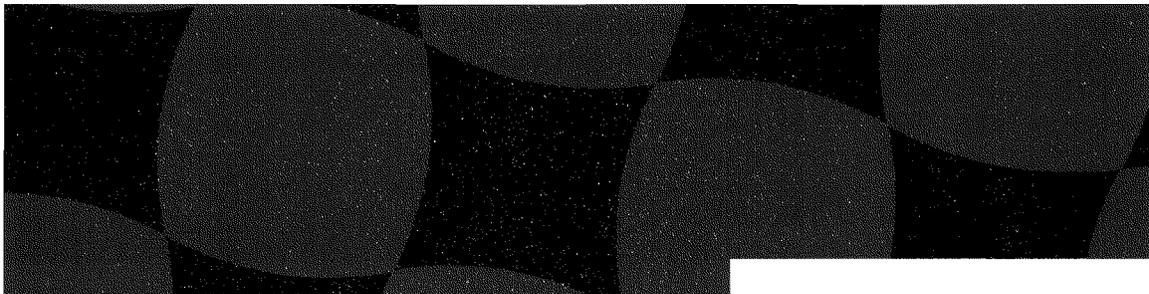
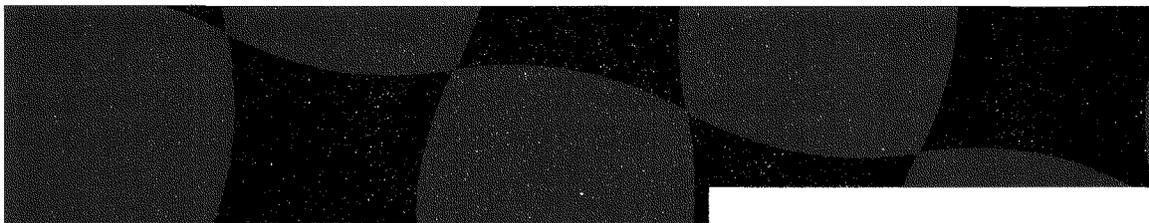


The Board met in Executive Session Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 8:05 p.m. with the following members present: Freeholder Rick Gardner, Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, Assistant County Counsel Erik Hassing and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

Brief discussion was held on each of the following matters:

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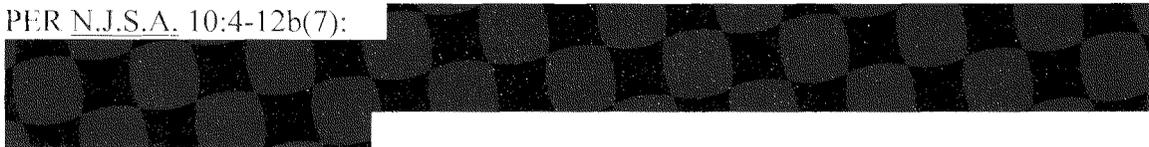
(2) *Matters Relating to Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege:* Items to be discussed include: Draft of letter in response to Mayor Wyant's 3/5/09 letter re: Library services; letter from NJ Department of Health & Senior Services to Health Officer Claude Mitchell re: Public Health Nursing Agency Director.

Library Director Richard Moore joined Executive Session to discuss issues concerning Phillipsburg and the Federation Agreement. General discussion ensued as to the response received from Mayor Wyant, the "fact sheet" being distributed by the Phillipsburg Library and options for the County's response. After discussion, it was decided that rather than engage in trading letters back and forth, we will do a resolution for the meeting of April 8, 2009 extending the Federation Agreement until December 31, 2010 and will forward same to Phillipsburg for them to take some more action. Additional discussions will continue to be held with Phillipsburg concerning amending the Agreement or taking other options.

The letter from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to Health Officer Claude Mitchell of March 4, 2009 concerning a PHNA Director was discussed. Mr. Marvin reviewed with the Board, the process undertaken in late 2008 to identify and interview candidates from amongst qualified PHNA staff. It was the consensus that action must be taken to respond to DHSS by appointing a classified Public Health Nursing Supervisor and that Mr. Marvin should negotiate this provisional appointment with the selected candidate, Judith Leone. Brief discussion was held concerning salary issues, etc. On a related matter, the two agency vacancies for Graduate Nurse, Public Health, were discussed and the Board approved the hiring requests for same.

Mr. Hassing noted that on Monday, March 23, 2009, a meeting was held in Mr. Bell's office with Mr. Bell, Purchasing Director Chris Pessolano and County Engineer David Hicks concerning the possibility of inclusion of Alternative Dispute Resolution in our large-scale construction contracts in the future. By incorporating this into our bid documents, the County could name the arbitrator as a condition of the contracts and preclude litigating construction disputes. The Board will give further consideration to this concept upon receipt of additional information from Mr. Bell.

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Mr. Chamberlain provided a briefing of the meeting earlier this date with A.J.S.C. Ciccone, Joe Houston and Joe Bell. Architect Ray O'Brien also attended portions of this meeting. In general, Judge Ciccone is seen as extremely cooperative in accommodating the County's needs concerning the Court House Renovation Project, however, as a compromise to the Court's late request for an interior hallway to accommodate the Judges, Mr. Chamberlain agreed that a re-examination of the exterior stairwell/connecting area will be undertaken. Architect O'Brien has been asked to review and provide additional information as to cost, design, etc. It was noted that the Courts have been very cooperative in cleaning out the attic area records to accommodate impending renovation, but that our Surrogate and Sheriff have not been as cooperative. Judge Ciccone agreed to send a letter to them compelling their immediate assistance.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board returned to open session at 9:29 p.m.

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