

**ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.  
HISTORIC COURTROOM  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE  
3 HIGH STREET, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY**

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**Item**

1. **Call to Order by the Clerk of the Board** at 6:03 p.m.

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

At this time, I would like to call to order the 2015 Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Welcome and thank you for being with us tonight and Happy New Year.

I would like to call up the Reverend Bob Meeker for the Invocation.

2. **Invocation and Moment of Silent Prayer** by the Reverend Bob Meeker, Hardyston Township
3. **Salute to the Flag**
4. **Jeffrey M. Parrott, County Clerk** - Determination Statement for the November 4, 2014 Election.
5. **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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014, 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."

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 will be placed on file and recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office.

7. **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 2015.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
1-2015 FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2015**

Nomination made by Freeholder Mudrick to appoint Freeholder Crabb as Director for calendar year 2015, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to nominate Phillip R. Crabb for Freeholder Director, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes

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

**8. 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 2015.

Freeholder Director Crabb opened the floor for Nominations for Deputy Director.

Nomination made by Freeholder Vohden to appoint Freeholder Mudrick as Deputy Director for calendar year 2015, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

Freeholder Director Crabb closed the floor for Nominations for Deputy Director.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF 2-2015 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Phoebus to nominate Freeholder Dennis J. Mudrick for Freeholder Deputy Director, seconded by Freeholder Graham.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

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

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

**REMARKS:**

**Freeholder Graham’s Remarks**

Freeholder Graham said that for the past 20 months, he has had the honor and privilege of serving the citizens of Sussex County as a Freeholder and he takes great pride in that; he also takes pride in the staff at the County that guides him through the trying times while still providing the essential services that are required of them. Freeholder Graham touched on the economic realities in the County and said that does not change the fact that the Board still has to run the government as best as they can; he said the Board has to make the County more desirable by making it more affordable.

Freeholder Graham said as a member of the Capital Projects committee they have set a goal of reducing this year’s capital budget, but they are not going to abandon the County’s infrastructure and they are going to prioritize investments in the best possible way to benefit the citizens of Sussex County.

Freeholder Graham particularly wanted to thank the Sheriff, Undersheriffs and their staffs for their professionalism; he also thanked Cathy Williams and Trish Springer for their help.

He concluded by saying that being a Freeholder is a humbling experience and this Board needs to continue working as a team, a team that he is proud to be a part of.

**Freeholder Vohden’s Remarks**

Freeholder Vohden congratulated Freeholder Director Crabb and Freeholder Deputy Director Mudrick; he said as outgoing Freeholder Director, he wanted to thank all the Freeholders; County Administrator, John Eskilson; County Counsel, Dennis McConnell; and the Constitutional Officers, Sheriff Strada, County Clerk Parrott, Surrogate Chiusano and Prosecutor Koch. He said that every one of them has worked extremely well together for the benefit of Sussex County.

Freeholder Vohden said as he starts his fifth year as Freeholder, he has to look at the dramatic and troubling changes of Sussex County's demographics and economy and believes that these changes are the most critical issues facing Sussex County residents and it's extremely important that this Board recognizes and faces up to these challenges. Freeholder Vohden provided statistics that spoke about the rapid increase of residents that are leaving Sussex County, especially the younger residents, and the increasing number of foreclosures. Freeholder Vohden said that his commitment for this year is to establish the County's role in facilitating economic stabilization in Sussex County and he will work resolutely toward that goal.

### **Freeholder Phoebus' Remarks**

Freeholder Phoebus thanked everyone for coming out tonight to this Reorganization Meeting; she also thanked Freeholder Crabb for being Director, Freeholder Mudrick for being Deputy Director, Freeholder Vohden for doing such an outstanding job of being Director last year, and Freeholder Graham for all of his work on the Board; she said that this Board is truly a great team and is so successful because they all come to the table with different opinions but are always able to compromise in the end for the well being of the residents of Sussex County.

Freeholder Phoebus thanked all the employees of the County who all work very hard; she thanked Jeff Parrott and Gary Chiusano for their hard work and working together as a team; she thanked everyone at Social Services who provide the County with essential services for the residents and all the committed volunteers that assist in running the Food Pantry to feed the residents of Sussex County.

Freeholder Phoebus thanked all her colleagues for being there to guide her and direct her to be the best Freeholder that she can be to serve the residents of Sussex County.

### **Freeholder Mudrick's Remarks**

Freeholder Mudrick thanked everyone for attending this Annual Reorganization meeting and wished everyone and their families a happy, healthy New Year.

Freeholder Mudrick acknowledged all of the elected officials for the continued sacrifices they make on behalf of the dignitaries they serve; he went on to explain that it is the residents of the County that are the real dignitaries that are served by the elected officials who are destined to always do right by the people of the County.

Freeholder Mudrick congratulated Freeholder Director Crabb and his wife as they celebrate this happy occasion; he said he looks forward to working with all the Freeholders, Constitutional Officers, County Administrator and County Counsel to provide the residents of the County with the kind of government servant leadership the residents deserve.

Freeholder Mudrick concluded by acknowledging Reverend Bob Meeker; Judge Weber; Mayor Sylvia Petillo; his non-blood brother, 2013 and 2014 Freeholder Director Vohden; and his wife, Pam.

### **Freeholder Crabb's Remarks**

Freeholder Crabb welcomed everyone to this Reorganization Meeting and expressed his gratitude to Pastor Bob Meeker and Judge Weber.

Freeholder Crabb thanked his colleagues for their confidence in nominating him as Director this year and he will rely on their close support and collaboration to face the challenges that lie in the days to come; he recognized departing Freeholder Director Richard Vohden for his strong leadership and focus.

Freeholder Crabb said he mentioned at last year's proceedings three projects that would be signature events in the coming year and they were the cutting of the tape for the 9-1-1 Center; the comprehensive needs assessment for the Jail; and the Transitional Care program hitting high gear and all three were accomplished with the help of this County's great employees.

Freeholder Crabb concluded by saying this Board's accomplishments are not personally branded, but are simply the collective efforts of a Board that is focused on what is best for the Sussex County taxpayer; he thanked Hal Wirths for allowing him the opportunity to become a Freeholder seven years ago and said these years have been the proudest years of his life and is honored to be afforded the opportunity to serve three more.

**10. RESOLUTION RE: DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
3-2015**

**11. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
4-2015**

(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)

**12. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
5-2015**

(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)

**13. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
6-2015**

(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)

**14. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT  
7-2015**

(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")

**15. RESOLUTION RE: BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES  
8-2015**

**16. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2015  
9-2015**

**17. RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF OATHS  
10-2015**

**18. RESOLUTION RE: CLERK OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS  
11-2015**

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

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

**19. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF SALARIES  
12-2015**

**20. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
13-2015**

**21. RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF BONDS  
14-2015**

**22. RESOLUTION RE: DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES  
15-2015**

**23. RESOLUTION RE: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

**16-2015**

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

24. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF A FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY ARTS & HERITAGE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015** (Resolution appoints Freeholder Dennis Mudrick)
25. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR, FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND A FREEHOLDER ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2015** (Resolution appoints Freeholders Crabb, Graham and Vohden)
26. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER GEORGE GRAHAM AS THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE MUSCONETCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**
27. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF FREEHOLDER RICHARD VOHDEN AS THE FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND THOMAS DRABIC AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2015**
28. **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 Crabb, Phoebus and Vohden)
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 SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution appoints Freeholders Crabb, Graham and Mudrick)
30. **RESOLUTION RE: NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR 2015** (Resolution appoints Freeholder Vohden, Freeholder Crabb and County Administrator, John H. Eskilson as representatives to the NJAC)
31. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE STECCATO AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)**
32. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2015** (Resolution appoints Clifford, R. Lundin as Chairperson and Glenn Schweizer as Vice-Chairperson)
33. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM JOSEPH AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN CRIER FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX**

FOR 2015

34. 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  
27-2015
35. 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  
28-2015
36. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR WITH VETO POWER OVER COUNTY AUTHORITIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:20-71.3  
29-2015
37. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF LORI DAY, JAMES HUNT, BRIAN HAUTAU AND PETER SOUTHWAY AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
30-2015
38. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CLIFF LUNDIN, LISA CHAMMINGS, AND LOUIS CARUSO AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2017  
31-2015
39. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL FRANCIS AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2017  
32-2015
40. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF GREG CHONTOW AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER/ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018  
33-2015
41. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN NUGENT AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017  
34-2015
42. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL G. FLYNN AND GARY LARSON 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, 2017  
35-2015
43. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY P. BARIL (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, 2017  
36-2015
44. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF KAREN MCGILL (CONSUMER FEMALE) AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY  
37-2015

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2017**

45. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN LOGNCOR, JOSEPH CRONIN, CHRISTINE FLORIO AND BUDD BROWN AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2017**  
38-2015
46. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF SHIRLEY BALDWIN, JOSEPH LASHENDOCK, JR., DENISE MINIMI, SUSAN C. SHAKE AND TAMARA YOUNG 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, 2017**  
39-2015
47. **RESOLUTION RE: ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEARCH COMMITTEE**  
40-2015  
(Resolution appoints Lisa Fairclough and Heidi Weber as members of the Sussex County Community College Trustee Search Committee)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt Resolutions #10-47, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus with Freeholder Mudrick abstaining on Resolutions 43 and 46.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes (But abstaining on Resolutions 43 and 46)
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

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

**MOTION** made at 6:55 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**Comment by Sheriff Strada**

Sheriff Strada came forward; he thanked all the Freeholders, especially Freeholder Graham, for their cooperation during the construction, implementation and successful opening of the 9-1-1 Center.

**MOTION** made at 6:56 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham 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 14, 2015	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Monday	January 19, 2015	Martin Luther King Day (observed)	Holiday
Wednesday	January 28, 2015	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

51. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:59 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

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John H. Eskilson, Clerk

**DATED: JANUARY 2, 2015**