

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Zeoli;  
Freeholder Director Parrott; John Eskilson, County Administrator;  
Dennis McConnell, County Counsel; Elaine Morgan, Clerk

Freeholder Wirths was absent.

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 6, 2010 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Proclamation declaring the month of May, 2010 as "Older Americans Month".

**298-2010**

2. Proclamation declaring the month of May as "Beautification Month".

**299-2010**

3. Certificate presented to Newton High School "Champions for Charity" for sharing its spirit of community, enthusiasm of youth, and sincere desire to help those in need on April 13, 2010.

**300-2010**

4. Certificate presented to Hopatcong Seniors, Inc. Club in celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**301-2010**

5. Certificates for students that participated in Sussex County Youth in County Government Day-2010.

**302-2010**

There was an additional Proclamation for the Board's approval.

6. Proclamation recognizing George Andrew Green for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**303-2010**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve these Proclamations and these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by the Department of Human Services concerning the Home Detention Program and the Division of Senior Services.

Stephen Gruchacz, Administrator, Department of Human Services, came forward; he introduced Kristen Thompson, Program Director, Home Detention Program, and Mark Turtur, Supervisor of Operations, Home Detention Program.

Mr. Gruchacz said that he felt this Program was a success story; he provided a handout of the power point presentation for the evening (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office); Mr. Gruchacz stated that the Home Detention Program was set-up to minimize the cost to the County and maximize the County's ability to maintain youth in the community.

Mr. Gruchacz proceeded with the power point presentation.

Kristen Thompson came forward; she discussed the specifics of the Home Detention Program; she said that the Program functions like a Detention Center would, except the juveniles sleep in their own bed, have meals with their family, and attend school every day; the juvenile wears a 24/7 monitoring bracelet; there is also intensive home supervision whereby the Detention Officers are actually in the child's home from one to three hours a day and if need be more than that.

Ms. Thompson further discussed the Program.

Mark Turtur came forward; he discussed the transportation aspect of the Program; Mr. Turtur explained the various reasons for transporting a juvenile, i.e. court appearance, transportation to the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center, doctor's appointments.

Mr. Turtur explained how the monitoring bracelet worked, highlighting that there were 24/7 monitoring alerts and events sent to the supervisor's cell phones, with information being stored for five years; he explained that a schedule of the juveniles activities was provided to enable the field officers to track the location of the juveniles to insure that the juvenile was where he/she was supposed to be at all times.

Freeholder Parrott thanked everyone for the presentation, noting that the Program was working very well and saving money for the County.

Mr. Gruchacz said that calls were received from other jurisdictions inquiring about the Program; he noted that savings were also being achieved as the County was no longer responsible for any medical needs for a juvenile in the Home Detention Center other than providing transportation for a medical appointment.

The Board thanked Mr. Gruchacz, Ms. Thompson, and Mr. Turtur for their presentation.

**7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 10 minutes or less)**

**MOTION** made at 5:53 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

**Comments from Jacqueline Bray**

Jacqueline Bray, Newton, came forward; she said that she was present because she read that the Freeholder Board was considering a review of bridge projects pertaining to allocation of funds, one of which is a requirement to protect bog turtles; Ms. Bray discussed the sub-station that was placed on her property and said that her situation was not given the same consideration as the bog turtle issue.

Mr. Eskilson clarified that it was not a County decision as to where to place the sub-station, but rather a decision determined by Jersey Central Power & Light.

Ms. Bray reviewed some of the documentation that she received regarding the issue with the sub-station.

Mr. Eskilson again explained to Ms. Bray the process involved in this project.

There was a brief discussion.

Mr. McConnell explained that the contract between the County and the contractor who performed the project included the payment; the payment was not made until later, but everyone knew that the payment was to be made.

Freeholder Parrott thanked Ms. Bray for her comments.

**MOTION** made at 6:10 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**304-2010**
  
- B. 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 2010  
**305-2010**
  
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ALLOW THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NJ COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN IN SUSSEX COUNTY ISSUED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, OFFICE OF CANCER CONTROL AND PREVENTION (Resolution authorizes this Application in the amount of \$65,000.00)  
**306-2010**
  
- D. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, NEW JERSEY VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT PROGRAM, SANE PROJECT, VS-39-08, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,097.00  
**307-2010**
  
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

- 308-2010** TO SIGN THE SUBGRANT AWARD FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT PROGRAM, V-19-09, FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,578.00 (Resolution authorizes this Award with an in-kind match of \$20,395.00 for a total amount of \$101,973.00)
- F. **309-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE SUBGRANT AWARD FOR THE RECOVERY VAWA GRANT PROGRAM, 09RVAWA-19, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,272.00 (Resolution authorizes this Award with an in-kind match of \$3,091.00 for a total amount of \$12,363.00)
- G. **310-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALL ABOUT CARE, LLC ALLOCATING \$26,508.00 IN PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISABLED POPULATION (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide services at \$13.26 per hour weekdays and \$15.30 per hour weekends and holidays for calendar year 2010)
- H. **311-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, INC. ALLOCATING \$60,000.00 IN PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISABLED POPULATION (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide services at \$13.26 per hour weekdays and \$15.30 per hour weekends and holidays for calendar year 2010)
- I. **312-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$18,772.00 TO THE ACTION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- J. **313-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$9,951.00 TO THE CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- K. **314-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$3,715.00 TO THE HAMBURG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- L. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$12,474.00 TO THE

- 315-2010** HARDYSTON/FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- M. **316-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$13,134.00 TO THE HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- N. **317-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$11,420.00 TO THE LENAPE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- O. **318-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$2,993.00 TO THE OGDENSBURG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- P. **319-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$7,564.00 TO THE SANDYSTON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- Q. **320-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$12,953.00 TO THE SOUTHWESTERN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- R. **321-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$16,043.00 TO THE SPARTA MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- S. **322-2010** RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$12,716.00 TO THE SUSSEX/WANTAGE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- T. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$20,467.00 TO THE VERNON

- 323-2010** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2010)
- U. **324-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ENDORSE A MODIFICATION ALLOWING FOR A NO COST TIME EXTENSION UNTIL MAY 30, 2010 FOR THE 2006 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, JAG-1-15TF-06 (01-213-40-730-09100)
- V. **325-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes the purchase orders for Mid-Atlantic Rescue Systems, Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc., and G&H Service)
- W. **326-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF THE HOMESTEAD TO SUBMIT A BUDGET REVISION REQUEST TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES' REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM GRANT #10-27-HBT FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 9, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010 (Resolution authorizes this budget revision to transfer \$500.00 from Equipment and Other Capital Expenditures to Travel, Conferences and Meetings and will then use the remaining \$24,500.00 under Equipment and Other Capital Expenditures to purchase 8 Panasonic Toughbooks to facilitate the transition of the facility from paper records to electronic medical records)

**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 Zellman to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

**Resolution 8. B.**

Freeholder Zellman questioned the breakdown of the salary reimbursement of the Department Head and the Program Associate.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the percentages have remained the same for the last several years; he said that the Rutgers employees are employed by Rutgers, and through agreement with the County for a long period of time, the County has provided money to help offset a portion of those salaries; the County also provides two County employees to provide support services; Hunterdon County did an analysis of Extension Programs throughout New Jersey and Sussex County was one of the least costly programs.

**Resolution 8. W.**

Freeholder Zeoli questioned the cost of the computers to be purchased.

Mr. Eskilson replied that these computers were similar to the type of computer that was in police vehicles; the reason for this is that these computers will actually be mobile on carts;

these computers will allow for immediate entry of data into the system and are more rugged and will endure movement.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes for approval.

**10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

There were no Appointments and/or Resignations.

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Resolutions for Item #11.

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

A. Awards of Contract

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-09 OVER SPARTA GLEN BROOK (CR 620), TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (2009 ARRA GRANT)**
2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A RENEWAL TO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (Resolution authorizes this renewal with Keefe Commissary Network for an additional 12 months for calendar year 2010 and reserves the right to extend said Contract at the existing terms and conditions for two additional and consecutive one year periods)**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

B. Change Orders

1.     **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHERRY WEBER & ASSOCIATES, PC TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE E-07 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 631 OVER WALLKILL RIVER AND NYS&W RAILWAY IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (\$29,330.00 COUNTY CAPITAL, NJDOT BRIDGE BOND DISCRETIONARY AID) (Resolution authorizes this increase of \$29,330.00 (increase for all three Amendments of 72.1%) for a Phase II Bog Turtle Survey and a Dwarf Wedgemussel Survey)**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

**Resolution 12. B. 1.**

Freeholder Crabb said that his concern was that one of the things mentioned regarding this project, the Indiana Bat, was not listed.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the Indiana Bat was not listed as that is a tree clearing issue; he said that this did not specifically have to be a part of this analysis and could be handled separately.

Freeholder Zeoli asked if it was mandatory at this time to do this study; Mr. Eskilson replied no, not at this time, however, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has requested this; the problem is that one of the requests involves the Dwarf Wedge Mussel; there is a very small window of time when you can look for the Dwarf Wedge Mussel; Mr. Eskilson said that when the County secures the DEP permits, all of the requests by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will probably be incorporated into the permit requirements of the DEP; if the County waits for this, it will have missed the window of opportunity for the Dwarf Wedge Mussel and will have lost at least six months in the process, pushing the Franklin Viaduct project back, with the cost accelerating.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

**13.     FINANCIAL**

- A.     **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF 2010 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX**  
**330-2010**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt Resolution 13. A., seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

- B.     **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2010 LIBRARY BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF 2010 LIBRARY TAX LEVY**  
**Pulled from**

**Agenda**

- C. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2010 COUNTY HEALTH BUDGET AND  
**Pulled from** CERTIFICATION OF 2010 HEALTH TAX LEVY  
**Agenda**

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**INTRODUCTION OF 2010 COUNTY BUDGET FOR FIRST READING**

**Freeholder Director Parrott:** "The 2010 Sussex County Budget is being introduced for First Reading at this time and awaits approval by the Board. The 2010 Sussex County Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary will be advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of May 7, 2010.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2010 COUNTY BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR VOTE**

**Pulled from Agenda**

**MOTION** to adopt this Resolution on first reading. (roll call vote)

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise the Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2010 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons." (voice vote)

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**14. PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Personnel Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

**Rutgers Cooperative Extension comparison study**

Mr. Eskilson briefly discussed the Hunterdon County Rutgers Extension comparison; Hunterdon County pays over \$368,000.00; Warren County pays over \$220,000.00; Morris County pays \$255,000.00; Somerset County pays \$555,000.00, with Sussex County paying \$139,000.00.

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he no report at this time.

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 10 minutes or less)**

**MOTION** made at 6:32 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

There was no one present.

**MOTION** made at 6:33 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

**20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**Youth in County Government Day**

Freeholder Zellman thanked everyone for participating in Youth in County Government Day.

**Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman noted that the next Six County Coalition Meeting, hosted by Hunterdon County, would be held in June; she asked the Clerk to check into the status of the meeting as Hunterdon County had not contacted anyone regarding this meeting.

**Waterloo Village update**

Freeholder Zellman said that things were moving along with Waterloo Village; she noted that a breakfast was being held on May 27, 2010, and the Committee was looking to invite potential persons interested in providing funding and if anyone had ideas for invitees to let her know.

**Mental Health Board Veterans event**

Freeholder Zellman said that the Mental Health Board was having a Veterans event on Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Sussex County Community College; the focus this year is to look to provide resources, not only for Veterans, but for families of Veterans, families for people who are deployed, returning Veterans, and widows and widowers of Veterans.

**Money \$mart Week**

Freeholder Zellman thanked Trish Springer for her help with Money \$mart Week; this year there were 20 different programs offered; Freeholder Zellman said that the Committee would probably look to pare down Money \$mart Week for next year.

**County budget**

Freeholder Zeoli said that the County budget was moving forward; he stated for the record that he hoped the State would come through with the funding for its obligation with the debt repayment; he added that it was very important for the County and he was hopeful that the State would come through with it.

## **Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority debt repayment**

Freeholder Parrott said that he and other County officials went to Trenton and met with the State Treasurer regarding the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority debt repayment; hopefully, some headway was made.

## **NJAC Meeting**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the recent NJAC Meeting; he said that it was very informative; discussion involved the Prosecutor's Offices being turned over to the State; Freeholder Parrott said that the State mandates things for the Prosecutors to fulfill and the Counties have to pay for them; he said that all 21 Counties agreed that this was egregious to the Counties and all Counties were in favor of the Prosecutor's Offices being turned over to the State.

Also discussed was the pension reform for NJAC; Freeholder Parrott noted that Celeste Carpiano, Executive Director, NJAC, was working on the sewer services areas.

## **County budget/Sussex County Community College**

Freeholder Parrott said that as everyone knew, the County has not introduced its budget yet and he wanted to go on record to state that it was hoped to receive the audit from Mercadian at the College so the final determinations could be made; Freeholder Parrott said that he wanted to make it clear that it was important for everyone to know that the Freeholder Board cannot usurp the authority of the Community College Board of Trustees.

Freeholder Parrott said that he has discussed with the County Administrator, the County Treasurer, and County Counsel, that once the budget is finalized with the College, that the County would like to meet with the College on a quarterly basis to establish communication with the College regarding finances; not in the posture of the County interjecting its thoughts, but rather to make sure that the money is being spent in accordance with the documentation provided to the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Eskilson stated that the College held a monthly Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting that has quite an extensive packet with respect to finance and expenditures within the facility; this is a public document and something the Board may want to request as a matter of course.

## **21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session.

### RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

## **22. REMINDERS**

Wednesday

May 12, 2010

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:35 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: April 28, 2010**