

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND 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, such notice being submitted on January 7, 2008 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
The Daily Record	Star Ledger

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. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A.

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED

MOTION to open Public Hearing for the 2008 Sussex County Budget As Approved.
(voice vote)

PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN

Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2008 County Budget As Approved?

MOTION that the Public Hearing be closed. (voice vote)

(The following Resolution can be acted upon only if budget approval is received from NJ Division of Local Government Services)

RESOLUTION RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2008 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED

Freeholder Director Wirths: "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex that the Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$68,490,715.00 dollars for the County purposes to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations."

MOTION to finally adopt the 2008 County Budget as Approved. (roll call vote)

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Certificates for the following students for participating in Sussex County Youth in County Government Day-2008: **High Point Regional High School** – Munroe Graham, Melanie Helmer, Hannah Kattermann, Jamie McCloskey; **Hopatcong High School** – Steve Hynson, Camila Proffitt, Jackie Skutka, Kelly Sullivan; **Kittatinny Regional High School** – Zane Brylinski, Mary Kenah, Joe Rudinsky, Hixon Spangenberg; **Lenape Valley Regional High School** – Ben Crater, Gina Dalesandro; **Newton High School** – Meghan Butler, John Paul Couce, Travis Nunziato; **Pope John XXIII Regional High School** – David Astor, Ryan Feuhrer, Kaitlin Fierro, Roland Kekelia, Sylvia Okoye; **Sparta High School** – Jamie Dalcourt, Agostino Perna; **Sussex County Technical School** – Jennifer LaVine, Amy McConnell, Jessie Sisco; **Vernon High School** – Brian Jernick, Emily Mohr, Drew Nix, Danielle Zaremba; **Walkkill Valley Regional High School** – Lauren Bell, Paul Bowden, Robert Bowden, Samantha Hall.
2. Proclamation in recognition of Brian Jacob Walker attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
3. Proclamation designating the month of April, 2008 as "Alcohol Awareness Month".

4. Proclamation designating the week of April 13-19, 2008 as "Sussex County Crime Victims' Rights Week".
(voice vote)

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPLY FOR A GREEN COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE GRANT 2008, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 WITH AN IN-KIND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,500.00 FROM THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS TO ASSIST THE FORESTRY CONSULTANT IN DEVELOPING A COUNTY WIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CARE OF TREES ALONG COUNTY ROADS AND AT COUNTY FACILITIES
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CHANGES IN THE PARIS GRANT AWARD NUMBER 05190007 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF A DECREASE OF \$6,000.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CHANGES IN THE PARIS GRANT AWARD NUMBER 05190009 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,500.00
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CHANGES IN THE PARIS GRANT AWARD NUMBER 06190001 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF A DECREASE OF \$15,737.23
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CHANGES IN THE PARIS GRANT AWARD NUMBER 06190003 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$60,347.23

- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CHANGES IN THE PARIS GRANT AWARD NUMBER 06190004 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF A DECREASE OF \$44,610.00
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Transnet Corporation in the amount of \$47,096.90)
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 16, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,113.00 STATE SHARE AND \$18,029.00 IN KIND MATCH
- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE TOTAL CONTRACT COST OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN NEWTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (Resolution authorizes this amendment in the amount of \$160,000.00 to increase the original Contract to \$348,488.17)

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest. (roll call vote)

- 9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Meeting March 26, 2008
 - Executive Session Minutes**
Regular Meeting March 26, 2008
(voice vote)

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Resignations

1. Letter received from Phillip R. Crabb resigning his position as a Commissioner on the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority effective April 30, 2008.
(voice vote)

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE PROPOSED NEW JERSEY 2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
- B. RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSING THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS OUR PRIORITY

(voice vote)

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, GA #2008-05157-0131 FOR THE SOCIALIZATION/RECREATION PROGRAM FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$13,672.00 (Resolution awards this Contract in the amount of \$11,393.00 in state and federal funds and \$2,279.00 in County match funds for calendar year 2008)

2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH DAWN, CIL FOR THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, GA #2008-05157-0131, TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES INTO MAINSTREAM COMMUNITY LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,071.00 (Resolution awards this Contract in the amount of \$7,559.00 in state and federal funds and \$1,512.00 in County match funds for calendar year 2008)

3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SCARC, INC. FOR THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, GA #2008-05157-0131, FOR THE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$7,257.00 (Resolution awards this Contract in the amount of \$6,048.00 in state and federal funds and \$1,209.00 in County match funds for calendar year 2008)

(roll call vote)

B. Bids

1. RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE LOW BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE M-16 CARRYING CR 653 OVER A TRIBUTARY OF MILL BROOK POND IN MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX COUNTY

(roll call vote)

13. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING A NEW PETTY CASH FUND (Resolution authorizes this petty cash fund for the Office of Environmental Health in the amount of \$50.00)

- B. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2008 LIBRARY BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF 2008 LIBRARY TAX LEVY

- C. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2008 COUNTY HEALTH BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF 2008 HEALTH TAX LEVY

(roll call vote)

D.

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INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$6,195,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,900,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

MOTION to adopt this Bond Ordinance on first reading. (roll call vote)

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on April 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Bond Ordinance. (voice vote)

14. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

B. Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O., LOCAL 1083, SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O., LOCAL 1083, SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT, FOR THE YEARS 2008, 2009, 2010 AND 2011

(voice vote)

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

- A. Capital Projects
- B. Litigation
- C. Contracts
- D. Other Matters

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion concerning preparing a letter in opposition to the closing of High Point State Park.

19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION (voice vote)

- A. Personnel
- B. Contract
- C. Litigation
- D. Other Matters

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

22. REMINDERS

Wednesday	April 9, 2008	League of Mun.	6:30 pm
		Dinner, Lafayette House	
Week of	April 12-18, 2008	Money\$mart Week in Sussex County	
Wednesday	April 23, 2008	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

23. **ADJOURNMENT** (voice vote)