

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Wirths;
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Vetrano; Dennis
McConnell, County Counsel; Bernard Re, Administrator,
Department of Finance and Library Services/County
Treasurer, for the County Administrator; Elaine Morgan, Clerk

John Eskilson, County Administrator, was excused.

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

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Certificate for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in recognition of celebrating 70 years of exemplary service to the United States Coast Guard and the boating public and acknowledging the newly established presence of The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 10-07, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey.

438-2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve this Certificate, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 5:07 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 5:08 p.m. by Freeholder Wirths to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
439-2009
- B. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) STATE AID PROJECT POOL FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution authorizes this revision to change the projects in the Program)
- C. RESOLUTION RE: TO ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR THE FOUR NORTHERN DELAWARE COUNTIES OF SUSSEX, WARREN, HUNTERDON AND MERCER THE FY 08 PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION (PMD) PLANNING GRANT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$509,710.00 (Resolution authorizes the acceptance of the \$509,710.00 with a non-Federal share of \$173,103.72 for a total amount of \$682,813.72)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY (Resolution authorizes this Program for six months from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009)
- E. RESOLUTION RE: SUBMISSION OF A PRE-APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LOCAL GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM (Resolution authorizes this Application to take advantage of the opportunities available through the grant program specifically addressing transportation system efficiency, complete streets, green infrastructure and strengthening local economies)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES AND WEEKDAY HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$184,012.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide an additional \$44,226.00 in Title IIIC-1 funds, a reduction of \$1,852.00 in County funds, \$11,548.00 in ARRA funds, and an additional \$31,459.00 in Other Income for a net increase of \$85,381.00 for the Congregate Nutrition Program and for the Weekday Home Delivered Meal Program an additional \$22,842.00 Title IIIC-2 funds, an additional \$9,743.00 in State Home-Delivered Meal funds, a reduction of \$547.00 in County funds, an additional \$2,943.00 in State Match B-D funds, \$6,800.00 in ARRA funds, and an additional \$35,869.00 in Other Income for a net increase of \$77,650.00)

- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", FOR A NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF USDA FUNDS FOR THE CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM AND HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,442.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to reduce the portion for the Congregate Nutrition Program to \$1,245.00 and to provide an increase in additional funds of \$18,977.00 for the Home Delivered Meal Program for a net increase of \$15,195.00)**
446-2009
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY, INC. SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$34,986.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide \$15,069.00 in additional Title III B funds)**
447-2009
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH IN HOME HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$27,909.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide \$7,822.00 in additional Title III B funds and \$6,883.00 in additional State Match funds)**
448-2009
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF TRANSIT FOR THE PROVISION OF SENIOR TRANSPORTATION (STOP) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$85,187.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide \$28,414.00 in additional Title III B funds and \$2,998.00 in additional COLA funds)**
449-2009
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLKILL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP (WRWMG) FOR GIS DATA DEVELOPMENT (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in an amount ranging from \$21,399.00 to a maximum of \$26,500.00)**
450-2009

- M. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO FILE A PROJECT PROPOSAL WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR INCLUSION IN THE CONSOLIDATED FFY 2008/2009 ROUND 10/11 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE GRANT APPLICATION AND NEW FREEDOM GRANT 2, 3, 4 JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2012 APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 3037 OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)**
451-2009
- N. **RESOLUTION RE: ENABLING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A SPENDING PLAN FOR A 2009 RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT TAX FUND BONUS GRANT PURSUANT TO P.L. 2007 c. 311 ET SEQ., HEREINAFTER, THE ACT**
452-2009
- O. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH PEOPLE HELP OF SUSSEX COUNTY ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$7,000.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide a net increase of \$7,000.00 for 140 additional vouchers for emergency financial assistance, thereby increasing the total Contract to \$16,925.00 for 338.50 vouchers at \$50.00 per voucher)**
453-2009
- P. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH NORWESCAP CFRS ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide a net increase of \$5,000.00 for 50 additional child care units, thereby increasing the total Contract to \$49,000.00 for 490 child care units at \$100.00 per unit)**
454-2009
- Q. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, INC. ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$4,000.00 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide a net increase of \$4,000.00 for 60.80 additional units of service for mental health services, thereby increasing the total Contract to \$54,000.00 for 820.80 units of service as either an evaluation at a cost of \$150.00 each or a therapy session/medication monitoring at a cost of \$50.00 each)**
455-2009
- R. **RESOLUTION RE: CANCELLING PART OF AN ANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE AND ITS OFFSETTING APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF**
456-2009

\$300.00 FOR US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS COUNTY AID

- S. RESOLUTION RE: DECLARING SURPLUS ONE c.1983 HYSTER MODEL
457-2009 H40XL FORKLIFT SERIAL #5240C AND TRANSFERRING
THE ITEM TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
- T. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
458-2009 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX,
MODIFICATION #3 OF THE CONTRACT #09-1163-BT-L-1
LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE PERIOD OF
AUGUST 10, 2008 TO AUGUST 9, 2009 FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00
- U. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
459-2009 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO
THE FY 08 PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLANNING
GRANT FOR THE FOUR NORTHERN DELAWARE
COUNTIES OF SUSSEX, WARREN, HUNTERDON AND
MERCER FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$509,710.00
- V. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
460-2009 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO
THE JOB ACCESS-REVERSE COMMUTE (SECTION
3037) ROUND 8 OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING
GRANT, JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009,
MODIFICATION #1 FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF
\$123,505.00
- W. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
461-2009 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO
THE "OBEY THE SIGNS" FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$4,000.00
- X. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
462-2009 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 Associated Auto Body & Trucks)
- Y. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND
463-2009 CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO EXECUTE SUCH
DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO
A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

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

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

Resolution 8. S.

Freeholder Parrott asked if the maintenance of the forklift, after it was transferred to the Community College, would be the responsibility of the College.

Mr. McConnell replied that the maintenance would become the responsibility of the College.

Freeholder Vetrano added that the forklift was actually going to the Public Safety Training Facility; this machine was going to be disposed of through the Division of Facilities Management and would now be used for the firefighters and their training evolutions when performing auto extrications.

Resolution 8. C.

Freeholder Vetrano noted that Skip Danielson would be organizing this along with the other Counties listed.

Resolution 8. Y.

Freeholder Crabb noted that this Resolution related to the potential of joining an electrical co-op; current County rates are 15 to 18 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to the co-op price of 9 cents per kilowatt hour, plus a transmission fee.

Resolutions 8. O., 8. P., and 8. Q

Freeholder Zellman stated that the decision for the \$16,000.00 that was originally the rent money for indirect services for Legal Services went through HSAC, the Executive Committee, and through the entire HSAC Board; it is HSAC’s recommendation that it be allocated for direct services rather than indirect services.

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 Regular Meeting July 8, 2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Resignations

1. E-mail received from Michelle Mezger, Secretary, for the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals, informing the Board that per County Counsel Eric Grove is no longer on the Board of Appeals due to the fact that he is no longer the County Engineer, effective immediately.

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to accept this resignation, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

B. Appointments

1. **RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY SELF INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION (Resolution reappoints John 464-2009**

Eskilson, Bernard Re, and Ronald Tappan as Commissioners and Elaine Morgan as Secretary)

2. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF WALTER H. CRAMP, COUNTY ENGINEER, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER/ENGINEER/ARCHITECT/BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ERIC GROVE; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2011**
465-2009

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

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS**
466-2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously

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

A. Awards of Contract

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MICRO SURFACING OF VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY ROADS – 2009 (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Asphalt Paving Systems, in the approximate amount of \$469,938.75)**
Pulled from Agenda
2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ONE CURRENT MODEL YEAR DODGE RAM 5500HD TRUCK WITH AERIAL LIFT (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder, Mobile Lifts, Inc., in the amount of \$118,785.00)**
467-2009
3. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ONE CURRENT MODEL YEAR MUSTANG 2,500 POUND CAPACITY SKID-STEER LOADER, MODEL #2076 OR EQUAL (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, G&H Service, Inc., in the total amount of \$49,380.00)**
468-2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to adopt Resolutions 12. A. 2. and 12. A. 3., 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

B. Change Orders

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND SCHIFANO CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR RESURFACING OF ROADS-2009 (Resolution authorizes the increase of \$867,426.25 (58%) for additional resurfacing)**

Resolution 12. B. 1.

Mr. McConnell stated that the increase was more than the 20% base bid; he said that the problem with this related to what was called “mins” and “maxs”; this used to be done with a minimum bid and a maximum bid and if the “mins” and “maxs” were in the bid, it could go to this; but when the maximum was taken out, it was limited to 20%.

Freeholder Wirths asked if it should be increased by 20% tonight just to get the paving started.

Mr. McConnell replied yes, by the 20%.

There was a brief discussion; the remainder will go to another project as the 20% is the maximum.

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to adopt Resolution 12. B. 1. subject to a final review by County Counsel, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FINAL TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND PERSISTENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE M-16 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 653 OVER TRIBUTARY OF MILL BROOK, TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (Resolution authorizes the increase in the amount of \$992.52 (7.51% increase of the original Contract) with the final quantities being determined by as built measurements and certified weight tickets)**

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt this Resolution, 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

13. FINANCIAL

There were no items for Financial.

14. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda

There were no items for the Personnel Agenda.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

There was no Administrative Report.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he had no 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)

MOTION made at 5:30 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Comments from Linda Ward, Catholic Family Charities

Linda Ward, Catholic Family Charities, came forward; she said that Meals on Wheels has awarded a "Gold Award" to Catholic Family Charities for all of its hard work in March; she thanked those who attended the picnic today, noting that the picnic was a great success.

Ms. Ward said that Catholic Family Charities has nominated a local couple, Mr. and Mrs. Olsen, to be potential Meals on Wheels American contestants; the Olsens have volunteered for Meals on Wheels for the past 18 years; she said that there was a video on You Tube pertaining to the contest and asked those in attendance to cast their online vote for Mr. and Mrs. Olsen.

The Board thanked Ms. Ward for her comments.

MOTION made at 5:33 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Attendance at Mobility Institute

Freeholder Zellman said that she attended a Mobility Institute meeting with Carol Novrit, Tom Drabic, a representative from New Jersey Transit, and Bob Panser, who is on the Board of DAWN.

Freeholder Zellman said that an action plan was completed and hopefully the plan can be implemented; she said the plan would help to provide greater transportation opportunities for the transportation disadvantaged.

Updates on Route 23 and Route 206

Freeholder Zellman said that the Route 23 project in Sussex/Wantage is on schedule and the bids have gone out for the design.

Freeholder Zellman also noted that the Route 206 project is on track; the bids should go out within the next six to eight weeks.

Workshop for municipal officials

Freeholder Zellman said that the Housing Partnership was working in conjunction with the Planning Departments of Morris and Sussex Counties to provide a workshop for municipal officials to assist municipalities in meeting their plans; she said that people who have opted for an extension that are in the Highlands must have their draft plans in by October 1, 2009, and those who have submitted their plans who are not in the Highlands area may have to come back for an amendment; information on the August 17, 2009 workshop will be provided to all municipal officials in Sussex County.

Re-dedication of the Milford-Montague Toll Bridge

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the re-dedication of the Milford-Montague Toll Bridge; he said that the original structure was completed in 1953, adding that this project came in under budget and on time.

Demolition of houses on Route 23 in Sussex Borough

Freeholder Wirths reported that three of the buildings have been knocked down on Route 23 in Sussex Borough in conjunction with the road project; an artifact was found by one building so demolition has been held up on the remaining property.

Budget Committee

Freeholder Wirths reported that the Budget Committee will hold its first meeting for the 2010 budget on August 18, 2009.

Update on electronic data management system

Freeholder Crabb provided an update on the electronic data management system implementation in the Department of Engineering and Planning; the system is currently being configured and tested; assuming all goes well, the upload process for the remaining files for Engineering, Planning, and Facilities Management, which is about one and one half million pages, will commence; this will allow for easy document retrieval to cross-reference and to view historical information.

Re-paving project at the Homestead

Freeholder Crabb commented that there was great teamwork among the Road, Facilities, and Homestead staff on the successful completion of the re-paving project at the Homestead Complex.

Solid Waste Advisory Council Meeting (SWAC)

Freeholder Crabb said that he attended a SWAC Meeting last Tuesday evening; a representative from the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was in attendance; the representative was questioned on the recycling grant program whereby every municipality would pay \$3.00 for every ton of garbage that is dumped at the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and would then receive monies in return through its recycling at the MUA; Freeholder Crabb explained that 60% of that money is supposed to come back through and then the balance would come back in what is called a "Bonus Grant"; he said that Hardyston Township has put in about \$18,000.00 and has received only \$750.00 back; the DEP representative was questioned many times on this issue, however, the more the question was asked, the less definitive answer was received; the DEP representative will investigate this and get back to the MUA.

Freeholder Crabb said that through questioning the DEP representative regarding the bonus amount, the remaining 40% that comes back to the municipality, it was determined that the State was taking that money and not giving it back proportionately to those who have paid in to it and was instead spreading it across all municipalities; he said this caused great concern at the meeting and a message was being sent back to the DEP requesting greater clarity on the issue.

Freeholder Crabb also noted that at the SWAC Meeting an official committee was implemented to discuss decision points for a landfill beyond 2016; the idea is to come up with a recommendation and present it to the Freeholder Board.

Arts & Heritage Council

Freeholder Crabb said that Thomas Davis, who is a member of the Arts & Heritage Council, has had some success in obtaining grants to replace some funding that was lost; Senator Oroho's office has been enlisted to assist the Council in obtaining some of the stimulus funding that was designated for the arts.

Closing time for the SCMUA

Freeholder Zellman questioned if the SCMUA had investigated extending the closing time of the Landfill, referencing John Shortino's comments at a previous meeting.

Freeholder Vetrano said that a response was received from the SCMUA and it was in the Board's mail.

Freeholder Wirths said that the letter basically said no, it did not make any difference; he added that flow control would change everything because now haulers would have to dump; the closing time will have to be revisited at that time.

There was a brief discussion.

Letter from Montague resident regarding motorcycle noise

Freeholder Vetrano referred to a letter from a Montague resident who complained about the motorcycles on the Deckertown Turnpike and the noise they made; he said a letter would be forwarded to this resident explaining to them that it was not the County's jurisdiction, but a Township matter and the State Police would have to handle it.

Letter from Arts & Heritage Council

Freeholder Vetrano referred to a letter previously received from the Arts & Heritage Council outlining its benefits and to the effect that the County did not care about the Council; he said that both he and the County Administrator forwarded letters to the Arts & Heritage Council

that budgetary constraints forced the County to take the action that it took and that the County did appreciate all of the work of the Council.

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 August 19, 2009 Regular Meeting 5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 5:48 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: July 22, 2009