

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Vetrano;
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Wirths; John
Eskilson, County Administrator; Dennis McConnell, County
Counsel; Elaine Morgan, Clerk
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 – 5:04 PM

**FINAL ADOPTION – BOND ORDINANCE
268-2008**

Freeholder Director Wirths: "At our regular meeting held on April 9, 2008, we introduced for first reading the following Bond Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of April 13, 2008, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 5:00 PM:

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

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Bond Ordinance?

There was no one.

MOTION that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Vetrano, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

MOTION that this Bond Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Parrott, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Vetrano, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

B.

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:05 PM

**FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE
269-2008**

Freeholder Director Wirths: "At our regular meeting held on March 26, 2008, we introduced for first reading the following Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of April 1, 2008, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 5:00 PM:

**ORDINANCE RE: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF NEW LAND
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
SUSSEX**

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Ordinance?

There was no one.
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MOTION that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Vetrano, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

MOTION that this Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Vetrano, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations

1. Presentation by the Division of Community and Youth Services concerning Children’s Mental Health Awareness.

Lorraine Hentz, Director, Division of Community and Youth Services, came forward; she thanked the Board for recognizing Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week; she introduced

Lauren Hirtes, Executive Director for the Family Support Organization; Ms. Hirtes distributed informational packets to the Board (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

Ms. Hirtes said that May 8, 2008 was a day to highlight effective programs that service children with mental health disabilities and to demonstrate how effective programming can lead to healthy development and recovery; she said that efforts are underway to reduce the stigma that is associated with mental health; Ms. Hirtes discussed the Youth Partnership Program for children who meet on a monthly basis and have designed a mural depicting unity and community which will be unveiled on May 8, 2008.

Ms. Hirtes highlighted the effectiveness of comprehensive community health services and the benefits it had for not only the children, but the overall family.

The Board thanked Ms. Hirtes for her presentation.

2. Presentation by the Division of Social Services, Office of Transit regarding the Transit Coordination Plan.

Carol Novrit, Director, Division of Social Services and the Office of Transit, came forward; she said their presentation would introduce the new customer guide that will be effective as of June 1, 2008, as well as a new schedule, and an update on some of the accomplishments of the last six months.

Ms. Novrit discussed the changes to the customer guide, which include the assignment of a pick-up time when the passenger calls to schedule a ride, a limit of five parcels per passenger, and the institution of true curb to curbside service; she also discussed changes to the schedule and that the cancellation policy would be strictly enforced.

Accomplishments were highlighted, which included the route match system, funding and programmatic reports being completed and submitted on time, and the ongoing training of drivers and staff was up-to-date; the maintenance of busses is now being done on a regularly scheduled basis.

Ms. Novrit introduced John Jackson, who provided a brief power point presentation on the route match system.

The Board thanked Ms. Novrit and her staff for their presentation.

B. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation designating the week of May 4-10, 2008 as "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week".

270-2008

2. Proclamation designating the month of May as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

271-2008

3. Proclamation designating the week of April 27 – May 3, 2008 as "National Volunteer Week".

272-2008

4. Proclamation designating the month of May, 2008 as "National Drug Court Month".

273-2008

5. Proclamation designating the month of May, 2008 as "Older Americans Month".

274-2008

6. Certificate for Violet Card in recognition of her 11 years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.

275-2008

7. Certificate for Irene VanGord in recognition of her 12 years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
276-2008
8. Certificate for Rachel Malanga in recognition of her 23+ years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
277-2008
9. Certificate for Martha Massey in recognition of her 13 years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
278-2008
10. Certificate for Lenny Katchmaric in recognition of his many years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
279-2008
11. Certificate for Dottie Bruno in recognition of her 8 years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
280-2008
12. Certificate for Marie Freisi in recognition of her many years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
281-2008
13. Certificate for Dave Goble in recognition of his many years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
282-2008
14. Certificate for Rose Accetta in recognition of her many years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
283-2008
15. Certificate for Jenny Switzer in recognition of her many years of dedicated service as a Nutrition Site Volunteer.
284-2008
16. Certificate in recognition of Vernon Township's Senior of the Year.
285-2008

Freeholder Wirths said that there was an additional Proclamation for the Board's consideration.

17. Proclamation designating May 4, 2008 as "John L. (Jack) Baum Day."
286-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve these Proclamations and Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

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MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to amend the Agenda to allow for Item 13. A., seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

13. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL AND CONSENT BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY UPPER WALLKILL WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE HAMBURG BYPASS FORCE MAIN AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF WASTEWATER FACILITY NOTES AND REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500,000.00
287-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Comments on Resolution 13. A.

Freeholder Zellman asked who was to be serviced and who would pay for it.

Pete Cerenzio of Cerenzio & Panaro came forward; he said there would be two groups serviced; a portion of the Bonds is to upgrade the existing Upper Wallkill plant so that it can meet new standards for surface water discharge; the existing users in Hamburg, Franklin, Sparta, Vernon, Wantage and Hardyston will all benefit from this; the second part is for the expansion to serve the Vernon Town Center, and the beneficiary of this would be Vernon Township to allow for the approved Vernon Town Center development.

Mr. Cerenzio stated that all costs associated with the upgrade portion, which is the improvement of the surface water discharge, will be paid in the long run by the existing users of the system and any future new users; all costs associated with the expansion will be paid in one way or another by Vernon Township.

Jack Kraft, Bond Counsel, came forward; he said that current bonding rates were very attractive at this time and he thought that the rates would continue to be good into the future.

The Board thanked Mr. Cerenzio and Mr. Kraft for their comments.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Abstain (Freeholder Crabb said for the record that he supports this but would have to abstain as he would not be resigning his SCMUA position until April 30, 2008.)
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

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Freeholder Wirths returned the meeting to the agenda as listed.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 5:55 p.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Sussex County Technical School

Joanne Burns from Warren County came forward; she said that she was present to represent her grandson who attended Sussex County Technical School, and to express her concern about the elimination of the Child Study Team.

Freeholder Wirths said that he would make a statement first; he said that the Technical School Board was an autonomous Board appointed by the Freeholder Board; Freeholder Wirths said that the Technical School Board made its own decisions and these decisions were final; he said that anyone could speak at the Public Session and express their concerns, but the Technical School Board's decision was final and the Freeholder Board could not change that decision.

Susanne Zeveney came forward; she said that it was her son that Ms. Burns was discussing; she also expressed her concern about the elimination of the Child Study Team.

Ms. Burns expressed concern that notification of the Board Meeting was not provided; Freeholder Wirths explained that items were placed on an agenda for discussion; Ms. Burns said that she was upset for all of the children who would be affected; she said that she did not

understand that if the Freeholders selected the members of the School Board, why something could not be done.

Freeholder Parrott explained that the Freeholders could not usurp the Tech School Board's authority; Tech School Board members were appointed to do a job to the best of their ability based on references and experience; he explained how the School Board system worked.

Freeholder Vetrano said that he understood that the services would be delivered in another manner; he suggested that maybe everyone needed to wait and see how the new procedure worked out.

Freeholder Zellman stated that the Freeholder Board had a high level of commitment to education; she noted that 12% of the levied tax in 2008 was for the Sussex County Technical School and said that this was a very considerable amount.

Freeholder Crabb said that change was always difficult and encouraged those affected to try the new procedure and document what they felt was not working.

The Board thanked Ms. Burns and Ms. Zeveney for their comments.

Debbie Wakefoose, Sussex County Technical School, came forward; she said that it was disheartening as to how the Board of Education performed; Ms. Wakefoose said that as per Robert's Rules, the President of the School Board was to remain impartial and show no signs of emotions; she did not think the School Board took the time to digest the information presented to them; Ms. Wakefoose expressed her concern regarding the manner in which the School Board conducted its meetings.

MOTION made at 6:14 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
288-2008
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,122.00 FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER GRANT OFFERING #2008-DOT-FTA-PTPP FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2008 TO JANUARY 31, 2010 (Resolution authorizes this application with a \$16,700.00 in-kind match from the County)
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS BID EXEMPT SERVICES AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes purchase orders for Pocono Produce and Reinhart Food Service)
290-2008
- D. RESOLUTION RE: EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND RODNEY KNOWLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 519 FROM MILE MARKER 73.0 TO MILE MARKER 74.0 AND COUNTY ROUTE 629 FROM MILE MARKER 0.0 TO MILE MARKER 1.0 IN THE BOROUGH OF BRANCHVILLE THROUGH THE ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM
291-2008
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW JERSEY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER
292-2008

CONTROL PLAN AT THE COUNTY LEVEL GRANT #08-41-CCC-L-2 FOR THE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

- F. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW THE SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR \$80,692.00 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 AND FUNDING PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Application with a County share in the amount of \$7,288.00 cash funds and \$28,760.00 in-kind funds)**
293-2008
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW THE SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT FOR \$218,045.00 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 AND FUNDING PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Application with a County share in the amount of \$46,240.00 cash funds and \$18,067.00 in-kind funds)**
294-2008

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.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

Resolution 8. E.

Freeholder Zellman said that the application mentioned that membership would be continued in the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce; she said that previous discussions had been held regarding multiple Chamber memberships at the County level.

Freeholder Wirths said that the County Administrator was to screen all memberships; Mr. Eskilson said that he had not seen this membership, but he would speak to Herb Yardley regarding the specifics of this membership.

Resolution 8. G.

Freeholder Zellman referred to the County's share in the amount of \$46,240.00; she questioned if this was in the budget.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the County had accounted for the match in funds.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 9, 2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve these minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

Correction to minutes

Freeholder Zellman referred to Page 7 and said that George Graham was a Councilman and not the Mayor.

The Motion was passed unanimously with the correction noted by Freeholder Zellman.

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Appointments

1. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM. SAID TERM TO BEGIN MAY 1, 2008 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2011 (Resolution appoints John M. Sowden to this position)**
295-2008

2. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY WOODHULL AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM STARTING IMMEDIATELY. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2009**

3. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF KIRK S. PERRY AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY STRATEGIC GROWTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2008**
297-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

Comments on Resolution 10. A. 1.

Freeholder Crabb said that it was his pleasure to support the nomination of John M. Sowden as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the SCMUA; he said that Mr. Sowden is a life-long resident of Franklin and felt that Mr. Sowden would bring three dimensional thinking and a sense of commitment to the Board of Commissioners.

Comments on Resolution 10. A. 2.

Freeholder Zellman said that she felt that Kimberly Woodhull would be an excellent member of the Senior Services Advisory Council; she said that Ms. Woodhull had an extensive background having worked at the Dover Housing Authority.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: IN SUPPORT OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG'S 2007/2008 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
298-2008

- B. RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND THE LAYOFF OR RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES AT KITTATINNY VALLEY STATE PARK
299-2008
- C. RESOLUTION RE: CONTINUING FEDERAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE NORTH JERSEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
300-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COUNTY OF SUSSEX 2008 RESURFACING ROADWAYS PROGRAM (Resolution awards this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Schifano Construction Corp., in the total amount of \$2,590,277.75)
301-2008
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (Resolution awards this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Agra Environmental & Laboratory Services, in the approximate amount of \$9,225.00)
302-2008
3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LAUNDRY AND LINEN SERVICE FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME (Resolution awards this contract to the only responsible bidder, A&P Coat Apron Supply, Inc. dba Unitex Textile & Shared Textile Services, in the approximate base amount of \$94,469.96)
303-2008
4. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AERIAL LARVICIDING AND ADULTICIDING OF MOSQUITOES – 2008 (Resolution awards this contract to the only bidder, Rebecca Lynn Flying Service, for the approximate amount of \$42,100.00)
304-2008
5. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND REIMBURSABLE ITEMS FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME (Resolution awards these contracts to the low bidder for each item in the total approximate amount of \$130,308.43)
305-2008
6. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A BALANCE CENTER PROGRAM OF SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME (Resolution awards this contract to AmeriBalance, LLC in the amount of \$40,057.50)
306-2008
7. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND LIBRARY SERVICES
307-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

Resolution 12. A. 3.

Freeholder Parrott asked Mr. Eskilson if this was the only company that bid.

Mr. Eskilson said that he thought there was only one bid; this was a two part bid; this one represented the linens for the institutional laundry service; the second part, which was the service to do personal laundry, was being looked at; this service was currently being done by in-house staff.

Freeholder Parrott asked if this bid had been advertised on the internet; Mr. Eskilson said he would inquire and let Freeholder Parrott know.

Resolution 12. A. 2.

Freeholder Vetrano noted that there were two bidders, but that there was a large spread between the awarded contractor and the second bidder; he asked why there would be such a large difference.

Mr. McConnell said that this was a benefit to the County; he said that everyone he spoke to said that this was a viable entity and the company did good work.

Resolution 12. A. 3.

Freeholder Zellman asked who did the laundry for the Juvenile Detention Center, Youth Shelter and Jail.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the Jail's laundry was done in-house for the largest part by the inmates; he said that the Jail had been reviewed in the past as an option to do laundry for other areas, however, there were several issues that would need to be addressed to make this a viable option.

Resolution 12. A. 4.

Freeholder Zellman asked how this compared with 2007.

Mr. Eskilson referred to the information included with the Resolution, noting that it depended on weather conditions.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

B. Change Orders

- RESOLUTION RE: 308-2008** AUTHORIZING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PICKERING, CORTS & SUMMERSON, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE M-16 CARRYING SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 653 OVER A TRIBUTARY OF MILL BROOK, MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes the increase of \$61,776.00 (67.8% total) to perform Construction Management functions)

2. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3
309-2008** FINAL TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND NORDIC CONTRACTING CO., INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE S-01, COUNTY ROUTE 610 OVER PAULINS KILL IN STILLWATER TOWNSHIP (Resolution authorizes this increase of \$326,336.41 (15.29% total) to adjust all quantities and amount to a final status)

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Resolution 12. B. 1.

Freeholder Zellman asked how long of a project this was expected to be.

Mr. Eskilson replied that there was a timeframe and an incentive/disincentive for early finishing; he said it was largely a summer project and it was hoped that it could be completed while the work on the Milford Bridge was shut down.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

14. FINANCIAL

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL AND CONSENT BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY UPPER WALLKILL WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE HAMBURG BYPASS FORCE MAIN AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF WASTEWATER FACILITY NOTES AND REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500,000.00**

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

14. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve the Personnel Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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Freeholder Wirths said that there was an additional Resolution for the Board's consideration.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF
310-2008** SENIOR SERVICES TO APPLY FOR MINI GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SENIOR FARMERS
MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE
1, 2008 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

Green Communities Grant

Mr. Eskilson stated that at the last meeting, the Board authorized an application for a \$3,000.00 Green Communities Grant to do the next round of Shade Tree planting; he received a copy of a letter today that the County had received a \$3,000.00 grant.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he did not have any items for discussion.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solid Waste Advisory Council

Freeholder Crabb said that he wrote letters to seven or eight municipalities asking them to consider appointing and maintaining representation on the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC); he said that SWAC played a critical role in addressing issues such as monitoring the percentage of solid waste recycling efforts; he added that he has received a couple of positive responses so far.

Sub-committee meetings of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)

Freeholder Zellman said that sub-committee meetings of the NJTPA were held this week; she said that Rich Roberts of New Jersey Transit discussed potentially moving forward with the Lackawanna Cutoff to Andover; also, letters to Mayors and Clerks will be going out on behalf of the NJTPA for the bus study and public transportation study, particularly covering the corridor of Route 23 and Routes 15 and 80; Freeholder Zellman said that this meeting may be on May 27 and felt that the NJ Herald should be informed.

New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Meeting

Freeholder Vetrano referred to the ad placed in the journal for last year's NJAC Conference; he said that it was paid for through the Division of Planning's tourism budget and that funds were available again; he said that because of the potential closing of High Point State Park, he suggested changing the ad and using the Park to encourage people to visit.

Mandated truck washing

Freeholder Vetrano referred to Gary Sondemyer, Director of Operations, who was the guest speaker from the Department of Environmental Protection; he said he had asked Mr. Sondemyer about the issue of truck washing and the compliance date of February, 2009;

Freeholder Vetrano said that he had asked what the State had done to be in compliance as of 2009; he said that Mr. Sondemyer replied that the State has done nothing.

Freeholder Vetrano said that the County's Shared Services Coordinator, Keith Armstrong, was going to contact Mr. Sondemyer to obtain additional information.

Capital Projects Tour

Freeholder Wirths referred to the Capital Projects tour taken earlier in the afternoon by the Freeholder Board; he said that it was very informative; he said that during the June meeting, the Board would walk to the Old Courthouse for a tour.

Automatic transfer of funds

Freeholder Parrott said that he spoke to the County Treasurer regarding the automatic transfer of funds in the Escrow Account for real estate transfers for the County Clerk's Office; he said that he was happy to report that the County Treasurer had worked it out with the banking institution that does business with the County and there would be no additional charge.

Capital Projects Tour

Freeholder Parrott said he enjoyed the Capita Projects Tour and would like to see it continue once a year.

Consent of Freeholder Board for ad in NJAC journal

The Board unanimously agreed to place an ad in the NJAC journal using High Point State Park.

18. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 6:42 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Thank you to Board for support of grant application

Councilman Daniel Barr of Hamburg came forward; he thanked the Board for supporting Hamburg's grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Commission; he said that this grant would allow the Commission to operate without taxpayer money.

Comments on Sussex County Technical School

Mr. Barr stated that he was an alumni of the Sussex County Technical School; he said that he felt the concentration on technology has taken the School away from its initial focus and that is to provide an education for people who do not necessarily want to go on to higher learning; Mr. Barr said that he did not attend college until he was in his 30's, but that he continues to work in the field that he studied at the Technical School and added that the circle of friends he made at the Technical School all work in the field that they studied in school.

Mr. Barr said that the difference in this School Board was that the Board Members were not elected; he said that with other School Boards if you were not happy with the members you did not vote for them again; he said that he was asking the Freeholder Board to consider appointing persons who would help to get the Technical School back on track for what it was initially designed for.

Freeholder Wirths thanked Mr. Barr for his comments and said that it was good to get insight from someone who graduated from the Technical School.

MOTION made at 6:46 p.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

There were no Freeholders' Comments.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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 May 14, 2008 Regular Meeting 5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:47 p.m. by Freeholder Zellman to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: April 23, 2008