

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Graham; Freeholder Mudrick; Freeholder Phoebus; Freeholder Director Vohden; 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 8, 2013 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
Star Ledger	

and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation for Dave Joseph Ryan for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

324-2013

2. Certificate in recognition of the Sussex County Technical School Softball Team winning 1st Place in the New Jersey Technical Athletic Council Softball Invitational Championship.

325-2013

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve these Proclamations, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Vohden explained that Item 6.B.2. has been removed from the Agenda and the project will be presented at a future Freeholder Meeting.

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by Becky Carlson, Center for Prevention and Counseling on the national and local problem of prescription drug abuse. (10 min.)
2. Presentation by the NJTPA on the Local Concept Development Plan for CR 653, Clove Road in Montague. (10 min.)

TABLED

Becky Carlson came forward and introduced herself and Barbara Adolphe both from the Center for Prevention and Counseling; she encouraged everyone to check out the police blotters to see how many drug issues there are in the County including heroin, cocaine, marijuana, over the counter medications, alcohol, synthetic drugs and prescription drug abuse; prescription drugs are being abused and misused by all ages and according to a survey done by the Center every two years there was a 42% increase in the abuse of pain killers among 12th graders in high school in Sussex County and a 219% increase in the abuse of stimulants; overdose deaths due to prescription drugs in our County actually rival the overdose deaths that are seen with heroin and some of the reasons for that are people feel that prescription drugs are not addictive and are safer than other drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Ms. Carlson went on to say that there is also good news and that is there's a lot being done in our County to address this issue. A prescription drug task force was formed to address this problem. She explained a little about the Task Force; she pointed out a good response is the "medication disposal days" which are held twice a year and that's very important because that helps get the medications out of the homes; last year over 1,500 pounds of medication was collected in our County alone and this year in April close to 500 pounds were collected; also there are now five permanent boxes located in the State Police Barracks in Augusta, Hopatcong Police Department, Newton Police Department, Sparta Police Department and Vernon Police Department with two new ones opening in the Fall.

Ms. Carlson handed out packets of information to the Board.

Ms. Adolphe came forward and said that the Center was founded in 1973 by Peggy Boyd, who was in recovery at the time; they became incorporated in 1974 which means it will be celebrating its 40 year anniversary in 2014 with special events and a possible name and logo change; she gave a short overview of the programs offered at the Center and concluded by thanking the Board for its support.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 5:28 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comment from Rachel Heath

Rachel Heath of Franklin came forward; she thanked the Board for the shared service agreement with Franklin Borough for the Nutrition Site and gave a short overview of the program with special thanks to Cindy Space; she also commended Christina Marks and the employees of Sussex County Senior Services for their assistance in making the program run smoothly. Ms. Heath then said that on behalf of the seniors of Sussex County and Cindy Space she hoped the Board will continue the shared service agreement for next year.

Freeholder Mudrick also commended Rachel Heath for her work at the Franklin Nutrition Site and added that he was told by a Sussex County resident that Mayor Crowley stops by often.

Ms. Heath again commended Cindy Space for all of her hard work.

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

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Graham

- **Joint Study Regarding the Jail and the Sheriff's Department**

Freeholder Graham attended the first meeting regarding the Joint Study which was preliminary to discuss some of the first aspects of the data that was being collected; he was very pleased with the absolute cooperation that everyone in the room exhibited for something that will be a long process.

Comments by Freeholder Mudrick

- **Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

Freeholder Mudrick will be attending the WIB Meeting being held the next day at the Farmstead Golf Club.

- **208 Water Quality**

Freeholder Mudrick will also be attending the 208 Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow night and will give an update on that at the next meeting.

- **Municipalities' Events**

Freeholder Mudrick has gotten a chance to attend a lot of the community events recently all over the County including Fredon Day, Sparta Day, Stanhope Day, Vernon Day and Newton Day.

Comments by Freeholder Crabb

- **Congratulations to Freeholders Graham and Vohden**

Freeholder Crabb congratulated Freeholders Graham and Vohden on their primary election wins.

- **Joint Study at the Jail**

Freeholder Crabb attended the meeting with Freeholder Graham and is very impressed with the consulting firm that the County has for that group; he realizes there was some concern about going out to a consulting firm but like any large project that the County has, it's a matter of due diligence and he was extremely impressed with their cutting edge incisiveness; they were very much on top of this subject; not based on conjecture but based on past metrics on past experiences and feels very confident going forward with them as we go to the new phases.

- **Veterans Cemetery**

Freeholder Crabb and Freeholder Vohden attended the fashion show that was held at the Technical School where the proceeds were going to the Veterans Cemetery; he said that the duct tape creations the students made were outstanding and the Veterans Group was called up on stage to participate in the fashion show.

Freeholder Crabb said that last year this Board committed to supporting the Veterans fund raising affairs for the new cemetery by pledging \$50,000.00 toward this fund; the Veterans Group has to keep on account at the State to guarantee that they will do maintenance. Freeholder Crabb continued that as it turns out, the requirements of that fund require them to have \$75,000.00 on account there; Freeholder Crabb said he would like to ask his colleagues to consider, for a future meeting, that the Board raise that pledge to \$75,000.00 and he also asked the Board to consider a Resolution to pull those funds from the Homestead account; it is his personal opinion that these funds would not only be an appropriate use for the \$75,000.00, but the County would see returns for many years to come. Freeholder Crabb added that he is not looking for any action tonight, but just to have his colleagues consider this and perhaps the Director could bring it up at a future meeting.

Freeholder Director Vohden asked the Board to take Freeholder Crabb's request under consideration.

Comments by Freeholder Phoebus

- **Drug Court Graduation**

Freeholder Phoebus attended the Drug Court Graduation and asked the other Board members to make an attempt to attend the next Graduation; the judge assigns only those people that are willing and committed to changing their lives and still very few of them graduate; for example, this class started with 28 people and only four graduated.

- **Steering Committee for Complete Streets**

Freeholder Phoebus attended the Steering Committee for Complete Streets where Sussex County has been picked as the pilot County; Eric Snyder, Planning Director, has come up with seven different areas that might potentially work for the plan which assists in making streets safer.

- **Vision 20/20**

Freeholder Phoebus reported that Mr. Eskilson and the County has worked very hard on this project and she spoke to Senator Oroho who is more than happy to set up meetings with the Lieutenant Governor's office and Commissioner Wirths' office once the County is ready to go forward with this project; the hope is to get some ratables into the County that fit the towns and that the towns want.

- **Logisticare**

Freeholder Phoebus met with Senator Oroho on Logisticare (the sub-contractor for Skylands Ride); the results of a survey show that a huge number of complaints are coming in from people that are on Medicaid who are not happy with service provided by Logisticare.

Comments by Freeholder Vohden

- **Agriculture Development Board**

Freeholder Vohden said that the Agriculture Development Board did its annual tour of 16 farms that have applied for Farmland Preservation and were out all day; Freeholder Vohden went for the first four hours and said they were some of the best farms he has seen in years.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
326-2013**
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
327-2013 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2012
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO
THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$95,630.38**
- C. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF
328-2013 THE GRANT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG
ABUSE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT, JANUARY 1,
2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011 FOR A REMAINING
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,650.77**
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF
329-2013 THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE NJ TRANSIT
CORPORATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
– SECTION 5311 FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1,
2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$3,160.87 (RESERVE) AND \$2,370.38 (RECEIVABLE)**
- E. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF
330-2013 THE GRANT ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR THE
CONTRACT 11ALUN, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY
COUNCIL WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY
SERVICES, JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011
FOR A REMAINING TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1.39
(RESERVE)**

- F. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW 9-1-1 CALL CENTER (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$549,827.00)**
331-2013
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ALLOW THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO SUBMIT A HEALTH SERVICE APPLICATION FOR THE PROVISION OF CANCER EDUCATION AND EARLY DETECTION (NJCEED) GRANT FUNDING ISSUED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Application in the amount of \$223,500.00)**
332-2013
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RECOVERY STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (RECOVERY VAWA) 11-VAWA-87 PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,060.00 STATE SHARE AND \$3,020.00 IN KIND MATCH**
333-2013
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM PROVIDING FOR ROAD SIGN MANUFACTURING SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 ET SEQ. (Resolution authorizes this Agreement for a term of five (5) years)**
334-2013
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF DEDUCTIBLE LITIGATION COST IN THE MATTER OF MURRAY V. COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution authorizes this payment in the amount of \$7,813.90 to Scottsdale Insurance Company)**
335-2013
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PERMIT THE NJ JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION TO REDIRECT \$60,000.00 IN AWARDED 2013 STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES FUNDING TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE PROVISION OF FAMILY CRISIS INTERVENTION UNIT (FCIU) SERVICES ON BEHALF OF SUSSEX COUNTY**
336-2013

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 the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

Freeholder Crabb asked for a summary on Resolution 9.J.

Mr. McConnell explained that this was a sexual harassment complaint that was filed over in the Sheriff's office and these are ongoing litigation expenses.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting May 22, 2013

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF MARIANNE CHLETSOS AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DIANNE SOMMERS FOR A TERM COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015
337-2013

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

12. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE GOLDMAN FARM PARTNERSHIP IN FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING (Resolution authorizes final approval to pursue the acquisition of this property with an estimated total value of \$450,800.00, of which the County share will be approximately \$143,520.00+/-)
338-2013

Freeholder Vohden advised that Resolution 12.B. has been removed from the Agenda.

- B. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING SUSSEX COUNTY PRELIMINARILY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY LOCAL CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 653, A.K.A. CLOVE ROAD, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE
NO ACTION TAKEN
- C. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 613 IN SPARTA TOWNSHIP (Resolution authorizes this closure for a Fireworks Display on July 4, 2013)
339-2013
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND DESIGNATION OF AN ON-LINE AUCTION SERVICE THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT
340-2013

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt 12.A., 12.C. and 12.D., seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Change Orders

Freeholder Vohden advised that Resolution 13.A.1. has been removed from the Agenda.

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 (FINAL) TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND EMPCO CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-11 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 620 (GLEN ROAD) OVER SPARTA GLEN BROOK, TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (2009 ARRA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$901,237.50) (Resolution awards this Change Order in the amount of \$251,776.37 (31.6% of original Contract amount)

14. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE OFFERING OF \$1,500,000.00 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS, SERIES 2013 (COUNTY COLLEGE BOND ACT, 1971 N.J. LAWS c. 12, AS AMENDED) OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND ADDITIONALLY DETERMINING CERTAIN MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF \$22,250,000.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES
341-2013
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET
342-2013

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

C.

**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – CAPITAL ORDINANCE
343-2013**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$580,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND’S LOCAL BRIDGES, FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM (LBFN) FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE E-06, CR-631

MOTION to adopt this Capital Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Graham.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes

Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Director Vohden	Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Capital 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 June 26, 2013 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Capital Ordinance made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

15. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

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

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Eskilson reported that earlier in the week he met with representatives of Human Services, Christine Florio and Melissa Latronica about the Mental Health Board; one of the things they are trying to do is to identify the universal mental health providers, map them, make them easily accessible so people know how to get to them; what they are trying to do is connect the dots back to a seemingly unrelated matter which is the Highlands Grant of about \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00 for eco/agritourism; a piece of that grant is to identify tourism destinations in the County to do some creative electronic mapping to do directions, package up trips, one-stop-shopping for tourism so they are looking for a way to piggyback on that program; it's really the same thing that the Mental Health Board is doing, use the same GIS protocol and software to identify mental health providers, to do searches on various locations, streets, type of services, then to do electronic directions utilizing what the County is developing through the Highlands Grant for eco/agritourism and using it for Mental Health operations.

Freeholder Phoebus added that the work that they are doing is amazing because they are giving the residents the ability to have everything there at their fingertips and she really applauds what they are doing.

17. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

Mr. McConnell had items for this Meeting.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Mudrick recalled that two January's ago at Reorganization it was said that we as County Government have to figure out a way to generate some new revenues and he agrees with that and has asked Mr. Eskilson to look at other Freeholder Boards in the State that are using grant companies; he asked the Board in upcoming months to consider what the options are and rather than just jumping into something but going deeper and wider in this in upcoming months. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Eskilson.

Mr. Eskilson stated that several of the Counties are using grant companies with the closest colleague being Passaic County who uses an outfit by the name of Millennium Strategies, which is used by Sussex County Community College and some local municipalities and they

are very satisfied with the work that has been done by this grants writer; Mr. Eskilson added that at the request of Freeholder Mudrick they are currently putting together a draft RFP which is not quite ready for presentation at this time.

20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR
(Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less)

MOTION made at 6:03 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comments from David Fanale

David Fanale of Franklin came forward; in discussed grant writing, he questioned whether it was such a complicated process that you have to pay someone to write grants for the County.

Mr. Eskilson responded by saying that the County sees \$7 Million and \$9 Million worth of grants per year all applied for through the various Departments and some of those are hugely complicated; the County is not looking to swap that out and take any responsibility from staff, however, there is a potential universe of other funds out there. For example, Sussex County Community College recently retained a grant writer for a specific purpose where the document submission was 100-200 pages and they got approximately \$3 Million back; he went on to explain that some grants are simple, and others are hugely complicated.

Mr. Fanale then asked about the Complete Streets and said that a lot of issues came up in Franklin about the sidewalks; he asked if the Complete Streets was accessible to Franklin.

Freeholder Phoebus replied that they recently had the first meeting at which they considered a Steering Committee and there were mayors represented from all different areas of the County; one of the big questions that was asked by a couple of the mayors was how is this going to be funded; and the Steering Committee was not able to answer that question because this is basically a pilot program that is being introduced and it is not clear where this funding is coming from.

There was a short discussion.

MOTION made at 6:12 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel
- B. Contract
- C. Litigation
- D. Other Matters

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

22. REMINDERS

Wednesday June 26, 2013 Regular Meeting 5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:14 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: June 12, 2013