed by the Board at all. It was placed on the Agenda by him, and was placed in the Freeholders' agenda books for review. As stated at the beginning of the Consent Agenda, anyone is free to give comment or have an item pulled.

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