

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:01 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
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**

A.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – 5:03 PM**

**FINAL ADOPTION – BOND ORDINANCE**

**414-2010**

**Freeholder Director Parrott:** "At our regular meeting held on June 23, 2010, we introduced for first reading the following Bond Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of June 25, 2010, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 5:00 PM:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$4,287,150.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,083,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Bond Ordinance?

There was no one.

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

**MOTION** that this Bond Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – 5:05 PM**

**FINAL ADOPTION – BOND ORDINANCE  
415-2010**

**Freeholder Director Parrott:** "At our regular meeting held on June 23, 2010, we introduced for first reading the following Bond Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of June 25, 2010, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 5:00 PM:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN AND BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,353,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,353,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Bond Ordinance?

There was no one.

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

**MOTION** that this Bond Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Zeoli, 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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

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**6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Proclamation in recognition of Scott Cook attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**416-2010**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve this Certificate, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli 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 5:12 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

**Comments on Sussex County Community College (SCCC)**

Kathy Brennan, Newton, came forward; she discussed two letters that were sent to the NJ Herald and the Star Ledger; these letters addressed the Mercadien Report, the use of the College logo, and the Board of Trustees; Ms. Brennan also highlighted correspondence from News 12 New Jersey which also addressed the College, dismissal of the College President, and the Board of Trustees; all correspondence asked for a Public Hearing and that the Board of Freeholders take action.

Naomi Miller, Middletown, NY, came forward; she said that two weeks ago the Freeholder Board was offered the opportunity to review documents that would show cause for investigation of issues that did not relate to the firing of the President, but related specifically to Kirk Perry's management of the Board of Trustees and of the financial aspects of the College, as well as other members of the Board of Trustees; Ms. Miller said that it appeared the Freeholder Board chose to not take up the offer to review these documents; she highlighted issues she felt were in violation; Ms. Miller said that she felt only stark political cronyism could prevent investigation of these actions; she distributed copies of her list of issues she felt the Board of Trustees had violated (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

Mr. McConnell reiterated that the Freeholder Board has the power to remove a Trustee for cause; he said that the Freeholder Board did not have the power to veto any decision of the Trustees; Mr. McConnell addressed other issues on Ms. Miller's list of issues she felt had been violated by the Board of Trustees.

There was a brief discussion regarding Ms. Miller's allegations against the Board of Trustees.

Freeholder Parrott reiterated the Search Committee process, noting that all sitting members of the Board of Trustees would have to come before the Search Committee again to be considered for reappointment; at that time, any actions of a Trustee would be addressed.

Mr. Eskilson discussed the items on Ms. Miller's list, noting the options available for Ms. Miller to address these issues.

Freeholder Crabb addressed Ms. Miller's suggestion that it was "political cronyism" that was preventing the Freeholder Board from taking action.

There was further discussion regarding the Mercadien Report and the College's issues.

The Board thanked Ms. Miller for her comments.

Joe Marone, Green Township, came forward; he expressed his appreciation to the Board for the work it did for the County; Mr. Marone said that he had attended the meeting when the Board of Trustees had dismissed Dr. Mierendorf; he said he was flabbergasted, noting that the meeting was a sham; Mr. Marone said that even though Kirk Perry has stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he still has control; he stated that with the information presented at that meeting, he did not feel that any of the Freeholders would have voted in favor to dismiss Dr. Mierendorf; Mr. Marone said that it was his personal opinion that there was no good reason to warrant Dr. Mierendorf's dismissal.

The Board thanked Mr. Marone for his comments.

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

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**417-2010**

Mr. Eskilson stated that due to the change in the date of the meeting, the payment of bills had arrived late; he requested that the Board authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bill list at its regular date of July 14, 2010; if any of the Board members had a specific issue with any of the items on this list, the item could be pulled and placed on the bill list of July 28, 2010.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli that the bills are approved for July 14, 2010, pending individual Freeholder right to remove any item upon notice to the County Treasurer, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL  
**418-2010** TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY  
UNDER THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY ACT ON  
BEHALF OF SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**419-2010** TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR STATE FY 2011 ON  
BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX WITH THE NEW  
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS  
AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES TO SUSSEX COUNTY VETERANS

D. RESOLUTION RE: INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO  
**420-2010** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 (Resolution  
increases the bid threshold to \$36,000.00)

E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**421-2010** 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 Garden State Highway Products)

F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE  
**422-2010** OF PAVEMENT LINE STRIPING FOR THE SUSSEX  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND  
PLANNING (Resolution authorizes this purchase from

Denville Line Painting in the amount not to exceed of \$100,000.00)

- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION FOR THE OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST 2010 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 20 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,400.00  
**423-2010**
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES TO REQUEST \$381,564.00 IN FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT #11-1163-BT-L-3, FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 10, 2010 TO AUGUST 9, 2011  
**424-2010**
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE MODIFICATION #1 DEP-076 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT (CEHA) GRANT AGREEMENT #EN10-028 (Resolution authorizes this Modification for an additional \$2,250.00 to collect surface water samples at fixed locations to support the Department's Freshwater Monitoring Program)  
**425-2010**
- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE MODIFICATION #2 DEP-076 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT (CEHA) GRANT AGREEMENT #EN10-028 (Resolution authorizes this Modification for an additional \$30,490.00 to support additional 2010 solid waste and air pollution inspections, including funds for air pollution activities in 2011)  
**426-2010**
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN FOR ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE NJ STATE UNIFORM FIRE CODE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.  
**427-2010**

**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 Resolutions 8. B. – 8. K., on the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

**Resolution 8. D.**

Freeholder Zeoli questioned the bid threshold of \$36,000.00.

Mr. Eskilson explained that State law allowed for the bid threshold to be set somewhat higher for agencies that employ a qualified Purchasing Agent, someone who has gone through the licensing process; the bid threshold for County and municipal governments that do not

employ a qualified Purchasing Agent is \$17, 500.00; up until recently, local governing bodies had the ability to raise the threshold to as much as \$29,000.00.

The State is now authorizing local governments who employ a licensed official, as Sussex County does, to raise its bid threshold to \$36,000.00; the benefit to the County is that in the case where something could be processed with quotes or in a less formal and skilled bid, there is direct savings to the County.

Mr. McConnell added that the bid threshold is now \$29,000.00 and would be increased to \$36,000.00; it does save a lot of work and allows things to move quickly; also, if it is a contract, there are more requirements that are placed in a competitive contract or bidding situation, and this will drive the price up on any individual contract; Mr. McConnell added that at any time there is an issue that it is felt the Board should review, it automatically goes to the Board.

Freeholder Zellman asked if this action would help to alleviate some of the workload.

Mr. Eskilson replied that it would help in a small way; he added that a \$7,000.00 window in the types of contracts the County does is a small band; he added that with the volume of work this year, particularly out of Engineering and Facilities, things are quite backed up.

Freeholder Parrott said that he wanted the public to understand that it was not just one person signing a check; everything was also reviewed by the County Administrator and the County Counsel.

Freeholder Zeoli said that he would like to see copies of bids that go out or when something is put out as a request, that are under the \$36,000.00 bid threshold, prior to it being placed on an agenda; he added that this would only be so the Board could be aware as to what was going out and being bid.

#### **Resolution 8. K.**

Freeholder Zellman asked if Franklin Borough paid a onetime fee.

Mr. Eskilson responded yes, for the set-up of the software; this is the Enforsys System which is the way many fire agencies handle the data collection and reporting functions; any agency the County works for in the community needs to be on that system for this to work in a cost effective manner, otherwise there is no good way to collect and report the data.

Mr. Eskilson added that on the life hazard use fees, which are the larger commercial operations, places where there are a lot of employees or people assembled, it is required that an inspection be made by the State of New Jersey; that fee is paid to the State, with 65% of that fee sent back to the Enforcing Agency; the County will retain 90% of that and share 10% with Franklin Borough; through cost sharing of the revenue stream, it is possible not to charge anything directly to Franklin Borough for these services.

There was a brief discussion.

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

#### **9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting June 9, 2010

Freeholder Zeoli asked that the minutes be tabled to allow time to review them.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to table Item #9 Approval of Minutes and Item # 10. A. 1., seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH KAMPKA AS ROAD SUPERVISOR IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-44. SAID TERM TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2010 AND EXPIRE JULY 31, 2016  
**Tabled**

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: DETERMINATION BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOT TO INVOKE THE REMOVAL PROVISION OF N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-9  
**428-2010**

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

**Comments on Item 11. A.**

**Freeholder Zellman**

Freeholder Zellman said that her concern about a public hearing would be an actual prosecutorial look at the entire Board of Trustees; having served as a member of many Boards of Trustees and not interfering with decisions made, for instance, by the Human Services Advisory Council, Freeholder Zellman said that she would not want to weaken the future volunteerism efforts of people who volunteer their time; she said that she did not agree with the methods used by the Board of Trustees and the way the Trustees treated the public.

Freeholder Zellman said that she would like to see a vast improvement, particularly with the new Chair in receptiveness to listening to public opinion; she said she would like to see the Freeholders do a rotation so the Board can see what goes on at the Board of Trustees meetings and the Technical School as well; Freeholder Zellman referred to Ms. Miller's list of concerns and said that she felt these were not within the Board's purview to decide if they were right or wrong.

Freeholder Zellman said she was embarrassed to be called a political crony because she looked at the Freeholders not as politicians, but as elected officials; she added that anyone who serves on a Board or Council knows how much time is put in and it is not with any kind of political agenda that the Board looks at this very serious issue; Freeholder Zellman said that she could not in good conscience, and she has thought long and hard on the vote for this Resolution, put the Board through any prosecutorial type of situation that would further be a detriment to the College; she hoped everyone respected this.

**Freeholder Space**

Freeholder Space said that as he stated before, things could have been handled differently; he added that it was difficult to attract people to volunteer; if there was a bad apple, you try to call them out and not reappoint them when their term is up.

**Freeholder Crabb**

Freeholder Crabb said that there was nothing this Board was doing with regards to pure political vanity; it would be a safe decision to hold a hearing, but he was concerned with these types of proceedings, the precedents set, and the affect of future participation on these

Boards; Freeholder Crabb said that his inclination was to support this Resolution as the right decision; whatever affect this may have on his political future has never figured into what has happened on the dais.

### **Freeholder Zeoli**

Freeholder Zeoli stated that from the very beginning he has said that it was inherent that the Freeholder Board not get involved in the decision by the Board of Trustees to either hire or fire a College President; he said that once Dr. Mierendorf opted to exercise her legal right, it was in the interest of justice for Dr. Mierendorf for the Freeholder Board to stay out of the situation; Freeholder Zeoli said that it was important not to intervene when it involved litigation; he added that there are times when the Freeholder Board has to do what it believes is right, not for politics, but for the future and the precedent that is created under these situations; he said that he felt that a hearing would tear the County apart and the best thing that could happen now was to let Dr. Mierendorf exercise her legal rights and let the chips fall where they may; Freeholder Zeoli asked everyone to weigh the fact that the Freeholder Board did vote to give \$2.5 million to help the College; also, do not view the actions of the Board as being against the College, but trust that the Board is doing what it feels is right for the College and County because it is.

### **Freeholder Parrott**

Freeholder Parrott thanked everyone who has attended the Freeholder Meetings regarding the College or any other issue that has been presented before the Board; he said that many times Boards vote yes or no and many times no one knows why a Board voted the way it did; transparency is the most important part of any elected position; people can agree to disagree; Freeholder Parrott said that since he has served with his colleagues on the Board, the whole process has always been to let the people know where you stand; he said he would not have done anything differently with the College; he said he believed that Dr. Mierendorf had the best interests of the College at heart just as the Trustees do; Freeholder Parrott said that everything he told the public he would do, he did; he added that as a result of the Mercadien Report, quarterly financial reviews will be held between County and College staff.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to close discussion, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

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

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

### **A. Awards of Contracts**

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY – SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, CARES INSTITUTE FOR THE PROVISION OF EVIDENCED BASED, TRAUMA FOCUSED – COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (TF-CBT) TRAINING WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Amendment to include an additional \$25,000.00 for a total amount of \$50,000.00)**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**13. FINANCIAL**

There were no Resolutions for Item #13.

**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

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

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

- A. Capital Projects
- B. Litigation
- C. Contract
- 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)**

**MOTION** made at 6:32 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

**Comments from Ann Smulewicz/food establishment**

Ann Smulewicz, Wantage, came forward; she presented a copy of a fax that she forwarded to Mr. McConnell on June 14, 2010; she read her fax regarding her personal issue that involved a vegetarian food establishment that wanted to open on her property.

Mr. McConnell stated for the Board's edification, that there had been some litigation between the County of Sussex and the Board of Health and Mrs. Smulewicz; the Court has rendered its decision in favor of the County of Sussex, upholding the violation and penalty; this has not been appealed by Mrs. Smulewicz, so at this point, the entire issue is moot, it has been litigated and decided.

### **Comments on Ameripay**

Mrs. Smulewicz questioned the Ameripay issue.

Freeholder Parrott stated that there were 17 towns that were scammed by Ameripay; there is currently a \$10.2 million judgment against the individuals associated with Ameripay; hopefully, the County will get some of those funds in the future.

**MOTION** made at 6:44 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

## **20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Freeholder Space**

- **Bridge and road tour**

Freeholder Space said he found the afternoon's bridge and road tour very informative.

### **Freeholder Zellman**

- **NJDOT requirements/Franklin Viaduct**

Freeholder Zellman stated that Walter Cramp had concerns regarding the NJDOT's increased reporting requirements regarding the Franklin Viaduct; she said she told Mr. Cramp that she would be happy to get involved to see if she could help to streamline the process as Mr. Cramp was concerned that it would cost the County a lot more money than originally anticipated.

- **Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman said that it was Sussex County's turn to host the next Six County Coalition Meeting; an email has been sent to the member Counties with possible dates for this meeting, September 15 or 29 are the proposed dates; Freeholder Zellman asked the Board if it had a preference, noting that it could also be held the first Wednesday in October.

There was a brief discussion; it was decided to hold the next Six County Coalition Meeting the first Wednesday in October.

### **Freeholder Crabb**

- **Reschedule of Freeholder Meeting**

Freeholder Crabb thanked the Board for rescheduling the July 14, 2010 Freeholder Meeting to today, July 7, 2010; he noted that his unavailability for July 14 was due to business travel to Lincoln, Nebraska.

- **Bridge and road tour**

Freeholder Crabb said that the tour today reinforced that the County had top shelf engineers on staff; he stated that staff was on top of things and he wanted to go on record of expressing his appreciation to them.

Freeholder Crabb said that one of the stops was the landslide on Main Street in Sparta; he noted that there has been significant progress made and it appeared that there was a good chance of coming in before the deadline.

#### **Comment from Freeholder Zeoli**

- **Champions for Charity**

Freeholder Zeoli thanked Freeholder Parrott for all of his work for the Champions for Charity food drives; he said that this would not have happened without Freeholder Parrott's efforts.

#### **Comments from Freeholder Parrott**

- **Bridge and road tour**

Freeholder Parrott commented that the bridge and road tour was very informative, noting that this tour was taken by the Board every year.

- **Veteran's event at High Point Monument**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the 61<sup>st</sup> re-dedication of High Point Monument; he said it was a tremendous event on the part of the Veterans.

- **Veteran's cemetery**

Freeholder Parrott asked about the status of the Veteran's cemetery.

Mr. McConnell said that the County was about ready to go as far as a certain section in the cemetery by the Old Homestead; he added that he was also in contact with Mr. Donahue at the Park Service; there are also grants available through the Federal Government.

#### **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

July 28, 2010

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:58 p.m. by Freeholder Zeoli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: July 7, 2010**