A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Ron Angle, President; John Cusick, Vice President; Thomas H. Dietrich; J. Michael Dowd; Bruce A. Gilbert; Lamont G. McClure, Jr.; Ann McHale; Barbara A. Thierry; Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council, and Frank E. Flisser, Clerk to Council. Absent was Margaret L. Ferraro.

Pledge of Allegiance

County Executive John Stoffa led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Prayer

Reverend Belfield Castello, First Moravian Church, Easton, led County Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. McHale made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the April 8, 2010 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Dowd seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Penny Himmel, 108 Old Orchard Drive, Easton, PA - stated she represented the Afro-American Committee, which was a group that was interested in diversity in County jobs. She further stated they presented a candidate they thought would be appropriate for the position of Director of Human Resources, but was told the person did not have public relations background.
However, after reviewing the article that came out in the Express Times, it appeared the candidate that was chosen had no Human Resources background so they were questioning the appointment.

Mr. Angle advised County Council was not part of the hiring process, but only approved appointments submitted by the County Executive. He further advised if she wished to make an appointment with Mr. Stoffa maybe he could explain to her the reasoning behind his selection.

Ms. Frances Ketchen, 3017 Frederick Street, Easton, PA - stated she was also with the Afro-American Committee and would like County Council to postpone the vote on the Director of Human Resources so their candidate, who was one of the finalists and met all the requirements for the position, could be considered. She further stated they would like to know how people in the Courthouse were hired and what was considered because the Afro-American Committee was not satisfied with the way things were going.

When Mr. Angle suggested she make an appointment to speak with Mr. Stoffa, Ms. Ketchen remarked they had talked to him and the time for talk was over, it was time for action.

Mr. Bob Pfenning, 2830 Linden Street, Bethlehem, PA - advised after the Sands received its table gaming license, there was an article in the newspapers that indicated that within weeks, work would continue on the hotel. However, it appeared to him that the Sands Corporate office was not going to put any money into the project unless it had to in order to keep the existing operation going. He noted a hotel was essential if they wanted to attract the high rollers, but the mall and conference center were not that high a priority.

Mr. Pfenning stated what concerned him the most was the property they owned was sitting vacant except for development by a few non-profits, acknowledging there was nothing that could be done because it was private property.

Lehigh County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Angle advised before moving on with the meeting, he
wanted to acknowledge the presence of Mr. Dean Browning, Chairman of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners.

**County Executive’s Report**

Mr. Stoffa stated the restoration of the parking deck would be started soon. He further stated it was going to take approximately four to six months to complete and would result in the loss of 60 parking spaces. He noted they were reviewing the plans to determine how best to handle the situation and asked for any suggestions.

Mr. Stoffa advised the items the Gracedale study would be addressing were whether to modify services, policies, procedures or management of the facility; whether Northampton County could partner with a neighboring County; whether the size of the facility should be scaled back; whether to close the facility over a multi-year period; whether to lease the facility; whether to sell the facility or any combination of these options, as well as any options County Council may want to consider. He further advised they have selected a firm called Complete Care at a cost of $18,000 and hoped to have the study completed by the end of July.

With regard to the treatment facility in Bethlehem Township, Mr. Stoffa stated they were starting to get serious about it and were meeting with the County’s financial advisor to consider funding options. He further stated if anyone from County Council wished to be involved in the process, to please let him know.

Mr. Stoffa advised the lift had been installed by the employees’ entrance, but had to be inspected by the City of Easton before it could be used and that was scheduled for next week.

Mr. Stoffa stated he believed he chose the most qualified candidate for the position of Director of Human Resources. He further stated the candidate referred to during Courtesy of the Floor did not have experience in the public sector and the one he chose did, which he thought was a critical factor.

Mr. McClure asked when an application was made
Sheriff’s Office for a permit to carry a concealed weapon, was it the County’s policy to telephone the employer of the person making the application.

Mr. Stoffa replied he did not know, but he would look into the matter.

Mr. Stoffa advised Mr. Scott Bush was here to give a presentation on Energy Services Company (ESCO) (see Attachment #1).

Mr. Bush stated he was the Project Manager for Borton-Lawson, who was the County’s facility engineering manager, and was here at the request of the County Executive to provide a brief overview of ESCO and Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreements (GESA).

Mr. Bush advised the County’s Department of Public Works had already started the process of soliciting qualifications from qualified energy savings services companies, which were businesses that developed, installed and financed projects designed to improve the energy efficiency and maintenance costs for facilities. He then explained some of the projects that could be involved in this program, as well as some of the advantages.

In answer to Mr. Gilbert’s question as to how the benchmark was established with regard to what the savings would be, Mr. Bush stated the ESCO provided an in depth audit, which was evaluated, reviewed and agreed upon by the County and the ESCO together.

Mr. Bush then reviewed a list of things to watch out for and some Pennsylvania agencies that utilized GESA and the process involved.

In answer to Mr. Dietrich’s question that due to the time it took to qualify an ESCO and the current deregulations taking place, if the County should wait or act now, Mr. Bush advised he felt the County should act because it had needs now that had to be addressed.
Mr. Cusick stated his township and others have been placing solar panels in an effort to save energy costs and asked if this was something that would be part of the process and how could it be determined if it was a good investment.

Mr. Bush advised it was actually in the Request for Qualifications that the ESCO considered using renewable energy sources, but only when it would cost effective.

Confirmation of Appointments

Mrs. McHale introduced the following resolution:

R. 32-2010 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that the following individuals shall be confirmed in their appointments as indicated hereafter:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Appointment: Term to Expire: 7/1/11
Mary Jane Long
27 Glenmoor Circle
Easton PA 18045

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Appointment: Term to Expire: 2/9/15
Karen L. Whitehill
787 South Delps Road
Bath PA 18014

Mrs. McHale stated these appointments were reviewed at the Personnel Committee meeting that was held yesterday and the members voted unanimously to recommend them.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.


Public Hearing on the Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Angle advised at the meeting held on April 8, 2010, the following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Dowd and Mrs. McHale:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO THE LEHIGH-NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (the "Authority") was organized by the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh County and Northampton County (the "Counties") pursuant to enabling legislation contained in the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended (53Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601, et seq.), pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by the Counties and as evidenced by the Articles of Incorporation of Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority as approved and filed on June 12, 1968; and

WHEREAS, an authority may, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.2 of the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, change, add to or diminish its powers or purposes, or set forth different or additional powers or purposes; and

WHEREAS, after considering the Airport Management Study prepared for the County of Lehigh and the County of Northampton by Louis Berger Group, Inc. dated February 6, 2009, the Board of Governors recommends an amendment to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation to allow the Board's size to be reduced to improve the Board's efficiency and response to issues which require the Board's attention and action; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2010, the Board of Governors of the Authority adopted Resolution No. 4480, which would provide for modifications of paragraph 8 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority so that it reads as follows:
"8. The Board of Governor's of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority shall hereafter consist of fifteen members, whose qualifications conform to the requirements for members of the governing body of municipal authorities as established by the Acts of Assembly pertaining thereto, eight (8) of which shall be appointed by the governing body of the County of Lehigh and seven (7) of which shall be appointed by the governing body of the County of Northampton."; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2010, the Board of Governors of the Authority adopted Resolution No. 4491(a copy of which is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit “A”), which clarifies the process for implementing the modifications to paragraph 8 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority. Resolution No. 4491 reads, in part:

"1. The Board of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority proposes that the reduction in Board size proposed by Resolution No. 4480 be implemented over a two year period with Lehigh and Northampton Counties appointing one member each in 2011 and one member each in 2012 resulting in the final Board size of 15 by January 1, 2013."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the County Council of the County of Northampton, Easton, Pennsylvania that:

(1) Paragraph 8 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority is hereby amended to read:

"8. The Board of Governor's of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority shall hereafter consist of fifteen members, whose qualifications conform to the requirements for members of the governing body of municipal authorities as established by the Acts of Assembly pertaining thereto, eight (8) of which shall be appointed by the governing body of the County of Lehigh and seven (7) of which shall be appointed by the governing body of the County of Northampton."

(2) The Northampton County Council concurs with
recommendation of Board of Governors of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, as set forth and proposes that the reduction in Board size proposed by Resolution No. 4480 shall be implemented over a two year period with Lehigh and Northampton Counties appointing one member each in 2011 and one member each in 2012 resulting in the final Board size of 15 by January 1, 2013.

(3) The appropriate personnel of Northampton County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all necessary further action and execute all necessary additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

(4) The appropriate personnel of Northampton County shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper offices and personnel of Northampton County whose further actions are required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.

(5) Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in so far as the same effect this Ordinance.

Mr. Dowd stated a study was conducted at the request of the County Executives for Northampton and Lehigh Counties to review the Lehigh Valley Airport. He further stated there were some recommendations made, which were being put into place, and one of them was to reduce the size of the board and this ordinance would allow that to happen in timely increments.

Public Hearing

Mr. Angle asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment on this issue. There were no respondents.

Mr. Angle asked if any member of County Council had any questions or comments. There were no respondents.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.

The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 7-1.

Consideration of the County Executive’s Appointment to the Position of Director of Human Resources

Mrs. McHale introduced the following resolution:

R. 33-2010  RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Patricia Ann Siemiontkowski shall be confirmed in her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Resources, salary range V, $70,508 to $102,526, effective May 3, 2010. The salary shall be at step E, $76,997 of the salary range.

Mrs. McHale advised this matter was discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting yesterday and it was the unanimous decision of the members to recommend Ms. Siemiontkowski for the position.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Between the County of Northampton and Northampton County Corrections Officers, District Council 88 and Local 2549 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

Mr. Angle stated before County Council considered this matter for a vote, he asked Mr. Lauer if he had a chance to review the contract and would it be appropriate for County Council to approve it.

Mr. Lauer advised he was recently informed that this was something he should take a look at, however, he only had a chance to quickly review it. He further advised he did not see anything offensive in it, but if County Council wanted a more in
depth response, he would like some more time to review it. He then asked if there was a deadline involved.

Mr. Stoffa stated the contract was just signed this morning and the County was trying to get them their money as soon as possible.

Mr. McClure advised in the past, Mr. Angle had always made a point that it was an Administrative function to negotiate the Collective Bargaining Agreements and it was a pro forma procedure for County Council to approve them. Therefore, he wondered why it was now necessary for the County Council Solicitor to review Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Mr. Angle stated the County Executive was the person to negotiate the contracts for the people working under him, but it was before County Council for final vote and his thinking was before a final vote was taken, Mr. Lauer might want to sit down with Mr. Karl Longenbach, Northampton County Solicitor, to review the documents.

Mr. Lauer advised, from a quick review, the document was in order, but he would be very happy to sit with Mr. Longenbach to review it.

Mr. McClure stated he would be interested to know what particular potential legal problems could be contained in this Collective Bargaining Agreement that Mr. Lauer’s review would cause County Council to interfere with the appropriate powers of the County Executive to negotiate and come to terms with the bargaining units.

Mr. Angle advised the issue for him was unless Mr. Lauer could state that he looked at the document and he saw no problem with it, it appeared County Council was taking a vote without legal advice.

Mr. Lauer stated he was not prepared to address anything to do with the content of the document, nor was that being asked of him. He further stated from the standpoint of his review of the document as to whether it contained appropriate types of agreements for this type of document, was it in the appropriate form and executed by the appropriate people, he would have to say it did.
Mr. Cusick advised based on Mr. Lauer’s statement, he made a motion to table this resolution until County Council’s next meeting.

Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion.

When Mr. Longenbach indicated this unit was entitled to binding arbitration and the contract had been looked at by the County’s outside labor counsel, Mr. McClure stated he did not understand what the problem was.

Mr. Dowd advised he did not remember County Council ever requesting their Solicitor to review a bargaining unit contract before, therefore, he wondered if this was now going to be the procedure going forth.

Mr. Angle stated the problem was County Council’s Solicitor was only given a few hours to review the contract, if he had been given a few days, he would not have raised this issue.

Mr. Angle offered an amendment to the motion to table which would be for County Council to approve the contract as to its terms pending its Solicitor looking at the legality of it.

Mr. Dowd seconded the amendment motion.

Mr. McClure advised the problem was the Administration had taken steps to improve relations with the employees and negotiated this contract with a unit that was entitled to binding arbitration because they expected they could do a better job and the first thing County Council wanted to do was postpone approving this contract despite the fact that multiple lawyers had looked at and approved it. He further advised this was not being supportive of the Administration’s new policy of negotiating.

Mr. Angle stated he believed the amendment indicated County Council did not have a problem with the terms, but he felt it would be irresponsible not to have County Council’s Solicitor, on the record, indicating that he reviewed it and it was in order.
As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote on the amendment to the motion.


The motion to amend the motion to table failed by a vote of 3-5.

Mr. Angle called for the vote on the original motion to table.


The original motion to table the vote on the contract failed by a vote of 4-4.

Mr. Dowd made a motion to amend the resolution that County Council approved the contract contingent upon the final review of County Council’s Solicitor.

Mr. McClure advised he had issues with this statement because if it was contingent upon final review of the County Council Solicitor, County Council did not approve the contract so it would be the same as if it was tabled.

Mr. Lauer stated Mr. McClure was accurate and it would be cumbersome to include that. He further stated he was not aware when he was provided an unsigned copy of the contract that he would have to issue an opinion on it and was only informed of that today. Therefore, if that was the issue, he asked if he and Mr. Longenbach could go somewhere to resolve the issue.

Mr. Angle advised that while Mr. Longenbach and Mr. Lauer were discussing this matter, County Council would move forward with the meeting.

Consideration of the District Attorney’s Personnel Request

Mrs. McHale introduced the following resolution:
RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council that the one (1) existing full-time position of Clerical Technician III, in the office of the District Attorney, pay grade CR-13, salary range $23,009 to $31,311, shall be upgraded to Clerical Specialist, pay grade CR-16, salary range $26,419 to $35,953, effective April 22, 2010.

Mrs. McHale stated this request came to County Council after a desk audit had been completed and was reviewed by the Personnel Committee at its meeting, but it did not have a majority to support this request. She further stated this was a union position and if County Council did not approve this request, the employee could file a grievance which would cost the County a lot more. She noted the District Attorney did have the additional cost in his budget.

Mr. Angle advised the County Executive was the boss of the County employees and the Home Rule Charter clearly did not state that the District Attorney could give pay raises or cuts. He further advised Mr. Stoffa had indicated, for budget purposes, once a year he would take all the department heads’ recommendations and decide what he was going to do for the following year. Therefore, these types of requests should not become before County Council during the year, but at budget time.

Mrs. McHale stated the person in this position was working out of class, which was confirmed by the Department of Human Resources, and the money was in their budget.

Mr. Angle advised the representatives of the Human Resources Department indicated at the Personnel Committee meeting that 20% of the County’s employees were probably underpaid and 20% were probably overpaid. Therefore, how could County Council vote on only one employee and be fair to all the other employees.

Mr. McClure stated he agreed it was not for the District Attorney to ultimately say how his budget was funded, but the responsibility of County Council.

Mr. Longenbach advised Section 503 of the Home Rule Charter
states, “The District Attorney shall have the power to direct and supervise the office of the District Attorney and its personnel, subject to the provisions of this Charter. The District Attorney, in person or through subordinates, shall have the power to appoint and remove members of the exempt service under his direction and supervision and to appoint, promote, transfer, demote, suspend, dismiss, or otherwise discipline members of the career service under his direction and supervision in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII.”

Mr. McClure stated his interpretation of what was just read was the District Attorney could bring this type of request, without going through the Administration, directly to County Council for approval. He further stated County Council had approved these types of requests numerous times in the past and even twice when the County Executive opposed.

Mr. Angle made a motion to table this resolution for two weeks to allow Mr. Longenbach, Mr. Lauer and the District Attorney to meet to discuss this issue.

Mrs. Thierry seconded the motion.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote on the motion.


The motion failed by a vote to 2-6.

In explaining his vote, Mr. Gilbert advised there may be people performing tasks at a greater level than what they were being compensated for and this was an issue that had to be reviewed. However, he was not prepared to allow this person to be denied an increase.

Mr. Dietrich stated a policy should be established that from this time forward, these types of requests should only be presented during budget time.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote on the resolution.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-1, with 1 abstention.

Mr. Angle asked Mr. Longenbach, Mr. Lauer and Mr. John Morganelli, the District Attorney, to meet and resolve the issue of presenting these types of requests at times other than during the budget process.

Consideration of the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Between the County of Northampton and Northampton County Corrections Officers, District Council 88 and Local 2549 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (continued)

Mr. Angle advised the meeting would now readdress the issue of the contract.

Mr. Lauer stated he did not review the contract for its contents because he did not think he was expected to do so as it was a negotiated document that had been reviewed by two other attorneys with respect to its contents. He further stated it appeared to him to be an enforceable and appropriate contract for County Council’s consideration.

Mrs. McHale introduced the following resolution:

R. 35-2010 WHEREAS, Northampton County Charter Section 202 (12) provides that, “The County Council shall have the power to approve any collective bargaining agreements with officers and employees”.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council that the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement between the County of Northampton and Northampton County Corrections Officers, District Council 88 and Local 2549 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees,
Mr. Cusick advised he believed this was a fair contract and he would support it. However, he was concerned about the continued use of overtime and he hoped the new Director of Human Resources could work with the Administration to address the issue. He further advised within the contract, there were 15 paid holidays, one of which was Flag Day, which he felt was excessive. He noted another item to be addressed in the future were uncapped sick day pay outs.

Mr. Gilbert stated he shared Mr. Cusick’s concerns with regard to overtime and he hoped one of the areas that would be looked at was the area whereby the County regulates the overtime process and at which point a problem would be brought to County Council’s attention.

Mrs. Thierry advised she agreed with both Mr. Cusick and Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Angle stated he just wanted to compliment everyone involved in this contract process for the outstanding job they did.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of the Resolution Supporting the Williams Township Application for Funding from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Cusick advised one of the advantages of living in a
bridge community was that the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission allowed for the application of grants. He further advised the Williams Township Board of Supervisors recently submitted a grant application to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission to do some improvements to various streets that were adjacent to the interchange. He noted one of the reasons why it was relevant to the County was in the 2001 Bond Issue, $229,770 was invested in the nearby Borough of Glendon for an industrial park development and this grant money would tie into the County’s money.

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 36-2010

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF
THE WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE DELAWARE RIVER
JOINT TOLL BRIDGE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, at the meeting held April 14, 2010, the Williams Township Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 2010-2, which authorized the submission of a grant application to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for funding to be used for completing various infrastructure improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement projects include:

$ the “Hilton Street Reconstruction” Project, including reconstruction of the cartway, installation of curbing and installation of a limited amount of fixed pipe stormwater system; and

$ the "Industrial Drive North" Project involving a partial base repair and overlay of the road; and

$ the "Industrial Drive South" Project involving a partial base repair and overlay of the road situated entirely within Williams Township; and

$ the "Industrial Drive South" Project involving a partial base repair and overlay of the road situated in both Williams Township and Borough of Glendon; and
\$ the "Belmont Street Reconstruction" Project which involves the reconstruction of the cartway, installation of some curbing and installation of some stormwater improvements; and

\$ the "Belmont Street Stormwater Improvements" Project involving the installation of a fixed pipe collection system to alleviate flooding in and around the Belmont Street Industrial Area.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton has allocated $229,770 in 2001 Bond Proceeds for the extension of a sanitary sewer in the Borough of Glendon in the vicinity of Hilton Street, which was to, in turn, aid in the development of an 18-acre industrial park in Glendon.

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement projects would improve township roads, stormwater management capabilities, and would enhance the public safety for Williams Township residents, as well as for those traveling through the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council that it does hereby endorse and support the Williams Township grant application for funding from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Compact Authorization Program. It is further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Williams Township Board of Supervisors.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.


Mr. Angle introduced the following resolution:
R. 37-2010 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for “any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County’s General Fund, such as those funded through bonded indebtedness.”

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2010, the Northampton County Council received a request on behalf of the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract, in the amount of $1,779,024.24, with Serfass Construction Co., Inc., Ace Electrical, Inc., and KC Mechanical Service, Inc. for work at Wayne A. Grube Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation, to award contracts to: Serfass Construction Co., Inc., Ace Electrical, Inc. and KC Mechanical Service, Inc. for work at Wayne A. Grube Park.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.


Mr. Angle introduced the following resolutions:

R. 38-2010 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County
Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for “any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County’s General Fund, such as those funded through bonded indebtedness.”

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the Northampton County Council received a request on behalf of the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract, in the amount of $103,000, with Pennoni Associates, Inc. for structural engineering services-construction administration for the parking deck/garage and walkway renovations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation, to award a contract to Pennoni Associates, Inc. for structural engineering services-construction administration for the parking deck/garage and walkway renovations.

R. 39-2010 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for “any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County’s General Fund, such as those funded through bonded indebtedness.”

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the Northampton County Council received a request on behalf of the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract, in the amount of $1,699,280, with Ram Construction Services of Cleveland, LLC for the restoration of the parking deck/garage and pedestrian walkway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation, to award a contract to Ram Construction Services of Cleveland, for the restoration of the parking deck/garage and pedestrian walkway.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Angle called for the vote.

The vote: Angle, “yes”; Cusick, “yes”; Dietrich, “yes”;

The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Wayne A. Grube Memorial Park - Eastern Area School District

Mr. Dowd and Mr. Gilbert made a motion that the County petition the Easton Area School District for a piece of turf from Cunningham Stadium, where Mr. Grube spent so much of his life, so that it could be placed at the Wayne A. Grube Memorial Park.

Mrs. McHale seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted by voice acclamation.

Human Services Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Dietrich stated the Human Services Committee held its first meeting. He further stated as the Human Services Department was approximately two thirds of the County’s budget, he felt it was worth keeping up to date on.

Finance Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Angle advised they were still gathering information and options available regarding the Swaption.

Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority Liaison Report

Mrs. McHale stated the Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority would be meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., in the County Council Meeting Room.

Bethlehem Township Treatment Center

Mr. Cusick asked if Mrs. Thierry, as County Council’s
Prison Liaison, would be part of the treatment center process at Bethlehem Township.

Mr. Angle requested Mr. John Conklin, Director of Administration, make Mrs. Thierry part of the process.

Ag Extension Liaison Report

Mr. Dietrich advised the people at Ag Extension offered farming advice and consultations.

Northampton-Lehigh County Health Commission

Mr. Angle stated Dr. David Lyon, Chairman, Lehigh Valley Board of Health, asked that a meeting of the Northampton-Lehigh County Health Commission be scheduled for June 8, 2010.

After some discussion, it was determined that Mr. Cusick, Mrs. Thierry, Mr. Dietrich, Mrs. McHale, Mr. Angle and Mr. Gilbert would be available to attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. McClure seconded the motion.

The motion passed by acclamation.