

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AGENDA MEETING – 1/20/05

Present: Freeholders Mirabella, Estrada, Holmes, Kowalski, Mapp, Scanlon,
Sullivan & Ward
County Manager Devanney, Deputy County Manager Genievich
County Counsel Bob Barry, COB Nicole Tedeschi,
Also: Joe Salemme, Labor Management Relations
Chuck Sigmund, Director, Parks & Recreation
Frank Dann, Director, Engineering & Public Works
Jeff Sias, Engineer

There were seven items discussed:

1: Contract Negotiations: An update on contract negotiations with 14 out of 20 unions was given. Please see attachments.

2: Geese Management Program: The resolution to institute the geese management program was discussed.

3: Cranford Bridge: An update on the Eastman Bridge which was built 9” – 10” too low was discussed. The NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection has issued a Notice of Violation. Dann & Sias are currently collecting data to send to the DEP to determine what should be done to the bridge. Schoor DePalma has already begun to develop a plan to correct the height discrepancy of the bridge . Modification could cost approximately \$300K - \$400K.

4: Berkeley Heights Property: The property that hosts the “White House” has been subdivided into 4 lots and 2 of them will be sold. The one lot with the house on it is just under an acre and has appraised for \$485K. The other lot is vacant and is approx 1 acre and it appraises for \$300K. The County Manager asked the Board if, when the properties go to auction, should the bidding start at the appraisal prices. The consensus of the Board was in the affirmative.

5: Personnel Matters: In the future, if outside counsel is needed in personnel matters, they will be assigned by Bob Barry and Liz Genievich, as opposed to Directors or the Personnel Division Director calling counsel directly.

6: Cell Towers: The possibility of allowing phone companies to construct cell towers on county property was discussed. This could be revenue generating for the county wherein one tower could generate approx \$35K per year. Further, this is a biddable commodity. The Board authorized the County Manager to explore the possibility as long as a disclaimer for health risks would be included in the contract.

7: Reorganization: A discussion was held relative to the possible reorganization of the Department of Operations and Facilities.