

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Space; Freeholder Zellman;
Freeholder Zeoli; Freeholder Director Parrott; John
Eskilson, County Administrator; Dennis McConnell, County
Counsel;
Elaine Morgan, Clerk

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

4. **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on January 6, 2010 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
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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**

A.

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:04 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2010 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED

MOTION to open Public Hearing for the 2010 Sussex County Budget As Approved made by Freeholder Zeoli, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN

Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2010 County Budget As Approved?

There was no one.

MOTION that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

Comment from Freeholder Parrott

Freeholder Parrott thanked Freeholder Zeoli and Mr. Eskilson for their work on the budget; he also thanked Freeholder Space for joining the Budget Committee to begin work on the 2011 budget.

(The following Resolution can be acted upon only if budget approval is received from NJ Division of Local Government Services)

**RESOLUTION RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2010 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS
430-2010 APPROVED**

Freeholder Director Parrott: "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex that the Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$75,209,586.00 dollars for the County purposes to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations."

MOTION to finally adopt the 2010 County Budget as Approved made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Abstain
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations

1. Presentation of 2010 NJAC Foundation and PSE&G Foundation Green Scholarship and Certificate to Jeremy Westerkamp.

Presentation to Jeremy Westerkamp

Freeholder Parrott presented Jeremy Westerkamp with the 2010 NJAC Foundation and PSE&G Foundation Green Scholarship and Certificate.

The Board offered its congratulations.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 5:10 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Comments on PSE&G power lines

Bill Steckowich, Stillwater, came forward; he stated that he was present to speak on the issue of the power lines; Mr. Steckowich read his statement to the Board (copy attached hereto and made a part of the official minutes).

Mr. Steckowich asked the Board to touch base with any groups across the country to find out what other governing bodies were doing about these types of situations.

Freeholder Parrott said that the question could be asked at the *New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC)*, meeting as to what was going on with the other 20 counties in the State.

Freeholder Zellman said that it could also be put on the agenda for the Six County Coalition Meeting in October.

Freeholder Zeoli asked where the power line issue stood with the Delaware Water Gap.

Mr. Steckowich replied that it had been delayed until mid 2012.

The Board thanked Mr. Steckowich for his comments.

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Freeholder Parrott said that he was going to amend the agenda to allow for a special presentation to former Freeholder Hal Wirths who had just arrived.

MOTION made at 5:25 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Presentation to Hal Wirths

Freeholder Parrott said that Hal Wirths was now Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Freeholder Parrott presented Mr. Wirths with a framed County seal and also a County flag in recognition of his service to the County of Sussex.

Commissioner Wirths thanked everyone; he said that being a Freeholder had been a very rewarding experience, adding that one of the most rewarding things was the great management team and staff.

The Board thanked Commissioner Wirths for his service to the County.

Freeholder Parrott returned the meeting to the agenda as listed.

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MOTION made at 5:31 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Comments from Lisa Chammings on power lines

Lisa Chammings, Stillwater, came forward; she said that the power lines would go through Essex, Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties; she discussed the number of linear feet of line involved in each County, noting that Essex County, which this is feeding, had the least number of linear feet; Ms. Chammings stated that the other Counties were becoming the provider to Essex County; she provided copies of information from the PSE&G website (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

There was a brief discussion regarding as to where the power lines were going through and the municipalities that have signed agreements.

The Board thanked Ms. Chammings for her comments.

Comments from Jacqueline Bray

Jacqueline Bray came forward and discussed her ongoing issue with the transformer by her home; she suggested that the Board review her issue and expressed her concern about the noise.

Ms. Bray also referred to the budget and said that the budget and the recent Bond Ordinances were inconsistent with the times.

MOTION made at 5:50 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
432-2010 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 Road Safety Systems, LLC, Signal Control Products, Inc., and B.W.P. Distributors dba Carquest of Newton)
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
433-2010 ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS BID EXEMPT SERVICES AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes purchase orders for Lyraasis, Library Services)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
434-2010 TO EXECUTE THE SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE \$33,660.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
435-2010 FREEHOLDERS TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EDUCATION, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT OF "GREEN" INITIATIVES
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER
436-2010 INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM PROVIDING FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 ET SEQ.
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF TO
437-2010 ENTER INTO A TWELVE MONTH EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY, FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE SECURITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE ACT

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

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve on the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

650, AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE
BRIDGE CLOSURE AND ROAD DETOUR

- C. RESOLUTION RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
441-2010 TO AMEND THE DISTRICT SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN TO REFLECT THE RELOCATION
OF BACK THRU THE FUTURE, INC.
- D. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE WESTERN
442-2010 HIGHLANDS SCENIC BYWAY ALONG COUNTY ROUTE
515 IN HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY ROUTE
515 AND STATE HIGHWAY 94 IN VERNON TOWNSHIP
- E. RESOLUTION RE: URGING THE NEW JERSEY STATE SENATE TO ADOPT
443-2010 SENATE BILL 2176 AND THE NEW JERSEY STATE
ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILL 3101
(Resolution urges the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to
adopt these Bills which would amend Title 58 of the
Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey so that the
decision to act as a co-applicant, and ultimately co-
borrower of low interest loan money from the State to
private dam owners and lake associations is at the
discretion of the local governing body)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION URGING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF
444-2010 THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE, AND CAPITAL EXPENSES OF THE
COUNTY PROSECUTORIAL OFFICES AND FACILITIES,
AND IMMEDIATE GUBERNATORIAL ACTION TO
CONTAIN SUCH COST

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to open for discussion, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

Resolution 11. A.

Freeholder Zellman stated as the Liaison for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Transit, that the Committee Chair said that he did not like to see an increase, but he also did not like to see no rides either.

Resolution 11. C.

Freeholder Zellman commented that Back Thru the Future provided a valuable service of recycling computers and computer parts.

Resolution 11. F.

Freeholder Zellman stated that as Liaison to the Prosecutor's Office, she met with Prosecutor Weaver; she said that he did express concerns that Sussex County may have to pay a disproportionate share in another way, not through County taxes, but in other revenue such as an additional tax.

Mr. Eskilson said that John Bonami, County Administrator for Morris County, is on the commission to study the possibility of State takeover of the Prosecutor's Offices; Mr. Bonami asked that Counties forward any concerns or comments regarding this issue to his attention.

There was a brief discussion.

Freeholder Zellman said that any concerns could be brought up at the Six County Coalition Meeting; a Resolution could be done from the Coalition collectively.

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

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. **RESOLUTION RE: 445-2010** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND BOARD CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL ANALYSTS FOR GOVERNMENT, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN, MAINTENANCE IN LIEU OF RENT CLAIM DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED TO PROBATION TITLE IV-D FUNCTIONS AND FINAL MAINTENANCE IN LIEU OF RENT CLAIM DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2010

2. **RESOLUTION RE: 446-2010** AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF WHEATSWORTH CONCRETE AND STRUCTURAL STEEL WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder, T.M. Brennan Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$25,100.00)

3. **RESOLUTION RE: 447-2010** AWARDING A CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A SOFTWARE SOLUTION FOR ELECTRONIC CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (Resolution awards this Contract to Civil Solutions in the amount of \$84,800.00, with an annual software maintenance cost of \$3,750.00)

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

B. Change Orders

1. **RESOLUTION RE: 448-2010** AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, FOR REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-09 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 620 OVER SPARTA GLEN BROOK, TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA,

SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (2009 ARRA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,509.40) (Resolution authorizes this increase in the amount of \$6,231.00 (1.39%) for additional construction signs required by the NJDOT)

2. RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF CONTRACT FOR A SHERIFF'S OFFICE MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE **449-2010**
(Resolution authorizes this increase of \$87,585.75 for installation of communication equipment along with supporting workstations, consoles, heaters, remote control lighting, wireless links, satellite system, and other required equipment)

3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 519, MM 67.83 TO MM 71.37, TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON AND TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (209 ARRA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$737,603.44) (Resolution authorizes this increase in the amount of \$80,850.00 (10.96%) to allow for a larger percentage of foamed asphalt to stabilize the roadway pavement box)
Tabled

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli, to table Resolution 12. B. 3., and to adopt Resolutions 12. B. 1., and 12. B. 2., seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

Resolution 12. B. 2.

Freeholder Zeoli said he was concerned because this was such a huge increase.

Mr. Eskilson said that this was a COPS grant of over \$900,000.00; he added that this Change Order, along with the original purchase, was well within the grant money.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

13. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF AUDIT BY GROUP **450-2010** AFFIDAVIT

- B. RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ENTITLEMENT LANDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (Resolution authorizes the acceptance of these funds and distribution of the funds to the Township of Montague (\$11,904.57), Township of Sandyston (\$16,405.94) and Township of Walpack (\$25,727.490))

- C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER

452-2010 DETAILS OF \$17,277,000.00 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, \$2,000,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, \$1,300,000.00 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BONDS, \$1,177,000.00 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS AND \$1,176,000.00 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS (COUNTY COLLEGE BOND ACT, P.L. 1971, c. 12) OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE

D. **453-2010** RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BONDS, COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS AND COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS (COUNTY COLLEGE BOND ACT, P.L. 1971, c.12) OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$22,930,000.00 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

Resolution 13. C.

Bernard Re, County Treasurer, came forward; he explained that this was a part of the process of issuing debt in the State of New Jersey; for probably about the last three years, the County has issued single or multi-purpose Ordinances relating to Vocational debt and College debt.

Mr. Re further explained that this was combining it all; bids will be taken electronically on August 25, 2010, in the Freeholder Meeting Room; this enables bids to be taken from throughout the country; this is a part of combining the whole process into one single issue and setting the standards as to what the County is looking for in terms of bids; everything is clearly spelled out in this process.

Comments from Ray Sarinelli, Auditor, on the County Budget

Ray Sarinelli, Nisivoccia & Company, came forward; he discussed the trend of fund balance, noting that the County was in an inclining fund balance position until the end of 2008; at the end of 2007 it was \$17 million, \$18 million at the end of 2008, and \$15.8 million at the end of 2009; he said this was problematic from a budget standpoint, but it is to be expected with declining revenues in many areas.

Mr. Sarinelli said that the Budget Committee and the Freeholder Board had to deal with these issues, along with keeping the tax rate down; this was accomplished keeping within the 2.5% increase; 2011 will be very difficult with a new cap, less revenue, less surplus, and it will continue to get worse until we pull out of the recession.

There are some big receivables from the State and Federal Governments; there was a significant drop in the Open Space Fund, but the rate was reduced and was reduced again this year so the balance will continue to decline.

Also highlighted was insurance and bond debt; Mr. Sarinelli said that time was spent meeting with Finance going over corrective actions; all or most of them have a remedial action.

Mr. Eskilson said that the goal for next year was for zero audit comments; steps are currently being taken towards that goal.

Freeholder Parrott thanked Mr. Sarinelli for his participation on the Budget Committee with regards to risk management.

The Board thanked Mr. Re and Mr. Sarinelli for their comments.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

14. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to approve the Personnel Agenda in accordance with the County Administrator's recommendations, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

Mail order and retail prescriptions

Mr. Eskilson stated that mail order prescriptions have increased almost 10% in the first six months compared to the first six months of last year, with retail orders being down by 14%; the overall decrease in costs is 5%.

Mr. Eskilson highlighted various programs that will be included in a Wellness Program that was scheduled to be launched.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

- A. Capital Projects
- B. Litigation
- C. Contract
- 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 6:32 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Bridges M-28 & M-29, CR 650, Montague, NJ

Paul Schwartz came forward; he asked if the closure of Bridges M-28 and M-29 was going to close Deckertown Turnpike.

Mr. Eskilson replied that this would close the road; he said there was a detour plan in place; this is an extensive detour that will take motorists towards Route 206 and Route 23; signs will be in place directing motorists to the alternate route; he asked Walter Cramp, County Engineer, to further explain this closure.

Walter Cramp, County Engineer, came forward; he said that these types of repairs take approximately two to three weeks; the repairs will be done as quickly as possible; Mr. Cramp further explained that these older pipe culverts only last about 30 to 35 years before they rust out; concrete pipe will now be used in the repair which can last up to 100 years.

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

20. **FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

Comments from Freeholder Space

- **County budget**

Freeholder Space stated that his time as a Freeholder has been a learning experience, especially as a member of the Budget Committee; he added that he abstained from voting on the 2010 budget since he was not an active participant in the process.

Comments from Freeholder Zellman

- **SCCC Board of Trustee Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman said she attended the Trustee Meeting the previous evening; she said she received clarification on a couple of issues from the Chairman.

- **Human Services Liaison Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman provided highlights of the Liaison Meeting:

- **Division of Community and Youth Services**

There will be an alcohol free baseball game at Skylands Park on August 15, 2010; DARE has provided 1500 free tickets; there are still some tickets available for those who have children.

- **Home Detention Program**

The report on the Home Detention Program is very positive and is still experiencing a reduction in costs; there have been 1,011 "bed days" with the Home Detention Program versus 148 days at the Shelter Program, which Sussex County shares with Morris County; there were 453 "bed days" for the Detention Center; overall, it has been a definite reduction and it is planned to lower the number of beds for next year; the beds on the average for the Shelter has been one person per day and for the Detention Center has been about two, which is substantially lower than it used to be; previously it was about eight or nine which was not cost effective at all.

- **Farmer's Market vouchers**

There are still 200 vouchers available for the Farmer's Market for seniors; the vouchers are \$20.00, in \$10.00 increments, and are available in the Division of Senior Services.

- **Division of Social Services**

Carol Novrit, Director, Division of Social Services, discussed at the Liaison Meeting, the applications for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

for general assistance, housing, and homelessness; these have gone up approximately three times from what they were; there are only two persons to take applications and as a result, there is a wait time, with some people having to return a second and third day; there is no money in the budget to allow for the hiring of additional staff; Freeholder Zellman said that Ms. Novrit wanted the Board to be aware of this in the event clients contacted the Freeholder Board regarding the wait time.

- **Office of Transit**

A New Jersey Transit grant for a Transportation Planner is available; the RFP is out for this; a refinement of the loops will be looked at; 15 of the drivers will be receiving safety awards during the Senior Day award ceremony at the Fair on Thursday, August 12, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

- **Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman asked the Board and the County Administrator for any suggested items for the agenda.

Comments from Freeholder Zeoli

- **2011 Budget**

The Budget Committee has started on the 2011 budget; Freeholder Zeoli thanked everyone who helped with the 2010 budget; he noted that next year's budget will be even more difficult.

- **Sheriff's Officer presence at 83 Spring Street**

Freeholder Zeoli thanked Mr. Eskilson for his assistance in providing a Sheriff's Officer for 83 Spring Street; he noted that tenants and staff are very pleased.

- **County ID issue**

Freeholder Zeoli referred to a previous discussion he had regarding a member of the armed services who is currently serving in Afghanistan, who cannot buy alcohol in this County because he only has a military ID, which will not be accepted.

Mr. Eskilson suggested contacting Congressman Garrett or Congressman Frelinghuysen when this person returns from duty.

Comments from Freeholder Crabb

- **Shared Service for Enforcing Agency**

Freeholder Crabb said that Franklin Borough was very happy with the Shared Service for Enforcing Agency services through the Fire Marshal.

- **Sparta Main Street/Landslide**

Freeholder Crabb said that it appeared that there has been a lot of work done at the landslide site; he asked about opening that stretch of road with regards to the landslide aspect of it.

Walter Cramp, came forward; he said that the landslide occurred on private property, which is under the jurisdiction of Sparta Township Municipal Land Use Law; the County is waiting for certification from Sparta Township to insure that the work has been completed according to plan; as soon as this is received, the County will open the road; notification should be received this week.

Comments from Freeholder Parrott

- **NJAC**

Freeholder Parrott highlighted Senate Bill #2100 which prohibits employees from certain organizations from enrolling in the State pension system.

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 11, 2010 Regular Meeting 5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 7:00 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: July 28, 2010

July 28 2010

Thoughts for the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders:

Over the past few ^{tryina} weeks, we have been looking over the Electric Utility companies, their tactics in trying to prove they need to string more lines over the entire USA as the impending blackouts are just over the horizon by year 2012, or sooner.

The folks in Canada have also been bombarded with the same do or die scenario as the need to transport electrical energy from far out places to any region that may have a heavy draw on electricity. Both here and Canada – for the scope of this conversation – we see the actual usage has gone down over the last few years, not solely because of the recession. PSE&G and other similar utility companies have put in place automated alerts whereby large users will voluntarily cut down their usage by more than 10% saving them from the predicted doom. These companies are finding they lived with wasteful usage of what was typically assumed to be a cheap and necessary commodity.

We have goggled literally dozens of websites throughout this country searching for recommendations how the utility better manage, or prevent, the alleged impending blackouts. At this point, this is no longer a surprise as we learn most of those contacted in Virginia, Colorado, Florida, several western States, have had the same battles we are facing. Each of these different States has challenged their local Board of public utilities (BPU) who had virtually given carte-blanc approvals to their local utility companies. We have learned that each community has dug deeper into the whys and wherefores of the original power companies request for permits to begin construction only to learn that there are now delays typically of two or more years on each project.

Why?

The original request for these permits was based upon assumptions that what had occurred circa 1993 would repeat itself as soon as 2012, but folks like us have found the assumptions were based not on inadequate or insufficient available power, but poor maintenance and repair workmanship.

So far, during the month of July 2010 we have seen the hottest summer on record, yet we have no brown-outs or massive blackouts.

Although a few days premature, we are seeing better power management and quite a lot more maintenance on tree cutting in our own region as witnessed just yesterday when challenging PSE&G's Brian K. Hartel, Chief – Right of Way Inspector, who was overseeing the tree and brush management on Pompey Road in Stillwater. The tree trimming trucks happened to make an unusual amount of traffic noise as they passed me by on my way to the local post office. After a cup of coffee around 10:00 AM, I stopped by and asked the men if they were cutting for the new proposed power lines. Although Mr. Hartel was cordial in responding, apparently other folks witnessed the same trucks and also challenged him for permits they are supposed to carry with them when ~~the~~ commence the maintenance under the existing power lines. He was upset

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that he did not have the documentation and called his supervisor. Strangely enough, his cell phone got through!.

Although I did not bring with me the volumes of data available in the internet about how the power companies are trying to get a greater slice of the "big grid" pie for greater control of that grid, they seem to overlook a nearly predictable doom scenario of the year 2012 sunspots. Several reports show we are embarking on the eleven year cycle of sunspot storms. A few years ago, Greenland had a massive blackout as the sunspot storm fried part of their grid system. Should that happen in our area during the peak sunspot cycle, we could loose power for several months in the entire region. Two ton transformers in these switching stations are typically purchased from far east suppliers. You can bet there are not dozens of these just lying around if a few ~~dozed~~ dozen are fried during the sunspot storm.

Virtually most communication networks as well as many satellites may also be fried as these orbit the planet every 90 minutes giving the solar blasts several chances to express themselves as who really has the controls.

It is with this cadre of forthcoming evidence one needs to correlate the data to get a "better understanding" of the inadequacy of these power companies to push through their agenda with little regard to the health and wellbeing of not only this county but our neighboring county as well.

As such, we have been in touch with ^{schools} the Montville in Passaic County, and Fredon school system who are studying their new and impending contracts with PSE&G to change or eliminating the new power lines, or in fact, place them underground. Then implore that your school (Fredon & Montville) monitor the EMF and ozone levels for the four seasons before you make the decision where and if they need to be constructed. PSE&G to install on site calibrated recording equipment to monitor these levels by the minute. If levels exceed a agreed amount for just a few minutes...~~if exceeded~~, the children would be ordered inside if they are engaged in outside activities during the school day. PSE&G would be cited for each specific violation. After so many violations, PSE&G would begin their remedial action – that had been previously contractually agreed upon. Until the data is in, demand that the best advise from the international consortium of electric power users and NJDEP keep the acceptable levels low. The consortium suggests two mG. Add a 50% safety factor then set it at one miligauss (1.00mG) until more substantial data has proven that higher levels are not detrimental.

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