

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2016

6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 6:05 PM
2. **ROLL CALL** Freeholder Crabb, Freeholder Lazzaro, Freeholder Rose, Freeholder Vohden; Freeholder Director Graham, Acting County Administrator, Ron Tappan; County Counsel, John Williams; Clerk of the Board, Cathy Williams
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, 2016 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
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. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION made by Freeholder Rose to approve the agenda, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A.

**FINAL ADOPTION – CAPITAL ORDINANCE
288-2016**

Freeholder Director Graham: "At our regular meeting held on June 8, 2016, we introduced for first reading the following Capital Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of June 10, 2016, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 6:00 PM:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION, AS APPLICABLE, OF EQUIPMENT BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$53,300.00 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

MOTION that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Capital Ordinance? No public

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

MOTION that this Capital Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

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

B.

**FINAL ADOPTION – CAPITAL ORDINANCE
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CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE X-09 IN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2015 LOCAL BRIDGES, FUTURE NEEDS (LBFN) PROGRAM GRANT TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

MOTION that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Capital Ordinance? No public.

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

MOTION that this Capital Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Rose, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

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

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CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$2,470,100.00 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2016 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID GRANT TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

MOTION that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by

Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Capital Ordinance? No public

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

MOTION that this Capital Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

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

7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations

1. Proclamation in recognition of Logan McHose achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
291-2016

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt the Proclamation, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

Discussion

Freeholder Crabb said this was presented last Saturday and it was a very nice ceremony and a very worthy project.

8. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less. Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal residency.

MOTION made at 6:12 PM by Freeholder Crabb to open the floor to the public, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Comment from Herman Terpstra

Mr. Terpstra said the Eagle Scout of the Year is from Wantage Township for an American Legion for the State of New Jersey by the name of Joseph Mitchell. He also said this Sunday all the veterans are meeting at High Point for a get together like we do every year at the Green Olive, Rt. 23, in Wantage Township.

Freeholder Graham said we see a lot of veterans do a lot of things, we go to veterans meetings and all of us attend different things and the one thing I would like to take note of is that it is not the veterans that serve but the veterans who never stop serving. Herman is one of those veterans that keeps going on and on to serve and to serve other veterans. He thanked Herman.

MOTION made at 6:14 PM to close the public session by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

9. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Vohden

Freeholder Vohden spoke about the Clean Water Act and how the ruling is important to Sussex County residents that are affected by the severe regulations imposed by the Highlands Act and

the Flood Hazard Act on our streams, our rivers and wetlands. The Highlands Preservation and the Flood Hazard Control Act regulations have a serious impact on the future of the economic health and development of Sussex County.

He said the DEP has proposed rule changes that would give some common sense relief. But State Legislators are using a rarely used tactic called a concurrent resolution to block the adopted rule changes. If the Senate and the Assembly pass these resolutions the adopted rule changes would be rescinded and that is bad news for Sussex County. He said last Thursday the full Assembly approved the bill to rescind the changes and the Senate Environmental Committee released the bill to be voted on by the full Senate. Sierra Club Executive Director Jeff Titell said this represents one of the most important environmental victories in the state of New Jersey since the passage of the Highlands Act; so if the Senate votes this down then the rule changes will be rescinded and we will continue under very restrictive laws. Back in 2007 there were a lot of comments on Category I designations. Freeholder Vohden said the Lackawanna Cutoff is being held up by the Category I restrictions. This all happened without much comment from Sussex County so it is very important for us to get involved.

Freeholder Vohden said when he was appointed to the County Planning Board in 2003, there were 6 planners; now we only have 2 planners, a transportation planner and 1.5 staff members.

Freeholder Vohden said 38% of Sussex County is in the Highlands Region which includes our most populated areas, Vernon, Sparta, Hopatcong, Byram, Hardyston, Hamburg, Ogdensburg, Stanhope and Green Township. The Highlands is in the process of a required review of the Highlands Regional Master Plan and part of the review process of the master plan is a 4 part report on a "Fiscal Impact Assessment" of the Highlands Act on the Highlands Region. The first two reports have been released and the next Highlands meeting will be presented on Jul 21st entitled "Fiscal and Financial Analysis". The meeting is open to the public and the report will be available at the meeting

Comments by Freeholder Rose

Freeholder Rose said on June 20th there was a meeting with George Graham, Ron Tappan, John Williams, Rob Maikis, Ruby Malcolm, Mary Jones and myself regarding the solar project. We discussed where are we, the investigation, the financials, and the public hearing. We are currently planning for the presentation for the second meeting in July, which will be July 27. We will be having another meeting on Monday of next week to continue the planning for that presentation. The Stanhope School Board will be voting whether to allow construction on their roof after September 1st which is the planned schedule to begin if that project was to move forward. If it is voted down and not allowed to occur after September 1, we will likely have to re-site those 200 kilowatts of power for that roof.

Comments by Freeholder Crabb

Freeholder Crabb said he wanted to add on to Freeholder Vohden's comments of the constraints and when Freeholder Space was a Freeholder and was dealing with a potential closure of the land fill. This came up prior to the solution of building up on it so that we no longer have to deal with it. But part of the due diligence was working with our GIS system.

You never have to worry about the County siting a new land fill because there is not 100 continuous acres in Sussex County that is not constrained by some regulation. We think of Sussex County as a wide open county but there are no 100 continuous acres available anywhere. This is just to give you some perspective on what Freeholder Vohden is talking about.

Freeholder Crabb said along with Freeholder Vohden he had the honor to present the Eagle Scout Award to Logan McHose. Freeholder Crabb said he grew up in the 70's and scouting was not on the forefront of boys' minds like it is now. He said what is very impressive in Sussex County is how many Eagle Scouts are coming through in all the counties. It shows great leadership.

Freeholder Crabb said the signs for the bridge in Ogdensburg -07 will be closed shortly. That is long coming for the Borough of Ogdensburg. Like I mentioned before, it is the guardrails that are holding the bridge up. He also said once we get through July 4, the bridge on Rt. 631 by the Franklin Pond Dam will be closing down. He said he talked with Engineering and everything is on schedule and on budget.

Comments by Freeholder Lazzaro

Freeholder Lazzaro said the road department is working diligently on roads and bridges. They are up and running full steam. The Stillwater bridge repair will be going on in a week or so.

- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR SFY 2016 CONSOLIDATED NEW JERSEY JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT OPERATING AGREEMENT ROUND 2 FUNDING DATED OCTOBER 28, 2015
295-2016
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD
296-2016
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. (ESRI) AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
297-2016
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND SCARC, INC. FOR PREMISES LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, KNOWN AS LOT 2, BLOCK 23 ON THE FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS
298-2016
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE A RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF THE LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017
299-2016
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE THE SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS, AND 4-H DEVELOPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016
300-2016

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 Crabb to adopt the Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve minutes, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

12. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

None for tonight.

13. RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO
301-2016 ENTER INTO AN INTER-COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

B. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT OF BOROUGH OF STANHOPE GRANT
302-2016 APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE SUSSEX COUNTY
303-2016 BRIDGE P-36, CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 646 (JAGER ROAD) OVER DELAWARE RIVER TRIBUTARY IN SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP AND TO IMPLEMENT, MAINTAIN, AND MODIFY AS NECESSARY, AN OFFICIAL DETOUR OF COUNTY ROUTE 646 AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE BRIDGE CLOSURE AND ROAD DETOUR

D. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE CR 613 IN THE
304-2016 TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

E. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 631 IN
305-2016 BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

(Voice vote by consent, unless there is a request by a Board Member for individual consideration.)

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt the Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

14. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH THE
306-2016 COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL TEST SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING 2016 - 2017 FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2015
307-2016 SUSSEX COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

MOTION to award the contracts made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

B. Bids

1. RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE AWARD OF

308-2016

CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING
TRADE SERVICES (ELECTRICAL) TO BE
PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS
SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL AND SHARED
SERVICES

2. RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE AWARD OF
309-2016 CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING
TRADE SERVICES (CARPENTRY) TO BE
PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS
SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL AND SHARED
SERVICES

MOTION to reject the Bids made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

Discussion

Freeholder Crabb asked what the reason was for the rejection.

Ron Tappan said mainly due to lack of paperwork, lack of certifications; it a purchasing issue. They will go back out and do it again.

County Counsel said Joe Biuso is concerned with some of the pricing.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

15. FINANCIAL

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
310-2016

MOTION to approve the Payment of Bills, made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Abstain
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

B. RESOLUTION RE: CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF AUDIT BY GROUP
311-2016 AFFIDAVIT

MOTION to adopt the certification made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	Yes

16. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION to adopt the Personnel Agenda made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

Acting County Administrator Ron Tappan said there is was an email that we got from District 24, and on June 28th and they are having a workshop dealing with the state Transportation Aid. Our Engineer Director, Bill Koppenaar and Tom Drabic have registered to attend the workshop. They will talk about the process of dealing with getting through the application process. He asked if anyone had gotten this email.

Acting County Administrator asked for guidance for a resolution received late yesterday. It is resolution no. 4287 sponsored by Senator Oroho and it is dealing with having a budget change to help counties support the Criminal Justice Reform. He said in talking with them today, it was suggested that if we could write a resolution in support of this, would be great.

We are one of the pilots for the program and right now there has been no funding for it so if we could get something to help us in an effort to help the budget line that would be greatly appreciated.

Freeholder Vohden said NJAC is working very hard on it and they may have a sample resolution for us to look at.

Freeholder Director Graham asked Ron to tell the Board where the Health officer was today.

Mr. Tappan said the Health officer is in Trenton with all the other Health officers and the Mosquito Commission and everybody that is dealing with the mosquito ZIKA issue. They are working on something called the Fast Track Lab Analysis. If we have something that appears or we suspect something we send it to the fast track lab and they get the results back to us quickly and we can be proactive on the issue. So they are all in Trenton trying to put that process together.

18. COUNTY COUNSEL

A. Capital Projects

B. Litigation

C. Contract

D. Other Matters

County Counsel said Ron Tappan and I have continued to work with the New Jersey Association of Counties on alternatives for relief on the Criminal Justice Reform. There have been a range of ideas from delay it another year to give us more time to prepare for it in our budget to some more easy manageable smaller chunks to deal with. They are addressing the costs that will affect the counties.

Ron Tappan and I continue to meet with our Owner's Rep who is working with Sunlight General and Vanguard to get all the details for the remaining kilowatts for the remaining sites and the remaining options and then once that information if finalized, the numbers will go to our consultants and provide analysis and for the Board to complete its deliberation for this final phase of the project. The projects being built are continuing and moving on.

Freeholder Crabb said he saw Vanguard at Sparta Middle School for the side hill mount.

He asked if Kittatinny came out of attorney review.

Mr. Tappan said he was at Kittatinny today and said the product is in the parking lot, the safety roofing is up and the guys were on the roof installing something of solar on top.

County Counsel said panel delivery at Kittatinny is scheduled for 6/22 and 6/23.

Ron Tappan said he was at Sussex Tech this morning and they had a full crew at the back ray and he went back this afternoon and they had all but four rows completed in the solar installation and they were pouring the forms for the converters in the front as well.

County Counsel said Kittatinny is way beyond the attorney review process.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Freeholder Vohden said at our last meeting we all agreed we would take a look at the legal and financial aspects of videotaping our Freeholder meetings and again we have 12 attendees here. He asked if anything has been done further than the investigation that I have did.

Cathy Williams, Clerk of the Board said no.

Freeholder Vohden said there are four entities that could video tape our meetings. The New Jersey Herald, our IT Department, the Technical School and Service Cable Electric TV. Service Electric would provide air time free of charge, they would show the videos on their schedule with no commercial, no advertisements. They provide us with a no-strings attached CD that we can use at our pleasure to be used to put on U Tube, the County web-site and what they require from us is a very simple contract authorizing the service. It is a PEG Access use request. It is giving them permission to come here and video tape the meetings. Freeholder Vohden made a motion to have our attorney to get in touch with Service Electric Cable TV to set up further video tapings of our meetings. Freeholder Crabb seconded the motion.

Freeholder Rose asked what they are voting on.

Freeholder Vohden said he will ask our attorney to review the simple contract.

Freeholder Graham asked if Freeholder Vohden negotiated the contract.

Freeholder Vohden said no. I asked for a copy of it and they gave me a copy. I have not read it, they explained what it was and I said I would give it to our attorney and my motion is with the review of this by our attorney that it is okay to move ahead and set up videotaping of our meetings. He said he asked a lot of people would they watch the video, and people said probably not but people with a slight interest said they would when they could. They said especially when something interesting was happening. I did tell them the minutes are on-line and they can listen to the audio. The complaint with the audio was that they can't make sense of it. They don't know who is speaking and they felt they could better understand if they could see it. He said also there is limited honest coverage from the press and another big advantage is that the people could watch the video at their convenience and I think they would better understand the problems of the county. The more people that understand what is going on; will be better for all of us. He said last year the NJAC did a survey and the Boards across the state, Bergen, Cumberland, Essex and Union videotape all their meetings. Atlantic and Burlington Counties are looking at it. He said it would be good for Sussex County.

Freeholder Vohden said the motion is for the attorney to review the contract and if it fine than we go ahead and set up videotaping the meeting after the next.

Freeholder Lazzaro said that is two motions.

Freeholder Vohden said I think it is one motion.

Freeholder Lazzaro said to Freeholder Vohden I would like to ask you a favor since this has not come up in five years could you be so kind to give us a list of the next seven things you want to bring up between now and end of the year. You seem to come up every month with something to disrupt the ongoing thinking. This is an additional disruption that you knew was coming up.

Freeholder Crabb asked what the disruption was.

Freeholder Lazzaro said it is just another diversion, because you knew this was going to be a conflict.

Freeholder Crabb said this is regular business. He brought this up under Old Business.

Freeholder Vohden said he brought it up because every resident of Sussex County will have the opportunity to view the Freeholders' meetings and be informed on the County issues. The last year there have been so many comments that we need more communication and transparency; they are essential for good government. He said there is a glaring need for transparency and accountability; it is critical that the voting public hear about research and understand the issues at play at all levels of government. We have been hearing this. I bring up a motion that would make all this happen.

Discussion ensued.

Freeholder Vohden made a motion to amend to have Counsel review and approve or disapprove the request form from Service Electric, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	No
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Graham	No

Freeholder Vohden asked if a meeting was set up for the out migration report.

Clerk of the Board said she has not done that and she wanted to talk to the Freeholder Director Graham to schedule a meeting. She asked if the meeting in August would be good.

Freeholder Vohden asked has there been any progress in the search for qualified applicants for the County Administrator.

Freeholder Graham said not as of yet.

Freeholder Vohden said we are almost half way through the year and wants to know why we don't have a liaison for the Department of Health and for the Executive County Superintendent of Schools especially since the enrollment is down.

Freeholder Graham said we are looking at the Administrative code and where these two departments could act as one. Freeholder Graham has been acting the Liaison for Department of Health and Freeholder Rose has met with the Superintendent of Schools.

20. NEW BUSINESS

None tonight.

21. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less. Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal residency

MOTION at 7:02 PM to open to the public made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Comment from Harvey Roseff

Mr. Roseff from Byram made a comment that a video tape of the meetings is very appropriate. You have done audio but video is an actual tape. Everybody is doing it. All of our kids are doing. He said you do have a big impact. He said 7 PM would be a good meeting time but he said it is up to the Board to make that decision. He said he doesn't see anything wrong with grand standing. Everybody grandstands. We saw grandstanding tonight. People might say I am grandstanding right now. But that is politics and that is government. You have the potential to drive your points with audio, video tape in a live meeting. He said the only thing that matters are they responsible. Are they going to give you the actual data in a timely fashion and be here for every meeting? He said when they hand you that video it should be put on the website very quickly right next to the minutes. There are free apps that do this. It is not a matter of cost or style; it is a matter of communicating with the public. That is what we want to see.

Freeholder Lazzaro said yesterday a very significant thing happened and the Governor spoke and said that he is opposed to the funding formula for schools and wanted all children in the state of New Jersey to be treated equally which means that the x amount of dollars per child will go per child throughout the state and the separate funding for schools in urban schools and special areas would change so that every child would equally be treated. We all know that is going to meet with great resistance when it gets to the Legislature particularly amongst the Democrats, but this is an opportunity for us to back our legislatures and send a message to as many Legislatures in the house that this is a fair an appropriate way to distribute monies for education.

It affects our property taxes and our education systems and the struggle for money that we have in the rural and suburban areas that we are not getting. I urge you to follow that carefully.

Freeholder Graham said this is very helpful to helping us in Sussex County. Any money that is coming in for funding of the schools would affect our school budget which is 60% of our taxes. So any additional money the schools are receiving could go back and reduce the taxes and that could be more sufficient than anything else we do. That would make properties in this area more affordable.

Freeholder Graham said I am not opposed to the videotaping. I am opposed to one person going out as I was accused of at the beginning of the year and setting up a contracts and dealing with people because that seems to be what is being done here.

Freeholder Vohden said there is no money involved here. He said every one of us agreed that we were going to investigate it. Did anybody else investigate it? Did anybody else look into it at all? He said he spoke with somebody from the Herald, Votech, Service Electric and IT and I didn't talk to IT, I reviewed there on-line information.

MOTION made at 7:09 PM by Freeholder Vohden to close the public session, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

22. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session – If Applicable)

No items for tonight.

RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the subject matter(s) about to be discussed may be excluded from the public portion of the meeting by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as an exception to the "Open Public Meetings Act" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

WHEREAS, it appears necessary for the Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss such matter(s) in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Board at this time enter into an Executive Session from which the public shall be excluded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general nature of the subject(s) to be discussed relate to the following item(s) authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as designated below:

- _____ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:**
- _____ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:**
- _____ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:**
- _____ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:**
- _____ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:**
- _____ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:**
- _____ (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege:**
- _____ (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:**
- _____ (9) **Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders or provided by law that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the business for which the Board has entered into the Executive Session, the Board shall reconvene and resume its meeting open to the public.

23. REMINDERS

Wednesday July 8, 2016 Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM

Freeholder Director Graham said he wants to amend this section to include other meetings on the Agendas that the County has. It will show where discussions are occurring on a regular basis. He said he wants people to understand that there are dozens of people volunteering their time to other means.

24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 7:12PM by Freeholder Rose to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

DATED: June 22, 2016

Catherine M. Williams
Clerk of the Board