

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2009

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Zellman;  
Freeholder Director Vetrano; Dennis McConnell, County Counsel;  
John Eskilson, County Administrator; 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 November 5, 2009 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
The Daily Record	Star Ledger

and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Freeholder recognition of the Sussex County Technical School student who was awarded the 2009 NJAC Foundation and Wal\*Mart Foundation Green Internship.

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve this presentation, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and approved unanimously.

Freeholder Vetrano said that he was pleased to introduce Ed Stevens, Manager of the Newton Wal\*Mart, Blake Vasquez, recipient of the 2009 NJAC Foundation and Wal\*Mart Foundation Green Internship, and Blake's teacher from the Technical School, Bill Kleiner.

Freeholder Vetrano explained the Green Internship Program, adding that this Program also benefited County Government as it helps to build a pool of potential employees who are qualified in the technologies of tomorrow; the Program is funded by Wal\*Mart; Blake will have an internship at the Technical School working on the school's hydroponics relative to its greenhouses and will also receive a \$1,000.00 stipend.

The presentation was made to Blake Vasquez; Blake provided a brief outline of his project at the school and his future plans utilizing his knowledge of hydroponics.

The Board congratulated Blake on his award.

**7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**  
**(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 10 minutes or less)**

**MOTION** made at 9:11 a.m. by Freeholder Parrott to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 9:12 a.m. by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 23, 2009  
**719-2009** AUTHORIZED ON JANUARY 2, 2009

**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 Parrott.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Vetrano	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**

There were no Awards of Contracts/Change Orders/Bids

**13. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2009 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS  
**720-2009**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL 2009 COUNTY BUDGET  
**721-2009** APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,553.20

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

**Resolution 13. B.**

Freeholder Parrott questioned if the \$86,553.20 purged back into the general treasury and if it could be applied for next year if needed.

Bernard Re, County Treasurer, who was present in the audience, replied that yes, this was correct.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**14. PERSONNEL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "SALARY INCREASES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT REPRESENTED BY A BARGAINING AGENT FOR 2008, 2009, 2010 AND 2011" FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
**722-2009**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson stated that he did not have a report at this time; he added that the County has made it through a very challenging and difficult year with the Board's support and a lot of very hard work by staff at the County; he wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that with the Board's support again and the hard work of the staff, the County will make it through 2010 as well.

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he did not have a report at this time; he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**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 9:15 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 9:16 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

**20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**Appreciation breakfast held for the employees of Social Services**

Freeholder Zellman said that she attended an appreciation breakfast for the employees of Social Services last week; she said she expressed, on behalf of the Board, appreciation to the employees for their assistance through these difficult times because the Board knows they have a very hard job.

**Thank you to Freeholder Vetrano**

Freeholder Zellman thanked Freeholder Vetrano for all of his service and said that he would be missed.

**“Champions for Charity” at Walkkill Valley Regional High School**

Freeholder Parrott stated that the next “Champions for Charity” food drive would be held at Walkkill Valley Regional High School on January 14, 2010; he said that Freeholder Crabb would be present at this event.

**Thank you to Freeholder Vetrano**

Freeholder Parrott thanked Freeholder Vetrano for his service to the County; he said that Freeholder Vetrano has done a great job and that the County would truly miss him.

**Comments on Wal\*Mart**

Freeholder Crabb stated that Wal\*Mart has been a great participant in whatever community it has been in; he said he could only speak for the Franklin Wal\*Mart, but it has never hesitated to reach out, even without being asked to help.

**Thank you to Freeholder Vetrano**

Freeholder Crabb expressed his appreciation to Freeholder Vetrano for the short time they have worked together; he said that it has been a very dynamic year and through Freeholder Vetrano’s leadership, the County has waded through some tricky waters very efficiently and very effectively.

**Comments from Freeholder Vetrano**

Freeholder Vetrano offered his heartfelt thanks to each and every one of the County employees from the Administrator right on down to his friend Sissy; he wished every employee good health, happiness, and a great New Year.

**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**

Friday	January 1, 2010	New Year's Day	Holiday
Friday	January 1, 2010	Reorganization	2:00 pm
		Sussex County	
		Historic Courthouse	
Wednesday	January 13, 2010	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 9:18 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: December 30, 2009**