

**ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTROOM
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
3 HIGH STREET, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY**

Item

1. **Call to Order by the Clerk of the Board** at 6:00 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 2014 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. (RAP GAVEL)

2. **Invocation and Moment of Silent Prayer** by the Honorable Carl Lazzaro, Fredon Township
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 26th day of November, 2013, 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 5, 2013 Election.
6. **George Graham** 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. **Richard Vohden** 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.

8. **Michael Strada** was sworn in as the Sussex County Sheriff by Judge Frederic G. Weber for a three-year term.
9. **Gary R. Chiusano** was sworn in as the Sussex County Surrogate by Judge Frederic G. Weber for a five-year term.

10. **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 2014.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
1-2014 FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2014**

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to nominate Richard A. Vohden for Freeholder Director, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Oath of Office was administered to Freeholder Vohden as Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for 2014 by Judge Frederic G. Weber.

11. 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 2014.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF
2-2014 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR 2014**

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to open nominations for Freeholder Deputy Director, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to nominate Dennis J. Mudrick for Freeholder Deputy Director, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to close nominations for Freeholder Deputy Director, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

Roll call vote on the motion to nominate Dennis J. Mudrick for Freeholder Deputy Director was as follows:

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

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

12. Recognition of Dignitaries Presented by Ailish Hambel, Chairwoman, Sussex County Republican Committee.

Ms. Hambel was ill and Jill Space, 1st Vice-Chairwoman, Sussex County Republican Committee recognized the dignitaries.

REMARKS:

Freeholder Crabb's Comments

Freeholder Crabb welcomed everyone who came to this meeting; he thanked his colleagues for letting him serve as Deputy Director for the past year; he said he is looking for to the leadership of Richie Vohden as Director for this year and he offered his support to Deputy Director Mudrick with his new responsibilities.

Freeholder Crabb said for the last six (6) years he served on Boards that did not have to deal with the albatross of grandstanding nor personal ambition; what mattered to these Boards was simply delivery of results.

Freeholder Crabb asked the residents to consider what has been accomplished, including the groundbreaking of the new 9-1-1 dispatch center, the Division of Engineering completed repairs to 155 bridges damaged by Hurricane Irene, while continuing to maintain and extend the life of 23 bridges in the last year; this on top of a 34 mile crack sealing program, a 13 mile micro-surfacing program, a 21 mile resurfacing program and a 37 mile long lines program; and all this on top of managing and delivering on time the demolition and construction of a project called the Littell Viaduct.

Freeholder Crabb also talked about the Transitional Care Program and how good that program is doing; he complimented the great staff of the County and said that everyone takes great pride in the work that they do; he also discussed some future projects he is looking forward to.

Freeholder Graham's Comments

Freeholder Graham thanked his family and his colleagues; he said the County has a great team and his very proud to say John Eskilson is an excellent Administrator and he also commended the Department of Engineering and Planning and said what a good job they do.

Freeholder Graham also thanked Diana Kuncken and Sylvia Petillo who were not at Reorganization for helping him and for always being advocates for the taxpayer.

Freeholder Mudrick's Comments

Freeholder Mudrick thanked everyone for attending and extended his best wishes to all in attendance; he talked about checking out the roads that morning and, of course, the County roads were great; he feels that Sussex County roads are the best in the State when there are weather issues; Freeholder Mudrick's comments concerning unemployment rates and the direction the County is going in were very positive and thanked everyone working for the County for doing more with less.

Freeholder Mudrick acknowledged all the elected officials that came out for the Reorganization meeting and he also thanked Judge Weber for attending.

Freeholder Mudrick said he looks forward to working with this Board during the coming year and he recognized the Clerk of the Board for serving the County for almost 27 years.

Freeholder Mudrick also thanked his family for attending.

Freeholder Phoebus' Comments

Freeholder Phoebus apologized for her voice; she thanked everyone for coming tonight; she also said one thing she would like to see done this year is Vision 20/20, which Senator Oroho started when he was a Freeholder; she feels it is extremely important to work with the private sector in order to help business to stay or locate in Sussex County.

On a sad note, Freeholder Phoebus indicated that Ward's Florist went out of business right after Christmas and felt very badly about that.

Freeholder Vohden's Comments

Freeholder Vohden said he was first sworn in to this office three (3) years ago and he has met a lot of interesting people and has learned a lot about Sussex County; most importantly he has learned to appreciate and respect all the individuals working together to keep Sussex County running smoothly and to improve the lives of our residents and businesses. Freeholder Vohden recognized his colleagues on the Board, the County Administrator, the Clerk of the Board, County Counsel, Department Administrators, Constitutional Officers and all County employees and the many volunteers that serve on the County's Boards and Committees; he said everyone works together as a team for the effective and efficient management of County business.

Freeholder Vohden said the Freeholder Board remains committed to the residents of Sussex County and dedicated to adhering to a sound financial path that will lead to achieving sound financial goals; he continued with comments about what he feels the Board will try to accomplish in 2014.

Freeholder Vohden said he would read Resolutions 13 through 48 as a group.

**13. RESOLUTION RE: DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
3-2014 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**14. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
4-2014**

(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)

**15. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
5-2014**

(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)

**16. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
6-2014**

(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)

**17. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS IN CONFORMANCE
7-2014 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")

**18. RESOLUTION RE: BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES
8-2014**

**19. RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF OATHS
9-2014**

**20. RESOLUTION RE: CLERK OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE
10-2014 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

**21. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF SALARIES
11-2014**

- 22. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
12-2014**
- 23. **RESOLUTION RE: FILING OF BONDS
13-2014**
- 24. **RESOLUTION RE: DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS
14-2014 DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES**
- 25. **RESOLUTION RE: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2014
15-2014**

New Year's Day Observed	Labor Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Columbus Day Observed
Lincoln's Birthday	Veterans' Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day Observed	Christmas Eve
Independence Day	Christmas Day

- 26. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF A FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE
16-2014 TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY ARTS & HERITAGE COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 2014** (Resolution appoints Freeholder
Dennis Mudrick)
- 27. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR,
17-2014 FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND A FREEHOLDER
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX
COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2014**
(Resolution appoints Freeholders Vohden, Graham and
Crabb)
- 28. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE GRAHAM AS THE SUSSEX
18-2014 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE
MUSCONETCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**
- 29. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENTS OF FREEHOLDER RICHARD VOHDEN
19-2014 AS THE FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND
THOMAS DRABIC THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2014**
- 30. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX
20-2014 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 Vohden, Crabb and
Graham)
- 31. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX
21-2014 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
Vohden, Mudrick and Phoebus)
- 32. **RESOLUTION RE: NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR 2014
22-2014** (Resolution appoints Freeholder Director Vohden,
Freeholder Crabb and John Eskilson as representatives to

the NJAC)

33. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE STECCATO AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)**
23-2014
34. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF KERRI KNIGHT (PERSON WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVE) AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
24-2014
35. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT PANZER (PERSON WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVE), JOAN SHAW (SENIOR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE) AND THOMAS DRABIC (STAFF REPRESENTATIVE) AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS; SAID TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
25-2014
36. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN KING AND ROBIN VANDER GROEF AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
26-2014
37. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROL NOVBIT (PROVIDER – MANDATED) AND MICHELE RICHARD (CONSUMER – MANDATED) AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
27-2014
38. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF GLENN SCHWEIZER AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
28-2014
39. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2014**
29-2014
(Resolution appoints Cliff Lundin and Chairperson and Glenn Schweizer as Vice-Chairperson)
40. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ANDREW BORISUK AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**
30-2014
41. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ADELE WINES, KAREN MAGILL, NANCY HESLIN READING, AND MAUREEN CIANCI 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, 2016**
31-2014
42. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN FORD AND ANNMARIE SHAFER AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND**
32-2014

**DRUG ABUSE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH.
TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016**

43. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH C. INGA AS THE
33-2014 ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER/FIRE OFFICIAL FOR THE
SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE
BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4)
YEARS. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2017**
44. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ELEANOR MENSORIDES AND
34-2014 ERNEST HOFER AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE
SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF THREE
(3) YEARS EACH. TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31,
2016**
45. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM JOSEPH AS THE
35-2014 OFFICIAL TOWN CRIER FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
FOR 2014**
46. **RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY
36-2014 PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 AND N.J.A.C.
5:34-6.1**
47. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY
37-2014 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**
48. **RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR WITH VETO
38-2014 POWER OVER COUNTY AUTHORITIES PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40:20-71.3**

MOTION made by Freeholder Mudrick to adopt Resolutions #13-48, seconded by Freeholder Graham.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

49. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
39-2014 AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 138, SHERIFF'S
UNIT, FOR THE YEARS 2014, 2015, 2016 AND 2017**
50. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
40-2014 AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE**

**EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 378,
CORRECTION'S UNIT, FOR THE YEARS 2014, 2015 AND
2016**

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt Resolutions #49 and 50, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

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Freeholder Vohden said at this time he would like to amend the Agenda and asked former Freeholders Jeff Parrott and Hal Wirths to come forward and the Freeholders recognized the Clerk of the Board, Elaine Morgan, for all the years of service working for the County because she is retiring July 1, 2014 and this will be her last Reorganization meeting. Ms. Morgan thanked everyone for the very nice recognition.

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

MOTION made at 7:01 by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Assemblyman Parker Space invited everyone to the Trinity Lounge at the end of the meeting.

MOTION made at 7:02 by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

52. **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."

53. **REMINDERS**

Wednesday	January 15, 2014	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Monday	January 20, 2014	Martin Luther King Day (observed)	Holiday
Wednesday	January 29, 2014	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

54. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made at 7:03 pm by Freeholder Mudrick to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

Dated: January 3, 2014