

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** Freeholder Graham; Freeholder Mudrick; Freeholder Phoebus; Freeholder Vohden; Freeholder Director Crabb; John Eskilson, County Administrator/Clerk; Dennis McConnell, County Counsel; Cathy Williams, Secretary to County Administrator

3. **MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Freeholder Graham asked everyone, in their silent prayer, to remember all the public safety officers particularly the two police officers that lost their lives in New York City.

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:

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**

Freeholder Crabb added one Proclamation:

A. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

1. Proclamation honoring Robert Siple for 50 Years of Service to the Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to add and approve this Proclamation, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

7. **PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

MOTION made at 5:04 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comment from Richard Lecher

Richard Lecher of SCARC, Augusta came forward; he thanked the Board in advance of its vote for the anticipated approval of SCARC's Small Cities Grant which will assist in the installation of solar panels on the roof of the SCARC Community Center in Hampton.

Comment from Carl Luthman

Carl Luthman of Lafayette came forward; he said he was prompted to be here tonight after listening to the Governor's State-of-the-State speech the night before; he spoke at great length about his concern over the rise in Municipal, State and County taxes.

Comment from Mike Vealey

Mike Vealey, 20 Union Turnpike, Branchville came forward; he said that he spoke to Mr. McConnell today about the bridge that the County is replacing and that his major concerns were the fact that the County was replacing a single lane bridge with a two lane bridge and that the part of his property that the County was taking is where his septic field is located. He advised the Board of the hardships he would face with this bridge replacement.

Comment from John Crane

John Crane, 20 Union Turnpike, Branchville came forward; he said that Mr. Vealey was his builder and son-in-law; he stated that his biggest concern was the same as his son-in-law and that is why the County would put a two-lane bridge on a single lane road; he provided several reasons for his concerns.

Mr. McConnell addressed the concerns of Mr. Vealey and Mr. Crane by explaining that the problem is that there are Federal funds involved and the County has to meet its insurance requirement, therefore, the County cannot put up a substandard bridge; he said he understood their argument, but the only thing the County controls is that bridge. Mr. McConnell said there is a pending condemnation that's going on and with regards to that, they have the right to argue that down in court. Mr. McConnell said that he understood that Mr. Vealey was seeking counsel and Mr. McConnell said he feels that is a good thing; however, since it is pending litigation Mr. McConnell asked the Board not to comment on this issue. Mr. McConnell added that the bridge has actually shrunk some from the initial design, it's still two lanes, but it did decrease in the width and there are markers out there showing all the rights-of-way and it's all staked.

Comment from James Castimore

James Castimore of Sparta came forward; he mentioned that he used to live in Frankford and Branchville and knows this road very well and asked why the County would build a bridge this wide, on a road that is this wide.

Mr. McConnell explained that the County has funding for this project through a Federal program and that's what they require, on top of that, the County has insurance issues.

Mr. Castimore continued his argument about the width of the bridge versus the width of the road and said that the widening of the road would be next; he also spoke about a bridge in Stillwater that he felt should get a higher priority than this bridge in Frankford.

Mr. McConnell responded by saying that the County has a prioritization list of all the bridges and he could get that from the Engineering Department and submit to Mr. Castimore if he so desired; Mr. McConnell said that the County Engineering Department has worked on this for a significant amount of time with very qualified people and they have prioritized all of these bridges.

There was a short discussion.

Comment from Gary Larson

Gary Larson, Mayor of Frankford Township came forward; he said with regards to Mr. Castimore's comments about widening the road, there has been no discussion nor is there any intention of widening that road.

MOTION made at 5:35 p.m. by Freeholder Mudrick to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Vohden

- **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)**

Freeholder Vohden reported that he recently attended an NJTPA meeting where the Commissioner of Transportation, Jamie Fox, was the keynote speaker and he spoke at length about the importance of funding the Transportation Trust Fund; Freeholder Vohden said this is the third meeting that he has attended where the establishment of a stable, dependable and long term source of funding for the Transportation Trust Fund was discussed including a meeting at Trenton State with NJAC and another one with the Legislative Transportation Committee; he discussed some of the ideas for the funding.

- **Highlands Workshop**

Freeholder Vohden reminded everyone of the Highlands Council's Workshop on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sussex County Technical School; he mentioned that a similar meeting was being held in Hunterdon County and these meetings will be followed in a few months with an open public mike comment period, however, in the meantime public comments can be made on the Highlands Council website. Freeholder Vohden said that the Highlands Council is currently seeking technical experts to serve on a technical advisory committee which will review the contents of the Regional Master Plan.

- **Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)**

Freeholder Vohden remarked that he attended the SWAC Meeting last evening and was impressed with the meeting and the participation from all the attendees; he said that he mentioned at the meeting how much the Board appreciates all the volunteers and everything they do.

- **Letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen**

Freeholder Vohden advised the Board that he received a letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen, which was sent out to all the veterans in the County, which explains that he has secured \$2.6M in grant funding for rural health programs in Sussex County.

Comments by Freeholder Mudrick

- **Municipal Reorganization Meetings**

Freeholder Mudrick reported that from January 1 through January 8 he attended six Municipal Reorganization Meetings which included Franklin Borough, Frankford Township, Ogdensburg Borough, Hardyston Township; Sparta Township and Hopatcong Borough where there was a common theme among all the municipalities and that was that they have good employees and with good people in good places they are moving forward and thus things are getting done for the positive in these trying economic times.

- **Center for Prevention and Counseling**

Freeholder Mudrick said he had an opportunity to meet with the new Executive Director for the Center for Prevention and Counseling, Becky Carlson, who has 14 years of experience with the Center and replaced Barbara Adolphe; he provided the Board with folders that have great information and details about upcoming programs that are being offered by the Center. Freeholder Mudrick remarked that there was a good program scheduled for tomorrow night at the Long Pond School in Andover, "Hidden in Plain Sight, Do You Know Where to Look?"

- **Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee**

Freeholder Mudrick said that even though he was not the liaison to this Committee, he felt he had to attend its meeting to say thank you to this Committee because they are a group of people that take their jobs very seriously; he acknowledged two new members of the Committee that were appointed at the County Reorganization Meeting and they are Gary Larson and Daniel Flynn.

- **Department of Finance and Library Services**

Freeholder Mudrick remarked that as the new liaison to the Department of Finance and Library Services, thanks to Bernie Re the Department Head, he was able to meet with the head of Library Services, Stan Pollakoff; he explained that he was able to view the work that has been done at the Main Library which is called EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finishing System) where four inches of insulation have been placed around the building along with new windows and framing and ongoing renovations at the main entrance. Freeholder Mudrick said that Stan Pollakoff is happy with the progress that's been made and is looking at a completion date of late January early February.

- **Sussex County Education Association (SCEA)**

Freeholder Mudrick said that he along with Freeholder Phoebus, Senator Oroho and Assemblyman Space attended the Sussex County Education Association "Meet and Greet" at the Lafayette House; he said there were very interesting conversations with teachers around the County and the one thing that seemed to resonate among everyone was the frustration with the standardized testing that will be replacing the New Jersey ASK.

Comments by Freeholder Phoebus

- **Highlands Council**

Freeholder Phoebus said it was very important for everyone to provide input to the Highlands Council for the review of its Master Plan because one of the areas that is very concerning to Freeholder Phoebus is the lack of economic development in its new Plan as they go forward; she believes that something that Sussex County desperately needs is the ability to be able to go forward with economic development by giving existing businesses the ability to expand and new businesses the ability to come into the County and find homes here.

- **Food Pantry**

Freeholder Phoebus reported that Senator Oroho invited Terry Newhard, the head of NORWESCAP, to tour the County's Food Pantry and Mr. Newhard was very impressed with the Food Pantry and by all the hard work of its volunteers.

- **Department of Human Services**

Freeholder Phoebus remarked that the Department of Human Services is just starting to get all its new meetings together for the New Year.

Comments by Freeholder Graham

- **Municipal Reorganization Meetings**

Freeholder Graham said he also attended the Reorganization Meetings of Franklin, Ogdensburg, Fredon, Stanhope, Byram, Hopatcong and Wantage; he said the one thing to remember is that they are all volunteers and put in many hours of their own personal time.

- **County Taxes**

Freeholder Graham remarked that he wanted to address Mr. Luthman's comments from Public Session; he explained to Mr. Luthman that the difficulty when you are dealing on a County-wide basis is the equalization end of things where one town may see a reduction and another town may see an increase. Freeholder Graham said he was very proud that his first action upon coming onto this Board was to sign on a 0% budget which was a remarkable feat, but there were some towns, such as Sparta, that did not see that because their equalization went another way. Freeholder Graham updated Mr. Luthman on Capital Project meetings that he and Freeholder Phoebus attended earlier in the day.

- **Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)**

Freeholder Graham said he is hearing that there have been drop offs on the solid waste numbers going through the Landfill and he hopes that this Board would be firm in moving in 2015 to finding out why that is happening; he said if everyone is paying higher tipping fees, the only way to keep that in check is to make sure that everyone is either paying or everyone is not paying; he does not see a reason for some people paying and some people not paying. He said it could be because the reporting is off or the recycling is off, but he would appreciate it if this Board could get to a point where they could get an answer on this issue.

There was a lengthy discussion.

Additional Comment by Freeholder Phoebus

- **Lackawanna Cutoff**

Freeholder Phoebus reported that the Lackawanna Cutoff is getting very close and Freeholder Vohden received information that they are starting to do some bids on these projects.

Freeholder Vohden confirmed that they are in the process of awarding bids for the station.

Comments by Freeholder Crabb

- **Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)**

Freeholder Crabb remarked that the importance of SWAC cannot be understated and it cannot be overstated at this point; now that the life of the landfill has gone from a potential closing in 2017 to the fact that people that aren't even born yet will be able to retire from there means that SWAC has the opportunity to discover new technology and look into the future and this Board looks forward to working in the future with the SWAC Board.

- **Sussex County Community College (SCCC)**

Freeholder Crabb mentioned that after the Reorganization Meeting he had the opportunity to speak to Dr. Paul Mazur who mentioned to Freeholder Crabb that he is really looking forward to working with this Board.

Freeholder Crabb said he has heard talk about the concept of perhaps having an initiative with the Library collaborating with SCCC, although nothing has been done yet.

Mr. Eskilson advised Freeholder Crabb that there was breaking news on this front; he advised that today the Capital Projects Committee set a target of March for gathering a group of representatives from this Board, Trustees and representatives of staff to look into this initiative.

Freeholder Crabb said, without objection, he would like to appoint Freeholders Graham and Mudrick as the Freeholder members to this initiative; Freeholder Graham since he is the liaison to Central and Shared Services and Freeholder Mudrick is the liaison to the Chief Financial Officer which includes the Library system.

Both Freeholders agreed.

- **Personal Note**

Freeholder Crabb mentioned that today was his 26th Wedding Anniversary to his wife, Sally.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
42-2015
- B. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF A 2015 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
43-2015
- C. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF 2015 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE LIBRARY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
44-2015
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND DESIGNATION OF AN ON-LINE AUCTION SERVICE THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT
45-2015
- E. 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 (*Authorizing purchases from Electronic Data Solutions*)
46-2015
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION SUPPLY SERVICE UNDER THE PASSAIC COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#184PCECPS) TO VARIOUS BUILDINGS WITHIN SUSSEX COUNTY
47-2015
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUSSEX COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NJ STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AVIDXCHANGE, INC. (*The County desires to purchase the services of the New Jersey Energy Tracking and Bill Management System from AvidXchange Inc. The purpose of this State Contract is to provide EPA Energy Star Automated Benchmarking Services for energy bill auditing, bill consolidation, bill payment services, development and management of a comprehensive energy relational database and online reporting system.*)
48-2015
- H. RESOLUTION RE: ASSIGNMENT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT TO BE UTILIZED AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM AMCAD TO GRANICUS, INC. (*The County of Sussex received a letter on December 19, 2014 indicating that Granicus, Inc. has assumed responsibility for servicing the County's Agreement for the County Clerk's software maintenance which also confirms that the terms of the agreement with AmCad shall continue in full effect and without modification under the new ownership of Granicus*)
49-2015
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING RESOLUTION ENTITLED HABITAT

50-2015

CONSERVATION PLAN GRANT DATED
OCTOBER 8, 2014 (*Resolution of 10/8/14 provided that
NJDEP would retain the consultants, LJ Niles Associates
and the Center for Remote Sensing at Rutgers University,
however pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the County of
Sussex was to retain the above named consultants.*)

- J. **51-2015** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INSTITUTION OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR A PORTION OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS LOT 11 IN BLOCK 55 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD (*County of Sussex has determined that in connection with the replacement of County Bridge D-12 that it is necessary to acquire additional right-of-way of 577 square feet or .013 acres in fee and a temporary construction easement of 951 square feet or .022 acres of land, on a portion of Lot 11 in Block 55 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Frankford*)
- K. **52-2015** RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT/LOAN AGREEMENT FOR SMALL CITIES GRANT #2015-02292-0142-00 BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR AN INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THE SCARC COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING LOCATED AT 4 CAMRE DRIVE, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY, 07860
- L. **53-2015** RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) STATE AID PROJECT POOL FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND BOARD CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,470,100.00 FOR FY 2015
- M. **54-2015** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS TO PROPERTY WITHIN THE "LACKAWANNA CUTOFF" TO PERFORM GEOTECHNICAL SOIL BORINGS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE C-17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.
- N. **55-2015** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DENTRUST DENTAL, P.A. FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)

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 Mudrick to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

Freeholder Graham requested a Motion to vote on Resolution 9.J. separately.

Freeholder Crabb stated that there has been a request to separate out Resolution 9.J.; and without objection, the Board will separate Resolution 9.J. out.

Freeholder Crabb asked for an amended Motion to include all items in the Financial Consent

Agenda, other than Resolution 9.J.

MOTION made by Freeholder Mudrick to amend his Motion to approve all the Resolutions in the Financial Consent Agenda, exception Resolution 9.J., 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 Mudrick to approve Resolution 9.J. of the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

Freeholder Graham stated that he does not know enough about this subject. He knows what has been said during this Meeting and he would like to Table this Resolution and get more information on this whole entire aspect.

Mr. McConnell said that the problem the County has is that there is a definite timeline in replacing this bridge and the complaint has already been filed and this has already been authorized basically back in February of last year, so to delay this would substantially jeopardize this entire project, unfortunately. There has been a lot conversation with regard to the size of the bridge, the location of the bridge and this all can be resolved through the process once the attorneys get involved and, I think, we can address the issues with regard to the septic system as we best can, but that's got to be through a negotiation process. To delay this would jeopardize this project and push it off for another year possibly; we have an Indiana Bat situation we have to address and there are a lot of environmental issues and it has to be done in a timely fashion and unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of time on this particular application.

There was a short discussion.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	No
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting December 10, 2014
Regular Meeting December 30, 2014

MOTION made by Freeholder Mudrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 10, 2014 and December 30, 2014, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

1. APPOINTMENTS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LOUISE IMPERIALE AND LOUIS J. AVENATTI AS MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EACH. TERMS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015

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

12. RESOLUTION

There were no Resolutions.

13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

Freeholder Crabb asked, without objection, that Resolutions 13.A.1 and 13.A.2 be voted on separate from Resolution 13.A.3.

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: **57-2015** AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SUPPORTS PROGRAM

2. RESOLUTION RE: **58-2015** AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY FACILITY AT 201 WHEATSWORTH ROAD IN HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt Resolutions 13.A.1. and 13.A.2., seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

3. RESOLUTION RE: **59-2015** AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE RISK MANAGER CONSULTING SERVICES AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)

Freeholder Phoebus said that she must abstain from voting on Resolution 13.A.3.

Freeholder Vohden said that he has reviewed all the proposal documents and he recommended that an Award of Contract go to Skylands Risk Management, Inc.

Freeholder Graham stated that he also reviewed the contracts and he agrees with Freeholder Vohden's recommendation.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden to award a Contract to Skylands Risk Management, Inc., seconded by Freeholder Graham with Freeholder Phoebus abstaining.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: **60-2015** AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SOFTWARE SOLUTION TO CONTROL PERSONAL COMPUTER ACCESS TIMES AND PRINTER FUNCTIONS WITH A PAYMENT KIOSK FOR USE IN THE SUSSEX COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

2. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHERRY, WEBER & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE E-07 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 631 OVER WALLKILL RIVER AND NYS&W RAILWAY IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (*The design scope of work for limited improvements to Junction Street from Susquehanna Street to Fowler Street per Amendment #6 was reduced and the total billed amount was \$16,673.00 leaving a balance of \$20,587.00; the remaining balance of \$20,587.00 will be deducted from the total contract amount, per Amendment #7, resulting in a new Contract price of \$2,859,090.17 (a decrease of 1.64% of the original amount)*)

Freeholder Crabb asked that the record show that Resolution 13.B.2. is the remaining balance and that the County is under budget in the amount of \$20,587.00 which will not be spent

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

14. FINANCIAL

There were no Financial items.

15. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda

There was no Personnel Agenda.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson said he had nothing to add this evening.

17. COUNTY COUNSEL

Mr. McConnell said he had nothing to add this evening.

- 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 6:14 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comment from Carl Luthman

Carl Luthman of Lafayette came forward; he said he wanted to respond to Freeholder Graham's comment about the equalization ratio and stated that you can't use that when dealing with taxes and gave his reasons for why he feels that way. Mr. Luthman added that he has been an unpaid volunteer on the Lafayette Land Use Board for 40 years.

There was a lengthy discussion.

Comment from John Crane

John Crane, 20 Union Turnpike, Branchville came forward; he said he felt that the Board is misleading everyone by saying that the road is a two lane road and provided his concerns for why the road is considered a single lane road.

Mr. McConnell emphasized that it is a two way road and that's the reason the bridge has to be two lanes, that's the requirement that we have to live with. And, with regards to the issues with the septic system, Mr. McConnell stated that he has had a dialogue with Mr. Vealey and advised him for himself or his attorney to contact Mr. McConnell and they would attempt to resolve the issue.

Comment from Mike Vealey

Mike Vealey, 20 Union Turnpike, Branchville came forward; he said that the issue is not only his septic, it's the road and the fact that it is a single lane road and he feels that the next step is going to be that they are going to widen the road and he will have no say in that.

Mr. McConnell reiterated that if Mr. Vealey would have his attorney contact him, they will attempt to resolve a couple of the issues.

There was a short discussion.

Comment from James Castimore

James Castimore of Sparta came forward; he said he had a suggestion for the Mayor of Frankford and that was to turn the road into a one-way road then the County could building a narrower bridge and save money.

There was a short discussion.

MOTION made at 6:35 p.m. by Freeholder Phoebus to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

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

Monday	January 19, 2015	Holiday – Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday	January 28, 2015	Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:36 p.m. by Freeholder Mudrick to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

John H. Eskilson, Clerk

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2015