

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 9:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Graham; Freeholder Mudrick;  
Freeholder Phoebus; Freeholder Director Vohden;  
John Eskilson, County Administrator; Dennis McConnell,  
County Counsel; Elaine Morgan, Clerk

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 15, 2013 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

There were no Proclamations/Certificates/Presentations.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 9:05 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 9:06 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Mudrick

- **Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony**

Freeholder Mudrick said that he attended the Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony the previous day and explained what a phenomenal program this was with the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts having young adults doing community based projects throughout the County.

- **Local Fund Raiser at Andre's Restaurant**

Freeholder Mudrick explained that there was going to be a fundraiser on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Andre's Restaurant in Newton to help the family of 11 year old Amiel Wehrli with the medical expenses from Amiel's tragic death due to choking on a cookie.

- **Acknowledgement and Thanks**

Freeholder Mudrick acknowledged and thanked the other four members of the Board, former Freeholder Parker Space, along with John Eskilson, Dennis McConnell and Elaine Morgan for everything they do.

### **Comments by Freeholder Crabb**

- **Franklin Viaduct**

Freeholder Crabb said he would save his comments for the Ribbon Cutting this afternoon, but said that the finished product with the lamps utilizing the same globes from the 1922 bridge was truly amazing.

### **Comments by Freeholder Phoebus**

- **Food Pantry**

Freeholder Phoebus said she had the pleasure of working in the Food Pantry at the time that High Point High School brought its delivery in from "Stuff the Bus"; she said she was truly amazed that there were at least 20 volunteers that came and dedicated their time to sort the items and stock the shelves.

- **Economic Development Partnership (EDP)**

Freeholder Phoebus said that the recent EDP meeting had to be rescheduled due to contract negotiations and once they rescheduled would be inviting four or five of the municipalities; she discussed the importance of supporting our businesses in Sussex County and of attracting new businesses also. Freeholder Phoebus thanked Eric Snyder, the Division of Planning, John Eskilson and the IT Division for working so hard to help bring Senator Oroho's Vision 20/20 back to life.

### **Comments by Freeholder Graham**

- **The Year in Review**

Freeholder Graham spoke about the past nine months that he spent on the Freeholder Board and the lessons that he has learned by speaking to County employees and volunteers on a one-to-one basis; he thanked everyone on the dais for being very supportive of him and being generous with their knowledge.

Freeholder Graham said that the County is open for business and we must make everyone understand this and realize that the County will be open for business without outside forces putting restrictions on the County that cannot possibly be overcome; he said he will personally spend the next three years trying to prove this to as many people as he can.

- **Division of Senior Services**

Freeholder Graham said that he attended a Senior Services' luncheon last week where he had a chance to meet several employees along with several volunteers; he said he learned very quickly that the volunteers don't volunteer for the recognition, but because it is the right thing to do.

### **Comments by Freeholder Vohden**

- **Gratitude and Thanks**

Freeholder Vohden said since it was the last meeting of the year he wanted to thank the Administration, the Freeholder staff, all the employees and especially the 200 volunteers that the County has that spend a lot time looking out for the good of the County.

**9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 26, 2013  
**654-2013** AUTHORIZED ON JANUARY 4, 2013
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF DANIELSON V. STRADA, EL AL (Resolution authorizes this Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$400,000.00)  
**655-2013**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING AN ECONOMIC STUDY OF SUSSEX COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING REGION (Resolution authorizes this grant funding in the amount of \$110,000.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct outreach, analysis, coordination and planning activities in northern New Jersey)  
**656-2013**
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY TRANSITIONAL CARE PROGRAM (Resolution authorizes this Agreement with Newton Medical Center providing \$100,000.00 and the County providing \$100,000.00 for a total of \$200,000.00)  
**657-2013**
- E. RESOLUTION RE: CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS  
**658-2013**
- F. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATING THE MORVILLE AGENCY, A DIVISION OF GALLAGHER BOLLINGER, ARTHUR J. BOLLINGER & CO. AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND (Resolution authorizes this designation with a negotiated fee as compensation for services rendered for 2014 of \$140,000.00)  
**659-2013**
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes purchase orders for US Corrections Special and Chromate Industrial Corp.)  
**660-2013**
- H. RESOLUTION RE: TO RESCIND THE OCTOBER 23, 2013 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE GRANT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00  
**661-2013**
- I. RESOLUTION RE: RESCINDING RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 13,

**662-2013** 2013 PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00

J. **663-2013** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00, TO BE USED FOR HIRING A QUALIFIED CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE A FIVE YEAR UPDATE TO THE CURRENT SUSSEX COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest.**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick.

Freeholder Phoebus said that with regards to Resolution 9.C., she would like the County Administrator to explain what this Resolution is about so that the Board has a better understanding.

Mr. Eskilson said that what the study in Resolution 9.C. will do is basically update the Strategic Growth Plan and the Vision 20/20 Plan that the County completed several years ago; he went on to give an in depth description on how both plans were valuable documents, how they were developed, and how the study will enhance the County.

Eric Snyder, Sussex County Division of Planning, came forward and explained that the County will get the two most knowledgeable, nationally recognized economists from the Bloustein School in New Jersey to do the study; he gave a synopsis on what the study would accomplish for the County.

There was a lengthy discussion.

Freeholder Crabb said he had discussion on Resolution 9.D. about Transitional Care and what a huge tangible success it has been for the County this year with the precipitous decline in readmittances to the hospital and having someone available to speak to the patients prior to their discharge to make sure they get to the doctor, make sure they get their prescriptions, and more importantly make sure they don't have to run the gauntlet of the Social Services waiting room; he said that all of these things have lead to a very successful program and the County has Steve Gruchacz, Sarah Balzano and the staff of Senior Services to thank for that. Freeholder Crabb concluded by saying that Sussex County is truly leading the Country on Transitional Care and the County is very proud of this huge success.

Freeholder Phoebus spoke of a personal experience with using the Transitional Care program and what a wonderful program it is.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

## **10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no Minutes for approval.

**11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER (Resolution appoints John H. Eskilson as the Fund Commissioner for 2014 and Robert J. Maikis, Jr. as Alternate Fund Commissioner for 2014)  
**664-2013**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

**12. RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Resolutions.

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

There were no Awards of Contracts/Change Orders/Bids.

**14. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2013 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS  
**665-2013**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE BALANCE OF \$100,000.00 FROM AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ADOPTED ON JULY 24, 2013 FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR ADDITIONAL AERIAL SPRAYING  
**666-2013**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

Mr. Eskilson said that the County's efforts are ongoing on the initiative to enact legislation that would allow for a trust fund for mosquito spraying, similar to the snow plowing trust fund that the County is able to do now, which is really getting some traction and it's a high priority for NJAC in 2014 which would, hopefully over time, eliminate a lot of the need to do these emergency appropriations on an ongoing basis.

**15. PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda (no Personnel Agenda for this meeting)

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson said he has one item for closed session on Collective Bargaining with PBA 138, 378 and if necessary, CWA 1032 and 1083. Mr. Eskilson thanked everyone for their support in 2013 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**17. COUNTY COUNSEL**

Mr. McConnell said he had nothing except to wish everyone a Happy New Year and that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

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

**18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**MOTION** made at 9:45 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 9:46 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

**21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** made at 9:47 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to go into Executive Session for items of Contract as previously set forth in the record by the County Administrator in which there will be no action taken, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
667-2013**

- 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.**

**MOTION** made at 9:50 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously

Mr. Eskilson asked to add one more comment and that was to commend Walter Cramp for the truly amazing job that he did to complete the Franklin Viaduct project on time and on budget not to mention also completing the Church Street Bridge which is right next door to the Viaduct on the same day and also on time and under budget.

Freeholders Crabb and Mudrick added their accolades for Walter Cramp and the Franklin Viaduct project.

**22. REMINDERS**

Wednesday	January 1, 2014	New Year's Day	Holiday
Friday	January 3, 2014	Reorganization Meeting (Historic Courthouse)	6:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 9:54 a.m. by Freeholder Mudrick to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED:      DECEMBER 30, 2013**