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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Santha Thanjan appointed permanent, part time, Library Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/22/06-2B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Jesse Winfield appointed provisional, full time, Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

See Page 08/22/06-2C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, David Bowlby appointed provisional, full time, Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

See Page 08/22/06-2D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Tina Groom appointed provisional, full time, Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Katie McMahon appointed provisional, full time, Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 08/22/06-2F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Melissa Mirota appointed provisional, full time, Social Worker, Aging in the Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Sara Lockburner appointed provisional, full time, Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Human Services Department.

See Page 08/22/06-2H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Ashley Harper appointed temporary, when and as needed summer Clerk Transcriber, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 08/22/06-2I

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Lauren Kroemmelbein appointed temporary, when and as needed summer Clerk Transcriber, County Clerk's Office.

See Page 08/22/06-2J

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Deryn Cro appointed temporary, when and as needed Student Assistant, Library.

See Page 08/22/06-2K

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Scott Nodes appointed unclassified, full time, Correctional Administrator, Division of Corrections, Public Safety Department.

See Page 08/22/06-2L

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Maria Lane appointed provisional, full time, Sheriff's Officer, Sheriff's Office.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Reimbursement Agreement with Jesse Winfield, former Correction's Officer.

See Page 08/22/06-2N

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Reimbursement Agreement with David Bowlby, former Correction's Officer.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for Bid #2005-22, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge X-12, on Arch Street, over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Borough of High Bridge, with Rencor, Inc., in the amount of \$63,589.82.

See Page 08/22/06-2P

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #12, for Bid # 2003-55, for Renovations and Addition to the Route Hunterdon County Senior Center with Charles Mann General Contracting, in the amount of \$16,812.00.

See Page 08/22/06-2Q

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #13, for Bid #2003-55, for Renovations and Addition to the Route Hunterdon County Senior Center with Charles Mann General Contracting, in the amount of \$25,119.85.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #4, for Bid #2005-47, for the Addition and Alterations to the Communications/ Emergency Services Center, with DeSapio Construction Inc., in the amount of \$49,469.44.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving application for payment #5, for Bid #2005-47, for the Addition and Alterations to the Communications/ Emergency Services Center, with DeSapio Construction Inc., in the amount of \$44,979.71.

See Page 08/22/06-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the Standard Host Agency Letter of Agreement with then New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Senior Community Service Employment Agreement WORKFORCE 55+, for participation from the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services, Department of Human Services.

See Page 08/22/06-3D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the release of a Performance Bond with Toll Brothers II, L.P, in the amount of \$11,681.89.

See Page 08/22/06-3E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a revision to the Fee Schedule for County Co-Payment for Home Health Services.

See Page 08/22/06-3F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1 (State), for Bid #2005-22, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge X-12, on Arch Street over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in High Bridge, with Rencor, Inc., increase of \$3,776.62.

See Page 08/22/06-3G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, (State), for Bid #2006-03, for the Reconstruction of County Bridge N-2, on Halstead Street over the South Branch of the Raritan River, in Clinton Town, with Rencor, Inc., increase of \$19,735.

See Page 08/22/06-3H

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Small Cities Community Development Application, to be administered through the Hunterdon County Housing Corporation, in the amount of \$500,000; with the public hearing scheduled for September 26, 2006.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.

PUBLIC SESSION

Dr. Casey Cabrille, new President, RVCC, introduced herself to the Board and presented her goal for the college to meet the needs of the community. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders welcomed Dr. Cabrille and wished her much success.

Dr. Cabrille invited the Board to attend the Strategic Planning Meetings for RVCC.

COUNTY UPDATE

Grant Accountability

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator introduced Jeanne Ferrari, Consumer Affairs Director/County Volunteer Coordinator to those present. Ms. Ferrari will be assisting in the coordination of grant accountability for the County.

Mrs. Yard reported she and Ms. Ferrari have been working on a project, which will be socialized to administrative staff on September 7, 2006 concerning grant accountability.

Mrs. Yard is aware there is a desire and objective by the Board to make sure that the grants are used for programs and services; and to increase those programs and services to the best of the County's ability.

Mrs. Yard and Ms. Ferrari have reached out to the County's Department heads to gather information on all the grants in the County; outline who the responsible parties are for each grant, and to make sure the stated objectives in the grants are achieved on a yearly basis.

Mrs. Yard stated the Freeholder Board is the deciding factor when a budget is presented for a grant. The Board first has to agree that it wants to apply for the grant and then the budget which was presented must be agreed to on the Grant Fact Sheet. The County Departments are going to be asked to be more quantifiable concerning the Grant Fact Sheets and more measurable when they ask to provide services or programs through grants.

Mrs. Yard stated the Freeholders are always asking departments to take a look at how taxpayer money is being spent striving for accountability, that she and Ms. Ferrari will be doing an in-service program with the administrative staff on September 7, 2006 to go over Grant Accountability for future grants and renewal of current Grants. The Grant Fact Sheet will be modified so the Freeholders can easily determine if programs and services are being objective driven or driven to improve services.

Ms. Karrow stated some departments view grant money as non-taxpayer money which it certainly is taxpayer money. They also feel when they get a grant; it is their money not the public's money. She feels this new measurement will make sure that the taxpayer money is maximized and that it reaches the objectives of the grant.

Mr. Melick thinks that some departments apply for grants but do nothing with the money. Mrs. Yard assured Mr. Melick that she and Mrs. Ferrari will be reviewing grants for accountability and it will be determined if grants achieve their objectives.

In-Kind Services

Mrs. Yard reported the County's policy on in-kind services dictates that anytime a non-County entity makes a request of the County, it is brought before the Board of Chosen Freeholders for a determination. A request was received from Brideside Adult Day Care of the County's Department of Central Printing for the Open House of their new location. Mrs. Yard advised the cost would be \$85 of the County's time as it would take 45 minutes to do the work.

County Counsel DeSapio confirmed the County currently has a contract with Brideside Adult Day Care through the Human Services Department for services. Under that scenario, this can be done. He reminded the Board of a situation where Educational Services Commission came under considerable criticism for uses its facilities to provide services that commercial businesses of the County provided. In the event the County starts receiving requests from non-profits or anyone else requesting services from the County Print Shop because printers in the County will ask why the County is in competition with them. Mrs. Yard assured the Board and Mr. DeSapio that Brideside is an agency that is funded by the County to service some of the elderly citizens for daycare.

After further discussion, Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded a motion granting permission for the Hunterdon County Department of Central Printing and Mail to provide a one time print service for Brideside Adult Day Care for the printing of their Open House pamphlets, since they have a current contract with the County.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Mrs. Yard advised the County will be hosting a ceremony on September 11, 2006, as it is the 5th Anniversary. Ms. Karrow noted there were 16 County residents and 1 whose family resides in Hunterdon County. Mrs. Yard stated the Board of Chosen Freeholders directed a letter be sent to the County's Legislators this past Spring asking them to place this on their calendars.

Mrs. Yard stated a ceremony will be held on September 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the historic Court House. She assured the Board this will be a very dignified and tasteful event. It is an opportunity for the community to embrace, not only the victims, the survivors if they choose to come, but to also commemorate the event of five years ago.

Ms. Karrow explained the current movies out about 9/11 have stirred up a lot of old feelings, for not only the survivors but certainly for the families, neighbors, residents, friends and acquaintances and communities.

Ms. Karrow explained for the Freeholders who were not on the Board in 2001; the Freeholders dedicated a grove in Sunnyside Park five years ago to the families, victims and surviving family members of 9/11. In resolution form the park was given to them, around 19 or 20 trees were planted because the numbers were fluctuating on the number of losses in the County and a decision was made to leave all the trees because it was very symbolic about the chaos which was happening. Five Arrow Wood Vibernum were planted to signify the 5 points of the Pentagon; four benches were placed built and placed in the area but they were separated in memorial of the victims on the 4 different planes. The trees and Arrow Wood Vibernum are all native to this area of New Jersey.

Ms. Karrow stated the Lenni Lenape Indians that camped at Sunnyside Park would make arrows out of Arrow Wood Vibernum and that is the arrow they would shoot when a tribe member died and where it landed they would bury that tribe member.

Ms. Karrow stated an indigenous rock has been found to Lebanon Township, when one of the family members was from and its Gneiss rock. The plaque which the Freeholders agreed to 5 years ago is being mounted on the rock. The trees will be tagged. She explained that some family members came to the grove and tagged a tree. The plaque will be installed permanently, naming the tree after each of the family victims that died. Five years ago family members planted flowers and at Christmas they put ornaments on their tree.

Ms. Karrow explained it is now time to name the grove, and the name discussed and recommended, which needs Freeholder approval, is "Awossagame Grove" which is Lenni Lenape and has a double entendre. The figurative meaning is "Heaven" and the literal meaning is "the place that's out of sight". This is sort of like the double entendre of the World Trade Center itself.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion directing that Sunnyside Grove at Sunnyside Park be hereby renamed in honor and remembrance of the victims, their family, friends, neighbors and community to "Awossagame Grove".

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW, MS. KARROW, MRS. PALLADINO.

Ms. Karrow noted that a private ceremony will be held for the family members and their guests on September 11, 2006, at Awossagame Grove by invitation. This will be coordinated by Mrs. Yard.

PROJECT UPDATE

Frank J. Bell, AIA, County Project Administrator, updated the Board on various County projects and facilities.

- The rails have been installed at the Senior Center and this project is complete.
- The Library Commission developed a draft of the plaque for the Library Headquarters for Freeholder approval. Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board, noted that the Freeholder Board names should be listed at the top of the plaque after the name of the building since the Freeholders are the governing body. The Board agreed. Mrs. Yard advised previous names of Freeholders should not be listed, as this has never been done in the past, and they are not current elected officials. Ms. Karrow recommended that "In Memoriam" be placed after Janet Friend's name, as the former Library Director. After those changes, the Board approved the plaque and directed Mr. Bell to inform the Library Commission.
- The next job meeting for the Emergency Services Addition/Renovations will be August 23, 2006. Footings for the project have been poured and site excavation for power and communications has begun. An underground line has been hit and it is being repaired. Top soil for the front of the site has been done for the installation of the new berms.
- A change order has been reported on for the Hall of Records/Southard Building renovations as it is in excess of 20% of the original contract sum, which is \$200,000 for the Hall of Records cornice repair. This has been discussed at length with the architect, and they have gone through various costs items and it makes sense for the County to award the change order to the contractor in order to move on with the contractors. Mr. Bell explained to the Aboard the Yankee Gutter System that will be used. The entire roof will have the water shield placed on it, which will run onto the gutter system, then the roofing will come up underneath the metal roofing and applied over top of the trim work. This will provide the desired water sealant.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded a motion to approve the change order for the Hall of Records/Southard Building project for the water shield sealant.

Mr. Bell reported the 20% rule information will be finalized at the next Freeholder meeting by resolution, and at that point the final change order can be approved and finalized. The Clerk of the Board must then publish that resolution in the newspaper in the legal notices section.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MRS. PALLADINO.

- Curbing is being installed at the main access road Route 12 Garage. There is a new parking area where vehicles will be placed. Footings and the foundation have been stated for the Addition/Renovations to the project. Underground electrical utilities are also being installed.
- A preconstruction was held yesterday for the Echo Hill Walkway and Stair Installation at Echo Hill Park. The contractor will start the project sometime this week. The project should take 60 days to completion.
- A preconstruction meeting was held August 10, 2006 for the renovation of the space previously occupied by Justice Veniero at the Justice Center. The meeting was attended with the State Treasurer, contractor, the Judiciary, and the AOC. Shop drawings are now being submitted and the project should be started in mid-September. Ms. Karrow asked Mr. Bell to see if the State is still paying rent for that space.
- The bids are due for the Hall of Records/Southard Building on August 31, 2006. Information was received from the New Jersey Historic Trust that they received the County's application for grant funding and it has been assigned to a preservation specialized for review.
- A meeting is scheduled with T&M Associates for September 5, 2006, for review of the South County Park. Roger Everitt, 4-H Fair Committee, John Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, John Trontis, Parks Director and Mr. Bell will attend the meeting.
- Work for the Mountain Farm Roof project is complete and a punch list will be finalized.
- Furniture for the Tax Board is scheduled for deliver in mid-September. An email has been received from the vendor, who will supply the exact date by the end of the week.

PURCHASING

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVD, Approving Requisition #PROS.05681, with Alan M. Steinman, MD, MPH, consultant fees, for the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$19,687.00.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVD, Approving Requisition #I.T.2569, with CDW, for the software license, for the Information Technology Department, in the amount of \$6,379.50.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.

Mr. Muller moved and Mr. Peterson seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #PROS.05711, with Flemington Nissan, for vehicles, for the Prosecutor's Office, in the amount of \$39,966.00.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(NAYS) MR. MELICK, MS. KARROW.**

ROADS and BRIDGES UPDATE

John P. Glynn, Director, Roads, Bridges and Engineering, updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- Punch list work for County Route 512 will be completed next week before the start of school. The test results came back on the coring and the material was fine. Corrective work will be done and the project will be completed.
- Punch list items will be done for County Route 614, with the guide rail being corrected and the landscaping, top soil and seeding being fine tuned.
- Punch list items need to be completed for County Route 612, mostly the top soil and seeding and establishing grass.
- A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for County Route 645, on August 29, 2006.
- Bids are scheduled to be received for County Route 617 on September 7, 2006, for resurfacing and drainage improvements from Cherryville to Route 513, mostly in Franklin Township. This is a Transportation Trust Fund 2006 project.
- The County has not heard anything from Hampton Borough or the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the three way stop for Route 635..
- Surface treatment for 2006 on various County roads, everything has been completed except for Route 579. The contractor is currently there doing patches and repairs. The final surface chipping done is expected to be done by the first week in September.
- The contractor has held off on the Line Striping of various County roads until the surface treatment project is complete. The contractor is currently 25% to 30% done.
- A replacement Retaining Wall is being considered for County Route 579 in Pittstown.
- A tentative start date for InterCounty Bridge L-92-W, with Warren County for the New Hampton Bridge is August 25, 2006.
- A change order was received for the pier on the northwest site of County Bridge N-2, in Clinton Town. The southwest side is now under construction and rock has been hit, so the footing had to be adjusted to bring the foundation up.
- County Bridge T-87, on Main Street/Guinea Hollow Road in Tewksbury Township is advancing. The anticipated opening of the bridge is this Thursday, August 24, 2006. The Board discussed a ribbon cutting with the tentative time of 12 noon. Mr. Muller and Mr. Peterson will try to attend.
- It is anticipated that County Bridge R-165, on Barley Sheaf Road will close on September 5, 2006. Storm drainage construction is 85% complete.
- The stream encroachment permit has been received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for County Bridge H-1, on County Route 519, in Holland.
- An additional public information meeting is scheduled for County Bridge D-437, on Dunkard Church Road, in Delaware Township, on August 30, 2006.
- An additional public information meeting is scheduled for County Bridge D-345, on County Route 523, in Delaware Township. The response period for public comment is open to September 1, 2006. A half dozen comments have been received concerning the bridge projects, a lot of them due to speed and the roadway project in general. Once the comments have been received a solution will be considered, after the September 1, 2006 date.

It was noted that two residents of Delaware Township are present concerning County Bridge D-345. Ms. Karrow noted that she was at a public meeting in Delaware Township and told the governing body to attend the August 22, 2006 Freeholders meeting, because at her meeting there were many residents present concerned about the bridge. Ms. Karrow did see Mrs. Yard's response back to the Township that after the public response period ends they would be

scheduled for attendance at a Freeholder meeting. Mrs. Yard reported the Township is scheduled for the September 26, 2006 meeting, in order to provide time for written comments to be considered. Mrs. Doolan noted she has been in touch with Julia Allen, Clerk of Delaware Township, and has confirmed this information and set up a time for attendance at the September 26, 2006 Freeholder Meeting. A notice has also been placed on the doors of the Main Street County Complex, and the entrance to the Freeholders' Meeting Room informing Delaware Township residents that written comments are being accepted at this time.

- Permits have been received for County Bridge K-136, on Union Road, in Kingwood Township. The County will be working with the Township to determine the best time of year to close the bridge. This bridge is adjacent to Kingwood's Town park. Final plans and specifications are being reviewed.
- An engineering services contract is needed for InterCounty Bridge B-26-W, on Valley Station Road, in Bethlehem Township. Each county will be paying half the engineering fee for this project. Warren County is the lead agency for the project. Purchasing is currently making sure the engineering services contract is in order and satisfactory. The engineering firm will be splitting its bill and submitting half the fee to each county.
- The 2006 Bridge Painting project is complete, with punch list items being taken care of.
- The abutment for County Bridge T-61, on Potterstown Road, in Tewksbury Township was poured today. The wing walls will be poured on Friday. A stone veneer panel will be inspected to make sure it is up to County quality and the Truss will also be inspected. The Truss will be delivered to the site in mid-September.
- County Bridge K-45 is a small culvert which will be closed on Monday, August 28, 2006 and it should be closed for one to two weeks. The wetlands permit was reviewed this week.
- An application for a wetlands permit has been submitted for County Bridge A-39, on Mt. Salem Road. The plans for this project are complete and the project should take 90 days.
- A kickoff meeting took place with the State of New Jersey concerning Case Boulevard and Route 202. The State has awarded the contract to Tilcon of New York and it was expected the project will commence in August but there is a problem with some right of way and the project is now expected to start in September. This project could take 9 months to a year.
- The State Department of Environmental Protection has agreed on the right of way issue with respect to the realignment County Bridge F-45, on Whitebridge Road and the process of right of way is being worked on and the County may need to go to the State House to get the diversion of right of way from Green Acres.
- County Bridge E-174 and County Bridge E-166 have been advanced to final design. The Task Orders are expected from NJDOT.
- Plans have been approved for County Bridge RQ-164, on Rockafellows Mill Road but the Categorical Exclusion Document/Alternative Study has to be modified in accordance with the Historic Sites group.
- The plans for County Bridge RQ-179 have been forwarded out to the utility companies to make sure there are no issues with the utilities.
- The DEP in concept has agreed to the County's alternate proposal for the Phase II Dig for the Bartles Corner/County Route 523 Final Roadway Geometry for that intersection. The County is waiting for that to be received in writing prior to wrapping up the final specifications on that project, which are being reviewed. In addition, the Purchasing Department must obtain appraisal reports for the right of way prior to the construction scheduled being finalized.
- The County is currently attempting to get the alternative studies done for County Routes 513 and 579, in Pittstown to the satisfaction of the State Historic Sites Office. A lot of the work will be done in-house.
- Information on County Route 610/Race Street/County Route 513 has been forwarded to Frenchtown Borough. The Borough needs to get access to two parcels in order to build a sidewalk there.
- County Routes 614 and 519 at Spring Mills Road Intersection in Holland Township, is under construction and the utility work is near complete. The contracted state doing striping and the project is well underway.
- Data on County Route 519/513 has been forwarded to the consultant in order to work out the driveway relocation on the northeast corner of that intersection.
- Authorization has been received from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in connection with the County Route 517/523 intersection in Oldwick, in Tewksbury Township. A letter is being addressed from Tewksbury Township and a meeting is being scheduled. Right of way documents are being reviewed and there are eight properties that rights of way need to be acquired from. Appraisal reported must be obtained prior to starting that process.
- Bids will be received on August 24, 2006 on the Bloomsbury Rail Road Bridge Temporary Signal.

Ms. Karrow informed Mr. Glynn that East Amwell Township wrote to the New Jersey Department of Transportation requesting that northbound on Route 31 at the Route 579 intersection in East Amwell, that a left turn signal be installed at the gas station so northbound traffic can make a left turn more easily. Mr. Glynn was asked to get involved because the Township never asked the County to get involved. Ms. Karrow feels a left turn signal is needed at that intersection. Mr. Glynn confirmed this is down by the Quick Check. Director Palladino feels it is needed during peak hours.

Hannah Massaquoi, Area Manager, Jersey Central Power and Light informed the Board that tree trimming will be done in Hampton Borough this Fall.

Director Palladino recognized Barbara McConnell and Mr. Devecco, residents of Delaware Township concerning County Bridge D-345. Ms. McConnell stated the County is proposing to replace the bridge at the intersection of Route 523 and Sandbrook Road and widen the road and take out the curve. Mr. Glynn confirmed the bridge will be widened but the curve will not be taken out, there will be approach work on each side of the bridge. He stated there will still be a significant curve in the road but it will be flatter.

Ms. McConnell express concern is increased traffic and speed and if the curve is removed, it will encourage increased traffic and speed. There is also a cottage across from her home and she's concerned that it will have to be removed by eminent domain. She stated Mr. Glynn did come to talk with her and her neighbor, Mr. Devecco who will also be affected by this project, in order to help them understand better what the County is proposing. Ms. McConnell stated she no longer believes there will be the impact on her property that she initially thought it certainly will have an impact on Mr. Devecco and it will cause additional traffic and speed. Her recommendation is to repair the bridge and leave the curve and road as it is.

Mr. Devecco said his families concern is that once the work is done, the traffic will be five feet closer to his house and he feels it's a safety concern.

Mr. Muller said the Freeholders have experienced this, not only in Delaware Township, but all the municipalities. Route 523 is the County's heaviest traveled road in Hunterdon County. It is also known that the people who are traveling these roads are not people who live in those municipalities, its people going to work and everyone is always in a hurry. People overdrive the posted speed limit. Mr. Muller stressed that law enforcement is the best way to stop speeding, the police need to start ticketing people who drive in excess of the speed limit. He questioned if Delaware Township has been ticketing on those roads. Once people start getting ticketed, they will start to pay attention when drive the roads and stay in the posted speed limit. Mr. Melick agreed and stated the best way to reduce traffic and speeding is to have the police out and ticket.

Mr. Glynn volunteered to go back to Delaware Township to hear the residents concern concerning this project. Mr. Glynn has contacted Police Chief Masterson who will be in the area patrolling in addition he will be gathering accident data for that area. Police Chief Masterson is aware of the situation.

Mr. Peterson questioned why the road is being straightened and widened and the bridge being redone. Mr. Glynn stated the project has been identified due to the structural integrity of the bridge. The width is too narrow and it is structurally unsound. There is a section of the deck that is beyond unsound. The traffic has increased over a period of eleven years from 2,100 vehicles a day to roughly 5,000 vehicles a day. All that traffic is not generated in Delaware but there is a significant amount of growth that Delaware is undertaking and they are going through another growth spurt in Sergeants with three subdivisions being proposed. Mr. Glynn stated there are requirements and the County is obligated to design to a standard, ASHTO as well as NJDOT standards, because public funds will be spent for the project. These standards have been tested, tried and true that they work and it's a nationwide standard.

Mr. Glynn informed the Board that the Delaware Township project was significantly scaled back from the original engineering solution to the problem. This project was squeezed into the existing corridor, there are no additional rights of way being taken and because of the buildings and the proximity of the Carriage House and the houses on Sandbrook Road, the project was reduced. He confirmed there is a shift of the center line between 3 and 5 feet with the largest shift being in front of Mr. Devecco's home and that alignment is being looked at. The bridge necks into the roadway and that will be pushed back, so there won't be another fatality on the bridge. The facts are being considered, the speed limit is being reviewed to see if it can be reduced. He stated the residents comments are going to be looked at carefully to see if the project can be mellowed to those concerns. He noted there is a storm water issue all the way down through the Delaware River Basin, there is a lot of impervious surface being created and the Rose Creek is destroyed and it will be that way for decades before it can heal itself. Also, the 5,000 vehicles a day traveling on the road need to be addressed that continually grows and comes through that corridor. Delaware Township could restrict the zoning but the County has to balance the needs of the citizens as well as the needs of the traveling public. The historic sites districts are taken into consideration and he agreed Sandbrook is a quant little area and he will do his best to balance this. Mr. Melick feels Mr. Glynn will be able to finesse this so it is more likeable for everyone.

Mr. Melick explained that the work being done is within the County's right of way and the County has a legal obligation to the traveling public to make that road as safe as possible. That is the Freeholders' responsibility. Property is not being acquired to do the project. If people are speeding through the area, it isn't the road's fault, it's Delaware Township's responsibility to police and ticket.

After further discussion, Mr. Glynn said he plans to go back to Delaware Township to talk with the residents, and Delaware Township Police Chief Master will be gather speed and accident data to see if the speed limit can be reduced. Mr. Melick agreed stressed that enforcement by the police department will reduce speed because if people get tickets they will stop using the road.

Mr. Melick left the meeting.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Dinah Rowbotham came before the Board to acknowledge that she will be leaving County employment on September 29, 2006. She has enjoyed working for the County and feels that the Farmland Program is a great program and a very effective program in preserving agriculture in Hunterdon County. She stated that Leilani Hershey of the Planning Board will be taking over the Planning Incentive Grant Program of the Farmland Preservation Program.

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Armand T. Christopher, on Block 58, Lot 9, in Delaware Township, (SADC-\$192,129.60, County-\$51,727.20, Township-\$51,727.00), total of \$295,584.00.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-9B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Readington Township (Pompliano Farm), on Block 57, Lots 2 and 2.05, in Readington Township, (SADC-\$254,444.25, County-\$83,602.13, Township-\$83,602.13), total of \$421,645.00.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement from Readington Township, on Block 13, Lot 62, in Readington Township (Hamewith Farm), (SADC- \$732,597.24, County-\$244,199.08, Township-\$244,199.08), total of \$1,220,995.40.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Restricted Deed of Easement and Grant Agreement, with for the Kanach property, Block 18, Lot 22, in East Amwell Township, (SADC-\$463,410, County-\$0, Township-\$0), total amount of \$463,410.

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

Ms. Karrow moved and Mr. Muller seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-9E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Restrictive Historic Preservation and Conservation Covenant, for Block 18, Lot 19, in East Amwell Township (Jan Stuphen Homestead).

**ROLL CALL: (AYES) MS. KARROW, MR. MULLER, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.
(ABSENT) MR. MELICK.**

PLANNING BOARD

Farmland Update

Mr. Melick returned to the meeting.

Sue Dziamara, Planning Board Director, updated the Board on the Farmland Preservation Program.

- There are 50 applications combining the Planning Incentive Grant Program (PIG) and the traditional Farmland Preservation Program.
- In addition to the 50 applications, there are 22 applications in the 2007/2008 Traditional Round which are being guided through the initial stages.
- There are 26 PIG applications in their initial stages of preservation.

Park and Ride

Mrs. Dziamara reported a request was sent out from her office on properties for a Park and Ride Opportunity. Offers were received from private land owners but they were not pursued because she wanted to get public owned and available spaces for park and ride opportunities. Tara Braddish, Director of Hunterdon Area Rural Transportation (HART) is here today, and she was a great help in putting together the information. Ms. Braddish assists Hunterdon's commuters on a regular basis and residents are urged to continue to contact HART for assistance.

Mr. Muller thanked Ms. Braddish for her assistance in this venture. He had hoped for a stronger response and had hoped people would have rallied around a Park and Ride. This is a great start.

Director Palladino advised 7 of the 26 municipalities responded to this survey, and that's a 30% response rate. There were 73 to 78 parking spots identified but there was concern about liability. She questioned what can be done about the liability issue. County Counsel DeSapio said if the County did agree to a Park and Ride for carpooling an agreement would have to be entered into with the owner of the property/parking lot and that would be encompassed in the County's overall Liability Policy and the County would ask it's insurance company to name the property owner as an additional insured with regard to that specific activity on that location. He noted that usually naming someone additional insured does not carry a cost.

Route 202 Corridor Assessment and a Multi-Modal Mobility Plan

Mrs. Dziamara reported her office received a request from Somerset County to partner in a grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. Her office has not yet applied for the grant as she wanted to bring the proposal before the Freeholders to review and agree to it before her office moves forward with the process, in order to get Freeholder support first.

Mrs. Dziamara advised Somerset County would be doing the lion's share of the grant responsibilities and she has explained the limitations of her staff and office at this time. Somerset has acknowledged that and they still feel confident this can be accomplished even with Hunterdon having a minimal role in the grant.

Mrs. Dziamara reported this project consists of studying the Route 202 corridor; looking at it from the Somerville Circle to the Flemington Circle; looking for traffic enhancement to keep things moving along the corridor more smoothly.

Director Palladino feels this is a good idea but advised Mrs. Dziamara needs to stress to Somerset County that Hunterdon County has limited resources at this time.

Mr. Muller agreed Hunterdon should participate on the perspective grant with Somerset County for the Route 202 Corridor Assessment and a Multi-Modal Mobility Plan, through the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. Mr. Muller feels a majority people on County roads are not County residents.

Mr. Muller stated there is nothing in this information that proposes any analysis or development of a rail system and he strongly feels that has to be addressed. He noted that people came into this century without cars and the rails were the way to move people. The railway rights of way are still here, they haven't been taken over, especially between Hunterdon and Somerset County being from Whitehouse and Flemington, those rails are still there.

Mr. Muller said we need to consider the cost of gasoline in today's economy; we have to be aware of the number of people on County roads and the overdriving on rural roads, so we should be making a conscious effort in talking about rail improvements which could include an extension of the railway system, station improvements and increased services. He feels rail is something that has to be looked into. Mrs. Dziamara will ask that the rail system be included in this assessment. Director Palladino advised rail is in every conversation, not only in the movement of commuters but the movement of freight.

FOR DISCUSSION

Status of Cross Acceptance

Director Palladino advised she and Ms. Karrow are leaving the office of Freeholder on December 31, 2006. They have been appointed to handle Cross Acceptance since the issue began and feel the Freeholders could appoint them to continue to stay and represent the Board after they have left office. Ms. Karrow stated the Freeholder Board does not have to take away their appointment, it's up to the Freeholders if they want them to continue to be their negotiators or not, when they are elected or not.

Director Palladino explained that she and Ms. Karrow really understand Cross Acceptance and they have the sense of history for this. She noted reappointments are due in October. Mrs. Dziamara stated she has no history of Cross Acceptance, especially the knowledge that Freeholders Palladino and Karrow have. Mr. DeSapio recommended making the appointments through January 30, 2007 in order for the new Freeholders to the Board to decide if they want to appoint someone else.

After further discussion, Mrs. Dziamara was directed by the Board to make a request to the Office of Smart Growth to move Hunterdon onto their October 2006 agenda.

GRANTS

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-10A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of #06-532-ADA-C-O, the County Comprehensive Alcoholism & Drug Abuse grant, to provide substance abuse treatment services, in the amount of \$250,036.00 (\$221,299.00 in State funds and \$28,737.00 County Match).

ROLL CALL: (AYES)

**MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON,
MRS. PALLADINO.**

Mr. Muller moved and Ms. Karrow seconded this:

See Page 08/22/06-11A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the renewal of the Hunterdon County Municipal Alliance to, provide a program to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse at every age group, in the amount of \$168,289.76 in state funds.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MULLER, MS. KARROW, MR. MELICK, MR. PETERSON, MRS. PALLADINO.

FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Highlands

Mr. DeSapio reported a letter dated August 14, 2006 was received from former Representative Richard Zimmer in which he informs the Boards of Hunterdon and Warren County that previously agreed to review in September the status of his engagement with the counties and his recommendation is that this is the appropriate time to end that engagement. He summarizes in his letter why, but in paragraph two he says the progress made since he began this work last year puts us in a position where state legislators from Hunterdon and Warren can assume the principle responsibility for advancing the Highlands Legislation, which they introduced at Hunterdon's and Warren's request. Relations have been significantly improved with the Highlands Council and are working together on common objectives despite continuing differences over other issues. Mr. Zimmer also highlighted some of the activities he has been involved in and the activities of Senator Lance, Assemblywoman Karrow and Assemblyman Doherty in connection with advancing the interest of Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

Mr. DeSapio reported Hunterdon County will be meeting with Warren County sometime in September to discuss progress in connection with concerns regarding the Highlands and where the two counties want to go from this point in connection with their joint venture.

July Flood

Ms. Karrow stated Governor Corzine kept his promise and met with the mayors of the flood affected municipalities and there were 5 Hunterdon County mayors at the meeting. The meeting was well attended by the mayors, deputy mayors, the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), as well of the Offices of Emergency Management and the State Police. This meeting was closed to the press. A round table discussion took place among the mayors, Senator Turner, Assemblyman Gusciora and herself, as Senator Lance sent her in his place as he had a previous commitment. Ms. Karrow reported following that meeting a press conference was held.

Ms. Karrow feels when the Hunterdon Freeholders held its meeting with the Mayors, that the State Department of Environmental Protection head the concerns and they are waiting all the permits for litigation for elevation and the moving of houses. They are also taking consolidated permits now and they are redoing their rules very quickly in order to accommodate people. The DEP is also going to be reviewing their rules regarding clean ups and quick mitigation of problems within the rivers for fallen trees and dredging. The DEP is proposing that the C1 and C2 corridors get expanded larger than they are currently. The Governor brought up his support of additional funding next year on the ballot for the Garden State Trust Fund and included in that will be Blue Acres money to purchase land along the river for those homeowners that want to sell.

Deer Carcass Removal

Director Palladino reported September 30, 2006 is the deadline for the State to stop collecting deer and her concern is if deer start stacking up on municipal and County roads. It is her feeling that the County should continue to object and advise the state it is their responsibility but at the same time we need to look into an economic way to dispose of them. Ms. Karrow disagreed saying Hunterdon should not start cleaning up for the State, the deer are the State's problem. The State needs to realize how sticking bad it is literally and figuratively. Since there is no state statute requiring this, it is her recommendation the deer stay until every commuter that comes through Hunterdon complains. This is the State's problem and Hunterdon should not make this disappear for them.

Ms. Karrow advised County Counsel DeSapio is planning on contacting the Governor's counsel and this is now under potential litigation, so it should not be discussed in public further. She confirmed the Freeholders approved a resolution for County Counsel to sign a Declaration of Taking.

After further discussion, Mr. Muller recommended finding out what the other counties are doing concerning the issue of deer removal. Mrs. Doolan was directed to contact the other counties for this information.

County Fair

Mr. Peterson stated the County Agricultural Fair is scheduled to start tomorrow, August 23, 2006, and there will be a Veterans' Recognition Ceremony followed by fireworks, on Friday, August 25, 2006.

Special Freeholder Meeting

Director Palladino advised since there are three weeks between Freeholders meetings, the Board will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2006, to reduce the volume of work that may come before the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Palladino adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board