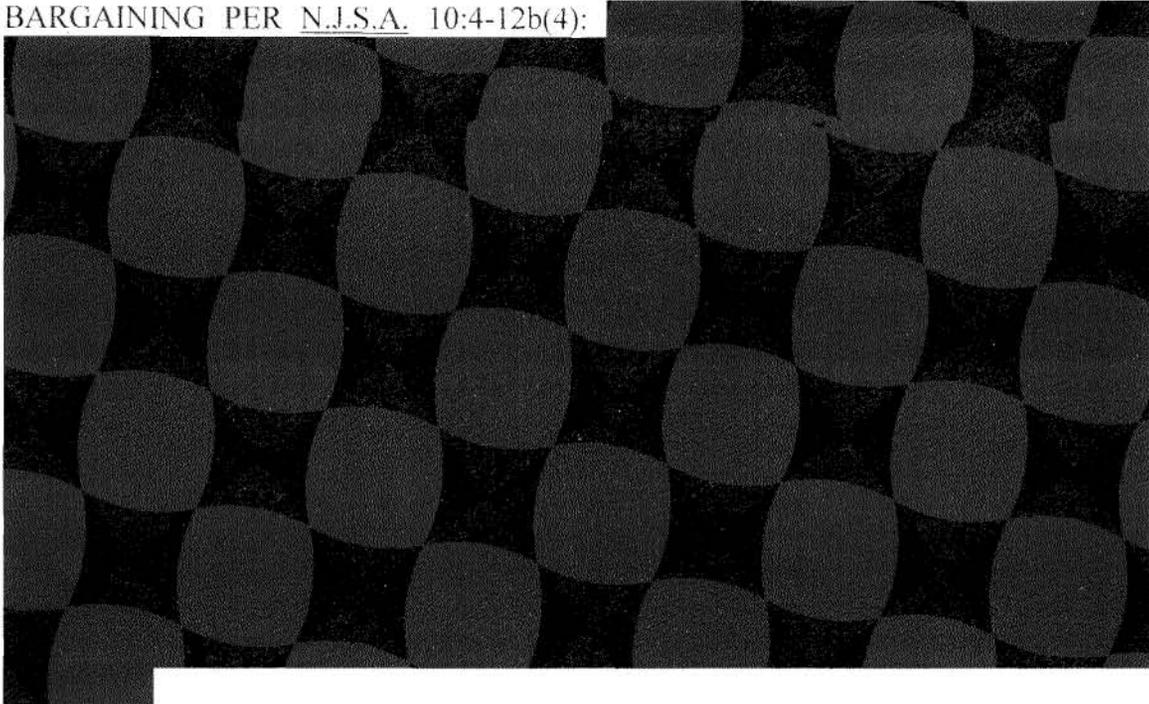


The Board met in Executive Session Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 8:23 p.m. with the following members present: Freeholder John DiMaio, Freeholder Richard Gardner, Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

PERMANENTLY REDACTED AS TO SUBJECT: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(4):



Mr. Marvin distributed a new 2008 Employee Retirement Projection Form (taken from '08 Budget requests) and proposed Form of Vacancies Report to be provided periodically to the Board.

The January 18, 2008 Highlands Litigation decision by Mercer County Superior Court Judge Innes granting the State's Motion to Dismiss was discussed. While it had previously been the Board's desire to cease participation in this litigation at the conclusion of Superior Court proceedings, leaving appeals to the individual party plaintiffs, the Board now is inclined to consider continued participation. Mr. Marvin was asked to obtain a Litigation Budget from Attorney Steve Shaw for the Board's consideration.

The Board briefly discussed the New Jersey DEP's offer to sell the Round Barn at the Pequest Fish Hatchery. Mr. Gardner had spoken with Cultural & Heritage Commission representatives about potential uses. It is decided that the Board no longer retains an interest in this acquisition and Mr. Marvin will inform the New Jersey DEP accordingly.

Mr. DiMaio briefed the Board on the January 17, 2008 meeting concerning the Court House Renovations Project. It was noted that between the first Project Meeting and this second meeting, the Courts attempted to hijack the planning priorities to provide additional office space rather than Court Room improvements. After some discussions with the Court's representatives and the County's project architect at this latest meeting, Mr. DiMaio believes that all the parties now understand clearly that it is the County's intention to renew these areas as secured Court Rooms and that as the funding agency, the Freeholder Board will control the process and results.

Mr. Gardner raised the issue of repopulating the Environmental Commission. It was noted that this group has lost sight of their charge with respect to the enabling resolution which created them. Some ideas were discussed for alternate structure of the Commission should the Board decide to continue their existence. Mr. Marvin will assist Mr. Gardner in looking at alternate structure and methods by which Environmental Commission authority might be clearly restated to them.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes