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

Prayer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. McClure made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting shall be approved.

Mrs. Thierry seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Lish Howard, Kreidersville Covered Bridge Association stated the County had been very good in supporting their bridge by providing grants under the Hotel Tax Grant Program so to show their appreciation they were presenting three separate black and white prints of the Kreidersville Covered Bridge.
Ms. Howard advised some students from the Northampton Area High School did a video project for them and a State wide Covered Bridge Association was going to be giving them an award.

Ms. Howard stated they would not be able to attend the County’s budget hearings, but she would like County Council to consider their request for a parking lot.

Mr. David McGuire, 223 North 19th Street, Allentown, PA - advised he was the Issues Coordinator for the Sierra Club of the Lehigh Valley. He further advised approximately $3.5 million was being designated for open space in the 2012 budget and he hoped County Council would pass it because 10 years ago, it became apparent that open space was being pushed aside for some unwise development which led to a set of severe problems such as traffic and people voted to have money put aside to save open space.

In answer to Mr. Angle’s question as to whether he had a priority as to where open space funding should be spent, Mr. McGuire stated in the budget, the allocation for farmland preservation was $2 million, environmentally sensitive lands was $1 million and $500,000 was for enhancing and increasing active recreational parks. He further stated their highest priority was environmentally sensitive lands based on obtaining easements, but the State insisted the public had to have full access to these properties.

In response to Mr. Angle’s comment that farmland was disappearing, but environmentally sensitive lands were already protected by the State and Federal governments, Mr. McGuire advised that was true up to a point, but some environmentally sensitive lands were not covered by the State and Federal budgets and laws.

Mr. Patrick McInerney, PO Box 81, Main Street, Martins Creek, PA - stated he was present with some members of the Lower Mount Bethel Environmental Advisory Council and he hoped County Council would honor the 2002 Open Space Referendum that was voted on by the taxpayers and fully fund it.

Ms. Tricia Mezzacappa, 817 Ridge Street, West Easton, PA - advised she wanted to discuss the West Easton Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Center because it came to her attention earlier
this week that the proposed budget did not include any impact fee to cover what West Easton Borough may experience.

Ms. Mezzacappa stated Mr. Abraham Atiyeh had a series of open hall meetings in the Borough of West Easton and approximately 200 citizens attended and they were not in favor of it. She further stated she was in favor of developing this property, but not in favor of the DUI Center.

Ms. Mezzacappa advised if there was going to be an impact fee, it be given with very clear parameters as to how that money could be spent because she was not in favor of a blank check going to a Borough that had overspent its budgets and did not use any accounting principles.

County Executive’s Report

Mr. John Stoffa, County Executive, stated the Human Services Department, excluding Gracedale, was 37% of the proposed budget for 2012 and served approximately 14,000-16,000 County residents.

Mr. Stoffa advised there were 272 employees in this department and were located at three different locations. He further advised when he first took office he wanted to have all the divisions located in one building and an investigation of a building was done, but there was not enough support for it.

Mr. Stoffa stated the County was now facing an emergency situation at the Wolf Building and it was going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, to make the necessary repairs. Therefore, he would like to begin looking for a building the County could lease and sell both the Bechtel and Wolf Buildings and put them back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Stoffa advised the problem was not finding a building big enough, the problem was finding a building with 275 or more parking spaces. He further advised he recently determined what reimbursement would be available for these programs to offset the cost of leasing, however, he did not want to begin this search without some support and guidance from the County Council.

Mr. Stoffa stated he would like the next Human Services Committee meeting be scheduled at the Wolf Building and all County Council members invited to attend so they could take a
tour of the building to see what was going on there.

Mrs. McHale suggested that Mr. Stoffa look at a building at the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park XII location as there was already public transportation available.

Mr. Dowd agreed that it made sense to start the process of looking elsewhere.

Mr. Angle advised he would like to explore looking at placing a building at Gracedale before looking elsewhere.

Mr. Stoffa stated the only problem with that was the process would take too long, noting there was a developer interested in both buildings.

Public Hearing on the Ordinance Titled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO LEASE 400 NORTHAMPTON STREET, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EASTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA”

Mr. Cusick advised the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Angle and Dowd at the meeting held September 15, 2011:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO LEASE 400 NORTHAMPTON STREET, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EASTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII, Section 13.15 Purchase, Sale and Lease of Real Estate Section c. (1) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Estate, provides, “The County Executive, or his designee, may negotiate a contract for the purchase, sale or lease (with the County as lessor or lessee) of real estate. Any such purchase/sale/lease shall be approved by County Council, and no such contract shall bind the County nor shall any conveyance be lawful, until County Council approves of the terms of the purchase/sale/lease.”; and

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 that conveyance or lease of any real property of the County."; and
WHEREAS, the Northampton County Executive has asked the Northampton County Council to approve a lease agreement with 400 Northampton LP. of 130 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, for office space for Northampton County District Court 03-02-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Northampton County Council that it does hereby authorize the County of Northampton, Easton, Pennsylvania, to lease approximately 3,500 square feet of office space, identified as 400 Northampton Street, First Floor, in the City of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania for the initial rent of $4,150.00 per month. The terms and conditions of the lease shall be in accordance with the lease agreement and related documentation, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after the date of enactment.

Public Hearing

Mr. Cusick asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments. There were no respondents.

Mr. Cusick asked if any member of County Council had any questions or comments.

Mr. Dowd stated he had a conversation with Easton Mayor Sal Panto because there was some discussion whether the City had any other space available and he determined there was not. He further stated the Mayor indicated he felt this was a good location and would take the Court out of Center Square so it would be beneficial to the City as well.

Mr. Cusick advised since he felt there were some other opportunities that were worth exploring, he had a discussion with Mr. Jim Onembo, Court Administrator. He further advised one of the things that was discussed was the use the Milides Building, but Mr. Onembo indicated that the Courts was not interested in pursuing it.

Mr. Cusick stated he also found out that the Weller Center had not even been investigated as a possible site even though the County was still owed a substantial sum in the form of a mortgage on that property.
As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Presentation of Discover Lehigh Valley

Mr. Cusick advised Mr. Mike Stershic, President, Discover Lehigh Valley, was present to address County Council.

Mr. Stershic stated County Council should have received their audited statements for the year. He further stated they had a reasonably good year and part of the reason for that was they received a State grant, which they had not spent and was carried forward. He noted they also reserved some funds that would impact the bottom line of the Visitors Center in Bethlehem and they had a larger increase in the Hotel Tax than anticipated when their budget was prepared last year.

Mr. Stershic advised County Council should have their annual report by the time they had their annual meeting in late October that would provide a summary of where they spent their marketing dollars and where they planned to spend it during the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Stershic stated Fiscal Year 2010/2011 was a much better year than Fiscal Year 2009/2010 partially due to the rainfall and gasoline prices during that time period. He further stated room sales were up approximately 11.6% so things were going very well, however, there were some concerns about the state of the economy.

Mr. Stershic advised in 2009, there was approximately $1.5 billion in visitor spending and they anticipated it was going to be close to $1.65 billion in 2010.
In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question as to the impact the Bethlehem Sands Hotel was going to have, Mr. Stershic stated there was no impact in the fiscal year that just ended, but the good news was they were not seeing any negative impact on other properties in the Lehigh Valley.

In response to Mr. Cusick’s question as to what role his organization had in bringing Southwest Airlines to the Lehigh Valley, Mr. Stershic advised they have been working with the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority and the focus group involved in attracting not just Southwest Airlines, but other airlines for quite some time.

In answer to Mr. Angle’s comment that he did not understand how the entertainment being offered at the Sands would not have a negative impact on entertainment being offered at SteelStax, Mr. Stershic stated, in theory, it was the difference in the quality of the acts that appear due to the size of the venue. However, he felt the real issue was going to be the amount of dollars that were going to be invested in entertainment not only for residents of the Lehigh Valley, but outside of it as well. He further stated this was not something that was going to happen quickly, they had to build their reputations as high quality performance venues.

In response to Mr. Cusick’s question as to how their relationship was with the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, Mr. Stershic advised he felt the problem before was the two organizations did not discuss their marketing plans, however, within the past several years, they have been working much more closely with their marketing department.

Mr. Angle stated he often wondered if it would be much more efficient to fully integrate the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Discover Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Stershic advised he had seen fully integrated organizations that included commerce, economic development and tourism, however, where that occurred, one element usually got left out as a priority and it was generally tourism because it had the least power among the two other organizations.

Mr. Stershic stated when people think of tourism, they think of hotels and large for-profit organizations that drive tourism, but they should not forget about the thousands of
volunteers, such as the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Association, who also drive a lot of tourism throughout their industry.

Mr. Stershic advised they received a letter of resignation from Mr. John Conklin, Director of Administration and the County Executive’s representative to their board, and he wanted to let everyone know that Mr. Conklin did a fine job as a member of their board and would be missed.

Introduction of the Ordinance Titled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON REGARDING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN PRESENTED BY THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CREATING THE ROUTE 33 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS”

Mr. Cusick stated the Route 33 TIF Plan was reviewed at the joint meeting of the Economic Development and Finance Committees that was held on September 14, 2011. He further stated the public hearing, debate and possible vote was scheduled for the October 22, 2011 County Council meeting.

Messrs. Dowd and Gilbert introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON REGARDING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN PRESENTED BY THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CREATING THE ROUTE 33 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton, Pennsylvania (the "County") is a County existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth"); and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Industrial Development Authority (the "Authority") is a public instrumentality and a body politic and corporate organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth, having been duly organized by the County pursuant to provisions of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law, Act of August 23, 1967, P.L. 251, as amended, 73 P.S. §371 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is taking the necessary steps to propose the creation of a tax increment district within the
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Township of Palmer, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (the "Township") in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act, Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465, as amended, 53 P.S. §6930.1 et seq. (the "TIF Act") in order to assist in a project (the "TIF Project") consisting of the financing of the design, acquisition and construction of an interchange and related improvements to Pennsylvania Route 33 and other necessary and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the development of the TIF Project, the Authority has proposed the establishment of a tax increment district within each of the Township, the School District and the County to be designated the "Route 33 Tax Increment Financing District" as a prerequisite to the issuance of tax increment notes or bonds (the "TIF Debt") to provide financing for the costs of the TIF Project, all as provided by and pursuant to the TIF Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the TIF Act, the Authority, working with the designated representatives of the County, the Township and the School District, has prepared a Route 33 Tax Increment Financing District Project Plan (the "Project Plan"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and defined the boundary lines of the Route 33 Tax Increment Financing District (the "TIF District"), located within each of the Township, the School District and the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Project Plan, the Easton Area School District (the "School District"), the County and the Township are asked to allocate to the Authority a portion of incremental ad valorem tax revenues, determined with reference to the tax increment base, resulting from the increase in the total market value of real property values in the TIF District due to the completion of proposed improvements within the TIF District (the "Tax Increment"), which Tax Increment is to be applied by the Authority to payment of the principal of and interest on the TIF Debt; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the School District have each adopted resolutions agreeing to participate in the TIF District and approving the Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Township certified the proposed TIF District as a redevelopment area within the meaning of the Urban Redevelopment Law pursuant to a resolution adopted on September 14, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has been requested to take the
necessary steps and to enact the appropriate legislation to have the County participate in the TIF District in compliance with the requirements of the TIF Act; and

WHEREAS, the Project Plan has been submitted to the County Council and a formal presentation, as required by the TIF Act, has been made to the County Council, which presentation included a description of the proposed boundaries of the TIF District, the tentative plans for the development or redevelopment of the TIF District and an estimate of the general impact of the proposed TIF District on property values and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the County is expected to benefit from the use of tax increments to pay certain project costs within the TIF District by stimulation of private investment, increases in property values, creation of employment opportunities and improvement of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing at which the public was afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the proposed TIF District, the Project Plan and the TIF Project in accordance with the requirements of the TIF Act; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to participate in the TIF District for the public purposes set forth in the TIF Act; and

WHEREAS, the TIF Act requires the County to take certain actions to proceed with the creation of the TIF District and the County's participation in the TIF District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of the County of Northampton, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Project Plan prepared by the Authority for financing the TIF Project hereby is approved with respect to the County in substantially the form presented at this meeting.

2. The TIF District specifically described in the Project Plan is hereby created.

3. The boundaries of the TIF District are as identified in the Project Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. The TIF District is to be created as of the earliest to occur of (a) July 1, 2012 and (b) the date of incurrence of TIF Debt payable from and secured by the TIF Increment. The TIF District will continue in existence for a period of twenty years...
from the date of its creation.

5. The name of the TIF District is to be the Route 33 Tax Increment Financing District.

6. After due consideration, the County finds as follows:

(a) The TIF District is a contiguous geographic area within a redevelopment area;

(b) the improvement of the area is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the TIF District;

(c) the aggregate value of equalized taxable property of the TIF District, plus all existing tax increment districts, does not exceed 10% of the total value of equalized taxable property within the County;

(d) the area comprising the TIF District as a whole has not been subject to adequate growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be adequately developed without the adoption of the Project Plan;

(e) a feasible method exists for the compensation of individuals, families and small businesses, if any, that may be displaced by the TIF Project and for their relocation to decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means, without undue hardship to such individuals, families and businesses;

(f) the Project Plan conforms to the County's master plan;

(g) the Project Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the community as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the TIF District by private enterprise; and

(h) the TIF District is a blighted area containing characteristics of blight as described in the Urban Redevelopment Law (Act of May 24, 1945, P.L. 991, No.385, as amended) and the TIF Project to be undertaken is necessary to eliminate such conditions of blight.
7. Conditioned upon (i) all requirements of the TIF Act being duly satisfied, (ii) the formation of a neighborhood improvement district to authorize imposition of special assessments within the TIF District to provide additional revenues, as necessary, for payment of debt service on the TIF Debt, and (iii) a mutually agreed upon cooperation agreement with respect to the TIF Project being duly authorized and entered into by and among the School District, the County, the Township and the Authority, the County agrees to:

(a) participate in the TIF Project and allocate 100% of the County's share of the Tax Increment to the Authority for the years 1 through 5 of the TIF Debt and 80% of the County's share of the Tax Increment to the Authority for the remaining term of the TIF Debt; and

(b) allocate such Tax Increment for a period not to exceed (i) twenty (20) years, beginning on the date of creation of the TIF District or (ii) the final maturity of the TIF Debt, whichever first occurs.

8. The County's allocated share of the Tax Increment will be available to be used by the Authority solely to pay costs of the TIF Project and to pay the principal of and interest on the TIF Debt, as more fully provided in the Project Plan.

9. The County Executive and the other proper officers of the County are authorized on behalf of the County to take such actions and to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation of the Project Plan consistent with this Ordinance, including but not by way of limitation, negotiation of a Tax Increment Financing Cooperation Agreement by and among the Township, the School District, the County and the Authority (the "TIF Cooperation Agreement") in furtherance of the Project Plan, which TIF Cooperation Agreement is to set forth, among other things, the tax increment base and the procedure for collection and transfer of the Tax Increment to or for the benefit of the Authority. The County Executive hereby is authorized and directed to execute and deliver and the proper officer of the County hereby is authorized and directed to attest the TIF Cooperation Agreement, in form and substance consistent herewith and satisfactory to said County officials with the advice of counsel, the execution and delivery of which by said County officials is to be conclusive evidence of the approval and authorization by the County of the final terms of the Cooperation Agreement.
10. The appropriate public officials of the County hereby are directed to take such additional actions in cooperation with the Authority, the School District and the Township as necessary in furtherance of the implementation of the Project Plan, the creation of the TIF District and the undertaking of the TIF Project.

11. The Clerk of Council hereby is authorized and directed to publish a summary of this Ordinance and the other matters required by the County's Home Rule Charter and to deliver a copy of this Ordinance to the Authority, the School District and the Township.

12. This Ordinance will become effective thirty (30) days after the date of enactment. Any ordinance and resolutions to the extent inconsistent herewith hereby are repealed.

13. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision will be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which will be in full force and effect.

14. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the County's election to participate in the Project Plan will not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor will the County be liable for the payment of principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority, including the TIF Debt.

Mr. Angle advised a few weeks ago, County Council held an Executive Session and he received the authorization to set up a meeting with himself, Mr. Stoffa and representatives of the Chrin Company to negotiate some additional benefits for the County. He further advised there was an agreement, in principle, whereby the Chrin Company would pay a 1.5% fee on the gross sale of every lot with a cap of $2 million to be used for farmland preservation because the County would be losing approximately 400 acres of outstanding farmland.

In answer to Mrs. McHale’s question as to whether that would be submitted prior to the voting on the ordinance, Mr. Angle stated it would.
Mrs. Ferraro advised before she voted on this ordinance, she would like to know that the residents in that area were going to be protected with traffic lights and patterns especially since 4,000 school children were within two miles of it.

Mr. Angle stated that was the reason he held a public meeting last night and the point they made was there was no interchange so the traffic had to go down the smaller roads, but the interchange would relieve that situation. He further stated the Chrin Company was meeting with the schools to determine what their concerns were, but anything they did had to be approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. He acknowledged that people would be inconvenienced during the construction of the interchange and that was one of the issues discussed last night.

Consideration of the Administrative Code Article XIII Contract Approval Resolution - Artefact, Inc. - Historic Courthouse Window Replacement Project

Mr. Cusick advised from time to time, County Council was asked to approve certain contracts due to the provisions of Administrative Code Article XIII. He further advised this particular request involved an amendment to the existing contract with Artefact for the Historic Courthouse Window Repair and Replacement Project.

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 86-2011 WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council adopted resolutions #95-2009 and #115-2010, which approved contract change orders for the Historic Courthouse Window Replacement Project.

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.”; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2011, the Northampton County Council received a request from the Northampton County Executive
to approve two change orders totaling $48,000, in the individual amounts of $29,000, and $19,000 relative to the contract with Artefact, Inc.

WHEREAS, these change orders are being funded through Department of Energy grant funds; and

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 approve the contract change orders for Artefact, Inc. for the Historic Courthouse Window Repair and Replacement Project.

Mr. Steve DeSalva, Director of Public Works, stated this was a very complicated project because they combined two projects into one. He further stated one project was funded by a grant from the Department of Energy which allowed them to do the other project which was funded by the General Fund.

Mr. DeSalva advised it became very clear at the beginning of the projects that there were going to be a lot of issues that would have to be addressed because of the Federal regulations that had to be followed.

Mr. DeSalva stated the project had been an amazing success, but it involved a lot more work than anyone could have anticipated in order to get it done right, on time and on budget.

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


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.
Executive Session

Mr. Cusick advised the County Executive had requested an Executive Session to discuss the potential sale or lease of real estate.

Mrs. Thierry made a motion for County Council to move to Executive Session.

Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Lauer stated County Council moved into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m., during which time a discussion was held with regard to a real estate matter.

Conservation District Liaison Report

Mrs. Ferraro advised the Conservation District held its 50th Anniversary party this afternoon and a good time was had by everyone in attendance. She further advised this was a hard working group and instead of coming to the County for funding, they did as much as they could with the grant money they received.

Airport Authority Liaison Report

Mr. Dowd stated he planned to introduce the new director at an upcoming meeting of County Council. He then suggested everyone check out the new website which was more user friendly.

Mr. Dowd advised they had visited Southwest Airlines in Texas whom they were aggressively pursuing, noting different businesses in the Lehigh Valley have even been providing product packages.
Budget Hearings

Mr. Cusick stated the first Budget Hearing would be held at 4:00 p.m., on October 11, 2011.

Solicitor’s Report

In reference to the Executive Session, Mr. Lauer advised he wanted to clarify that the Administrative Code indicted that in order for the County to sell real estate, sealed appraisals from two sources had to be obtained and then the County Executive could negotiate whatever purchase price he believed appropriate. He further advised the purchase was not effective until it was approved by County Council and at the time it was presented to County Council, the two sealed appraisals had to be disclosed.

Adjournment

Mrs. McHale made a motion to adjourn.