

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

December 01, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON.

Director King 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 06, 2015, 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. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive an Insurance Litigation Update.

See Page 12/01/15-1B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to receive a Health Insurance Update.

See Page 12/01/15-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss CWA contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m., recessed at 5:28 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. KING, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Stan Prator, JCP&L representative updated the Board regarding tree trimming in three substations in the early part of January; those substations are off Route 31, East Flemington and Lebanon.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township, informed the Board that fish farms and that there are many diseases amongst the fish. There is the potential for a fish farm in the County.

Ms. Sachau also informed the Board that the New York Times ran two articles on golf memberships declining.

Beatrice Muir, Readington Township resident came before the Board to comment about Open Space funding and how she did not expect the Chamber of Commerce to step in and to try and rip the funding out of the program. She questioned if that is what is going on in Hunterdon. She explained that the words "Economic Development" appears in the Planning Board's documents multiple times. Open Space is not about economic development, it is about preservation. To put that money anywhere else is subterfuge and a hoax to the public. Those running in the next election will hear from the voters if they support this plan.

Director King addressed those present, stating he is unsure where that information came from or how the Chamber of Commerce is involved in the plan. He assured those present, that none of the County's Open Space funding is going to economic development.

Residents in the audience stated that the Chamber of Commerce is mentioned multiple times throughout the CEDS report.

Director King noted that yes, this is mentioned in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report but the Board is not voting on that report today.

Kim Yalsie, Readington Township resident she believes the County has a cross purpose. She admitted she does not know what CEDS is but she does not believe it belongs in the Open Space plan.

Mr. Lanza advised the Open Space Trust Plan is about deciding whether the County is going to recalibrate the allocation of the funds because there is a certain amount of money that comes in every year; explaining a certain percentage goes toward Open Space; Farmland Preservation; County Projects; Municipalities and Historic Preservation. The County is not going to change the program but is trying to evaluate and maintain flexibility in deciding what proportion of the money that comes goes towards.

Mr. Lanza further explained that In conjunction with the plan the County has subcontracted to a consultant to get an overall Open Space Plan so the County can get a better view of what land the County has to acquire and in what proportion and in which categories. This will be done methodically over the course of the next five to ten years. The plan provides the Freeholder Board flexibility to allocate the Open Space funding as they see it being appropriate and strategic and it brings the County into compliance with the state statutes.

Mr. Lanza is aware the Open Space plan is integrated into the CEDS plan because the County would like to be able to market Hunterdon to others for ecotourism and to help stimulate the farming industry. The County has a defined responsibility as to what this money is to be used for and circumscribed by all of those who voted for the referendum and statute. The County needs to determine what percentage of allocations the County will use in conjunction with the overall strategy which is being developed. It has to be determined "what percentage is wise to continue with the farmland preservation program?"

Director King feels those in the audience have jumped to a conclusion explaining that Open Space Funds have been put towards a variety of different areas including preservation of open space, farmland, historic structures on both a County and municipal level. The Freeholder Board has had recommendations from County staff for the past several years to redo/review the Open Space Plan so that the County could be in compliance with state statutes. Most of the recommendations that come from the Planning area are to make sure the County knows how the funding can be allocated legally and that is what this Plan does. Director King believes the residents are concerned because they see a tie with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He hopes that everyone will take the time to read the CEDS report because there is a tourism aspect to the CEDS plan which relies on the quality and care of the County's Parks and preserved Open Spaces.

Kim Yalsie of Readington Township informed the Board of a typo on the bottom of page seven of the Trust Plan and that on page eleven a section was missing.

Elizabeth Duffy, Esquire and Readington Township Committeeperson, came before the Board to speak about the residents' concerns. She reported that thirty-seven states "The Open Space Trust Fund is a perfect avenue for funding the initiatives described in CEDS that will draw people to Hunterdon County." Ms. Duffy feels that particular sentence in the plan states the County does intend to use Open Space funds to fund CEDS.

Mr. Lanza explained to Mrs. Duffy that what the County can spend these funds on is specifically outlined by the statute and the referendum. Money cannot be used outside of those parameters and the County has no intention to do that.

Mrs. Duffy asked the Board to table this evening's vote on the plan so that the County can review what is in print and correct any language that is not in accordance with state statute.

Director King advised the Planning Board does have alternative language that can be used.

Mrs. Duffy stated the residents of Readington just learned of the proposed amendments to the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan even though it was introduced by the Board on November 04, 2015. The County's website says the public hearing for comments and adoption would be December 15, 2015 not December 1, 2015. Readington Township Committee adopted a resolution at their November 16, 2015 meeting requesting the County's Plan be revised. It is her understanding that other townships have or will pass similar resolutions. Ms. Duffy presented a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Duffy reported she has reviewed the CEDS report and there are very few projects that even come close to possibly being funded by the Open Space funds. Those projects include small, low priority projects such as identifying trails. The voters did not vote to fund CEDS when they voted to tax themselves three cents per hundred to acquire and maintain Open Space. She again requested the ordinance be tabled to allow all stakeholders to weigh in; municipalities, non-profits, Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, and concerned citizens. She is confident if the County considers input from all of the stakeholders, the plan can be amended and pass something that everyone can support.

Betty Ann Forte, Readington Township Mayor, agreed with Mrs. Duffy's comments stating the will of the voters remains with preserving open space, farmland preservation and historic preservation.

John DeMarras, former member of the Hunterdon County Board of Recreation Commissioners' and a resident of Franklin Township, came before the Board and complimented the Board for saving roughly 28,000 acres currently in Farmland Preservation. This Board has done a good job in preserving land and he is sure it will continue to do so.

Ms. Lagay and Director King reported there is roughly 31,000 acres saved to date in farmland preservation .

Mr. DeMarrais is aware that Hunterdon County is second only to Salem County in farmland preservation and that Hunterdon County has roughly 8,000 acres in parkland saved. While Mr. DeMarrais has not seen a copy of the plan, he understands the plan is complete. With the concern of so many residents who are present tonight, he asked the Board to delay adoption of the plan.

Julia Allen, Readington Township resident, advised she read the plan and understands the ordinance means passing the plan. She stated in order to spend money on maintenance the state statute says a maintenance plan must be in place and that is the impetus to pass this ordinance. It is the language in the plan that is problematic

Director King confirmed that Ms. Allen has submitted her comments to the Planning Board.

Director King stated that any comments received by the Planning Board were presented to the Freeholder Board and were being addressed for revision. The Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee also pointed out areas of concern and made recommendations for language change.

Ms. Allen commented on specific statements in the document regarding preservation goals and the development of a strategy to shift focus from acquisition to stewardship. The County's currently program is excellent, why change it; plus all the municipalities have highly developed plans this would effect.

Director King looked for guidance from the Board and County Counsel whether the plan should be tabled.

County Counsel, Shana Taylor explained the Ordinance can be rejected this evening, revised and go through the process again, or the public hearing can continue and receive all of the comments and amend the ordinance and schedule another public hearing. If significant amendments are needed; then the Board should adopt the Ordinance.

Mr. Lanza wished to give credit to the staff that compiled all of the public comments and presented them to the Board; as well as integrated them into the plan if possible. He agrees that there is no urgency to move the plan tonight in light of the potential notice issue.

Mr. Lanza confirmed the Ordinance/Plan would need to be reintroduced and a public hearing would need to happen in the same calendar year.

Bill Kimble, resident of Califon Borough and Raritan Headwaters representative stated not long ago a different county in the watershed area came up with a plan to implement a stewardship plan. There was inadequate outreach done and information was not given to the public in a timely manner. The public came out in droves and complained to the Freeholder Board who chose not to adopt the program based on the public's resistance. Mr. Kimble suggested tabling the plan in order for Hunterdon to do additional outreach. He offered his help with the outreach mission, including an event in Flemington or elsewhere in the County. He would like to have the term "stewardship" defined adequately; stating that operations and maintenance are not stewardship. He understands the County is limited by statute but he is also aware there was a fair level of ambiguity in the language.

Jerry Cook, member of the Readington Township Environmental Commission, informed the Board that he sits in on a lot of the Open Space meetings and he does not agree any thoughts of cutting down trees to sell them.

Mr. Holt stated the County Open Space program will continue and the term of stewardship needs to be properly defined. He challenged those in the audience to read the CEDS plan if they have not yet.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

Mr. Walton would like to hear more of the residents' concerns.

Alex Bacon, Delaware Township resident and a representative of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) said the County is a very valuable partner to NJCF. The Ordinance/Plan says that non-profits are valuable partners in the process. She believes there is a lot of good things in the document but there are just a few bad phrases.

Louis Schmidt, Kingwood Township resident and Kingwood Open Space Coordinator feels Kingwood Township is concerned about the idea of park development and whether there were any limitations. Kingwood Township has visions of AstroTurf and other expensive ventures that they are concerned about.

Director King noted that the only requests recently received regarding turf fields are from South Hunterdon Regional High School.

Kim Youzy is concerned that the CEDS document and the Open Space Trust Fund Plan are in conflict with one another and would like to know which one takes precedence.

Director King explained the two are supposed to be congruous with one another, not in conflict.

Mr. Holt feels the County is looking to change the current trends of exodus from County into a positive and CEDS is referred to in the plan because there is a part of CEDS that discusses tourism and agriculture; along with the river communities.

Rita Koch, Readington Township resident, asked for clarification of what would happen if the plan is tabled this evening.

Director King reported if the Board were to reject the plan and react to the comments that have been recorded this evening, in order to incorporate the valued partners comments and concerns; the Planning Staff will go back to revise the plan. They County will also get the revised plan out to the respective municipalities before it is brought back up for the Board to consider.

Yourgen Helshphin, Readington Township resident, believes the spirit of the current plan is stewardship and that is different than infrastructure and if that is kept in mind, a revised plan will protect the County.

There being no further comments or questions from the public or press, Director King asked for a roll call on the motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Holt and Ms. Lagay.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

COUNTY ORDINANCES

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to reject County Ordinance #2015-01, a plan for the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation plan for the County.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-4A COUNTY ORDINANCE #2015-02

INTRODUCTION, An ORDINANCE amending the Land Development Standards of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, eliminating fees to be charged by the County of Hunterdon for Subdivision and Site Plan review by the Division of Planning Services in accordance with County Enabling Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1. Public hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. KING.
(NAY) MR. WALTON.**

FINANCE

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-4B RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of Revenue in the County's 2015 Budget for the SANE/SART Program, in the amount of \$56,825.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-4C RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Requesting the Division of Local Government Services insert an item of Revenue in the County's 2015 Budget for the FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant, in the amount of \$70,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-4D RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a non-profit Open Space Grant Application, at the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, for block 35, Lots 10, 12 and 60, estimated 152 acres, (Higgins Acquisition), in the amount of \$429,245.08 and a non-profit Open Space Grant Application with the Raritan Headwaters Association, in the amount of \$429,245.08, for a total amount of \$858,490.15.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

Mr. Lanza moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-4E RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Municipal Grant Application, at the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, for Open Space Trust Funds at the request of Stockton Borough, for the payment of debt service, related to the My Ben Open Space Acquisition, in the amount of \$25,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-5A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a proposed amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) entitled "Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc." for the purpose of its incorporation into the Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator came before the Board to provide an update on various County facilities and projects.

- Emergency Services Training Center, the Committee met with the Main ESTC group to provide an update and review budget line items.
- HVAC, Route 31 County Complex, Bldgs. 2 and 3, bids have been received but exceed the Engineer's estimate and available funds. The facilities committee will provide further comments and recommendations to the engineer.
- South County Park Septic and Drainage Systems, construction should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Lanza left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

- Generators, FEMA has approved generators for the South County Garage and the Everittstown Garage; quoting will be done for same. Funding for the Library and Building #1 at the Route 12 County Complex is approved and quotes will be taken for installation in the Spring.
- South County Garage Wash Bay System, in-house drawings are being done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director King 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."

Items Held at this time, Check #'s 178179 and 151816.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 01, 2015, absent checks #17879 and #151816.

See Page 12/01/15-5B

CLAIMS REGISTER

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded these:

See Page 12/01/15-5C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Kenneth Ceva appointed full time, Registered Environmental Health Specialist Trainee, Health Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/01/15-5D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sabrina Heron appointed full time, Inspector Trainee-Mosquito Extermination, Health Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/01/15-5E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Daniel Wyckoff appointed full time, Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/01/15-5F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Dawn Faltings appointed full time, Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Health Division, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

See Page 12/01/15-5G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Nancy Hanna, Senior Account Clerk, transferred to the Social Services Division, Human Services Department.

See Page 12/01/15-5H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Leonard Blanco appointed full time, Laborer, Division of Buildings and Maintenance, Land Use and Facilities Management Department.

See Page 12/01/15-6A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a communication system easement with United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink, for ingress and egress over Block 21, Lots 27 and 28 (8 Court Street).

See Page 12/01/15-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subcontract award Agreement with Somerset County, for funds for the Hunterdon County Division of Social Services, of 2015 Work First New Jersey funds, in the amount of \$27,335.40, to provide to-work services for Clients eligible for temporary assistance to needy families, general assistance and supplemental nutrition assistance program.

See Page 12/01/15-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Collective Bargaining Unit with the Hunterdon Sheriff's Officers Association, F.O.P. Lodge #94, for the period of January 01, 2012 through January 01, 2016.

See Page 12/01/15-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the elimination of the Hunterdon County Division of Corrections and directing all correctional operations and responsibilities be transferred to the Office of the Hunterdon County Sheriff effective December 01, 2015.

See Page 12/01/15-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a renewal agreement with VISION EyeMed.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to pay Check #178179 in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 01, 2015.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON.
(ABSTAIN) MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to pay Check #151816 in accordance with the Claims Register dated December 01, 2015.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. KING.
(ABSTAIN) MR. WALTON.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-6F

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Jacob Ben Nemeth for attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-6G

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Elizabeth M. Rice for having served on the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

Mr. Walton moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-6H

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Bereavement recognition of Frank Curcio, volunteer on the Cultural and Heritage Commission since 1998.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.

Ms. Lagay moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-7A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing John Kuhl for having served on the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. LAGAY, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-7B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating and Non-Operating Assistance Agreement with NJ Transit for 2016, for Section 5311 funds, in the amount of \$200,000 (\$100,000 - Federal funds; \$50,000 - NJ Transit and a County Match - \$50,000).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a State/Community Partnership and Family Court Services Award Notice with the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, in the amount of \$283,709 for 2016, (\$132,544 in State funds; \$55,550 in Management funds and \$95,615, in Court Service funds).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded this:

See Page 12/01/15-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2016 CEHA grant application, in the amount of \$278,000 (State-\$128,000; Federal-\$11,000; County Match-\$139,000).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from JERSEYMAN, asking permission to hold their 9th annual Jerseyman Triathlon on Sunday, May 22, 2016, using various County roads around Round Valley. Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission provided this event is coordinated through the County's Department of Public Works.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

Correspondence was received from East Amwell Township, requesting a letter of support for the Ridge at Back Brook to pursue hosting a PGA or USGA Golf Tournament at their course. Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Lagay seconded a motion granting permission for the Freeholder Director to sign and submit a letter of support on behalf of the Ridge at Back Brook to East Amwell Township showing the County's support of such an event.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY, MR. WALTON, MR. KING.
(ABSENT) MR. LANZA.**

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

NJ TRANSIT/LINK

Mr. Holt advised NJTransit will be asking for an update on proposed changes to the County's LINK System within the new few weeks. There is anticipation of not increasing the cost of operating the system and there are hopes to find savings. Within the next few weeks a presentation will be made on how the LINK system is transitioning; one of the items to be discussed is a new software system which will provide the ability to put the entire dispatch component in the hands of the County.

CEDS

Ms. Lagay reported the CEDS Plan has a steering committee of fifteen people that who are located geographically from around the County and are subject matter experts. That steering committee met for the first time on November 19, 2015 and it was a very productive meeting. The private partners in the CEDS Committee will meet on December 7, 2015. In addition, there is a meeting this evening at Raritan Township immediately following the Freeholder meeting and Mr. Holt and Ms. Lagay will give a comprehensive presentation about the CEDS plan.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director King opened the meeting to the public.

Kim Youzy of Readington Township feels train service would be helpful to improve infrastructure and would that be a way to improve the County's economic development plan.

Director King reported a substantial amount of work has been done to get a train into this area. There have been talks about how to make it affordable and usable. He thanked Ms. Youzy for her comments.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, feels outreach for the Open Trust Fund Plan needs to be done and this applies to other areas of County projects. She objects to the hiring of a consultant for the plan, and feels the public should be able to comment. The general public has a lot to offer. She also feels stewardship should be a 1% amount. She is pleased the focus of the comments was on acquisition to stewardship because it should never have been in the plan language.

There being no further business before the board, Director King adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Dana Gootman, Deputy Clerk