

**REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:02 PM**

- 2. ROLL CALL** Freeholder Crabb, Freeholder Lazzaro, Freeholder Rose, Freeholder Vohden, Freeholder Director Graham; County Administrator, Steve Gruchacz, 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:

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| 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** to approve the agenda made by Freeholder Rose, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**MOTION** to amend agenda to add a resolution appointing an Acting County Administrator after Executive Session, made by Freeholder Rose, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None for tonight.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation designating March as "National Red Cross Month"  
**120-2016**

2. Proclamation designating March 7 – 13, 2016 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week"  
**121-2016**

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

**MOTION** to adopt the Proclamations made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by Skylands Group, NJ Sierra Club regarding Sparta Mountain WMA Stewardship Plan

Susan Williams, from the Sierra Club partnering with the Friends of Sparta Mountain working on the logging issue. She thanked the Board allowing her this time. She said they are going throughout the County and talking town by town and to their environmental commissions about what this plan is and we feel it has a very negative impact on Sussex County. She said the purpose of this is we are looking for a resolution and the ultimate goal is to get DEP to stop this from moving forward. She said we have had a number of people with all backgrounds from scientists, policy people, legalese people; all backgrounds within the science world have torn this apart. She went through the overarching issues. She said the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area Stewardship Plan is a fancy way of saying logging. When you look into the document, it is all about logging. They do say it is about birds. She said she is not against birds and stewardship. She said it is not about stewardship. We do like stewardship, it is not clear cutting. Stewardship is keeping a forest healthy. She said currently we have focused on the town's most directly affected which covers Jefferson, Hardyston, Ogdensburg and Sparta. We have been very well received. She said the New Jersey Audubon was hired by the DEP. The DEP, being the government agency, you can OPRA information. The second you put a company that isn't a government agency; they do not have to abide by OPRA laws so now there is a veil of secrecy. There is nothing transparent about this whole process. They released this plan two days before Christmas. She said this is common when something isn't popular. They got called out for this. The deadline for making comments has been extended 4 times and now we are finding out that they never provided the documents and somehow mysteriously the forest was declassified as a high conservation forest because we are in a watershed. There have been problems every step of the way. She said the issue is the water. I invite you all on a hike and you will see the devastation of the clear cutting or where it will be because all the trees have been marked and how you are literally sinking because it is right in the thick of the water shed. We feed millions of people downstream with our water. She talked about the expense to the tax payers, to the county, the roads that the heavy equipment has to travel on. It is all on us to pay because they are not obligated. I have heard from opponents of this plan and they say you can't listen to the emotional aspect of this, people are too emotional. She said there is an emotional side to it but aside from that there is an incredible amount of science as to why this is wrong. She thanked the Vernon Environmental Commission. They are the first entity to firmly take a stand. They wrote a resolution and they adopted it. They see the big picture. The towns are very concerned, they have written great comments about their concerns but they will not publicly say we don't want this plan.

Beverley Budds, Chairwoman of the Vernon Environmental Commission came forward. She presented a Resolution unanimously adopted by the commission. She said we do get logging because we lost 53,000 trees in 2011 due to the Tennessee Gas Pipe Line. We have no regrowth right now. We are on our second grant totaling over \$400,000 for the no net loss fine that was levied on the gas company not being able to comply with the DEP. She read the Resolution that they adopted.

Dr. John Ford came forward and said he has lived and resides in Sussex County since 1981 through the present and I have served in the county as a physician since 1981 to 2011. He presently serves on the Newton Board of Health and on the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology. I have presided on the County Planning Board for two terms until health concerns caused me to resign in December of 2012. I have also had the honor of serving as the president of Hampton Rotary in 1988 and 1989. He said the reason why he gives this background is simply I want to let you know that I passionately love Sussex County and really cares what happens to our community and I want to address the treating of Sparta Mountain. He said he has lived most of his life in Sussex County and has raised his family in Sussex County. I can't say that I have always agreed with the direction that the state has directed the county and forced the county to go in that is why I chose to run on the Sussex County Planning Board for several terms.

Our towns have gone from one, three, five and now seven acre zoning to build a home. The state master plan has designated Sussex County as a recreational county limiting growth again and again. The Highland's Act further restricted growth and development in Sussex County. A rail road has been coming forever to Sussex County and it keeps getting pushed down the road which would not only help growth but also the economy in Sussex County. Our county has the second highest incidence use of heroin amongst adolescents in the State of New Jersey. Sussex County has over 10,000 homes in foreclosure and the banks are holding onto more. Sussex County has lost over 10,000 residents in the last ten years and we currently lose 1100 residents a year. We are talking about cutting trees and directly affecting the best kept secrets in the state, our community lakes and waterways. As an approved forest management plan, the NJ Department of Protection contends that the proposed plan is exempt from watershed protection. They propose to perform forest removal within 25 feet of water courses rather than follow their own state mandated laws requiring 300 feet required by the Highland's Act. I trust and hope that common sense will prevail. Sediment run off which is well documented on our steep slopes will fill our lakes and choke off its life giving properties rendering our entire lake communities disabled, useless and at least broken. I question why it has to be located around long term lake communities when there are so many other options. I ask that you think and judge not only with common sense, but what is best for the people in Sussex County who still reside in Sussex County.

## **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 5:45 PM to open the meeting up to the Public by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

### **Comment from Sue Doward**

Ms. Doward from Hardyston came forward. She is a director of the resident owned Beaver Lake Realty Company, a Rutgers Environmental Steward sustainability coordinator on a college campus and a member of Bridgewater Township's Environmental Commission. She said at Town Council meetings in Sparta, Ogdensburg, and Hardyston, I heard many residents passionately oppose this logging plan. A few hundred people have spoken in favor of the plan and we recently discovered that a private hunting club gave the Audubon \$140,000 grant for the Sparta Mountain Fund. The proposed plan is part of a broader effort to log the Highlands and public lands in general. A similar plan is already in place for Weldon Brook where logging began in 2013. The proposed plan is supposed to start in 2016 but since 2011 the DEP has logged 48 acres on Sparta Mountain. They plan to log an additional 17 acres, but at the last minute were persuaded to delay the project. Recently a group hiked to all of the logged sites. The logged oaks could have lived for another 200 years. To see the results of the logging and what is no longer there makes your heart sink. It is no wonder that citizens are fighting the plan. Sussex County Planning Board's natural resources inventory says there is one large area of the highest ranking critical forest habitat for federally threatened endangered species. Much of this region is encompassed by Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management area, the Wallkill River Preserve and Weldon Brook Wildlife Management area. Under this plan, half of the endangered plants could be destroyed. She continued with endangered information. She said the proposed plan does not examine potential impacts to surface water supplies and their dams. She said please help Sparta Mountain by asking the DEP to reject this plan.

### **Comment from Jerry Murphy**

Mr. Murphy resident of Sparta and member of Council came forward and said he is here more as a citizen than a Council member. He said Sparta has not passed any resolution regarding this plan for a good reason. He said a well-managed plan could be an asset. I know a lot of people feel this plan is very destructive by nature, but you have to look on the other side of the coin. What I am concerned with are the bid specifications that are being drawn up by the DEP. We would like to see those. Our concern is for the egress and ingress of logging trucks. How is it going to affect our population, how will it affect the school bus routes, the roads in that area.

It is very limited on getting in and out. There is a county road that runs from Sparta all the way to Oak Ridge, that I think is the only county point of concern. I don't think the County of Sussex has any horse in this race. There are very few communities around this area that are concerned. You have to look at it from both sides. As a councilman, I have to weigh both sides.

**Comment from Jesse Paladini**

Ms. Paladini of Vernon Township said the gentleman just said Sparta implied that Vernon does not have any stake in this. But I would remind you that the resolution that the Vernon Township Environmental Commission passed opposes these bills that were introduced in the Assembly and in the Senate on January 12 and January 27, 2016 and the bills refer to public lands. Vernon Township has Hamburg Mountain, Vernon Township has Audubon Society, homes, land and we have a stake in it and we are opposed to it.

**Comment from Vic Marotta**

Mr. Marotta of Glenwood came forward and gave his concerns. He is opposed to the plan.

**Comment from Christa Gerry**

She said she hasn't spoken in front of you since the Homestead issue. I am here tonight as a concerned citizen because the Sparta Mountain is a very important topic and it will ultimately affect everyone. I ask you tonight to reject this plan. Once the damage is done, it will be too late to reverse it. She is opposed to the plan.

**Comment from Alana Stybe**

Ms. Stybe, resident of Hardyston Township came forward and gave her concerns. She said this is a ridiculous use of public protected land. I do believe you have a dog in this fight. You are our Freeholders. She is opposed to the plan.

**Comment from Dudley Anderson**

Mr. Anderson resident of Hardyston Township came forward and said he has been to many meetings and has heard a lot of things. Most of them revolve around the ecological and the environmental impacts to the wildlife and fish. The one point that I want to make and that is the economic impact and the negative impact it will have on the value of the homes in the area. He is opposed to the plan.

**Comment from Sharon Petzinger**

Ms. Petzinger is with the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Endangered and Nongame Species Program and am here representing the State of New Jersey. She said on behalf of the DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife she extended her apologies for the mistakes that they have taken. We have learned that we need to be more communicable and how to reach out to the public. She said she was here to endorse the plan. The Division of Fish and Wildlife endorses it. She gave her background and talked about why this plan is a good idea for Sparta Mountain.

**Comment from Scott Dieman**

Mr. Dieman from Wantage and a seasonal resident of Hardyston opposes the plan because of the size of the project over 200 acres being affected. He said the plan goes deep into the canopy and has not been opened up in probably 75 years. I am against it because PSE&G about every 10 years comes through and mows down the 10 years of growth so they are already doing what this plan proposes to do. He said this plan will remove tons of oak trees which will remove thousands of pounds of food for the bears.

**Comment from Donald Donnelly**

Mr. Donnelly is with the Audubon and he is for the plan. He said there have been a lot of comments. Some of the things being said are rumors. He said the point is that we have been doing forestry work for the past few years under an existing plan. None of the concerns that people have brought up have come to fruition. As a matter of fact, very few people knew what we were doing. He this plan codifies a method of properly managing the forest. The thing that I would like to bring home is if you have thoughts and would like clarification I would be happy to give out my card so you can contact me.

#### **Comment from Neil Kenny**

Mr. Kenny from Green Township came forward. I wanted to hear what all the concerns were. I do think the Freeholders should take it seriously and how it affects people. I have heard many times I made a mistake, but once the mistake is made it is done. I think it is important that each side got to speak their minds and the Board got to hear that.

#### **Comment from George Stafford**

Mr. Stafford from Wharton and is representing the Highlands Coalition and you have before you our comments for highly accredited people who have taken our side. As scientists have said there is more than one opinion on this and many have taken the opportunity to express them. He read a quote "This ambitious project demonstrates a true feat of cooperation and innovation between the public and private sectors". We have had some public private things that have not turned out so well in the past and I think it is important that the elected officials take a look at that. Because when the project is all said and done you will still be here and when people are coming in and saying there is silt in the pond in my backyard, and people asking for tax appeals because this happened; you are still going to be here holding the bag. You should really think about that if you are considering this. This is not going away. It will be permanent on the county. This is a great place and part of that is your responsibility. This is democracy in action.

#### **Comment from Greg Gorman**

Mr. Gorman from Hamburg came forward. He is the chairman for the Sierra Club. We are looking at a standard that the Highlands Coalition is recommending.

#### **Comment from Joe Regalo**

Mr. Regalo resides in Stanhope and he is here on behalf of the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsman Clubs. He said it is good to hear the democratic process but it is also good at the end of the day to look for the truth and facts. Listening to people refer to the Highlands Coalition position I have to make it public at this point New Jersey State Federation Sportsman's Club was one of the founding fathers of the Highland's Coalition under Director George Howard. George has a degree in forestry and understood the importance of forest management and the benefits. He pointed out it is not a state park; it is state land. It is a wildlife management area. No one seems to mention that the wildlife will benefit from this. The state is doing this for everyone's benefit the wildlife, the people and the forest.

#### **Comment from Kiera Lambert**

Ms. Lambert came forward and said she is also speaking for her mom who couldn't make it expressed their concerns with the plan. She opposes the plan.

#### **Comment from Richard VonVoros**

Mr. VonVoros resides in Hardyston. He is the past president of the water company and served on the Planning Board. He said they found out about the plan by accident. He expressed his concerns. He said his biggest concern is who is accountable for this and he feels the Freeholder could find out for them. He is opposed to the plan.

#### **Comment from Bob Yeager**

Mr. Yeager resides in Vernon. He opposes the plan.

### **Comment from Sylvia Opresnick**

Ms. Opresnick resides in Sparta. She said when she first read the plan; she said this plan did not make sense; there is too much risk.

She said when you look at the Green Acres mission, it says full proof protection will preserve and enhance New Jersey natural environment in its historic, scenic and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment. NJ tax payers pay additional taxes to preserve wildlife management areas for the benefits of those who want to enjoy outdoors recreational activities. Under the Green Acres funding, this area is supposed to protect the existing animals and plant species. She feels the plan should be rejected.

### **Comment from Karen Tracy**

Ms. Tracy resides in Sparta on Sparta Mountain and she said even though her name is Karen she considered changing it to Dorothy because "there is no place like home." Unfortunately, she said no one from the DEP or the Audubon Society contacted them regarding this plan. Our home abuts Edison Pond which is right in the thick of things. I would certainly appreciate a little more contact in the future relative to this project both to my family and our neighbors because we are large stakeholders in the situation. With regard to the comment made earlier that the County has "no horse in this race", no authority in this area, it certainly does. Glen Road is a County road. This plan not only affects my home and the other homes on Sparta Mountain, but your Sussex County home as well. We ask for your help and guidance in handling this situation. The other thing she mentioned is while the Audubon Society is interested in birds, we have to consider another species and that is Homo sapiens. My concern is that as I drive down Edison Road every day I am in awe of the natural beauty, and I am blessed to see the beauty of Sparta Mountain and Heaters Pond. She said on a beautiful day in the fall, there is nothing more magnificent than viewing that site and for any of that to be taken away would be an absolute injustice. We moved here from Bergen County because of the magnificent wonder that this county offers. It is not offered anywhere else and for this DEP and Audubon Society through this ill-conceived plan to come in and destroy it is a travesty. I ask you to come in and protect us get involved in any legal means necessary to protect us and represent the citizens and residents of Sparta and indeed of the whole county. We certainly beseech you. Thank you for your time.

### **Comment from Mimi Dunn**

Ms. Dunn resides in Belvidere. She is with the NJ Forestry Association and we support this plan. We are concerned that this plan improves this property for forest health and resilient.

### **Comment from Larry Price**

Mr. Price resides in Hackettstown. He said that the Freeholders should be concerned with the environmental impact because do any of you remember the Sparta flood and what it did to Route 517. There was extensive damage. He said he knows that mountain pretty well. He worked in Sparta for PSE&G for 23 years. He has hiked the mountain 40, 50 times. He said he knows it very well. It is not the place to be stripping the land. He said he can think of other places where the state owns land. In Stokes, there is a lot of flat land. I will say they are more interested in the grouse, the birds and the wildlife than they are to the people's concerns, to the county's concerns, to the Freeholder's concerns of what the impact may have on all of our flooded out homes.

### **Comment from John Snyder**

Mr. Snyder came forward and asked will there ever be a meeting with the agencies involved in the solar project to come and give a presentation to the public? I feel it is your responsibility to discuss it whether you are going forward or not.

### **Comment from Susan Williams**

Ms. Williams said we are available to come and sit with you and go over any questions you may have. She will follow up with an email to the Freeholders because she has some other points to make.

## **Comment by Cindy Randazzo**

Ms. Randazzo came forward and she is the Director of Office for Local Government Assistance with the DEP and said that she appreciates everyone's heart felt comments. I was glad to see people from both sides expressing themselves. I have business cards for anyone that would like to contact me.

**MOTION** made at 6:54 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro to close the floor to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

## **9. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Comments by Freeholder Rose**

- **Budget**

Freeholder Rose said we have worked down the numbers significantly from the past meetings we have had. The tax increase as stands right now with no other changes is at 3.65%. We do have other options available and we are currently looking into these and we will come back to the Freeholder board to get that number even lower. He said he is certain we can do it. The target date for the budget introduction is the first meeting in April.

- **Engineering & Records Management meeting**

We had a meeting with Engineering & Records Management on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There are two issues relating to Records Management/GIS and Engineering. The first issue is a GIS integration issue and the second issue is a document management issue. On the GIS side there is a need to develop a way to integrate field computers into network infrastructure. Currently, there is no way to collect data from the field except from papers. So if there is an inspection of signs somebody has to go into the field write it on a piece of paper, bring it back and have the data entered here. We are going to be working on some ways to integrate that better. The second issue is document management. The last digital records in Onbase for engineering are from 2009 so there is nothing from 2009 to current in Onbase and there is an issue with Onbase indexing. We will be having another meeting this Friday to do some follow up on these two issues and I will let you know the results at the next meeting. It was a very productive meeting and I want to thank Freeholder Lazzaro for attending it as the Liaison to Engineering.

### **Comments by Freeholder Vohden**

- **Proclamation for Tony Gallapo**

Freeholder Vohden said on Saturday March 5, 2016, he presented a proclamation to Tony Gallapo at the Brownstone in Paterson. Tony is a Green Township resident and a veteran. He was awarded the New Jersey Veteran's Provider Distinguished Award for exemplary service to our veteran's community. This is a state award. Mr. Gallapo has been involved with the construction of the veteran's memorial at SCCC and helped with the Ernie Kosa veteran's center in Franklin and he is currently working on bringing a community-based outpatient clinic to Sussex County. Congratulations to Tony Gallapo.

- **Crimestoppers meeting**

Freeholder Vohden said he and Freeholder Lazzaro attended the Sussex County Crimestoppers meeting. We are both on the Board. Every monthly meeting there is a report of the number of arrests as a result of the program. This month's report was a really good report. It prompted me to ask about the overall success of this program over the last couple of years. In 2014 there were 169 tips leading to 38 persons being arrested and in 2015 there were 151 tips leading to 29 persons being arrested. It is a great organization and it deserves our support. This program is really helping with the drug problem in Sussex County.

- **DEP**

Freeholder Vohden said over the past few meetings he reported on the DEP proposed rule changes to the state water quality planning regulations. These changes would streamline the regulatory process in Sussex County. It would give us some relief from the red tape and eliminate the duplication of the DEP regulations. Steve Oroho and his office are working hard on this. The changes would result in better planning for economic development by allowing our county and local planners the ability to develop in appropriate areas. One example of the relief would be more flexibility in us determining our sewer service areas. Another example is the Andover Station for the Lackawanna Cutoff that was reported in the Herald this morning. He continued with problems these new regulations will cause. Also at the meeting was reported that the DEP has approved the pipeline connection from the County landfill to the sewer plant in Hardyston. That is good news. The committee is also having discussions about septic system maintenance plans, septic systems issues and the County Health Department inventory which is online. By mid-April, our Health Department will be prepared to do a presentation at a Freeholder's meeting on septic systems in the County.

- **Category I Stream Buffers**

Freeholder Vohden said Category I stream buffers are no development buffers that extend 300 feet on either side of the stream. That is a 600 foot buffer. That equates to one acre of undevelopable land for every 72 foot of a stream. For every 1000 foot of a stream that is about 14 acres of land that can't be developed. There is no compensation for the loss of the development right on this land. Today, NJ Transit voted on a resolution to spend \$1.4 million to purchase wetland credits to offset the work within the wetlands within the Lackawanna Cutoff at the train station. They will be voting to purchase 3.5 acres of wetland credits for \$1.4 million. That is \$400,000 an acre they are paying to mitigate wetlands. The New Jersey land owners were deprived of developing their property. They are not going to receive \$400,000 per acre. They will receive nothing. There is no compensation.

Freeholder Crabb said to give you an idea of what that means qualitatively many years ago if we had to site a new land fill we would use the GIS system and we could not find 10 contiguous acres in Sussex County that was not constrained by one thing or another. He said you don't have to worry about having to site a new land fill in Sussex County that will never happen with the current restraints.

### **Comments by Freeholder Crabb**

- **SCCC Fair Manager, Gary Larson and Joe Biuso**

Freeholder Crabb said I met with the Sussex County Fair manager, Gary Larson and Joe Biuso to discuss new opportunities for the County Building during the Farm and Horse show week. We have had the same display for a number of years. Going hand in hand with some recreational ideas trying to entice people to Sussex County, we are thinking of reorganizing the inside of the building and use the front of the building to highlight some of the strengths that Sussex County has with regards to economic development, recreational area, etc. We are thinking of something that could funnel people into that building who are not necessarily from Sussex County. We are going to have a milestone meeting in a couple of months to see where we are. It might not be the most optimal solution for this year, but we can build on it and learn from it.

- **Solar**

Freeholder Crabb gave a status to the unbuilt sites. He said this is posted to the website every month and you are welcome to have my copy that I have here. Hardyston will have a ground mount at the middle school on Wheatsworth School and a ground mount at the front of the elementary school on Rt. 23 in Franklin. For the middle school ground mounts, all the brush has been removed at the site. This has been completed like we said we would at the last meeting. Site mobilizations will take place this week and the construction fencing will be installed and construction will commence the week of March 14, 2016.

For the elementary school in Franklin, the schedule for the tree removal and the ground penetrating radar has been pushed back because Hardyston elementary school on Rt. 23 was added on at the end. There needs to be an amendment to Vanguard's contract. They are in the

process of getting these amendments done. Vanguard will need to do submission to the NJDEP for approval so that is going forward and they have to get through the necessary paperwork. When we get to Sparta, we will talk about how Sparta High School project has been removed from this because of their concerns with the roof blistering and the roof guarantee. For Kittatinny High School, there was a revised version of the interconnect agreement that was sent to Kittatinny High School on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and we are currently waiting to hear back from Kittatinny. Our Owner's Rep will follow up with them to get a status on the interconnect agreement, the building permits have been approved and the only item that remains outstanding is the revised interconnect agreement approval. Vanguard, Sunlight and Jingoli will be stopping by Kittatinny to see if the administrator was available to discuss the interconnect agreement. The interconnect agreement is with the Board of Ed of the Hardyston Elementary school. They have reached out to Barbara Deckert who is the point person and received a response on March 4<sup>th</sup> that they did receive the outstanding documents and will update us after they discuss the documents with their attorney. The building permits are being delayed due to additional requests from Sparta zoning for updated landscape drawings. The updates were submitted on March 3. At the vocational school, they will have a ground mount and a roof mount. The interconnection agreement and the soil conservation district have been approved. The only item is the zoning which is left to the Sparta Zoning department. As an alternate to the Sparta High School is the Valley Road School in Stanhope. They have met with the Business Administrator and he is interested in the project. He has asked for a formal presentation with Vanguard to present the details of the project at their next Board meeting. That will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>. They also approached the MUA due to open land that could be utilized to fulfill the remainder of the Sparta High School project. Two other items is a repair being done one at SCCC and Wheatsworth. Freeholder Crabb said there is a grid that shows where the project is and where the material is. He said he would be willing to have a panel discussion on where everything is and what the ramifications are.

### **Comments by Freeholder Lazzaro**

- **Democracy**

Freeholder Lazzaro said it was nice to see the democracy working tonight. He said democracy works and it works if you work it. There is a lot of emotion tonight, a lot of hard feelings and strong feelings. I am no stranger to this. I was in the forefront of the PSE&G deal. I was extremely vocal. We didn't go in and fire away and leave. There is a solution to this program. I have worked with the Sierra club. I have had meetings with them. They tend to be a little dogmatic. The homeowners have concerns. It doesn't belong here. We can make all the resolutions and all the things we want; nobody cares what the five of us think. What needs to happen now is the homeowners need to get together with the DEP or the Audubon group and come to a viable solution of what we can do and how can we do this. It will get done and it should be done. This is not the Amazon; the Amazon is not being denuded. I really think the next step should be for the people involved to come together and come up with a solution that will make this work and that is how democracy works. I was happy to see the DEP come up here and help was very nice and kind of her. You are in a position to come together. I understand that you do not want trees ripped down in your back yards. I think you need to go to the Sparta Council and other local councils who have much more direct input in this and work together to come up with a reasonable solution to benefit all involved.

- **Budget**

Freeholder Lazzaro said as Freeholder Rose mentioned we are moving ahead and making some good things happen. There is going to be some pain and discomfort; that is always the way with budgets but we have to keep the county solvent and the tax payers able to continue to do their thing. As Mr. Vohden said earlier my town in Fredon has one stream running through it and it runs right through the middle of what we consider our commercial area and I have a drainage ditch that runs across a two acre piece of property that renders it unusable because we couldn't put a perforated pipe in there or some other situation so now it sits as a waste land. You can't do anything on it but mow it. So as far any commercial development goes in the town, it has been shut off by that 300 foot buffer on both sides.

He said we want to do the right thing but at some point the regulatory process has to be pulled back a little bit to give us the flexibility to make our towns viable towns and make our businesses viable businesses. That is what I see our job here is to do. We talked about this in a planning board meeting last week. Trying to make things happens more quickly and easily.

## Comments by Freeholder Graham

- **Budget**

Freeholder Graham said the budget is my top concern. We are working on it. I want to put my thanks for everyone who works for the County and have gone over and above not only on what they need for their departments to run properly but a lot of alternate possibilities in order to bring things into line. He said he was very impressed with that. Our target is to introduce the budget the first of April and that is a little later than we'd like to but we do need to go through some more rounds of discovering what we can do to bring the budget into line.

- **Planning Board meeting**

Freeholder Graham said I think it is time for us to start looking at our local regulations and our local process of how we get things done. I would like us to look into a review to be able to streamline and improve the permitting process in Sussex County. Sussex County is thought by many to be the most difficult county in the state to get things through. We need to encourage redevelopment and take advantage of redevelopment opportunities. I don't know the process of that but maybe as we move into April things will open up.

### 10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**122-2016**

B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND DESIGNATION OF AN ON-LINE AUCTION SERVICE THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT

C. **RESOLUTION RE:** FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE BERT SMITH FARM IN FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING  
**124-2016**

D. RESOLUTION RE: FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE DANARAY FARM IN FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING  
**125-2016**

E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE A BUDGET REVISION #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF THE LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT  
**126-2016**

F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS (OHSP) AND THE NEW JERSEY NORTHWEST REGION COUNTIES (HUNTERDON, SOMERSET, SUSSEX, WARREN) CONCERNING THE USE OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS  
**127-2016**

G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ACCEPT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)  
**128-2016**

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$282,000.00 FOR A SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GENERATOR PROJECT

H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**129-2016** ORDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4  
ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS BID EXEMPT SERVICES

H. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE  
**130-2016** COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF THE NEXT GENERATION COMPUTER  
SOFTWARE/HARDWARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT  
FOR THE 911 CAPABLE CALL TAKING SYSTEMS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

I. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE  
**131-2016** COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE  
KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

K. RESOLUTION RE AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL  
**132-2016** SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC HEALTH  
SYSTEM/NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER AT A RATE OF  
\$1,200.00 PER DAY FOR INPATIENT SERVICES AND  
\$600.00 PER DAY FOR INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL  
SERVICES (MENTAL HEALTH) FOR THE PROVIDING  
OF MEDICAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-  
DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT TO  
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)

**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.**

Freeholder Rose asked if Resolution A could be handled separately, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**MOTION** to approve Resolutions B-K, made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Rose

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**MOTION** to vote on Resolution 9 A. separately made by Freeholder Lazzaro, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

**One Roll Call the vote was:**

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Freeholder Crabb           | Yes       |
| Freeholder Lazzaro         | Yes       |
| Freeholder Rose            | Abstained |
| Freeholder Vohden          | Yes       |
| Freeholder Director Graham | Yes       |

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2016

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2016 made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

**12. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

None for tonight.

**13. RESOLUTION**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE CLAIMING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS UNDER THE NEW JERSEY MEDICAID PROGRAM  
**133-2016**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2015 BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES  
**134-2016**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 661 IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
**135-2016**
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO IMPLEMENT THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AND TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMITS CONTAINED WITHIN THE PLANS ENTITLED "BRIDGE F-13 & F-14 REPAIRS, COUNTY ROUTE 622, NEWTON-SWARTSWOOD RD, FREDON TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX COUNTY, NJ" DATED FEBRUARY, 2016 DEVELOPED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF ENGINEERING  
**136-2016**
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-06, CARRYING MAIN STREET OVER WALLKILL RIVER IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA AND TO IMPLEMENT, MAINTAIN, AND MODIFY, AS NECESSARY, AN OFFICIAL DETOUR OF MAIN STREET AND PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BRIDGE CLOSURE AND ROAD DETOUR  
**137-2016**

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

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

**14. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS**

- A. Awards of Contracts
1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR THE KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
**138-2016**

**MOTION** to adopt the contracts, made by Freeholder Vohden, 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 |

B. Bids

1. RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE E-04, CR 631 (FRANKLIN AVENUE) IN FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
**139-2016**

**MOTION** to adopt the Bids made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Rose

**Discussion**

Freeholder Crabb said they were rejected because one of the bids came in and they forgot to sign it and one bid came in a \$1 million over. None of the bids were good, so they are going to push it back. We had conversations with people and we are pushing the start of it till after the Franklin Carnival.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**15. FINANCIAL**

**None for tonight.**

**16. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Rose to amend and remove Item 1 off of the Personnel Agenda seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**Discussion**

Freeholder Vohden asked why we are removing this item from the agenda.

Freeholder Rose said he is concerned with the process that was taken to put this on here.

Freeholder Vohden asked if could explain that.

Freeholder Rose asked if they could discuss this without RICEing it.

County Counsel said if you can discuss the concerns with respect to the process generally, but the extent that any employee is discussed specifically than it will require a RICE notice.

Freeholder Rose said it will be difficult for him to discuss the situation without being specific. Freeholder Vohden asked is this in opposition of the individual or the process?

Freeholder Rose said the process.

Freeholder Vohden said he is going to abstain because he doesn't know what is going on.

Freeholder Crabb said if it is just process than we should be able to talk about the process.

County Counsel I am not sure how you discuss the process without discussing the individual. Freeholder Vohden said maybe we should table this and someone can explain it to me in Executive Session. We do have an individual here.

County Counsel said it is a legitimate concern to suggest that discussing the process is not possible and we are not that big of an organization and it will in turn affect referencing people individually. Based upon what I have heard, that is a legitimate concern and under RICE it would be best to either table it and consider the matter and put it back on at another time, or remove it and put it back after a RICE notice.

Freeholder Crabb asked would the process ever be under the purview of this Board. Isn't process at the highest point, the Administrator? When does this Board insert themselves in the process?

Freeholder Lazzaro said all the time.

Freeholder Crabb said never with personnel issues.

County Counsel said I am not going to answer the specifics of what may be in the Freeholders minds because I can't do that but what I can do is state what I stated and the matter can be addressed by the Freeholders with the Administrator amongst their own review of county policies and procedures with me with respect to applicable laws and regulations and then the matter can be addressed.

Discussion ensued on the motion presented.

County Counsel said it is a motion that has been seconded and there has been discussion. You can call that to a vote. You don't need to amend that motion. There is a practical difference between amending it and removing it versus tabling it. According to Robert's Rules of Order if you table it you table it to a certain date. This time the motion is on the floor and can be called to a vote.

Clerk of Board read the motion again.

Freeholder Vohden asked you are going to remove this.

### **Discussion**

Freeholder Vohden said this is the County Administrator's recommendation that has gone through the process and we are opposed to what the County Administrator did. He is the County Administrator. He administrates county government and now we are opposed to the process that has been set out in the statutes in our Administrative code, is that what I understand? How did we get involved in the administration of county government?

Freeholder Graham said I think that is a legitimate concern, why don't we have a vote.

Freeholder Crabb asked for clarity on the motion.

Clerk of the Board read the motion again.

### **On Roll Call the vote was:**

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| Freeholder Crabb   | Yes |
| Freeholder Lazzaro | Yes |

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| Freeholder Rose            | Yes |
| Freeholder Vohden          | No  |
| Freeholder Director Graham | Yes |

**MOTION** to vote on remaining items on the Personnel agenda as amended made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. Other

No report.

**18. COUNTY COUNSEL**

A. Capital Projects

B. Litigation

C. Contract

D. Other Matters

County Counsel said adding to the comments that Freeholder Crabb talked about on the Jingoli spreadsheet that they sent us. He did send them an email and asked 1. What is the timeframe for completion on the Hardyston Middle school from the mobilization and the material delivery date of 3/14/2016? They said about five and half weeks before it is completed. I asked them to add to the spread sheet what they call a project tracker a column to include timeframe for the completion of the projects. The freeholders received a letter dated February 24<sup>th</sup> it was a member of the public who wrote a letter regarding some property in Frankford. They are inquiring about purchasing and they want to get a sense or a motion if there is no objection with me preceding with that and if any county entity has use for that property. If I don't hear from you, than that is what I will do.

County Counsel gave an update on Matthew Boxer. He said he has most of the documents. He has been reviewing what he has so far. He said what he has so far probably about 12 to 15 large 3 ringer binders. There will be some inquiries sent to him from me that have been raised from here by the Board or the public that I am going to ask him to follow up in regards to conflict, etc. We still need to provide him the resolutions. The one thing we spoke about is review documents and that is what we do as attorneys, we review documents. We both agreed that with any kind of endeavor it is important to review what you have in front of you and review the file thoroughly because than you are efficient and not wasting time and resources later.

**19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**20. NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Vohden said I mentioned before that he would like to move a motion to have the staff prepare a resolution for our adoption in support of the proposed rule changes to NJDEP, the proposed changes to Water Quality Management plan rules N.J.A.C 7.5.

Freeholder Vohden said the Division of Planning provided a letter listing their comments that they recommend. All of our legislatures are in favor of proposed changes. They believe resolutions from us in these instances will help them. The DEP is trying to help us in Sussex County. They are trying to give us some relief but they are having a hard time with the rest of state in their opposition.

Freeholder Vohden said I make a motion to prepare a resolution, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Vohden said NJ Association of Counties' Executive Director John Donadio and their President John King would like to come up and present to us their concerns at the State level and ways that we would be able to help them and help ourselves and they would like to set up a meeting.

Clerk of the Board said she has talked to their staff and they have asked me. We have that set up for the next meeting or the first meeting in April.

Freeholder Vohden said he wanted to open up a discussion on the Administrative Code. He said at our last meeting Freeholder Rose said that he set up a meeting with Engineering, GIS and Records Management and met with them independently and reported tonight. My question is, under what authority did you meet with these people? I consider that an Administrative duty. He read from the Administrative Code the Administrator's responsibilities. My question is was the County Administrator involved in these conversations?

Freeholder Director Graham said I was not at these meetings, but I do know that it started in two different meetings. One was budget that the Administrator was involved in and the other was the 911 center which the Administrator was involved in. There were some things that were being discussed.

Freeholder Vohden asked if he was directed by the Administrator. Freeholder Vohden said I know you are aware of the problem. I know you want to solve the problem, your intentions are commendable but we have to follow the Administrator Code. I have brought this up before. He said the Administrator has to administrate county government. It is the state statutes. We cannot get involved.

Freeholder Lazzaro said yes we can. We are entitled to get involved by virtue of our election and we will be involved.

Freeholder Vohden it is a disregard for the law. I was in the military.

Freeholder Lazzaro said I was not in the military and this is not the military. This is county government. If something has to be done, we sit down and we can do it. We brought two people together and we resolved the issue.

Freeholder Vohden said Robert's Rules of Order; we are bound strictly by this book on how to run a meeting. We have an Administrative Code and state statutes that spell out that the Administration of the county government shall be handled by the Administrator. We are a Board, we set policies.

Freeholder Director Graham said and you are a Liaison.

Freeholder Vohden said I am a Liaison. A Liaison listens and learns.

Freeholder Director Graham said that is what they did.

Freeholder Vohden said no, they are settling the problem.

Freeholder Director Graham said they were not solving a problem. They were trying to understand how this function works. All of these departments have overlapping concerns,

overlapping responsibilities. In regards to the 911 center you have the GIS and I do think Freeholder Lazzaro understands that. When Freeholder Rose and I were talking in the budget meetings, Freeholder Rose had a lot of questions and he is the Liaison for Central and Shared Services which covers the GIS.

Freeholder Vohden said the Liaison does not administrate.

Freeholder Vohden read what Freeholder Rose had said, "We want meet with each of them independently and I am attempting to bridge the divide between the two departments to improve efficiency on both sides." It seems to be a problem here. We are going to have a group meeting. Freeholder Vohden said if that is not administration than I don't know what administration is. He said we are going to have new administrator. We don't have to hire an administrator, it says we may but if we are going to solve the problems, we don't need an administrator, let's save the money.

Freeholder Director Graham said I don't think they deviated from the statutes.

Freeholder Director Graham said the first year you were here you kept saying "I am learning, I am learning" over and over again.

Freeholder Vohden said yes, well now I am teaching. Don't mess with the Administrator's duties. That is my statement. We are a Board; we work as a Board according to the statues, according to the Code. We don't operate on our own. We don't set up meetings without the knowledge of the Administrator. I am saying let the Administrator do his job. We are going to hire a new administrator whoever it is, let's not interfere. Liaisons listen and learn and bring back reports. Liaisons do not administrate county government. The Administrator administrates county government.

## **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** made at 7:54 PM by Freeholder Crabb to open the floor to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

### **Comment from Anne Smulwicz**

Ms. Smulwicz said she was disappointed that Steve is leaving. You run your department very well. She thanked Freeholder Vohden for demanding decorum because I don't want to read that something horrible was going on and nobody checked it.

Ms. Smulwicz thanked Freeholder Vohden for expressing our concerns to the DEP.

Ms. Smulwicz said while coming home from Warren Hospital, she noticed all the solar panels between Rt. 22 and Rt. 519 and as far as she could see. Somebody had the vision.

### **Comment from Sylvia Opresnick**

She said she does not want another Flint, Michigan situation. That is why all my neighbors came out and expressed their concerns. She make three points and they were no environmental impact study was done, this act violates the civil rights acts for environmental reasons and I would like you to look at the No-Net law because it seems like there could be more negative potential issues with our water and soil erosion compromising the wildlife.

### **Comment from Steve Opresnick**

Mr. Opresnick resides in Sparta. He spoke about the clear cutting that is going on now. He feels this plan is a little extreme to save the birds. I think at the tax expense it is overkill. I think you need to pay attention to how it will be affected downstream. In 2000 Sparta/Glen Road was wiped out by a lot of water which was from a lot of rain. That is going to happen again. In 2010 we had a hurricane come through and it wiped out Edison Road. Mud slides were in the center of town from all the rain and soil erosion. What is going to happen with the 900 plus areas? The 900 acres will not have sandbags or fencing around it. The trees whole back all the water. He is opposed to logging plan.

#### **Comment from Kathryn Evans**

She said she expressed her concerns. She talked about the warbler birds and is opposed to the Sparta logging Plan.

#### **Comment from Susan Williams**

Ms. Williams is a Sparta resident. The state means that it is the state's plan. They think they can do what they want because they think they have immunity to every other regulation that any of us would have to follow for our properties. The Audubon was to be the contractor for the DEP and that gives them a level of protection for the DEP because there is a difference in criteria for a non-governmental entity and it also gives them validity because it is for the birds which is lovely and nice and who would think anything bad about that. Please look at the contracts and follow the paper trail. I do see it as a Freeholder issue because you are the body between the people and our higher up legislatures and assembly people and I do believe it is part of your responsibility to talk to the people. The thing that I have the most difficulty with is we voted initially to establish green area funds and when I read the resolution establishing the funds I voted yes and now I wish I had voted no because I don't recall seeing anywhere in there that it said we can save the land so that we can be robbed and given away to an individual agency nor have the DEP log it for commercial use and this is what that is all about. When I voted yes on the ballot, the resolution did not say that. Is there a contractual issue there? I wonder was it bait and switch.

#### **Comment from Sharon Petzinger**

She said there is a lot of misconception to the plan. It is not about the money; it is about wildlife management.

**MOTION** made at 8:23 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro to close the floor to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made at 8:25 PM to go into Executive Session made by Freeholder Vohden, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

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

##### **RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT 140-2016 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



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| Freeholder Lazzaro         | Yes |
| Freeholder Rose            | Yes |
| Freeholder Vohden          | Yes |
| Freeholder Director Graham | Yes |

**23. REMINDERS**

Wednesday - March 23, 2016      Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 10:02 PM by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

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Catherine M. Williams  
Clerk of the Board

**DATED:** March 9, 2016