

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Wirths;  
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Vetrano; Dennis  
McConnell, County Counsel; John Eskilson, County Administrator;  
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 January 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

There were no Proclamations/Certificates/Presentations.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

**(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 10 minutes or less)**

There was no one present.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**Title amended to read as listed below**

RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JANUARY 28, 2009 AND  
**65-2009** JANUARY 30, 2009

B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED JANUARY 16, 2009  
**66-2009** AUTHORIZED JANUARY 14, 2009

C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER  
**67-2009** INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF  
PASSAIC FOR THE PREPARATION OF MEALS FOR  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.  
40:8A-1 ET SEQ. (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in  
an amount not to exceed \$173,080.00)

- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY ALLOCATING \$3,000.00 IN PEER GROUPING FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF THE LEADE PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to amend the budget, which is now based on the current approved allocation)
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALL ABOUT CARE, LLC ALLOCATING \$51,754.00 IN PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISABLED POPULATION (Resolution authorizes this Contract for calendar year 2009)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, INC. ALLOCATING \$51,754.00 IN PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISABLED POPULATION (Resolution authorizes this Contract for calendar year 2009)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING STATUTE FOR AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST BASED ON THE DETERMINATION THAT SAID SERVICES QUALIFY AS AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT THE FUNDING FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SHARING AVAILABLE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY 2009 (SHARE) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES TO ANDOVER BOROUGH AND OPERATIONAL COSTS (Resolution authorizes this Application in the amount of \$11,167.52)
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE 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 purchase orders for North Church Gravel, Inc.)

**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 Parrott to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

**Resolution 8.G.**

Freeholder Parrott questioned Resolution 8.G., regarding an epidemiologist.

Mr. Eskilson said that this position was required under the Bio-Terrorism Grant and has been under discussion for a long time, along with discussions to do something outside the box; it has been considered to share this position with other Counties, however, this has not been allowed by the State; this Resolution will put this position, which is currently a staff position, out to a private contract and it is hoped that this will save on the order of \$40,000.00; right now, this is a \$65,000.00 position with benefits; an RFP will be put out for a private person, possibly the same person who is currently employed by the County, to do this as a private contractor, available on a 24/7 basis; this person would be required to report to Herb Yardley and to do all of the disease tracking and analysis that is currently required in the program, but on a private vendor basis; the savings would help the County as the bio-terrorism program is ratcheted down, as it has been over the last couple of years; Mr. Eskilson said that he believed that Sussex County was the first in the State to attempt to provide for the position in this way; the one caveat is that the County does not have final approval from the State, but is moving forward with it.

Freeholder Zellman commented that perhaps the current employee would not find this as attractive to be here under contract; Mr. Eskilson said that he felt this individual would find it to be an attractive proposal.

Freeholder Zellman asked if this person would continue to be housed in this building or could also take contracts from other Counties; Mr. Eskilson said this person would no longer be housed here and could take contracts from other Counties.

Mr. McConnell said that this person would have reporting mandates; Mr. Eskilson added that this individual would have to show up here as required, but would not be here 40 hours per week as they currently are.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2009

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed with Freeholder Vetrano abstaining.

Regular Meeting January 14, 2009

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

**Comment from Freeholder Zellman**

Freeholder Zellman referred to page 8 and the discussion on the Sussex Borough project; she read the line, "there may be a potential to bring in a couple of businesses", and said that it was just one major business; Freeholder Zellman said that it should be changed to read "one major business".

The Motion was passed unanimously with the change as stated by Freeholder Zellman.

**Release of Executive Session Minutes**  
Regular Meeting January 16, 2008

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zellman to release of these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed with Freeholder Crabb abstaining.

Regular Meeting February 15, 2008  
Regular Meeting March 26, 2008  
Regular Meeting June 4, 2008  
Regular Meeting July 23, 2008  
Regular Meeting December 17, 2008

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to release these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

## 10. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

### A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2009 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2014 (Resolution reappoints William R. Truran to this position)  
**74-2009**
2. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2009 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2014 (Resolution reappoints Andrea Cocula to this position)  
**75-2009**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

## 11. **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Resolutions for Item #11.

## 12. **AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS**

### A. Awards of Contract

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND BROWN METRO, INC., TO PROVIDE BROKER SERVICES FOR HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 49A:11-5(1)(m) (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$104,166.68)  
**76-2009**
2. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DENTRUST DENTAL, P.A. FOR THE PROVIDING OF DENTAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Contract in the amount of \$30,492.00 for 2009)  
**77-2009**

3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH DAWN, CIL FOR  
**Title amended** THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
**to read as listed** OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
**below** DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0075, TO  
SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES INTO MAINSTREAM COMMUNITY  
LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
OF \$6,000.00
  
- RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH DAWN, CIL FOR  
**78-2009** THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0345-00, TO  
SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES INTO MAINSTREAM COMMUNITY  
LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
OF \$6,000.00
  
4. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SCARC, INC.  
**Title amended** FOR THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
**to read as listed** OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
**below** DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0075, FOR THE  
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00
  
- RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SCARC, INC.  
**79-2009** FOR THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0345-00, FOR THE  
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00
  
5. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX  
**Title amended** COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR  
**to read as listed** THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
**below** OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0075, FOR THE  
SOCIALIZATION/RECREATION PROGRAM FOR  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00
  
- RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX  
**80-2009** COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR  
THE COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES, GA#2009-05157-0345-00, FOR THE  
SOCIALIZATION/RECREATION PROGRAM FOR  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00
  
6. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROVISION AND  
**81-2009** INSTALLATION OF FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT  
FOR VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY FACILITIES  
(Resolution awards this contract to the lowest  
responsible bidder, Chef's Depot dba Culinary  
Depot, in the amount of \$21,333.43)
  
7. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING RELIEF FROM THE AWARD OF  
**82-2009** CONTRACT FOR A COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION  
SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX  
(Resolution authorizes this relief at the vendor's  
request after being notified that a performance bond  
or a letter of credit would be required)

8. RESOLUTION RE: MODIFYING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF A HOMESTEAD GENERATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes this modification for additional warranty and maintenance on installed equipment)  
**83-2009**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Parrott to adopt these Resolutions, with the amended numbers, as read into the record by Freeholder Vetrano, for Resolutions 12.A.3, 12.A.4, and 12.A.5, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

**Resolution 12.A.2.**

Freeholder Parrott asked Mr. Eskilson what dental services the County was responsible for providing to the inmates; he asked if when an inmate was first processed for incarceration, did a dentist have to check his/her teeth, or only when an inmate complained of a dental problem.

Mr. Eskilson responded that there was a long list of dental services provided to inmates, but he did not think that a dental check-up was a part of the initial medical screening.

**Resolution 12.A.7.**

Freeholder Wirths said that this was going back out to bid due to a technicality.

**Resolution 12.A.5.**

Freeholder Zellman noted that there was a significant difference between 2008 and 2009 as far as what Social Services was providing; she asked who was providing this and how were they doing this.

Mr. Eskilson said that he had asked the same question and did not receive a very specific answer other than this is all discussed with the State and the State basically tells the County how much it will give to the County; he said that he was not entirely sure as to what this was based on; Mr. Eskilson said that there were staff who coordinated this and he highlighted some of the activities offered.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND NIRAM, INC. FOR THE INTERIOR RENOVATION OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX IN NEWTON, NJ (Resolution authorizes the decrease of \$2,547.06 (.08%) to complete this project)  
**84-2009**

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

**Resolution 12.B.1.**

Freeholder Wirths commented that this was impressive that it was a half of one percent in overages for a project of this size.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**13. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF A 2009 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX  
**85-2009**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2009  
**86-2009**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2009  
**87-2009**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

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**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – CAPITAL ORDINANCE  
88-2009**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 622 BRIDGE 1900-H03**

**MOTION** to adopt this Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on February 11, 2009 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

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**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – CAPITAL ORDINANCE  
89-2009**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$600,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGES P-13, D-30, AND B-03**

**MOTION** to adopt this Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on February 11, 2009 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

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**14. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to approve the Personnel Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. Other

**Sterling Truck delivery**

Mr. Eskilson informed the Board that the first of seven Sterling trucks came in today; earlier today, the Capital Projects Committee and Freeholder Crabb had the opportunity to look at the truck; this is the smaller vehicle that the County is transitioning at least part of its fleet to at a cost of roughly half of what the larger trucks cost; the truck has 75% of the material capacity, double the mile per gallon fuel rating, and does not require a commercial license to drive; the truck that is here has the computerized salt control which will allow the County to better monitor the amount of material used, set what kind of salt is put down, the rate it is dispersed, and under what conditions.

Mr. Eskilson said that this would be a significant change in the way the County does business as it transitions some of its fleet; this would not involve all of the fleet, but a sizeable portion of the fleet.

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell said that he did not have a report at this time.

**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)**

There was no one present.

## **20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Letter from Technical School Board of Education/Response regarding meeting minutes**

Freeholder Zellman referred to the letter from the Sussex County Technical School in response to the Board's request for the public's comments to be made a part of the Board of Education's meeting minutes; she said that previous minutes have shown where eight or nine people from the public had spoken at the Board of Education Meeting and only their names were listed, with not even a topic of discussion; she said that the letter from the Board of Education indicated a temporary response to the request and she hoped that a more positive response would be received regarding the minutes.

### **Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman said that the next Six County Coalition Meeting was scheduled for April 1, 2009 and Sussex County was the host; she said that having seen Mr. Eskilson's email to the Department Heads on global warming, Freeholder Zellman said that she felt this would be a good topic that might involve a cross section of individuals from the various Counties.

Freeholder Zellman said that Mr. Eskilson followed-up with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and was able to get Liz Semple as a speaker for the April 1, 2009 Six County Coalition Meeting.

Freeholder Wirths said that he would not call the topic global warming as there is a lot of scientific evidence that it does not exist and this was a very controversial topic.

Mr. Eskilson referred to the legislation entitled *The Global Warming Response Act*, which is already a law; he said that the *Global Warming Response Act Recommendation Report* is a very lengthy report with a lot of programmatic issues that will affect the County; Mr. Eskilson said that this will be a driver of State policy that will affect the County for a long time.

There was a brief discussion as to how the topic would be listed; Freeholder Zellman said that she would clear it with Freeholder Wirths and Mr. Eskilson before anything was placed on the agenda and sent out.

### **Transportation interns through NJTPA**

Freeholder Zellman said that there was funding through the NJTPA for transportation interns; if the County applies for an intern, which is \$6,000.00, the NJTPA will put the intern on its payroll, so it will not show as an increase in personnel for the County; Freeholder Zellman asked Mr. Eskilson to encourage staff to apply for an intern.

### **Arts & Heritage Council Reorganization Meeting**

Freeholder Crabb said that he attended the Reorganization Meeting of the Arts & Heritage Council; he said that it was impressive because at the Reorganization Meeting, the Council does its re-granting from the monies received during the year from various sources, including the County; 24 grants were re-granted to different organizations within the County; Freeholder Crabb said that he was impressed because he had not been aware of the range of arts oriented groups that were in the County.

### **Shared Services**

Freeholder Crabb said that Shared Services was reviewing the possibility of expanding fleet maintenance services into the areas of Boards of Education.

### **Sussex County Library System**

Freeholder Wirths referred to the comments from individuals regarding possible elimination of programs and reduced hours of operation at County Libraries; he said that he wanted to set the record straight; no hours have been cut, and actually Library hours have been increased; no programs have been cut and there has been no disruption in services; there is zero intention of cutting any programs, hours, or anything else; if these comments continue, then maybe the County Administrator could do a letter to set the record straight.

Freeholder Wirths said that the Capital Projects Committee was looking into an actual large expenditure for Library improvements and possible increase in square footage.

Freeholder Zellman said that she would not like to leave this for another meeting in the event it does pick up pace; she asked if there was some way to give consent to the Freeholder Director, County Administrator, or County Counsel to put something in writing.

There was a brief discussion; if the comments continued, the Board would direct that something be put in writing to dispel the rumors of elimination of programs and decreased hours of operation.

### **Economic Development Partnership (EDP)**

Freeholder Parrott said that he felt the recent EDP Meeting he attended was pro-active; he thanked Mr. Eskilson for his suggestions to the EDP.

### **Salting of County roadways**

Freeholder Parrott said that a constituent had questioned him as to why the County put down so much salt on CR 565; he said that he would now be able to inform this individual that with the new trucks with the computerized salt machine, a pre-determined amount of material can be distributed on the roadways.

Mr. Eskilson further explained how this system would operate; Freeholder Parrott asked Mr. Eskilson to prepare something in writing for him explaining this system so he could pass it out when anyone questioned him regarding the County's usage of salt.

### **Possum Glen Bridge**

Freeholder Parrott said that he would like to report that the contractor did a fine job on the Possum Glen Bridge; he said that he heard from the engineer that they were very impressed since this was the first bridge this company had done; Freeholder Parrott said that the bridge was not open yet because there is frost in the ground; with frost present, the bridge cannot be compacted and a top coat cannot be applied because it would come right off.

### **Swearing in of new members of the Community College Board of Trustees**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the swearing in of the two new Board of Trustees members for the Community College; he felt that the new members selected would do an excellent job; Freeholder Parrott added that Bernie Andrews, Trustee member, had called him at home and said that the Board of Trustees was completely aware of the financial and economic conditions that exist within the County.

### **"In Good Company" program at the Homestead/Homestead – approved rehab facility**

Freeholder Vetrano said that he attended the grand opening of "In Good Company" at the Homestead; he said that the Homestead now has a daycare for seniors which is funded by the State; this is identical to what the County currently has with Catholic Family Charities at the Adult Daycare Center on Mill Street in Newton; Freeholder Vetrano said that there are presently 25 people enrolled in "In Good Company".

Freeholder Vetrano said that this was an opportunity for 25 other people to learn about the other services that are provided at the Homestead, such as rehab; he said that this would allow for County staff on Worker's Comp, who may have to go for rehab, to utilize the service at the Homestead.

Mr. Eskilson added that the Worker's Comp Fund did approve the County Homestead as an approved facility to offer rehab services; he said that the Fund had a total of about 60 municipalities, Counties, and Authorities who could take advantage of this service, particularly the ones that are nearby; the revenue generated through this would come back to the County.

### **Farmland Preservation**

Freeholder Vetrano said that he believed that at the next Freeholder Meeting another round of farms would be on the agenda for approval; the last round finally included the Wesby tract which is comprised of almost 500 acres.

### **Switchgrass**

Freeholder Vetrano said that discussions are ongoing regarding the use of switchgrass as an alternate fuel.

### **Photo opportunities for bridges**

Freeholder Vetrano said that perhaps in the spring photo opportunities could be taken advantage of for some of the recent replacements of County bridges, such as the bridge in Hopatcong.

### **County Directory**

Freeholder Vetrano referred to the revised cost proposals submitted by the two printers for the 2009 County Directory.

There was a brief discussion; it was determined to move forward with the Directory, using the revised cost, and for a decision to be made as to which printer to utilize.

## **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**

Wednesday                      February 11, 2009                      Regular Meeting                      5:00 pm

### **Power outage at Sussex/Wantage Library**

Freeholder Parrott referred to the electrical panel and the recent power outage at the Sussex/Wantage Library.

Mr. Eskilson said that there was a communication misfire with Central Station; apparently, the signal went there and the communication did not go out; he said that he was told, although this has not been verified yet, that this situation was corrected.

Freeholder Parrott said that on his buildings he has surge protectors; the surge protector will blow, but the box will come back on when the power comes back on; he added that this is not an expensive item and he did not know why the County did not have them; Freeholder Parrott said that he was going to ask Joe Biuso if the County did have surge protectors in its buildings.

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:07 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: January 28, 2009**