A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Ann McHale, President; Ron Angle; John Cusick; Charles M. Dertinger; Margaret Ferraro; Lamont G. McClure, Jr.; Diane Neiper; Leonard N. Zito, Solicitor to Council, and Frank E. Flisser, Clerk to Council. Absent were Wayne Grube, Vice President and J. Michael Dowd.

Prayer

Mr. Dertinger led County Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Neiper led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Angle made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting shall be approved.

Mrs. Ferraro seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Joseph DeRaymond, Freemansburg, PA - provided a document listing items he wanted County Council to consider (see Attachment #1). He reviewed the list which consisted of recycling in the County buildings, marking the crosswalk at Washington Street and 7th Street, a County Archives Building, supporting the effort to oppose the impending PPL rate hike, authorizing a County asset energy audit and investigating locations or possibilities for the generation of electricity using wind, solar or untapped hydroelectric sources.
Consideration of the Capital Project Funding Resolution: 
Gracedale Windows, Prison Roof

Mrs. McHale stated at the Finance Committee meeting held May 14, 2008 and at the May 15, 2008 County Council meeting, there was a discussion pertaining to County Council voting and expressing its opinion on the County Executive’s capital projects proposal for the Gracedale windows and the Prison roof.

Mr. Angle introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at the Finance Committee meeting held May 14, 2008, the County Executive presented and reviewed “BOND ISSUE/CAPITAL PROJECTS/BUILDING NEEDS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (a copy is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit “A”); and

WHEREAS, Section II. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS - FUNDED reads, as follows:

**Gracedale Windows** - We have already budgeted $3 million towards the cost which we have recently learned will be approximately $4.2 million to replace the windows. This additional $1.2 million would be taken from fund balance in the August budget amendment. To move this project along, we would temporarily transfer money from salaries at Gracedale to the window project in order for us to execute the contract.

**Prison Roof** – Approximately $1 million is needed to repair the various prison roofs. We are proposing that the $945,000 budgeted in the 2001 bond for the kitchen be utilized for this roof repair.

**Courthouse Concrete Work** – Approximately $1 million – We are proposing that the funding come from the 2001 bond money which will not be utilized for Commerce Center Boulevard in Bethlehem.; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee directed that the aforementioned Gracedale Windows Project and Prison Roof project should be presented to the Northampton County Council in order to determine the consensus of the Northampton County Council on those projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Northampton County Council that:
(1) **Gracedale Windows:** It is the consensus of the Northampton County Council that the County Executive should proceed with the Gracedale Windows project as outlined above; and

(2) **Prison Roof:** It is the consensus of the Northampton County Council that the County Executive should proceed with the Prison Roof project as outlined above.

Mr. Dertinger advised at the last meeting, he had requested to see what the method of procedure was going to be with regard to the Gracedale windows. He further advised he had spoken to the engineers and they agreed it made more sense to do two corners together which would cut the project time in half. Therefore, he felt more discussion was required regarding this project because the original cost was $3 million and it was now going to cost $4.2 million.

Mrs. McHale made a motion to vote on these two projects separately.

Mr. McClure seconded the motion.


The motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Mrs. McHale asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Gracedale window project.

Mr. Angle stated he did not understand what the issue was because this project was publicly bid, competitive bids were received and the award was made to the lowest bidder.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mrs. McHale called for the vote.


The project was approved by a vote of 5-2.

Mrs. McHale asked if there were any questions or comments
In answer to Mr. Dertinger’s question, Mrs. McHale informed him a “no” vote would not allow the County Executive to take the money to repair the roof from the monies allocated for the kitchen.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mrs. McHale called for the vote.


The project failed by a vote of 3-4.

Based on the voting, the following amended resolution was adopted:

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Northampton County Council that:

Gracedale Windows: It is the consensus of the Northampton County Council that the County Executive should proceed with the Gracedale Windows project as outlined above.

Executive Session to Consider the Acquisition of Real Property

Mrs. McHale advised the County Executive requested an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real property.

Mr. Angle made a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Mr. Dertinger seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. McHale called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Zito stated County Council adjourned for Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate by the County. He further stated during the Executive Session, County Council also discussed litigation with regard to the Borough of Wind Gap, Plaintiff; Naper Development, Inc., aka Naper Development, Inc., Corp., Intervenor; Plainfield Township, Intervenor versus the County of Northampton and the General Purpose Authority, Defendants; Case No. C0048CV2007-1609. He noted County Council returned from Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. and all items discussed were proper under the Sunshine Act as subjects for an Executive Session.

Introduction of an Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to Northampton County Administrative Code Section 13.15
Mrs. McHale advised the County Council Solicitor prepared and submitted to County Council a draft ordinance which would amend the Administrative Code Section 13.15(c)(3) and exempt the appraisal requirements for easements of nominal value. She further advised she suggested this ordinance be considered concurrent to the ordinance which would approve the easement for the PPL Corporation. She noted if the amendment to Administrative Code Section 13.15 (c)(3) was not approved, then the Administration would have to submit appraisals.

Mrs. McHale stated the ordinance was being introduced at this meeting, with the public hearing, debate, and possible vote scheduled for the June 19, 2008 County Council meeting.

Mrs. Ferraro and Mr. Dowd introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §13.15 OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS OF §13.15 TO GRANT EASEMENTS FOR NOMINAL VALUE FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY


WHEREAS, Public Utilities routinely request easements for public purposes be granted by Northampton County pertaining to Northampton County owned real estate; and

WHEREAS, §13.15 of the Northampton County Administrative Code (the Code) authorizes the County Executive to negotiate contracts for the purchase, sale or lease of real estate subject to approval by Northampton County Council; and

WHEREAS, §13.15(2) of the Code requires two (2) sealed appraisals to be provided by the County Executive to County Council for its consideration in the approval of a purchase, sale or lease of real estate; and

WHEREAS, the granting of easements convey interest in land and as such are conveyances under the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Public Utility corporations as defined by the Public Utility Code routinely requests easements for public
purposes to be granted by Northampton County over and across Northampton County real estate for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Council wishes to provide a process to exempt from the appraisal requirements of §13.15(2) of the Code easements granted by Northampton County Council to Public Utilities, for public purposes for nominal value or consideration without incurring the expense of the appraisal process.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by Northampton County Council, that:

1. §13.15 of the Northampton County Administrative Code is hereby amended to add subsection (c)(3) to be numbered §13.15(c)(3), which shall read as follows:

   Notwithstanding anything in § 13.15 or in this provision to the contrary, the granting of an easement over Northampton County owned real estate to a Public Utility as defined in the Public Utility Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1978, July 1, P.L. 598, No. 116 §1 (66 Pa.C.S.A. 101, et seq., 102(1)) for nominal value or for consideration not to exceed $1,000.00 may be exempted from the appraisal requirements of §13.15 by action of County Council but shall nevertheless require the approval by County Council by ordinance granting such easement.

2. Any Ordinance or any part of any other ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Introduction of an Ordinance Providing for the Conveyance of An Easement on County-owned Real Property, in East Allen Township, to PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Mrs. McHale advised the Administration requested County Council approve an easement on County-owned property for the PPL Corporation. She further stated this ordinance was being introduced at this meeting, with the public hearing, debate, and possible vote scheduled for the June 19, 2008 County Council meeting.

Mrs. Ferraro and Mr. Angle introduced the following
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON NORTHAMPTON COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IN EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP TO PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Northampton County Home Rule Charter Article 602 (a)(6) provides that the Northampton County Council shall enact an ordinance for any act which “conveys or leases or authorizes the conveyance or lease of any real property of the County.”; and

WHEREAS, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation has requested an electric and communication lines easement, across County-owned land in East Allen Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Northampton County Council that it does hereby agree to grant, in consideration of One Dollar ($1.00), an easement, on Northampton County-owned lands located in East Allen Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (more particularly described in certain deed dated December 23, 1980 and recorded in the Office for Recording of Deeds in and for Northampton County in Deed Book 622, Page 1030, being further described as Tax Identifier Number K6 15 1 PKB 0508C), to the PPL Electrical Utilities Corporation according to the terms and conditions of the easement agreement (a copy of which is attached and labeled as Exhibit “A”).

Consideration of the General Purpose Authority - St. Luke’s Hospital Project Resolution

Mrs. McHale stated in the past, County Council was asked to approve certain projects being considered by the Hospital Authority. She further stated since the General Purpose Authority assumed the financing duties of the Hospital Authority, as well as the Higher Education Authority, the General Purpose Authority was requesting County Council adopt a resolution pertaining to projects being considered by St. Luke’s Hospital. She noted the General Purpose Authority arranged for low cost financing for various projects that were
being considered by St. Luke’s Hospital and one of the conditions of obtaining the low cost financing was that County Council certified, via adoption of a resolution, that the particular project was desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County. She further noted the County’s full faith, credit or taxing power was not pledged as a guarantee for the funds being borrowed by St. Luke’s Hospital. Additionally, it was important to note that the hospital itself was the guarantor for the bonds being floated.

Mrs. McHale introduced the following resolution, with Mr. Grube as a co-sponsor.

APPROVING THE FINANCING BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY GENERAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") OF PROJECTS FOR SAINT LUKE'S HOSPITAL OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA (THE "HOSPITAL"), AND DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY THE FACILITIES OF THE HOSPITAL TO HAVE SUCH FACILITIES FINANCED THROUGH THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Northampton County General Purpose Authority (the "Authority") is a body corporate and politic existing under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 5601-5622, as amended (the "Act") by the County Council (the "County Council") of the County of Northampton, Pennsylvania (the "County"), with all the general powers granted by the Act for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Act vests the Authority, inter alia, with the power of financing projects for the benefit of hospitals and health centers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, at the request of Saint Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation (the "Hospital"), proposes to undertake a project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the construction and equipping of a new medical campus anticipated to include, among other things, a four story 80,000 square foot cancer center, a two story 100,000 square foot health pavilion featuring an ambulatory surgery center, a diagnostic imaging center, an urgent care facility, cardiovascular and neurological diagnostic centers and approximately seventy-five inpatient beds, and two or more medical office buildings and related infrastructure improvements; (ii) the funding of various
capital projects for general Hospital purposes, including, without limitation, renovations, repairs and acquisitions of capital equipment for the Hospital's Allentown and Bethlehem hospital facilities and other outpatient and administrative facilities; (iii) the cost of acquisition of a 25,000 square foot health and wellness center known as Union Station Plaza and a two story 20,000 square foot medical office building known as Eighth & Eaton Professional Building, each of which is to be used for administrative and outpatient services; (iv) the acquisition of an approximately 280 acre parcel of land located in Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, bordered by the Lehigh River to the South and Route 33 to the West; (v) the purchase by the Hospital for cancellation of up to $35,000,000 of the Authority's Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (Saint Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Project); (vi) the funding of a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds; (vii) the capitalization of a portion of interest on the Bonds; and (viii) the payment of certain costs and expenses in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital has requested that the Authority issue revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $175,000,000 (the "Bonds"), estimated to be sufficient to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Act permits an authority to undertake the financing of hospital or health care projects with loans to public hospitals, non-profit corporation health centers or non-profit hospital corporations serving the public which may duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes provided that a declaration is made by the municipality which organized an authority for such a project that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area to be served by the facilities to have such facilities provided by, or financed through, an authority; and

WHEREAS, the County Council is familiar with the Hospital, has determined that the Hospital is a public hospital, non-profit corporation health center or non-profit hospital corporation serving the public, and is concerned about improving the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Authority's undertaking of Project is hereby approved, it being understood that such approval shall not,
directly or indirectly, obligate the taxing power of the County or otherwise obligate the County in any way whatsoever, and is given for the sole purpose of complying with the provisions of the Act relating to the undertaking of the Project by the Authority.

2. It is hereby declared desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area served by the Hospital to have the Project and the project facilities financed through the Authority and the Authority is hereby requested and authorized to undertake the financing of the Project for the benefit of the Hospital by the issuance of the Bonds.

3. The proper officers and other personnel of the County and the Authority are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further actions and execute such additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

4. Any resolutions or part of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this resolution.

Mrs. McHale asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this resolution.

Mr. Angle advised he would like to enter a motion to table this resolution until the next meeting as he would like the County Executive and maybe even County Council’s Solicitor to review the matter because in paragraph 3, it states “(iv) the acquisition of an approximately 280 acre parcel of land located in Bethlehem Township...”. He further advised this property was zoned industrial by Bethlehem Township and if he was correct, the hospital was tax exempt, therefore, he wanted someone to justify to him why this prime commercial/industrial land was being taken off the tax rolls. He noted at the next meeting, he would like the officials from Bethlehem Township to be present to provide their opinion regarding this issue, have confirmation that the hospital was tax exempt and what this deal was going to cost before the resolution was passed.

After Mrs. Ferraro indicated she also had a comment, Mr. Angle withdrew his motion.

Mrs. Ferraro stated after the General Purpose Authority meeting, representatives from St. Luke’s Hospital held a press conference and indicated they were acquiring the Summit land.
She then asked if that was in the original proposal.

Mr. John Stoffa, County Executive, advised it was part of the plan and noted they would have approximately 500 acres.

Mr. Angle reiterated that would be property taken off the tax rolls which would affect Bethlehem Township, the Bethlehem Area School District and the County. Therefore, he made a motion to table this matter until they could hear from the officials of Bethlehem Township and received confirmation the hospital was tax exempt.

Mrs. Ferraro seconded the motion.

In response to Mr. McClure’s question, Mrs. McHale stated the resolution was presented by the General Purpose Authority. He then asked why the General Purpose Authority was asking for County Council’s approval at this time in the absence of the answers to the questions raised by Mr. Angle.

Mr. Stoffa advised the property was going to be used for a cancer center, as well as a lot of other appropriate things. However, he acknowledged he did not spend a lot of time delving into the tax issue. He further advised the vote by the members of the General Purpose Authority was unanimous.

Mrs. Ferraro stated she would like some time to review her records to see if the Summit property was part of the original proposal.

In answer to Mr. McClure’s question, Mr. Stoffa advised when the General Purpose Authority voted on it, he did realize the total number of acres that were involved. He further advised he agreed it would be a good idea to determine what their plans were.

Mrs. McHale called for the vote and stated if the motion passed, letters would be sent to the representatives of St. Luke’s Hospital, officials of Bethlehem Township and the board members of the Bethlehem Area School District to invite them to attend the next meeting on June 19, 2008.


The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.
Consideration of the Election Commission Personnel Request - Chief Registrar

Mrs. McHale advised the Election Commission recommended the selection of Mr. Howard Erney as the new Election Officer. She further advised the Personnel Committee met on June 4, 2008, to consider the request.

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there currently is a vacancy for the position of Elections Registrar, pay grade CS 29, salary range, $47,460 to $67,494.; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Election Commission has unanimously chosen Howard Erney to fill the vacant position of Elections Registrar, at step 12-L salary $64,587 of pay grade CS29.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the Northampton County Election Commission for Howard Erney to fill the position of Elections Registrar at step 12-L salary $64,587 of pay grade CS29.

Mr. McClure stated every indication he had was that Mr. Erney was a fine public servant and his service to the County was beyond reproach. However, he questioned if it was the Election Commission’s recommendation to set the salary at that level.

Mrs. McHale advised this was what County Council was told, but no official recommendation was received in writing.

In response to Mr. McClure’s question, Mr. Ken Kraft, Chairman of the Election Commission, stated Mr. Erney requested this salary.

Mrs. McHale advised she wanted to clarify if County Council adopted this resolution, they were not approving the salary, they were just agreeing with the Election Commission’s recommendation because the County Executive and Ms. Connie Sutton-Falk, Director of Human Resources, informed her if County Council approved this salary, it would be in violation of the Career Service Regulations. Therefore, at this point, she would like to table this issue as County Council did not receive a request from the Administration to approve this recommendation and felt that some clarification regarding the
Matter was required.

Mr. Dertinger seconded the motion because he had a lot of concerns with regard to the salary and the issue of overtime as overtime had always been paid in the past.

Mr. Kraft agreed, noting this position was previously eligible for overtime, however, Mr. John Conklin, Director of Administration, informed him that was no longer the case.

Ms. Joan Rosenthal, Election Commissioner, questioned how long this matter would be tabled for as there was a General Election coming up and they were working against time schedules.

Mrs. McHale informed her it would be tabled until the Administration provided County Council with the proper documentation stating the reclassification was done. Additionally, she stated she was withdrawing her motion at this time so further discussion could be held.

In answer to Mr. Kraft’s question, Ms. Sutton-Falk advised positions were advertised with the salary range, which set the minimum and maximum, and if someone was hired from the outside, they could be placed at Step 1, 2, or 3 of the scale.

In response to Mr. Kraft’s question, Mrs. McHale stated the Personnel Committee unanimously recommended the salary of $64,587, and it was at that time, Ms. Sutton-Falk indicated it would be in violation of the Career Service Regulations.

With regard to Mr. Dertinger’s comment pertaining to overtime, Mr. Stoffa advised under the Federal Labor Standards Act, which was Federal law, this position was illegally paid overtime. He further advised when they became aware of that fact, overtime for all exempt personnel was stopped.

Mr. Dertinger disagreed as there was nothing in the Federal Labor Standards Act that implied it was illegal to pay someone overtime. Further, he stated there was no other position that was comparable in leadership or as a department head which encompassed the requirements of this position.

Mr. Angle advised the Election Commission chose Mr. Erney to be the new Election Officer and the Personnel Committee unanimously voted to hire him at $64,587 because they felt he
was highly qualified. He further advised there was an important Presidential election coming up and that department needed someone qualified to lead it.

Mr. Angle made a motion to hire Mr. Erney at $64,587 to start immediately.

This motion failed as there was no second.

In answer to Mr. Angle’s comment, Mr. Cusick stated he felt the motion was unnecessary as the resolution was still on the table.

Mrs. McHale again made a motion to table this resolution to give the Administration and the Election Commission time to resolve the salary issue.

Mr. Dertinger seconded the motion.

Mrs. McHale called for the vote on the motion to table.


The motion to table passed by a vote of 4-3.

Ms. Rosenthal advised she felt they could work something out temporarily until the decision was final, but urged everyone to resolve the matter quickly.

Mrs. Neiper commented this was not a vote against Mr. Erney because it was felt he was very qualified, however, it was against the process.

In response to Mr. Angle’s question as to whether Mr. Erney met the criteria of Step 12-L, pay grade CS29, Ms. Sutton-Falk stated, according to the Career Service Regulations, he did not. She further stated under the Career Service Regulations, in a promotional situation, the employee could move one step on their current pay grade and to the newest highest salary in the new pay grade, which would be $54,160.

In answer to Mr. McClure’s question, Mr. Kraft advised Mr. Erney provided the salary based on his current salary and the fact that he made approximately $8,000 - $9,000 in overtime a year. He further advised Mr. Erney indicated he would not accept this position at the salary proposed by the Career
Service Regulations.

In response to Mr. Cusick’s question, Mr. Kraft stated they had interviewed the other two candidates, however, they were found not to be qualified.

Bethlehem Greenway

Mr. Dertinger advised a closing was held yesterday for the Bethlehem Greenway, which was a 3.9 mile rails to trails park.

Gambling Revenue Municipal Grants

Mr. Cusick stated County Council received information that the General Purpose Authority was going to be handling the gambling revenue municipal grants and wondered how the General Purpose Authority was chosen.

Mrs. Neiper advised Mr. Karl Longenbach, County Solicitor, issued an opinion that basically reflected there were no rules as to who could be chosen except it had to be an authority and not the County.

Mr. Angle stated he would rather see a separate authority instead of the General Purpose Authority handle this revenue.

Mr. McClure advised, in his opinion, this issue was not settled and he wanted to make it clear to the public that it would be up to County Council to determine if the General Purpose Authority would handle this revenue or a new authority would be established.

Finance Committee

Mr. Angle stated the Finance Committee met yesterday and voted unanimously on the County Executive’s concept of the $30 million bond issue which would allow him to proceed to obtain additional information with regard to the projects. He further stated he would like County Council’s Solicitor to research who had the authority to hire the bond advisors.

Human Services Committee

Mrs. Neiper advised at the last Human Services Committee
meeting, the Mental Retardation/Early Intervention Division was reviewed. She further advised there was going to be a change in the way the County received its grant money. She noted the County used to receive the money, deposit it and then use it as necessary and by doing that, the County was able to earn interest for further use. However, now the practice was going to be stopped and the money would be going to the vendors so there would be no interest money available for use which, in turn, would decrease the funding for this division.

Mrs. Neiper stated the June meeting would be held at Gracedale.

Wolf Building Security

In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question, Mr. Ross Marcus, Director of Human Services, advised security was now being provided for the Wolf Building.

Health Bureau

Mrs. Neiper indicated they were in the process of obtaining additional names for review and approval.

Prison Liaison

Mrs. McHale stated on Wednesday morning, a ceremony was held at the Prison and eight inmates received a high school diploma.

LANTA

In response to Mr. Angle’s question with regard to the intermodal project on the Wolf property, Mrs. McHale advised a committee of several board members was selected to meet with representatives of the Easton Area Parking Authority and Arcadia Properties to discuss revised plans.

Mr. Angle commented the condominium project was dead in
the water and with the state of the economy, the commercial end was probably not a viable project. Therefore, he was hoping the intermodal portion of the project was not a dead issue.

Mr. Angle advised the County was promised approximately 135 parking spots and asked if there were any plans in place to keep those spots. He further advised he believed it was time for the County to go back to Court and revoke the sale of that parking lot because nothing was being done there.

Council Clerk’s Report

Mr. Flisser stated the meetings for July would be held on July 10, 2008 and July 17, 2008.

Council Solicitor's Report

Mr. Zito provided a copy of his Solicitor’s Report for this meeting (see Attachment #2).

Adjournment

Mr. McClure made a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Neiper seconded the motion.

The motion passed by acclamation.

Frank E. Flisser