

**ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012 AT 12:00 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTROOM
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
3 HIGH STREET, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY**

Item

1. **Call to Order by the Clerk of the Board** at 12:00 pm.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the New Year unfolds and the County prepares to add another chapter to its long and rich history, the Board of Chosen Freeholders would like to thank you for attending its 2012 Annual Reorganization Meeting, and appreciates your interest in County Government and your community. Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

At this time, I would like to call this Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to order.

2. **Invocation and Moment of Silent Prayer** by Reverend Ernest Kosa.
3. **Salute to the Flag**
4. **Public Statement**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Adequate Notice, as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail on the 30th day of November, 2011, as per authorization of the Board, and per notice which was posted, faxed and mailed from the Administrative Offices of the County of Sussex, located in the Administrative Center, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey, to the following: New Jersey Herald, New Jersey Sunday Herald, The Star Ledger, WNNJ Radio and WSUS Radio, and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements, and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. **Jeffrey M. Parrott, County Clerk** – read the Determination Statement for the November 8, 2011 Election.
6. **Phillip R. Crabb** was sworn in as a member of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders by Judge Frederic G. Weber for a three-year term.

Oath of Office was placed on file and recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office.

7. **Jeffrey M. Parrott** was sworn in as County Clerk by Judge William J. McGovern III for a five-year term.

Oath of Office was placed on file and recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office.

8. **Angela Rosa** was sworn in as Deputy County Clerk by Judge William J. McGovern III.

9. **Director of Board of Chosen Freeholders**

Clerk of the Board states that the first order of business is the election and appointment of a Director for the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2012.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
1-2012 FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2012**

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to appoint Freeholder Crabb as Freeholder Director for 2012, seconded by Freeholder Space.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes

Oath of Office was administered to Freeholder Crabb as Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders by Judge Frederic G. Weber.

10. Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

Director states that there are times during the year the Director of the Board may be absent and it is the desire of the Board at this time to appoint a Deputy Director of the Board for the year 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF 2-2012 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2012

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to appoint Freeholder Space as Deputy Director for 2012, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

Oath of Office was administered to Freeholder Space as Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders by Judge Frederic G. Weber.

11. Recognition of Dignitaries Present by Ailish Hambel, Chairwoman, Sussex County Republican Committee.

Ailish Hambel, Chairman, Sussex County Republican Committee, came forward and recognized the dignitaries who were present at the meeting.

REMARKS:

Freeholder Crabb
Freeholder Space
Freeholder Vohden
Freeholder Zellman
Freeholder Zeoli

Freeholder Crabb said the Freeholders would make their comments at the end of the meeting.

12. RESOLUTION RE: DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF 3-2012 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

13. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

4-2012

(BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Herald is hereby designated as one of the official newspapers for the advertising of any public or legal notices by the County of Sussex)

**14. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
5-2012**

(BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Sunday Herald is hereby designated as one of the official newspapers for the advertising of any public or legal notices by the County of Sussex)

**15. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
6-2012**

(BE IT RESOLVED that the Star Ledger is hereby designated as one of the official newspapers for the advertising of any public or legal notices by the County of Sussex)

**16. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS IN CONFORMANCE
7-2012 WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

(BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Herald, the New Jersey Sunday Herald, and The Star Ledger are hereby designated as Newspapers for the placement of notices in conformance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, commonly known as the "Open Public Meetings Act")

**17. RESOLUTION RE: BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES
8-2012**

**18. RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF OATHS
9-2012**

**19. RESOLUTION RE: CLERK OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE
10-2012 FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS**

\$.05 per page for pages 8 ½ x 11 or smaller

\$.07 per page for pages 8 ½ x 14 or larger

**20. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF SALARIES
11-2012**

**21. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
12-2012**

**22. RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF BONDS
13-2012**

**23. RESOLUTION RE: DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS
14-2012 DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES**

24. RESOLUTION RE: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2012

15-2012

New Year's Day Observed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Lincoln's Birthday
President's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day Observed
Independence Day

Labor Day
Columbus Day Observed
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

25. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF A FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY ARTS & HERITAGE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2012** (Resolution appoints Freeholder Vohden)
26. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR, FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND A FREEHOLDER ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2012** (Resolution appoints Freeholders Crabb, Vohden and Zeoli)
27. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER ZELLMAN AS THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE MUSCONETCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**
28. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF FREEHOLDER ZELLMAN AS THE FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND THOMAS DRABIC AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2012**
29. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution appoints Freeholders Space, Vohden and Crabb)
30. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution appoints Freeholders Zeoli, Zellman and Crabb)
31. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS W. GILDERSLEEVE, AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)**
32. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF HARRIS RIMSHNICK (DISABLED RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE) AND JOSEPH LASHENDOCK, JR. (SENIOR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE) AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
33. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF KERRI KNIGHT (PERSON WITH**

- 24-2012 **DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVE) AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF BRIAN SCHNABEL; TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2013**
34. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY EMILIUS (Consumer Advocate); KAREN MAGILL (Consumer-Female); AND MAUREEN STRELZIK (Provider - Female) AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
35. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE MILLIGAN (Provider – Female) AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
36. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN LONGCOR AND JOSEPH CRONIN AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
37. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CLIFF LUNDIN AND LISA CHAMMINGS AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
38. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS CARUSO AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
39. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2012 (Resolution appoints Clifford R. Lundin as Chairperson and Glenn Schweizer as Vice-Chairperson)**
40. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL FRANCIS AND GAIL PHOEBUS AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
41. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN ORR, SHIRLEY BALDWIN, TOM CAINES, ANNE NEDELKA, ROBERT PANZER, AND JOSEPH LASHENDOCK AS MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH; SAID TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**
42. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF GEZA CSIPPAN AS THE MEMBER**

- 33-2012 PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND WALTER CRAMP AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER ENGINEER/ARCHITECT/BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015
43. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN NUGENT, AND KATHY LITTLE AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2014
34-2012
44. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM JOSEPH AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN CRIER FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR 2012
35-2012
45. RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1
36-2012
46. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER TO PAY BILLS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH WHEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DOES NOT MEET ON THE SECOND AND/OR FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH
37-2012

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to adopt Resolutions 12-46, seconded by Freeholder Space.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

Freeholder Crabb said at this point he invited his colleagues to make some comments on the year past and the year coming.

REMARKS:

Freeholder Crabb
Freeholder Space
Freeholder Vohden
Freeholder Zellman
Freeholder Zeoli

Comments from Freeholder Vohden

Freeholder Vohden congratulated all the newly sworn in officials and wished everyone a Happy New Year; this past year, he said this was his first year as a Freeholder; he said it was a very busy, educational and a very rewarding experience; he said he studied the County budget and served on the Capital Projects Committee; he feels the most challenging task in 2012 will be to fund the budget without raising taxes and cutting services and to finance the maintenance of the County's crumbling infrastructure, which is in bad shape; County revenues continue to fall and the County still has to meet the 2% tax cap; the County has reduced staff, had salary freezes etc.; he said he believes

the solution to this crisis would be to increase revenues and he feels the best way to do that is by increasing the County's tax base.

Freeholder Vohden continued to explain how he feels the County can increase its tax base and he discussed how and why some of the other states have lower taxes.

Freeholder Vohden said for the next year he will work on becoming a more effective Freeholder with a focus on economic development and jobs to make Sussex County a better place to live.

Comments from Freeholder Zellman

Freeholder Zellman congratulated everyone who won the elections this year; she mentioned that this was a time for reflection and she wanted to reflect on some highlights over the past 11 years; she wanted to say thank you to those people who had helped her with major initiatives, including the Veterans for their service to this Country, but also for all of their help with the Veterans Monument and bell tower in the Newton Square; the Master Gardeners for helping to create the gardens surrounding the monument; she thanked the Freeholders and County Administrators of the Six County Coalition, the 100's of high school students who have participated in the County's annual Youth in County Government Day over the past 10 years; she also thanked the NJ Department of Transportation, NJ Transit, the Federal Highway Administration, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Sussex County Planning Board, the MoneySmart week Committee, the Friends of Waterloo Village Committee for all the help they have provided in proceeding with many projects and programs; Freeholder Zellman thanked the Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate, Prosecutor and the staff of the County for all the work they do so well; she thanked Judge Weber for being at every reorganization meeting; she thanked her former colleagues that were at Reorganization this year; and she thanked the rest of the Board members for everything they have done and finally she thanked her family and everyone present at the meeting.

Comments from Freeholder Space

Freeholder Space thanked his wife, Jill, for always being by his side; he said last year was a year that no one could have anticipated and it made it very interesting on the County level with the blizzard, hurricane, flood, etc.; he also indicated that everyone is very optimistic that we will have a good year this year; he agreed with Freeholder Vohden that business is crucial to keeping the economy going, which will keep things moving ahead.

Freeholder Space discussed the budget and being a member of the budget committee; he also congratulated Freeholder Crabb for being appointed Freeholder Director for this year and congratulated Freeholder Zeoli for a job well done as Freeholder Director for last year.

Comments from Freeholder Zeoli

Freeholder Zeoli thanked everyone for being present at the Reorganization meeting here today; he wanted to say that the County weathered an incredibly challenging fiscal year last year and that the County Administrator said it was the worst crisis the County has ever seen.

Freeholder Zeoli said that it was an honor and a pleasure being the Freeholder Director last year; he discussed some very difficult choices the Board has had to make and may have to make in the future and wanted to assure everyone that this Board's priority is always the taxpayer.

Freeholder Zeoli wished everyone a happy new year.

Comments from Freeholder Crabb

Freeholder Crabb welcomed everyone to the Reorganization meeting and thanked Judge Weber and Reverend Kosa for being at the meeting; he also thanked his colleagues for being appointed Director for 2012.

Freeholder Crabb thanked Freeholder Zeoli for his strong leadership and focus as Freeholder Director during 2011.

Freeholder Crabb discussed what has already been accomplished; over the last 3 years County government has become smaller than it was 10 years ago, the workforce has been reduced by almost 100 by maintaining essential services for the public; the Board has completed and opened the Wheatsworth Road Facility, it completed the planning and contracting work phase for the solar project; the County switched to the State Health Benefits Program; the County adopted a 5 year renewal plan with Morris County concerning the County juveniles; the County entered into a shared services agreement with Morris County for medical examiner services and he discussed several other money-saving steps that the County has taken.

Freeholder Crabb discussed the impact of both Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee on the roads and bridges of Sussex County; he congratulated the great County staff; he said the accomplishment he is most proud of is that Sussex County maintained its credit rating due to its on-going discipline in conservative fiscal policies and debt constraints.

Freeholder Crabb said he takes great pride that his family is here today; he also said it is an honor to serve as Freeholder and asked everyone to partner with him and his colleagues as they make the difficult decisions required to bridge this critical time to get to better days.

47. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR (Please note: everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less)

MOTION made at 12:55 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Jeff Parrott, County Clerk, came forward to thank everyone for coming out and he thanked Freeholder Zeoli for his leadership as Freeholder Director in 2011, he thanked Senator Oroho, Assemblywoman McHose and Assemblyman Chiusano for all that they do, he thanked Hal Wirths for his friendship and loyalty and he thanked his family for being behind him.

Steve Oroho, NJ Senator, came forward to thank all the volunteers in Sussex County and he wanted to make a pitch for the food pantries; and asked everyone to keep replenishing the food pantries in Sussex County.

MOTION made at 12:59 pm by Freeholder Space to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

48. Proclamations and Certificates

Freeholder Crabb said there are two people he wanted to recognize today, one is Judge Weber and the other is Reverend Kosa. Freeholder Crabb made some comments about Judge Weber and Reverend Kosa and presented two certificates:

A. Certificate presented to Honorable Frederic G. Weber in recognition of his many years of participation in the Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through his honored services of administering oaths of office to County officials.

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B. Certificate presented to Reverend Ernest M. Kosa in recognition of his many years of participation in the Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Sussex County

Board of Chosen Freeholders through his eloquent recital of the Invocation.
39-2012

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to approve these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

49. DIRECTOR: "Any appointments not being made today to the various Boards or Committees will be made at subsequent meetings and there are other appointments which are coming up during the year which will be made at that time."

50. REMINDERS

Wednesday	January 11, 2012	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Monday	January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King, Holiday	
		Jr., Day (observed)	
Wednesday	January 25, 2012	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

51. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 1:09 by Freeholder Space to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: January 2, 2012