

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:03 pm.

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Freeholder Zellman asked for a moment of silence for Priscilla Stafford who passed away this past week; there will be a memorial service for her on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

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 4, 2012 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 none.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Certificate for James Wright for being the recipient of the 2012 History Award from the Chinkchewunsk Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**80-2012**

2. Certificate for The New Jersey Herald for being the recipient of the 2012 Ramsey-Stamy-Ayers Award from the Chinkchewunsk Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**81-2012**

3. Certificate for Charles L. Tice for being the recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award from the Chinkchewunsk Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**82-2012**

4. Certificate for Wasco Hadowanetz for being the recipient of the 2012 Historic Preservation Recognition Award from the Chinkchewunsk Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**83-2012**

5. Certificate for Peggy Cofrancesco for being chosen as the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade 2012.

**84-2012**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to approve these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

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Freeholder Crabb said he would like to move Item 12.A. to this point on the Agenda.

Freeholder Crabb said at this time he would ask his colleague Freeholders to make opening comments on it and then open the meeting to the public for open session on the floor regarding this Resolution and after that the Resolution will be considered.

### **Comments from Freeholder Crabb**

Freeholder Crabb discussed the challenges the County has gone through concerning the Homestead, including the economy, having senior leadership doing more with less and traditionally untouchable areas such as Social Services and Public Safety were included in a comprehensive restructuring of budgets and future funding; the College and Vocational School had to manage with the largest budget cuts they have ever seen; with over 100 concurrent road and bridge projects across the County being managed by a staff of 5 engineers; the reasons for this are many – from State mandated budget caps and reduced funding almost across the board to a shrinking tax base that reflects the difficult economic times the country is in that reflects the new normal; it has been evident for many years the County has been cautioned by its auditors and other financial experts that this part of its world would have to be addressed eventually; that discussion can no longer be deferred; similar discussions are being held across most counties in New Jersey and across the country; many have already determined that a change was required; most recently in Cumberland County; the sale of the County-run nursing home was completed, including the provision of maintaining existing staff; this Board has exhausted staff and external professionals to get a clear and concise operational picture of the County Homestead; the Board has reviewed these findings in person with resident advocates and other stakeholders; although there will be many more difficult decisions like this going forward, Freeholder Crabb thanked his colleagues for their tenacity and compassion as they have tackled this question head on with clarity on the collateral ramifications that are of concern; there is a great fear of the unknown, but this is the same script that has played out across the State with much of the concern originating internally; the reality is that in those counties that the operation of the nursing home has been privatized, there has not been the instability that was feared and the level of care has not diminished.

### **Comments from Freeholder Space**

Freeholder Space said as with any decision he may make or the Board makes, he likes to get as much research into it as possible and he has spoken with the Department of Health and Senior Services for the State of New Jersey; as always the two main concerns he had were the residents that are there and the employees that work there; the State restated over and over again that back in the 60's and 70's most counties had nursing homes because there weren't any other ones around to take care of the citizens in need; today there are a lot more private facilities to take care of the residents that need that type of a service; also the State assured Freeholder Space that there are so many safeguards now to oversee every step of the move, the State makes sure that the residents receive the utmost care; also with the employees that work there, the majority of the time, if not all the time, when a nursing home is sold, the employees stay there; he also explained that the State will make sure that the care remains as good as it was.

### **Comments from Freeholder Zeoli**

Freeholder Zeoli thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight; he said the Homestead will always be a nursing facility; that is the most important thing for everyone to remember; there is always a level of fear and uncertainty of the unknown; this Board is not going to sell it to someone who is going to turn it into a ShopRite; this will always remain a nursing facility; Freeholder Zeoli said the Board is going to make sure that whoever is interested in the Homestead is absolutely going to provide the level of care the residents are used to; the other thing to be concerned about is the staff – most of the counties the Board has seen has

been able to maintain the staff; they were able to keep most, if not all, of the existing staff members.

### **Comments from Freeholder Zellman**

Freeholder Zellman said as Freeholder liaison to the Homestead and as Human Services Liaison for the last 11 years, she has looked at a number of things the Homestead has done; she went over all of the changes that have been made in the last couple of years; she said she can understand her colleagues concerns and appreciates their concerns for the residents and for the staff, but for herself as liaison she looks out and sees residents and their families, volunteers and staff and she cannot vote yes for the Resolution.

### **Comments from Freeholder Vohden**

Freeholder Vohden explained that he is working with Freeholder Zellman and they will both be liaisons to the Department of Human Services, which administers the Division of Community and Youth Services, Social Services, the Homestead and Senior Services; he explained he met twice with the Division of Community and Youth Services to become more familiar with its services and what it provides to the County; most of these Divisions are in great need for more funding; he said 12% of the County's population are over 65; he indicated that senior citizens may be the County's most vulnerable population in the County; as the Board prepares the budget, it has a responsibility to look at everything and make cuts wherever possible; the County needs to try to hold the line on taxes for all of its residents.

Freeholder Crabb said before the Board opens the meeting up for Public Session, he indicated he wanted to limit this Public Session to this Resolution; there will be another Public Session at the end of the meeting for anything else anyone may have.

## **7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**MOTION** made at 5:28 pm by Freeholder Space to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

Joan Current, Sandyston Township, said she is the Treasurer of the Homestead Auxiliary; she said the Auxiliary and the Life Enrichment Foundation raise money for the residents to better their everyday life; she heard two things – Freeholder Crabb mentioned about hearing from his predecessors about the situation that the Homestead is in; her concern is if the Freeholders sell the Homestead to a company and Freeholder Zeoli said the Board will make sure the people that buy the Homestead will maintain it as a nursing home, but what if who the County sells it to, turns around and sells it to another company, does that agreement get passed along to Company B or does it become null and void with them selling off the property to another company.

Mr. McConnell, County Counsel, said it will be maintained as a nursing home because the zoning doesn't allow anything but what exists there now or residential. There was a short discussion.

Ms. Current said she had another concern, which was about the employees; she asked about someone who may have worked for the County for 17 years or 22 years, where does all that time go; they could be hired by the new owner, but what happens to all the time they have put into the County as an employee towards their retirement; there was a short discussion.

Judy Smith from Sparta came forward to give the Board her concerns about the sale of the Homestead; she expressed that the Homestead is considered a home not just a nursing facility; there was a short discussion.

Krista Gerry of Vernon came forward to let the Board know that she collected over 1,000 signatures from around the County on a petition to save the Homestead; she also read two letters into the records; one from the Leisure Club members of Vernon, of which there are 78 seniors;

"We the members of the Leisure Club in Vernon support the Homestead and strongly object to your wanting to privatize this wonderful facility that has been serving so many residents in our County for so many years. We hope that you will reconsider your plan to sell this nursing home so that it may remain County run and continue to give the excellent care to the seniors that are now residing there and for future generations of seniors to come. Do what's right and save the Homestead. Sincerely, Leisure Club Members"

Ms. Gerry said she had one more letter to read into the record from the Marlow Chapter of the Red Hat Society:

"To the Board of Chosen Freeholders – the Marlow Chapter of the Red Hat Society, of which there are 62 members, is protesting the selling of the Homestead Nursing Home. Many of us have had relatives and friends who have lived there for numerous years. It is the best nursing home that we have in our County. We are all very concerned about the residents, nurses, nurse's aides, cooks, kitchen help and other workers at this facility. What will happen to them? It is not a good idea to privatize the nursing home. Do not try to cut costs when quality of life is an issue. The Homestead is unparalleled for those who need extensive care, especially those individuals who have dementia. It is well-run and recommended by doctors, lawyers and nurses over all other nursing homes in the area. Don't let these people down. Please, search your hearts and do what is just and humane. Thank you. Sincerely, Members of the Marlow Red Hat Society"

Ms. Gerry asked the Board to try to find ways to save the Homestead.

Herman Terpstra, Sussex, came forward to ask the Board how the County is going to handle Meals on Wheels; he also said he is sure they will get rid of half the staff and said if Medicare doesn't pay enough, they will close the doors.

Tony Crachinski, Kemah Lake, came forward and said his brother was a resident at the Homestead and couldn't say enough about how great he feels the Homestead is; he also had two letters to read into the record; the first one is from Joy's Youth Club from the Lafayette Federated Church:

"The seniors of Lafayette Federated Church, Joy's Club, met on February 6, 2012 to discuss the situation at the Homestead. Most of us have opportunities to visit friends and relatives or volunteers at the Homestead. A few have already had residents there for a short time. We all have very good impressions of the quality of care and the personal attention of the services provided at the Homestead. It would be a great loss to our County if they lost control over this facility. We urge you to find ways to keep local control over the Homestead in order to assure there would be quality care for our seniors when they need it the most. We believe our leaders can find ways to keep it solvent and not put in danger the most vulnerable citizens in this County."

Mr. Crachinski said he had another letter:

"To our Freeholder Director, Phil Crabb, and all the Board of Chosen Freeholders: Being a Sussex County resident for the last 50 years, I've seen a lot of change that has taken place, some good, some not so good. I remember this County having a reputation of taking care of their own. The selling of the Homestead flies in the face of the belief we are not losing our identity fast enough in this corner of our State. We do not need to hasten it by getting rid of one of our gems. Please consider all the facts, the figures and most of all the people before making this decision. Thomas Walsh, Jr., Andover Township Committeeman"

Joy Ennis, Fredon Township, came forward and said she has been a volunteer at the Homestead; she explained to the Board how much she thought of the Homestead; she said she does not agree with selling the Homestead; she asked the Board not to sell the Homestead.

Ray Witte, Hampton Township, came forward and discussed how he feels about selling the Homestead; he asked the Board to help save the Homestead.

Giselle Garin, Sandyston Township, came forward and told the Board that she is a volunteer at the Homestead; she had postcards with comments from citizens about the sale of the Homestead and read those to the Board.

Diane Maher, Wantage Township, came forward and said she volunteered at the Homestead; said it was well-run and she would hate to see this facility close; she also asked the Board to please listen to the people.

Linda Hunter Conklin, resident at the Homestead, came forward and thanked Freeholder Zellman for her support; she described her experience at the Homestead as a resident; she likes it very much, it is her home; she said this is a big injustice; Ms. Hunter Conklin said she compares this to a suicide; it is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

Rada Majanovick, Sussex, came forward and explained about the problems she is having placing her mother; the Homestead took her, no questions asked; she said she has worked in nursing homes and told the Board some horror stories about the other nursing homes; she asked the Board to please listen to the people.

Bob Gerry, Vernon, came forward to say he heard that it would cost about \$14.00 per year per household to keep the Homestead; anyone that can't afford that he feels is wrong and the money should be spent to keep the Homestead.

**MOTION** made at 6:25 pm by Freeholder Space to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

## **12. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO INITIATE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING VENDORS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES, SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE PLAN SUBDIVISION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED TO SEPARATE AND SELL THE SUSSEX COUNTY NURSING HOME A.K.A. "THE HOMESTEAD"**  
**85-2012**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	No
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Crabb	Yes

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At 6:26 pm Freeholder Crabb said the Board would take a 10 minute break.

At 6:38 pm the Board came back to the meeting.  
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## **7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

This was handled earlier in the meeting.

## **8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

There were none at this time.

## **9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**86-2012**
  
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**87-2012** ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes the issuance of purchase orders for Aeris Consulting & Management, Bob Viersma & Sons, Inc., Computer Consulting Group, Inc., Continuum Voice and Data System, Dentrust Dental, Genesis Engineering, LLC, Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., Lakeside Construction, Midwest Tape, LLC, Newton Medical Center, Sparwick Contracting Inc., Tamis Corporation, Transtec Corporation, Universal Mailing Service, and W. J. Castle, P.E. & Associates)
  
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**88-2012** AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY ALLOCATING \$5,846.40 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE BASIC NEEDS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes a maximum of 6.4 cases at the cost of \$913.50 per case for calendar year 2012)
  
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**89-2012** AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, INC. ALLOCATING \$38,400.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE DASI SHELTER RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 329.62 shelter bed days at a cost of \$116.50 per day for calendar year 2012)
  
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**90-2012** AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NORWESCAP CFRS (CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES) ALLOCATING \$32,000.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide a maximum of 320 child care units at \$100.00 per unit for calendar year 2012)
  
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**91-2012** AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ADVANCE HOUSING, INC. ALLOCATING \$23,942.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY

(Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 233.58 days at \$102.50 per day for calendar year 2012)

- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EASTER SEALS NEW JERSEY ALLOCATING \$12,800.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 437.16 days of extended employment at a cost of \$29.28 per day for calendar year 2012)**  
**92-2012**
  
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PEOPLE HELP OF SUSSEX COUNTY ALLOCATING \$7,680.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 153.6 vouchers for emergency financial assistance at \$50.00 per voucher for calendar year 2012)**  
**93-2012**
  
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PROJECT SELF-SUFFICIENCY ALLOCATING \$21,332.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 1,233.07 case management sessions at a cost of \$17.30 per session for calendar year 2012)**  
**94-2012**
  
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SAMARITAN INN, INC. ALLOCATING \$11,697.60 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF NIGHTS OF SHELTER FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 83.56 nights of motel shelter at \$140.00 per night with case management services for calendar year 2012)**  
**95-2012**
  
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK ALLOCATING \$7,872.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 256 hours of case management at \$18.00 a unit for a total of \$4,608.00 and \$3,264.00 in supported housing financial assistance for calendar year 2012)**  
**96-2012**
  
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING ALLOCATING \$31,680.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX**  
**97-2012**

COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract to provide 352 mental health counseling sessions at \$90.00 per session for calendar year 2012)

- M. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY ALLOCATING \$1,920.00 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE LEADE PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**98-2012**
- N. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SCARC, INC. ALLOCATING \$6,400.00 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF RESPITE CARE FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**99-2012**
- O. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATING \$13,702.40 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMEMAKER/CHORE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**100-2012**
- P. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KAREN ANN QUINLAN HOSPICE ALLOCATING \$13,916.80 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF ROUTINE HOSPICE CARE AND RESPITE CARE FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**101-2012**
- Q. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF TRANSIT/SKYLANDS RIDE ALLOCATING \$3,200.00 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**102-2012**
- R. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. ALLOCATING \$59,744.80 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE MEALS ON WHEELS AND ADULT DAY CENTER PROGRAMS FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this funding for calendar year 2012)**  
**103-2012**
- S. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$91,209.00 TO CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR OUTPATIENT ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A**  
**104-2012**

CONTRACT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2012)

- T. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$21,269.00 TO CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR ADOLESCENT LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2012)  
**105-2012**
- U. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$153,000.00 TO CENTER FOR EVALUATION AND COUNSELING FOR COMPREHENSIVE COURT REFERRAL PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2012)  
**106-2012**
- V. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE 2012 LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE \$202,452.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012  
**107-2012**
- W. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$116,558.00 (Resolution authorizes the Freeholder Director to execute the Program Allocation Receipts)  
**108-2012**
- X. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC. FOR SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE FOR THE REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR DEFERRING EXISTING COUNTY EXPENDITURES WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THE BASIS OF ITS DESIGNATION AS AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE  
**109-2012**
- Y. RESOLUTION RE: CONCURRING WITH ORDINANCE 2011-12, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II "STOPPING OR STANDING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS" TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG COUNTY ROUTE 631 (NORTH CHURCH ROAD) FROM THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL LINE, MILE POST 01.71 TO STATE HIGHWAY 94, MILE POST 02.65 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON  
**110-2012**

- Z. RESOLUTION RE: CONCURRING WITH ORDINANCE 2011-12, AN  
**111-2012** ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON,  
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO  
AMEND CHAPTER 172 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC",  
ARTICLE II "STOPPING OR STANDING PROHIBITED ON  
CERTAIN STREETS" TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG  
COUNTY ROUTE 673 FROM SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE  
661 (BEAVER RUN ROAD), MILE POST 00.00 TO THE  
WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL LINE, MILE POST  
00.59 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

**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 Zeoli to approve Items A-Z, seconded by Freeholder Space.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting November 14, 2011  
Regular Meeting November 30, 2011  
Regular Meeting December 14, 2011  
Regular Meeting December 29, 2011

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Space to approve these minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

**11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF DIANE L. WEXLER TO THE  
**112-2012** BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SUSSEX  
COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS. SAID TERM  
TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE OCTOBER  
31, 2015

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

B. Resignations

1. E-mail received informing the Board that Kathleen Fitzsimmons is resigning from her position on the Sussex County Mental Health Advisory Board.

The Board asked the Clerk to send a letter of thank you to Ms. Fitzsimmons.

**12. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO INITIATE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING VENDORS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES, SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE PLAN SUBDIVISION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED TO SEPARATE AND SELL THE SUSSEX COUNTY NURSING HOME A.K.A. "THE HOMESTEAD"
- (Handled earlier  
In the meeting)**

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

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR ANIMAL REMAINS – REMOVAL FROM ROADWAYS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS (Resolution awards this extension to Dee Carcass Removal Services, LLC, in the amount of \$37,500.00 for 2012)  
**113-2012**
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR HOUSEKEEPING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this extension to Chelbus Cleaning Co., in the amount of \$9,420.00)  
**114-2012**
3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2012 MODEL YEAR, FREIGHTLINER SD OR EQUAL SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS WITH TRADE-INS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this Contract to Robert H. Hoover & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$157,700.00 after trade-in allowance)  
**115-2012**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Vohden to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Space.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND MERCO, INC. FOR THE SUBSTRUCTURE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE K-03 (CR 607) OVER RIVER  
**116-2012**

STYX, BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, SUSSEX  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**14. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2011 APPROPRIATION RESERVES  
**117-2012**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**15. PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda (no agenda for this meeting)
- B. Resolutions
1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT  
**118-2012** OF SUSSEX COUNTY'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
POLICY FOR SAFETY SENSITIVE EMPLOYEES  
(Resolution amends Sections 4 and 6)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson, County Administrator, said he had two items for closed session, both collective bargaining; one for the PBA 138 Prosecutor's unit and the second is with CWA 1083 Social Services unit.

**17. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell said he had nothing for tonight.

**18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Setting a date for a public hearing concerning a chargeback issue for Alison Ransome.

Mr. McConnell said this issue has been resolved.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Zellman said this would be for the next meeting but she discussed the letter from the County Planner's Association; Mr. Eskilson said he thought they were interesting comments and he thinks the comments are not inconsistent with the intent of the Planning staff of the State; he sent the letter to Dan Kennedy and he will have a conversation about this; the intent was to give more weight and authority to regional plans, including County plans; it seems to him (Mr. Eskilson) that would do it; he (Mr. Eskilson) will raise it at a meeting of the Commission as well.

Freeholder Zellman felt it would be consistent with the County's Strategic Growth Plan; she said she would bring it up as a discussion item at the next meeting.

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

**MOTION** made at 6:53 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Linda Ward, Catholic Charities, came forward and asked a question about Item 9.R. because she feels the figure is incorrect; it says \$59,000.00 and she said it includes both Meals on Wheels and the Adult Day Care; she feels perhaps meals on wheels may have been missed off that figure.

The Board said someone will look into it.

A person from Advance Housing came forward to thank the Board for the funding for Advance Housing.

**MOTION** made at 6:55 pm by Freeholder Zellman to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Crabb thanked his colleagues for their tenacity and focus in the most difficult deliberations the Board has gone through.

**21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** made at 6:56 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion two items of Collective Bargaining as discussed by the County Administrator one for the PBA 138 Prosecutor's unit and the second is with CWA 1083 Social Services unit, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
**119-2012**

- 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 7:15 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

**22. REMINDERS**

Wednesday	February 8, 2012	League of Mun.	6:30 pm
		Dinner – The Homestead Rest.	

**This dinner was changed to the Lafayette House restaurant.**

Monday	February 13, 2012	Lincoln’s Birthday	Holiday
		(observed)	
Monday	February 20, 2012	President’s Day	Holiday
Wednesday	February 22, 2012	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 7:16 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**Dated: February 8, 2012**