

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Mudrick, Freeholder Phoebus, Freeholder Vohden, Freeholder Director Crabb

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 5, 2015 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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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. Certificates

1. Certificate in recognition of Rene Hoer as being chosen "Senior of the Year" for 2015 by the Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services
357-2015
2. Certificate of Commendation for the Branchville Businessmen's Club on its 70th Anniversary.
358-2015

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden to approve these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

B. Presentations

1. Acknowledging the retirement of George W. Arnot, Jr. County Correction Sergeant for the Jail, who retired after 26 years with the County; Deborah B. Corbett, Supervisor Library Assistant for the Library, who retired after 27 years with the County; Dennis Haggerty, Diesel Mechanic for Fleet Management who retired after 26 years with the County; and Nancy Holleran, Inspector Road Openings for Engineering, who retired after 40 years with the County.
2. Presentation by the Department of Engineering and Planning, Division of Engineering of the County Bridges.

Walter Cramp, Department Administrator for the Department of Engineering & Planning gave a presentation of the County Bridges.

Freeholder Graham stated it was a great presentation. He said the iceberg part is that we only see a certain amount of things getting done; we don't see the stuff going on below the surface. After the hurricanes of the early 2010's, how many bridges did you do some repairs on?

Mr. Cramp stated there were 162 road and bridge sites with various amounts of damage, everything from bridges collapsed and families trapped to major commuter roads being unlined. We are finishing up one of the last bridges in Frankford D-12; about \$300,000 of that money is coming out of FEMA. We have done probably around 40 to 60 over the pass years since then. The last major bridge in Frankford will probably be completed in the next two months.

Freeholder Crabb said that was a \$11.5 million curve ball that was thrown on this Board back then and the anticipated FEMA funds did not reach the levels that we thought they would and part of the ability to have the success to finish these off was the ability of having the engineering and bring the engineering internal for these bridges and I want to thank you Walter and your staff for that. I want it to be clear with the E-04 situation in Franklin, I will refer my comments to later on from a letter we received from Alison McHose, the Administrator, is that there are ramifications to us declaring an emergency now and I will talk about this later.

There are some bridges that will be impacted for example bridge 26 on Main Street in Sparta, it is small bridge. It is being delayed right now.

Freeholder Graham asked Walter to clarify that even though we are responsible for all the county roads, are we responsible for all the bridges no matter where they are?

Mr. Cramp stated basically yes, with one caveat over the years, and that is counties are large organizations with the communities; most of the bridges on township roads have been accepted into the County Bridge Management System. That being said, a bridge does not automatically become a county bridge, for example, if a developer builds a bridge or a township takes on a county bridge, it would not meet the county standards; therefore, it would not be accepted into the County Bridge Management System. Only if it meets the county standards, will it be accepted in the County Bridge Management System. In Green Township they recently built a bridge and decided not to involve the County and have it be a township bridge. They did not follow our standards so it will be their bridge. A township needs to follow our standards in order for us to accept it as a County bridge.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less)

MOTION made at 5:10 PM by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

Comment from Margaret Emmetts

Ms. Emmetts, President of the Swartswood Lakes and Watershed Association, came forward and said last month I had asked you if you would support us and at that time you had just received the documents.

Freeholder Crabb said yes, I have had the opportunity to review it and support direction to County Counsel to write up a Letter of Recommendation. I see no reason why we cannot have the letter approved at the September meeting and then sent out.

Comment from Richard Lecher

Mr. Lecher, CEO of SCARC came forward and said he wanted to talk about the Resolution you are going to approve later on in the meeting. I want to thank you for voting on this Resolution to apply for Small Cities Grant for a Housing Rehabilitation Fund Project to rehabilitate SCARC in 2016 and the process starts with you approving the Resolution.

Mr. Lecher handed out a document that was done by professional staff and it describes the project. We are going to repair, renovate, restructure, etc. 15 of our 19 group homes in Sussex County. In some places, we are going to replace roofs, in some places we are going to fix sewer connections; we will be doing some accessibility items, some safety items all of which are covered in the Small Cities Program.

SCARC has had a track record over the past 4 or 5 years applying annually for Small Cities Funds and you have been very gracious to us to sponsor those funds for us and we have been very successful in improving our properties. I thank you in anticipation of approving the Resolution later in the meeting.

Comment by Jackie Espinoza

Jackie Espinoza from JCP&L came forward and said she sent an email today and it is about the controlling of the transmission lines. They are inspecting the higher voltage transmission lines.

Comment by Harvey Roseff

Mr. Roseff of Byram Township came forward and stated that he tried to make the last meeting but got stuck in traffic and the reason he mentioned that was because he thought there was supposed to be some consideration for moving the meeting time. It would help anyone that has to commute in New Jersey. The last time I was here, it was mentioned that we would have a monthly update on the solar project. I wanted to know if we will have some sort of an administrative presentation.

Freeholder Crabb said it won't be an administrative presentation; it will be an update like we have had every meeting since that time.

Mr. Roseff said at this point, the settlement of February was promised a buildout to be completed in less than a month. That is a lot of money for the tax payers. It is roughly \$100,000 a month that is being lost if you don't do the buildout. From what I read, it wasn't until June that Sparta was presented the plan. I was at the Sparta meeting and I was surprised the County was not there. You had a chance to talk to Sparta, the Board and emphasize what is going on. They showed no emotion to the crisis that this is. No need for an emergency meeting, no nothing and the weeks are just clicking by. You are possibly in danger now for a next summer buildout. Again, I want to mention the \$100,000 amount which is unrecoverable. You do not get that money back. Worse, if you think you do and you are projecting out 15 years, they are making no SREC money in 15 years so you are really losing that money. It is a major hole in your budget next year. I reviewed your audit and the audit makes no mention that the tax equity money was aggressively accounted for and that kind of replaces the buildout money and I am sure the anticipation was that the buildout comes on board, but the tax equity money was not amortized over a number of years, it was taken whole. You really have at least a \$1 million hole next year and I think you should start today to address that and not wait to the last minute to address it. It is not good planning. The last thing is and it's on tonight's agenda, you are being asked to approve extra technology for the 911 program. I am a little bit known for solar, but I actually have a pretty good background in man - controlled communication facilities. I looked at their budget and they are only bringing in \$100,000 a year unless I am missing something and they are spending over a million. I don't know what was promised initially in terms of bringing in all of the communities and take a load off the tax payers, but it looks like it is going a little short. One of the reasons why government has a problem managing technology projects is that they do not oversee them on a weekly and monthly basis. Here you have a technology item and I think the public would do well with seeing where this program is going. There are a lot of towns that should be buying into this and cutting their expenses locally but it is not happening for home grown reasons from my point of view. I think if you continually green flag technology purchases, you will be in another deep hole. This is exactly what happened in the solar program. The solar program was ignored for years and it was a severe management crisis not due to Sussex County's making, but you did not get the proper oversight at Sunlight General and the MCI level and I think you would be better off to pull them off of the agenda, get a presentation and find out how management is going to pull in other local towns and get this paid off properly. Because right now, the hole in the 911 program, to my view, looks as big as the solar and is a unnecessary cost to the tax payers at this point. I think you have time to recoup it, but you need to get management involved.

Comment from Glen Hull

Mr. Hull from Layton, NJ came forward and said he has come before the Board before and presented the situation with his family and he received a letter from County Counsel and I should seek an attorney. I come before you to ask for a criminal investigation of what took place in the Hall of Records. I hope that you will ask for a criminal investigation because my seeking an attorney has nothing to do with criminal prosecution. I am asking for criminal prosecution. This was a federal employee who brought this Deed in who was not authorized; fabricated a price at the Hall of Records, paid a real estate transfer tax to the state of New Jersey and created evidence for a law suit. I would like to see an investigation done. This is serious stuff. This took place. It took a conspiracy to do this.

John Williams, County Counsel said it really is not in the Board's jurisdiction and that is what I set forth in the letter. You are speaking to things despite how you feel about them, you are obviously very disturbed and passionate about it, but you are simply at the wrong forum. When you have a law enforcement issue, you should direct it to a law enforcement body that is just a fundamental formality. I can't change it and this Board can't change it. It is not within this Board's jurisdiction. There is simply nothing that is going to change that reality. As a citizen you

can report directly to the Justice Department or to any other law enforcement that you think should be looking into it.

Freeholder Crabb stated on our part, could we pass the relative information over to the prosecutor and leave it to his discretion?

Freeholder Vohden asked do we even have enough information to provide them.

Freeholder Graham said I believe this has already been done. I believe the prosecutor's office has already seen this and already been ruling on this, have they not?

Mr. Hull said the prosecutor's office helped them destroy the evidence.

Freeholder Graham said that is the avenue and that is where it went. The prosecutor did see it. There is a new prosecutor.

Mr. Hull said he gave it a case number and secured the evidence and then they did nothing. Now they won't even give me the case number.

Freeholder Graham states that he supports what County Counsel is saying and that it is not in our jurisdiction.

Freeholder Mudrick stated I agree with County Counsel and I agree with Freeholder Graham that it is not in our purview. You might not have liked the result of the letter you received from Mr. Williams, but it was giving you his response to your concern.

Freeholder Graham said it is not our position to take judgement on this. This is not a fact, it is your opinion. I understand that you have a great deal of difficulty with this. I read this, I also read the federal part of it and how they responded to it and the appeal. I have spoken directly with the prosecutor and I have asked him, but the prosecutor has looked into it and those are the avenues you have to take. This is not the avenue of what you are saying. Again, I go back to the County Counsel and the letter he wrote was sympathetic to your issues but it is not our position.

Freeholder Mudrick said I concur to the point we are not a judiciary body. We are more of a fiduciary responsibility Board in the general sense.

Freeholder Crabb said the fact is that you have been here several times in front of this Board; I think County Counsel has said it; there is no power here to help you further on the road you want to go down that is why I believe County Counsel suggested you take up your own counsel. I have seen you here several times and I know what your passion is, but this is not the Body that would get you further down the road that you want to go.

Mr. Hull asked, so this Body cannot contact the Justice Department and say we would like an investigation of what took place.

Mr. Williams said it is not within the statutory responsibilities of powers of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. You are asking for the law to be followed and this is law on how the Board of Chosen Freeholders is set up and it is not a matter of being sympathetic or not, it is a matter of what the Freeholders must do and can do. For you standing here, who want something to happen, there could be ten other tax payers that say I don't want my Board doing something that they are not authorized to do by the law even if they feel passionately about your situation. It is not about having redress; it is about where your energies will be focused.

You can send your letter to the Department of Justice; that is where the concern would be heard if there is an issue. As a matter of fact, you had a federal case decided after tremendous amounts of time and energy put into it by a federal judge so that might be the appropriate forum and you are able to do that and if there is cause from the legally appointed officials and professionals to look at your concern to find any criminal wrongdoing, that is where it is done.

Freeholder Crabb said this Board would not get in the way of you pursuing that.

Mr. Hull said the prosecutor's office did initiate an investigation and given a case number but someone from this County stopped it.

Freeholder Graham said from what I have learned regarding what the prosecutor does is that we have no more say in what the prosecutor does than ask him what the weather is. He tells us what is going on, but we don't interfere in anyway or any form on what the prosecutor or the sheriff does.

Mr. Hull said what about an employee?

Freeholder Crabb said I doubt our prosecutor, I have known him personally since we were kids and I doubt he would be subject to adjusting the way he goes about doing business by having some employee come up, he would not put himself up to that risk.

Freeholder Phoebus said we are making accusations now that should not be made.

Freeholder Crabb said I think we have gone as far as we can with you in this discussion. County Counsel has the letter advising you to what he thinks you should do. It is up to you as to what you do. I feel your pain sir, but it is your pain at this point.

MOTION made at 5:40 by Freeholder Mudrick to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Vohden

- **Congratulations**

Freeholder Vohden congratulated Newton for being ranked as the third best place to retire in New Jersey. The selection is based on taxes, doctors, recreation centers and retirement centers for 1,000 people in a percent of senior population in recreational social index. That is a good thing for Sussex County. I would like to congratulate Newton on the improvements on Spring Street. I think that will change things over here. We need changes like this. I would like to see Newton become the Morristown or the Westfield of Sussex County.

About fifteen year ago we had a presentation before the Green Township Planning Board, Dr. Chris Robertozzi Podiatric from Newton and Jim Hoffman, the coach of the Newton Robotics' Team came before the Green Township Planning Board to make a presentation about a sports complex that they planned on looking to put on a piece of property in Green Township. They had scale model, a building model of the sports complex; it was a very impressive presentation. It never got off the ground in Green Township. They looked at other locations, never moved forward. They did a presentation of this concept in Washington D.C.; they did a presentation before the Assembly and the Senate in Trenton. It never got off the ground. Earlier this year a group of Sussex County residents got together to see if they could move the project forward again and a new location was considered. It is a great complex. It would have indoor soccer fields, hockey rinks, swimming pools, gymnasium, other athletic and health related facilities. It is a really good concept. It would be good for Sussex County. I was impressed when I first saw it and I am more impressed now. The group recently met with Sussex County Community College officials to present the idea of locating the site on their complex in Newton. The concept will be presented very shortly to the Sussex County Board of Trustees and Dr. Robertozzi and Mr. Hoffman would like to make a short presentation to us here at one of our September meetings. Without objection, if we could have the Administrator set something up.

This would be great for Sussex County for the millennials who are leaving, for the seniors, for exercise and health, for the youth of the County, replace the swimming pool at the Tech, ice hockey rinks. It is a great idea but it has to be funded.

- **Veteran's Picnic**

Sussex County's Department of Human Services is having their third annual Veterans' picnic at the American Legion Post on Rt. 23 in Sussex. There will be live music, giveaways and a homemade barbeque. Most importantly there will be six service providers offering information on assistants about programs available to veterans. There are over 10,000 veterans in Sussex County. They all could use a little bit of help. Freeholder Vohden said he had attended the first two picnics and he said it is a great event.

- **Veteran Events**

Freeholder Vohden said there will be another veterans' event that will be held on Veteran's History Project. The Federal Library of Congress is collecting oral histories from veterans and civilians about their involvement in U.S. war efforts. Everyone has a story to tell and whether you are a veteran or a volunteer you can help to preserve American History. It will be hosted by Sussex County Community College Veteran's Services, the Passaic County Catholic Family and Community Services and U.S. Senator Cory A. Booker will be up here as a host. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans

who will be willing to talk about wartime experiences, please let them know about this meeting. There are 10,000 veterans and I am sure there are some really good stories.

- **New Jersey State Tour**

Freeholder Vohden attended a meeting with Secretary of Agriculture, Doug Fischer and Senator Steve Oroho at the Cava Winery in Hardyston. It was part of the Secretary's Jersey Fresh state tour to highlight the peak of the Jersey Fresh season in New Jersey. After a tour of the facility and a presentation by the owner of the winery, Secretary Fischer expressed the importance of agro-tourism in Sussex County. It is becoming more and more important to us every day and how our wineries are important for this economic program.

Comments by Freeholder Graham

- **Sussex County Fair**

Freeholder Graham extended kudos to Barbara Wortmann and the Pellow's and so many people. It was excellent weather. I was told the attendance records were good. They didn't set any records but they were good. Last Thursday was the Senior Day and it was probably one of the better Senior Days. It is always filled with enthusiasm, interest and dozens and dozens of seniors there, booths there giving them information on different products and services. Freeholder Graham thanked Lorraine Hentz who did an outstanding job. Many people can put together an event like that but very few people can show the enthusiasm that she showed.

- **911 Center and the Solar Project**

Freeholder Graham said he wanted to follow up on what Harvey Roseff said about the Solar Project and the 911 Center. The 911 Center is in process. It is not something that we are locked in with exactly the way things are today. We will be moving towards building out to the rest of the county and I can't tell you all of those particulars, but it is something that we are working on. As for the solar, I am disappointed. I am disappointed because things that were promised in February were not delivered. I am reaching out to people in this audience. I ask questions, and I don't get answers. I am told, when I ask who's in charge of this project, I get, I don't know or Vanguard or maybe you should talk to somebody else. I have asked the question, but Harvey, you asked the question and you got a presentation. So keep asking, that is all I can say because I don't know exactly who is running it, I am not sure what the time line is; I am not sure who the liaison is to the project, maybe we will hear about that in a few minutes.

I had a meeting with the Administrator and he couldn't give me any answers, so keep asking the questions. The public has to ask the questions. I don't know how many Freeholders know what is going on, but I apologize to everyone in this County because I do not know what is going on because when I ask I get I don't know or I get, sure let's all work together, and then something else happens, a letter goes out or a presentation goes out. I was disappointed that at Sparta no one from the County was there. I think the County should have been represented there. Again, that is my opinion.

Comments by Freeholder Phoebus

- **Planned Parenthood**

Freeholder Phoebus said that she has a grave concern over Planned Parenthood right now. I sent a letter to the entire Freeholder Board. Freeholder Phoebus read her letter. Dear Director Freeholder Crabb and fellow Freeholders, The National News Media has reported on the horrible scandal involving the leadership of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its Affiliates and how they have allowed human body parts to be harvested and sold at their clinics. Attorneys who have viewed the several videos on which Planned Parenthood Officials have discussed this have raised the possibility that federal laws have been broken. I would like to ask the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Sussex County to prepare a resolution for our next meeting. If approved by the Freeholders, to be sent to the Freeholder Boards of the 20 other counties, both chambers of the legislation and the Governor's office that fails on the Administration to investigate all Planned Parenthood facilities in New Jersey to make sure they are not violating any state or federal law in addition to call upon our Legislator and Governor and to close any loop hole and state law that may allow this to occur in New Jersey. I think this is disgusting. This really has nothing to do with the abortion issue, it has to do with the fact that they are taking infants and they are selling the body parts of these unborn babies. I think we need to make sure in New Jersey that we are not breaking any laws in doing

that and that is not happening. I am asking this Freeholder Board if they would consider doing a resolution to support of this.

Freeholder Director Crabb said without any objection this Board could direct County Counsel and the Clerk to create a Resolution. Freeholder Mudrick said he does not have any objections.

- **Senior Day**

Freeholder Phoebus thanked Lorraine Hentz on a wonderful Senior Day. It was very well attended and we were all there except for Freeholder Mudrick who had a family medical issue. It was enjoyable to see the seniors enjoy their day and it took a lot of work and it came off beautifully. Also the chicken barbeque as always was excellent. I think it was the best value for your money at that fair so I want to thank Human Services for that.

- **Twenty Nine Adults**

Freeholder Phoebus said there were 29 adults and 3 children who were potentially going to be displaced from their homes due to a bridge grant that Social Services knew this grant was going to come to an end. It started July 2, and I was in contact with Social Services and Senator Oroho's office. Senator Oroho himself has been a huge help with this. He has championed this and I give him an awful lot of credit and I thank him immensely for this. He has worked very hard in Trenton to get this straighten out. You can't get very indebt with this because there is confidentially that we have to abide by. We have placed all but eleven adults. Very shortly, through Senator Oroho and Social Services and our Administrator will be able to place the remaining 11 without having anybody lose their homes. These are very vulnerable residents of Sussex County so kudos to Social Services, Human Services and also to the 24th District and especially Senator Oroho.

- **Solar**

Freeholder Phoebus said, with the permission of the Freeholder Board, we should look into this. I met a sub-contractor and I will give Counsel his name if he would like to contact him. I believe we should collect our panels, because our panels are being housed outside of the county. It appears that certain sub-contractors are not completely been paid yet by MasTec and they are being offered panels in lieu of payment. I think we need to send someone from Sussex County to collect what we now own and house them somewhere in Sussex County. I know the DPW garage on Lawrence Road one part of it is used for signage and the other part is empty. I think we should stack these panels in there and make sure they are in Sussex County. Hopefully the program will move forward shortly and that we have the panels.

Comments by Freeholder Mudrick

- **Skylands Ball Park**

Freeholder Mudrick wanted to acknowledge the energy, the excitement and the attendance at Skylands Park. On Tuesday, July 20, I went to an event with my family. What the park has been doing through the Sussex Miners team leadership/ownership is they are sponsoring different kinds of nights to draw attendance and interest. I think it is great for Sussex County. For example, SCARC among some other groups were there that night. I was there with my wife and boys and some of the proceeds are going to certain groups and I think that is terrific. Monday, August 3rd was a Medieval Times night. I took my in-laws who were up visiting from Lynchburg, VA. This coming Saturday, August 15th, Sparta Unico is having a group go there. On Friday, August 21st, the Branchville Businessmen's is sponsoring a family night there. I know Gail mentioned it at an event we were at a while ago that it is great to go to a Mets or Yankee's game, but it is also nice to support our own. For \$10 or \$12 at our most recent game our Surrogate was seated in what I call a Donald Trump seat in front of me right behind home plate; I texted him and he said where are you and I told him I was in the cheap seats. It is great not only to see that the team has been winning lately, but also to see everyone out. I appreciate the fact that we are doing some good things there.

- **Acknowledgements**

Freeholder Mudrick said like I typically do, I want to acknowledge those retirements that were already acknowledged in addition to the four individuals who were named in the presentations part which are 119 collective years of service to Sussex County. George Arnot, Deborah Corbett, Dennis Haggerty, Nancy Holleran and Laurie Gallant who is projected to retire August 31st. Those people do so much work for us. I think we could all agree that a lot of it is unsung heroes and I applaud all five of you on your retirement or retirements to be. I also want to acknowledge our County Administrator, Mr. Gruchacz who was recently selected to serve on a national committee. Freeholder Mudrick congratulated Steve and said he is very modest. Mr. Gruchacz has been selected to serve on the Human Services and Education Steering Committee of National Association of Counties. NACO supports a broad, comprehensive array of services for families, children and individuals with disabilities and elderly, social services, public health, preventative services for children and youths, early childhood development, parent education and support, child care and other programs to encourage children and families and strengthen communities throughout our county. Steve, our County Administrator, is not one to bring attention to self, but it is a great honor. Also, thanks to Freeholder Phoebus for mentioning - it has been years since I was not in attendance for Senior Day which was last Thursday, August 6th. My adopted son from China, Timothy John needed to have surgery in Philadelphia and I needed to be there. I appreciate that all of my colleagues had my back that morning and Timothy is recovering well. You know my spirit was there but not my body. Also, when I attended the fair that Sunday, I stopped at the Lego Building Blocks vendor who is from outside the County and I asked him his thoughts about the fair. He realized I was a County Freeholder and he said, Sir, I need to tell you this is a special fair and it has a family feel. I asked him how business was for him over the past 9 and half days and he said it was very good. I said can I count on you coming back next year and he said absolutely. He really had a star week. I think that is good stuff to report.

Freeholder Phoebus asked if they opened up the Krave Restaurant.

Freeholder Mudrick said to his knowledge he didn't think so.

Freeholder Phoebus said Krave is opening up a restaurant at the ballpark. She said it should be a big hit for the ballpark and young families.

Freeholder Vohden said Andres is opening up their new restaurant. They are having their grand opening tonight.

Freeholder Mudrick said the more we can publicize the positive stuff. Freeholder Graham and I have had this conversation in the past. How you turn it around, whether it be the foreclosure concern in the County, whether it be property taxes, whether it be our schools losing enrollment, whether it be losing millennials, whenever we can accentuate the positive.

I called two local press, I received a return call from one and didn't receive a return call from the another regarding a group that comes from different areas predominately Pennsylvania, they had these antique cars that they were driving around the county staying at the hotel in Newton, they were going to Jumboland, they were going to Peter's Valley; they were going to dinner at Sheridan's. They were generating excitement. That should be a front page story on one or both of our local papers. One paper said they would send somebody out, but I didn't see anything in the local municipal paper, but these are the good things we should be promoting.

Freeholder Vohden said from the Planning Board Development Review we are looking at the development applications that are on the books for the County, he listed a bunch of new projects coming into the County, and this is good for Sussex County, including the sewer treatment plant in Branchville.

Freeholder Phoebus said the one thing that seems to be common with the seniors in Sussex County is that Sussex County really does lack affordable senior housing, so it is nice to know that Newton is going forward with the project across from the theatre.

Freeholder Vohden said we lack affordable housing. For the homeless, where would the homeless live otherwise than upstairs on Spring Street if they were to get a project? The millennials, the seniors, the people losing their homes, downsizing, they have nowhere to go. We don't have affordable housing; I am not saying COAH, we don't have moderate to affordable housing in Sussex County. We either have macmansions or some starter homes that are going for a reasonable price now. It is hard for anybody.

Freeholder Graham said when the 29 families came up that was one of the questions that came up trying to breakdown the difference between COAH and the affordable housing.

Freeholder Vohden said the housing problem is a Department of Community Affairs problem. They really should be looking into this to solve these problems. They came up with solutions like COAH. But nobody wants COAH here. We've shot ourselves in the foot. First, we had more cows than people, then we tried to stop the people, we said cows don't go to school, we prevented any kind of affordable housing because we didn't want to allow the families to come in with kids; now we are down 22.5% in our school enrollment and no place for the kids that graduate to live here.

Freeholder Phoebus said it is a lot with the seniors. You have a lot of seniors who want to continue to stay in this area due to their families, children, their friends; they don't want to move but they can't afford the taxes, they need affordable housing that gives them the quality of life that they had and we don't have that much to offer and what we do have there are waiting lists that are really long. In Knoll Heights, they won't take anyone new on their list. It is problematic for us. It is nice to know that if Newton does go through, it will be nice for us. It will do some senior housing.

Comments by Freeholder Director Crabb

- **The Sussex County Fair**

Freeholder Director Crabb said again, the fair was a magnificent success. I don't think we will ever see the weather again like we had this year. Not only did it not rain, it was warm, but it wasn't humid or oppressive. I congratulate the Fair for being in good with the Lord and they got some good weather. One of the first things we did at the fair, Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Vohden and me, was on Saturday night we dedicated the County Building to Ernie Kosa. I know there are pictures in the Herald but if we could get some pictures that would be great. Ernie was very excited along with his family. I think we did a really good thing and it went well. The Senior Day at the fair is a solid tradition. It really went over well this year. I congratulate Lorraine. It came off without a hitch. I always tell my story there about the old Branchville Fair, a lot of them can connect with it and that we used to buy lemonade for .25 cents and I just paid \$6 for a lime fizz; so things change.

I had the opportunity not only to participate with Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Vohden in the ground breaking for the Branchville Sewer System, I also had the opportunity to have breakfast with Tony Frato and the one thing when you come to the middle of Branchville, is it is like what Franklin was like 50 years ago. It is a perfect town center; it is very vibrant. In talking with Tony, they have their sewer project about 30% built out. The significant thing I see on that, because in Franklin we went through a sewer buildout in 1981 and that is the lack of disruption that is in Branchville currently. Franklin looked like downtown Beirut and that is not the case in Branchville. I congratulated them on the success and to SCMUA for their management on that project. Tony has some interesting thing that may be coming Branchville's way.

We all received a letter from Franklin Borough from Alison McHose with regards to the bridge and the reason I wanted to make sure it was clear that there are ramifications for us to pass this emergency resolution on it which were we had to defer some efforts elsewhere. I wanted you to know why. Alison's letter relates to having these tandem trucks and tractor trailers that are divergent over the local roads. If you know Franklin, since they can't go over the bridge by the pond, they have to make a left and go up and over the hill by the Immaculate School and make a right onto Main Street and then make a right onto Evans Street. Alison refers to roads that are severely compromised from old mine shafts, not the road that they are going on, but what this does is it doesn't fix it tomorrow, like Walter said, it compresses the time for the bureaucracy that is needed for the lead up to actually making the repairs. Freeholder Director Crabb thanked Walter.

- **Solar Update**

Freeholder Director Crabb said we were not at that Sparta Board of Education meeting by design. We were going to attend, but we have had ongoing conversations with Superintendent Tobin that even occurred on that morning. What was requested was more information from the County and from Vanguard which has been provided and based on an agreement that I made to Superintendent Tobin is that we will have no

comment on it further until the Board of Education has had a chance to deliberate on this which I believe is in the last week of August.

One of the other solar items to come out in the newspaper is that Kittatinny needed to be more wrapped into the information to that end and we are scheduling meetings with both Kittatinny and the Hardyston District, but the overall plan that we are hoping to follow through on is that September will be used for getting any of the final permits and any final certifications and aiming for an October 1st start of construction and even for the largest of projects could be done by Thanksgiving. What does that mean financially with regards to \$100,000 per month leak per Mr. Roseff? What this does is if we can follow that schedule and get it done for the remaining projects, the 1603s would arrive soon enough to be leveraged for the commitment we have to MasTec in April or May. There will be more information on this. I am going to respect Superintendent Tobin's request to not comment further so that we don't by chance predispose what Sparta Board of Education may deliberate on this.

Freeholder Phoebus said I really believe it is crucial that we get these panels into Sussex County after what I have been told so who will be doing this. You said Vanguard will.

Freeholder Director Crabb said there have been some discussions to touch on because now that there is a financial implication because if they were to be left where they are so we have even talked about the Newton Armory or maybe onsite in a storage container. This is something that is on the radar.

Freeholder Director Crabb said he had a very interesting and rewarding afternoon with Senator Oroho and Parker Space at Hudson Farms. One of the conversations I had with the Senator was about Transitional Care and what can be coupled with activities that may be happening down in Trenton especially with Senator Sweeney. What I am going to ask is that the Administrator and the Department Head arrange a meeting with Senator Oroho. There is some interesting framework, strategies that could be applied to this. There are certainly questions of where Transitional Care is going or will go. Maybe this is something that will help to define that.

Freeholder Phoebus said Senator Sweeney is very interested.

Freeholder Director Crabb said it was very generous for Senator Sweeney to have this conversation so if we can set that up would be great.

Freeholder Director Crabb said with regards to 911, I understand what you are saying especially at the government level with regards to being price takers rather than price searchers. With regards to these expenditures there, as a result of a meeting there that we had with the 911 group and the Sheriff's office and with the GIS vendors, one of the things that came out of this, Mr. Roseff, was either an update or a correction to the Spillman System that will hopefully make less resistance out there to what had been a point of contention. I can't tell you some of the progress that we are making, but I can tell you that I think it would be completely appropriate to have an update from the Sheriff's office here. I will ask to reach out to them. We have not had a formal update since the inception to the public, so I think it is something we should do.

Freeholder Director Crabb said he would ask his colleagues to have a discussion in Old Business to have a discussion in regards to the ongoing discussion we have had regarding meeting times. We can have whatever open discussion you would like. We can make a decision and we don't have to make a decision especially if there is time you want to consider, but I am just giving you a heads up that I will be bringing this up in Old Business.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
359-2015
- B. RESOLUTION RE: CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS
360-2015
- C. RESOLUTION RE: EMERGENCY SITUATION PERTAINING TO COUNTY
361-2015 BRIDGE E-04 ON COUNTY ROUTE 631 IN THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AND AUTHORIZING THE
AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE REQUIRED

MATERIALS AND SERVICES WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 AND THE COUNTY POLICY ON EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 **362-2015** ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD
- E. RESOLUTION RE: INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO **363-2015** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. (ESRI) AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX **364-2015**
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY **365-2015**
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE 911 PSAP **366-2015**
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR THE 911 SPILLMAN SERVER REDUNDANCY PROJECT **367-2015**
- J. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE FFY2012 NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 **368-2015**
- K. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2015/16 LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AWARD #PHLP16LNC014 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$266,025.00 **369-2015**
- L. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2015/16 SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES GRANT AWARD #DFHS16CSE018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$86,587.00 **370-2015**
- M. RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 **371-2015**
- N. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FILING OF THE 2016 NEW JERSEY SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCDRTAP) FY 2016 (JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2016) AND THE FTA NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM (SECTION 5311) TO THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR FY 2015/2016 (JULY 1, 2015 – DECEMBER 31, 2016) IN THE AMOUNT **372-2015**

- O. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR A HOUSING REHABILITATION FUND PROJECT TO REHABILITATE SCARC, INC. GROUP HOMES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOMES
373-2015
- P. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE CY 2016 (JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES PLAN AND APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$368,500.00
374-2015
- Q. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN GRANT FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 UNDER SECTION 261 OF HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002
375-2015
- R. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF DEDUCTIBLE LITIGATION COSTS IN A MATTER OF LIDELL VS. COUNTY OF SUSSEX.
376-2015

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 Vohden to adopt the Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Graham

Discussion

Freeholder Graham said on the payment of bills I would like to abstain from 62474; for the record it is a company, it is a company that my sons works for.

Freeholder Mudrick said he would like to comment on Resolution H for the purchase of the new computer hardware equipment for the 911 Center and also respond to resident Mr. Roseff. I believe at the last meeting, I had referenced the Darrell Huff book that I had read one morning before work, How to Lie with Statistics. We can spin statistics to our advantage anytime we want, publicly or otherwise. My point being this, any discussion I have had with any municipality who is currently involved with the 911 Center has been positive; it has been favorable. A specific example of this is Montague Township, they are realizing in year one a five figure savings by going with the 911 Center, after two years it will be six figures when you combine both years. After twenty years, it will be seven figures. You don't realize it initially in year one and two as much as the long haul. I think we should reach out to the Sheriff as you said Phil and an update on the progress of that is a good idea. What they are doing in Montague is with their real live savings is build a new firehouse. That is a very positive thing. If you want to put an approach on it statistically and I think we need to see the favorables that are coming out of the 911 center.

Freeholder Phoebus said I think one of the issues is the fact that in order for this 911 Center to be truly a success and we all want it to be is that, we have to get all of the towns on board and get all of the police on board. One of the problems is, with the program we are using, most of the police departments don't use that program anymore. It doesn't work for them. It works fine for the jail and the Sheriff's Department, but it doesn't work for the local police departments. It is not fast enough, if I am correct. It is not fast enough to run the plates when they stop a vehicle so they went back to their old system. I think the Sheriff's Department is addressing that and knows that it is a problem and will address it in the future. The other thing you have to remember is that Canada and the United States made an agreement for Next Generation equipment. Right now you can't text 911, so Next Generation will bring that in where you will be able to sit here and text it in. We all know that communication today is mainly texting so it is important that the Next Generation gets that in place. It is extremely expensive equipment, so for the municipalities to have to lay out that type of money for their PSAP'S to go to that equipment, is going to be a burden on them financially. We see already that we are going in that direction.

I don't know if that equipment is designed yet and I know the Sheriff says this 911 Center is designed to take that when it comes, so that is something going forward that will change the makeup of this 911 Center.

Freeholder Graham abstaining from Resolution A for bill 62474

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes, except for Resolution A bill 62474
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting - May 27, 2015

Executive Session Minutes

Regular Meeting – October 22, 2014

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2015, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Director Crabb abstained from voting due to not being at the May 27, 2015 meeting.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden to accept the Executive Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2014, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick.

Discussion

Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Phoebus said it was a long time ago and they don't remember. Freeholder Graham said he listened to the audio for the September meeting but not this one. They would like to defer on the Executive Session Minutes because the meeting was so long ago.

Freeholder Phoebus would like to listen to the audio.

Freeholder Vohden rescinded his motion.

MOTION made by the Board to Table the Executive Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2014 until the next meeting and passed unanimously.

11. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

None for tonight.

12. **RESOLUTION**

1. **RESOLUTION RE ESTABLISHMENT OF "FISCAL OFFICER" AND SALARY RANGE**
377-2015
2. **RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 630 IN BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH**
378-2015
3. **RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 645 IN SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP**
379-2015
4. **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR A HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT TO REHABILITATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME CLIENTS OF SCARC, INC. IN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**
380-2015

5. RESOLUTION RE: SMALL CITIES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
381-2015
6. RESOLUTION RE: FAIR HOUSING - STATEMENT OF ACTIONS
382-2015
7. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF HOUSING REHABILITATION
383-2015 POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contract

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
384-2015 MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN SUSSEX
COUNTY ELEVATORS
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A FULL COVERAGE
385-2015 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ALL
ELEVATORS NOT AWARDED FOR
ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION
3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR
386-2015 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NON-OEM
AUTOMOTIVE AND LIGHT DUTY TRUCK
PARTS
4. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDED A CONTRACT THROUGH THE
387-2015 COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR
ANNUAL ON-CALL LAND SURVEYING
SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
5. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE
388-2015 REMOVAL FROM VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY
BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES FOR THE
DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO
389-2015 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY
OF SUSSEX AND TRIMBOLI &
PRUSINOWSKI, LLC, AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

14. FINANCIAL

A.

INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING –CAPITAL ORDINANCE

390-2015

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,470,100.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2014 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID ALLOTMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, AND SUSSEX COUNTY RESURFACING PROGRAM

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt this Capital Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Capital Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on September 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Capital Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

B.

**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING –CAPITAL ORDINANCE
391-2015**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,470,100.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2015 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID ALLOTMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, AND SUSSEX COUNTY RESURFACING PROGRAM

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt this Capital Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Capital Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on September 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Capital Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

C.

**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – CAPITAL ORDINANCE
392-2015**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2013 LOCAL BRIDGES FUTURE NEEDS (LBFN) PROGRAM FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE O-07 OGDENSBURG

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt this Capital Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Capital Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on September 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Capital Ordinances, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

D.

INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING –CAPITAL ORDINANCE 393-2015

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2014 LOCAL BRIDGES FUTURE NEEDS (LBFN) PROGRAM FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE C-17 BYRAM

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt this Capital Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Freeholder Vohden

Discussion

Freeholder Graham said on A-D this is a testament to the work of the Engineering Department because all of these had to be applied for during very difficult times in this State, and yet we have been able to manage a lot of money from the state that we thought we were going to get. He thanked Mr. Cramp and Mr. Koppenaar.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Capital Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on September 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Capital Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

15. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

Mr. Gruchacz said he has been working very closely with one of the projects E-04 up in Franklin. I spent time on with Alison and her staff and Walter and his staff putting a plan together to address this very important project. I would like to congratulate Engineering for putting this compressed plan together which is very important to the community. He had the opportunity to meet with JCP&L yesterday and we had a very productive conversation particularly in looking at the upcoming hurricane system and the winter in terms of making sure we are pushing out the information to the community as it relates to power outages. We will be pushing out on our website, their link to make it more

prominent so the public can look to see where there are power outages. They have a very good application and they will give you a report of how many power outages there are, where they are located and what the estimated time of restoration would be. They have done a terrific job. I have talked with Thor Carlson in terms of our web site to make sure that it is prominent and pushing the information out.

I have spent a lot of time learning the various projects that are ongoing. Roads and bridges has been a very interesting one for me familiarizing myself with the iceberg, Walter has kept me up to speed with that and making sure all those issues are addressed given our limited resources.

From the previous meeting, the renovations in the offices here that are taking place, making sure there is proper alignment with the Clerk of Board's Office, County Counsel. This project has been put together with Ron Tappan, Central and Shared Services, along with Joe Biuso, discussions with the Clerk and County Counsel in terms of a couple of things, first making sure that the space is appropriate for operations and confidentially and secondly that whatever items are there that need to be replaced or can be repurposed in other parts of the organization and Facilities Director, Mr. Biuso has assured me that is what the plan is.

Freeholder Vohden asked are they considering security with these renovations, because anybody can walk into those offices and you don't know that they are there until they are right in front of you.

Mr. Gruchacz said security is not a specific topic with this renovation, but it is something that has been discussed peripherally and we need to take a look at that. I have had discussions with the County Clerk regarding his concerns and projects that he is putting together in order to address that and Board of Elections, same issue. We are looking at it and it would be a benefit to look at it from an organizational perspective.

Freeholder Phoebus said I agree with that. One of things, with this room in particular, is when you go to a lot of the municipalities for their Council meetings, their room is also used for court and because of that Trenton has security issues that the courts have to abide by. In Andover Township, we had to secure the meeting room because that is where the court meets. I think in today's world, as much as you really don't want to say that something like that could potentially happen, we live in a world today where violent behavior happens. It is correct; there really is no security here.

Freeholder Mudrick asked Steve to tell his colleagues about what he did in the parking lot.

Mr. Gruchacz said we had disabled parking in the parking lot and those parking spaces were in an area that was elevated and it was in an uncovered area and over the course of time I have had a number of discussions with our seniors particularly in the winter or when it is raining and when they get out of the car, it is slippery and they are exposed to the elements; the other thing is when you open the door and if you are coming out with a walker or have a disability, the car door would come back and hit you in the leg; so through Facilities we were able to relocate those disabled parking spaces and they are now under the building, level spaced and give the seniors and disabled easier access.

Freeholder Phoebus asked is there any cameras under the building?

Mr. Gruchacz said no.

17. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

No report from County Counsel.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Freeholder Graham said that we had talked about having the agenda and the backup

paperwork put online and I have been receiving the updates from IT on how they are putting all this stuff together and I would like the Clerk to send it out to the rest of the Freeholders because I believe we are close to something that will work out if you put it online and keep it there and people can read the backup paper work as well as the agenda. I don't know if we can go live in the first week of September, but I think we are pretty close and IT has modified it quite a bit and they have done a very good job. It is all PDF and it is streamlined.

Freeholder Crabb said it is providing the links to the areas.

Freeholder Graham said it is the resolutions behind the agenda. You click on the agenda and it takes you right to the resolution. It is all PDF and it is streamlined and I think it will do a very good thing for our constituents.

Freeholder Mudrick asked Ms. Williams to place an envelope in your mailboxes of our attendance records of our tenures as Freeholders. I started work on this some time ago and there were no objections from anyone so you now have it.

Freeholder Phoebus asked, because of the camera issues, could we ask IT to give us a price on cameras for some of these places we are taking about.

Freeholder Vohden said you don't hear them coming until they are right in your face.

Freeholder Crabb said the cameras are great but you need to have someone monitoring them, maybe we could ask the Sheriff's office to do something like that.

Mr. Gruchacz said he will take a look into it.

Freeholder Mudrick said the startup cost might be a little pricey but once we are able to fund it once they are in place the cost is manageable. We have them in our schools and I recommended as the Principal of the primary school and we have chipped away at improving them each year. Once you are on board with your system, then it is not that expensive. It is the startup cost.

Mr. Gruchacz said I would agree and if you look around the news; recently someone walked into a place in Morristown with a number of rounds of bullets and machine guns into an area that was not secured. I will look into this.

Mr. Williams said Freeholder Phoebus you bring up an interesting point because it really has only been recent since they have been putting these security systems into the municipal courts. All courts have had security, but only recently have they been putting it into municipal courts. I will work with the Administrator on that because the courts have done the thinking on it so we can go AFC and find out what they think about it. There were different levels depending on the different facilities. Each municipal building is different. Some are open during court, some are not. Some of the work has been done and we can look to streamline and make it efficient.

Freeholder Crabb said I think it warrants looking into.

Freeholder Crabb said I would like to invite this Board to start a discussion on possibly changing the meeting time. I would be in favor of a 6 PM start time but starting no earlier than September 23rd because we just passed resolutions that we have announced that will be introduced on September 9th at 5 PM. I have discussed with various staff around here with regards to retaining professional staff or other staff as needed for a 6 PM meeting. In my opinion if we have a start time of 7 PM there are some situations where these meetings could go to midnight. I think 6 PM fairly gives an opportunity maybe not for the first public open session, but certainly for the second one because you will be two hours into the meeting and that could be around 8 PM which gives the public more time to get here.

Freeholder Phoebus said in Andover, they came in at 6 PM and the meeting was at 7 PM. We had an executive meeting in front of the municipal meeting for every meeting. The public would come at 7 PM. We have had our meetings at 5 PM for a long time and moving it to a 6 o'clock start time is a good idea because if that is problematic the public would let us know they want it later but at least it is a beginning for us. I agree that 5 PM is hard especially with traffic.

Freeholder Graham said 6PM is good for him.

Freeholder Crabb said it would be good for him. I think we need a motion to ask Counsel to make a resolution stating that we are changing the meeting times and also ask the Clerk to advertise it and do whatever is necessary.

Freeholder Vohden said as a farmer to me it does not make any difference. I arrange my time around these meetings. Back in the sixties, when I was really active in Parsippany and I was working in construction, I had to get up at 5:30 AM in the morning and we would start the meetings at the 7:30 PM and a lot of the meetings ran late. We have had three or four meetings that have gone over four hours. I have done some homework and I looked at other freeholder boards across the state. Out of 21 counties 11 have their meetings at 6 PM or earlier. Six are before 5 PM; four of them are at 4 PM and 10 are 7 PM or later. So 6 PM is right in the middle.

Freeholder Mudrick said when we say the public, when this started coming up; there were about six or seven from the public. I totally support this but I am just saying. When we pass this meeting schedule for the upcoming year because six or eight people plus/minus had a problem with the time in recent months. I am just putting that out there. I don't oppose of it what so ever. I do support moving it to 6 PM.

Freeholder Crabb said I think for their full disclosure there will be isolated indicates of the financial impact; I think the benefit of moving it will outweigh any additional expenses that might occur.

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham for this Freeholder Board to approve moving the current meeting time from 5 PM to 6 PM and to direct Counsel to make a resolution and to advise the Clerk that it will need to be advertised and this will begin with the September 23, 2015 meeting, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus. Freeholder Crabb said we can make the necessary adjustments at the September 9th meeting.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

19. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business tonight.

**20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR
(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less)**

MOTION made at 6:59 PM to open the meeting to the Public by Freeholder Mudrick, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comment from John Synder

Mr. Synder from Sandyston came forward. He wanted to know if the capital ordinances are monies that the county will be spending.

Freeholder Crabb said no they are monies that we are receiving from various services and then it has a companion resolution to apply those things that we will be receiving.

Freeholder Phoebus said one of them is the SCDRTAP money that comes from Atlantic City that is eared marked for seniors for transportation and handicap transportation for rural counties so we are getting that money.

Mr. Synder asked how does this jive with your budget.

Freeholder Graham said this is revenue coming in against the budget that we expected to get.

Freeholder Director Crabb said there are not many of these that we do not anticipate when we are going through the budget process.

Freeholder Phoebus said it is earmarked for a specific thing. It just does not go into the general budget.

Freeholder Crabb said it is agreed to during the budgetary process

Comment from Dawn Fantasia

Ms. Fantasia of Franklin Boro came forward and had a question for Freeholder Mudrick and his comment about not having a lot of people present for the meetings. I myself am a School Administrator and I am an Administrator in Bergen County and this is my first appearance at a Freeholder meeting simply because I work till 5 PM so if you see six or eight people in the audience that is probably why. I just ask all of you because I won't be at the next meeting because I work till 5 PM that when you actually come to a vote that you take into consideration that there are people who are very interested in what is going on, but logistics preclude us from being able to participate. I am on the Franklin Zoning Board of Adjustment and those meetings start at 7:30 PM. We have had some knock down drag outs for Walgreens and for all kinds of things and we have been there very late and I too feel your pain because I do get up at 5 AM to get to work so that if you can keep an open mind.

Freeholder Phoebus said moving it later or earlier is something we can look at but at least we are moving forward with it.

MOTION made at 7:03 PM to close the meeting to the Public by Freeholder Mudrick, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session – If Necessary)

There were no items for Closed Session.

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.

22. REMINDERS

Monday, September 7, 2015
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Holiday – Labor Day
Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 7:04 PM by Freeholder Graham to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

Catherine M. Williams, Clerk

DATED: August 12, 2015