Members Present
Mr. Nicholos, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. James, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Vickery, and Mr. Tripp

Members Absent
Mr. Bossert, Ms. Waskosky, Mr. Whitis, and Mr. Yates

In Attendance
Mr. McLaren, Dave Cagle, Bob Hart, Randy Higgins, Brenda Gorski, and Rick Einfeldt

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Nicholos at 9:05 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment
None

3. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Mr. Marcotte to approve the minutes from February 28, 2007. Motion carried.

4. Delbert Miller- Facilities Manager
Mr. Higgins appeared on behalf of Mr. Miller. He had nothing for the committee today.

5. Bob Hart- Maintenance Director
   a. Painter/Custodian for Maintenance Department
Mr. Hart stated he is requesting an additional painter. Currently, one painter takes care of eight buildings. The County has added 172,000 square feet of building to paint. When the current painter is on vacation or sick, a custodian is used to paint. Then the custodian is away from their job.

   Original Motion
A motion to approve the additional painter and send to the Executive Committee was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Marcotte.

   Discussion on the Motion
Mr. Nicholos stated that this is an additional painter taking a custodian position. This is not a painter that was on before. This is a custodian position that Mr. Hart would like to turn into a painter position.

   Ms. Bernard stated that she has a job description for custodians and painting is included in that job description. Her concern is that the jail is currently running at two-thirds capacity. She thinks that the County needs

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to hold off on expanding our personnel at this point. She stated that painting is not a continual position. If the census for the jail goes back up then this topic should be revisited. Maybe the trustees should be put to work.

Mr. Nicholos asked if there is anyway to maybe temporarily promote a custodian to a painter to help catch some of the work up and then move them back down to the custodian position.

Ms. Hertzberger asked what the rule is on using inmates or trustees to do this kind of work.

Mr. Nicholos suggested using a balance between the inmates doing some work at the jail and have a custodian do painter work for one day and get paid for doing the painter’s work.

Mr. McLaren suggested talking with the head of the Union about this issue.

**Withdraw**

Mr. Tripp withdraws his motion.

Mr. Marcotte withdraws his second to the motion.

**Second Motion**

A motion to table the painter/custodian was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

6. **Other**

a. **Public Access Studio**

Mr. Nicholos stated that Ms. Bernard asked for this topic to be placed on the agenda.

Ms. Bernard thanked Mr. Nicholos for allowing this information to be placed on the agenda.

Ms. Bernard stated that she has been doing some research on this and she has found several issues that need to be explored. The County will want to look at what the scope is going to be. The cost of the equipment and how much is it going to cost to prepare the studio? Where is the studio going to be? What kind of cost will the County want to charge the public for equipment access and training? Who is going to operate the studio? There are several different ways to put this project together.
Ms. Bernard stated that it would be great to have something like this. There are so many good things our County has that would benefit from getting the word out on public access.

Ms. Bernard stated that the Cable Franchise Agreement does allow the County to decide whether or not it wants to have a studio. The County signed this agreement approximately one year ago. The County has two years from the date the agreement was signed to decide on the studio. The agreement calls for a fifty cent per line charge to fund the studio. She would like to see if the attorneys could research that to see if the County has to charge that in order to keep the studio running because the County’s Cable Franchise Fees have been very healthy.

Ms. Bernard stated what some Communities do that have these studio is if someone produces a program with locally owned equipment and that program gets sold and they get paid for that the County actually collects royalties from that program.

Ms. Bernard stated that it is much too complicated to talk about all of this information today; she would suggest forming a subcommittee or ask Comcast to come to the Committee next month to talk about the Public Access Studio.

Ms. Hertzberger stated that this is a good idea, but she would look forward to hearing from someone from Comcast.

Mr. Nicholos stated that Manteno has a very nice setup. Instead of the studio being the County’s responsibility, he would like to see a cooperative between the County, the school district(s), and Comcast. He thinks the best way to get this started is to invite someone from Comcast to come to this Committee and give us some ideas.

6. **Old Business**

   None

7. **New Business**

   a. **Long Range Planning**

   Mr. Nicholos stated that he had a great meeting with Mr. Hart and Mr. Miller concerning the Courthouse and some of the maintenance and other types of projects that are there. Mr. Hart has tentatively sat down and put together a five year plan on replacing some of the things around the Courthouse. The three of them are going to sit down again to get something formal together to present to the Committee, which then can be sent on to Finance to find ways to fund the projects.

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Ms. Bernard asked Mr. Hart to look into lighting the flag on the ground in front of the Courthouse.

8. **Adjournment**
   A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Marcotte to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried.

Sam Nicholos, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson
Executive Coordinator

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