

**REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Item**

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 5:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Wirths;  
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Vetrano; Dennis  
McConnell, County Counsel; John Eskilson, County  
Administrator; Elaine Morgan, Clerk
3. **MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
4. **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on January 5, 2009 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
The Daily Record	Star Ledger

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**PUBLIC HEARING – 5:07 PM**

**FINAL ADOPTION – BOND ORDINANCE  
166-2009**

**Freeholder Director Vetrano:** "At our regular meeting held on February 25, 2009, we introduced for first reading the following Bond Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of March 1, 2009, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 5:00 PM:

**BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING \$800,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING 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 Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this 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 Parrott and passed unanimously.

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## 6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

### A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation in recognition of Brian Groggaard attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.  
**167-2009**
2. Proclamation designating the week of April 17-23, 2009 as "Money\$mart Week".  
**168-2009**
3. Certificate designating the month of March, 2009 as "Social Work Month".  
**169-2009**
4. Certificate presented to Montague Township in recognition of its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
**170-2009**
5. Certificate presented to Bruce & Beverly Gordon with sincere appreciation for their generous gift of the Conservatory to the Sussex County Fairgrounds and for their desire to share their spirit of community and giving with the residents of Sussex County.  
**171-2009**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to approve these Proclamations and these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

### **Presentation of Certificates of Recognition/Retirement gift**

Freeholder Zellman presented the Certificate of Recognition for "Social Work Month" to the numerous Social Work representatives who were present.

Freeholder Parrott presented Eric Grove with his retirement gift.

Freeholder Crabb presented the Certificate of Recognition to representatives from Montague Township in recognition of its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Freeholder Wirths presented a Certificate of Recognition (previously listed on the February 25, 2009 Agenda) to Skyler Post for being chosen by the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation and the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) as a County winner in the 2009 "Burn Awareness Poster Contest".

- B. Acknowledging the retirement of Eric G. Grove, County Department Head/County Engineer, who retired after 32 ¾ years with the County; Gregory G. Kapetanakis, Senior Juvenile Detention Officer, who retired after 26 ½ years with the County; Jack Stoll, County Correction Sergeant, who retired after 28 years with the County; and Diane L. Vitale, Correction Officer, who retired after 24 ¼ years with the County.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve these retirements, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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**The Board took a brief recess from 5:25 p.m. to 5:29 p.m.**

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**7. 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 Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

**Support for Senate Bill 2262 and Assembly Bill 3401**

George Graham, Councilman, Stanhope Borough, came forward; he said that he was present to express support for the Resolution on the Agenda in support of Senate Bill 2262 and Assembly Bill 3401, which would dedicate \$700,000.00 annually from the Pleasure Boat Fees to the Lake Hopatcong Fund; Councilman Graham added that he felt it would be disastrous to allow the weeds to grow and choke Lake Hopatcong.

**Comment on attendance at Freeholder Meetings**

Earl Riley, Byram Township, came forward, he said he was present because he saw the February 11, 2009 Freeholder Meeting on television and noticed that there was no public in attendance; he felt that people should come to the meetings and see their government in action.

**MOTION** made at 5:32 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  
**172-2009**
  
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE MODIFICATION #1 OF THE CONTRACT #09-1163-BT-L-1 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES FOR LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 10, 2008 TO AUGUST 9, 2009 (Resolution authorizes the budget modification in the amount of \$4,000.00 to increase the budget categories of Other Costs including Equipment and Other Capital Expenses under the Contract)

- C. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION OF FOUR GRANT REQUESTS TO THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ECOTOURISM PROJECTS (Resolution authorizes these applications for \$15,000.00 for the Commercial Kitchen project at the Tech School; \$50,000.00 to implement Phase 2 of the existing project which will utilize the marketing plan suggestions encouraging visitation to Highlands Agritourism operations; \$50,000.00 to promote Sussex County's significant natural resources and market this region of the Highlands as a tourism destination; and \$50,000.00 to fund a study to evaluate the need for and benefits of a Highlands Visitor Center)**  
**174-2009**
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK ALLOCATING \$6,613.00 IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract for calendar year 2009)**  
**175-2009**
- E. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATING \$54,852.00 IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract for calendar year 2009)**  
**176-2009**
- F. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SAMARITAN INN, INC. ALLOCATING \$37,944.00 IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Contract for calendar year 2009)**  
**177-2009**
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE 2009 LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE \$202,452.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009**  
**178-2009**
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING ALLOCATING \$19,006.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to include information left out of the original Contract pertaining to the number of hours of service and programs to be provided)**  
**179-2009**

- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Hertrich Fleet in the amount of \$16,472.00 for one (1) Chevrolet Impala)  
**Tabled**
- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REALLOCATE FUNDING APPROVED BY NJ DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT (DARM) FOR PARIS GRANT #0719000 (Resolution reallocates \$1,098.24 from Grant #07190001 and \$56,000.00 from Grant #07190002 to Grant #07190004)  
**180-2009**
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION ENTITLED STATE OF NEW JERSEY'S DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT (PARIS) GRANT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution authorizes this Application in the amount not to exceed \$1,590,000.00)  
**181-2009**
- L. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE 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 Baker & Taylor; Audio Editions; EBSCO; American Telesis, Inc.; Universal Mailing Service; Cream O Land Dairies, LLC; Midwest Tape; Cit-e-Net, LLC; HTE VAR, LLC; Hogarth Emergency Physicians; Newton Memorial Hospital; Dr. Anthony DePaola; Reinhart Food Service; Cooperative Communications; The Printing Center; Pocono Produce; SirsiDynix; Sungard Public Sector; Continuum Systems; and Transnet Corporation)  
**182-2009**
- M. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes purchase orders for Info Quick Solutions, Inc.; Advanced Door Sales, Inc.; W. B. Wood; Foley, Inc.; Notchwood Landscaping; Lou's Glass; Keller Welding, LLC; Clariant Corp.; Traffic Safety Service; Liaison Services Co.; F.W. Bennett & Sons; E&A Supply; Chemung Supply Corp.; Integrated Analytical Laboratories; Chromate Industrial Corp.; TeleSearch Staffing Solutions; BDE Computer Services; Precision Striping & Sealcoating; Culligan; E.A. Morse & Co.; Universal Supply Group; and Discover Security)  
**183-2009**

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

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

**Resolution 8. I.**

Freeholder Wirths asked if the vehicle purchase in Resolution 8. I. was with grant funds.

Mr. Eskilson replied that it was County funds and was to replace a vehicle.

Freeholder Wirths said that during the budget process, a couple of vehicles were scaled down and asked if one of those vehicles could be used before one was purchased.

Mr. Eskilson said that he would look into this prior to the next meeting; it was determined to table Resolution 8. I.

**Resolution 8. E.**

Freeholder Parrott asked if the funding of \$54,852.00 was fixed for three years; he said that it was a three year cycle and did not know if it had been less last year.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the award for last year was identical, but was slightly less in 2007 by approximately \$1,300.00.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Parrott to amend his original Motion and to approve Resolutions 8. A – 8. H., and Resolutions 8. J. – 8. M., and to table Resolution 8. I., on the Financial Consent Agenda, second amended 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

**Comment on purchase of new vehicles**

Freeholder Wirths suggested that in the future, the County Administrator review these requests with the Fleet Manager to determine if there are any available vehicles in the current fleet that could be used prior to purchasing a new vehicle.

- 9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Meeting February 11, 2009  
Regular Meeting February 25, 2009

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

**Executive Session Minutes**  
Regular Meeting February 11, 2009  
Regular Meeting February 25, 2009

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

10. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

There were no Appointments and/or Resignations.

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 2262 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3401 DEDICATING \$700,000.00 ANNUALLY FROM PLEASURE BOAT FEES TO THE LAKE HOPATCONG FUND  
**184-2009**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zellman 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: 185-2009** AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ANTHONY DEPAOLA, D.O. FOR THE PROVIDING OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Contract in the amount not to exceed \$23,454.00 for calendar year 2009 for residents of the Homestead)
2. **RESOLUTION RE: 186-2009** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND NEWTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING SERVICES, AND LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES TO THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2009)
3. **RESOLUTION RE: 187-2009** AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. JESUS VERGARA FOR THE PROVIDING OF PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 for calendar year 2009)
4. **RESOLUTION RE: 188-2009** AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM SUPPLY AND LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder, American Wear, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$40,534.45 per year)
5. **RESOLUTION RE: 189-2009** AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RECLAMATION/REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS ROADS (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder, Reclamation of Kingston, LLC, with the amount of the Contract being based on the quantity of reclamation performed at the unit prices contained in its bid proposal)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt these Resolutions, 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

**13. FINANCIAL**

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**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CAP TO LIMIT COUNTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE IN 190-2009 2009 COUNTY BUDGET TO 3.5% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR’S FINAL LEVY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**MOTION** to adopt this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Wirths, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Resolution 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 March 25, 2009 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Resolution made by Freeholder Zellman, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

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**14. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda

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

**Congratulations to Walter Cramp on his appointment**

The Board extended its congratulations to Walter Cramp on his appointment as Administrator to the Department of Engineering & Planning; Mr. Eskilson said that he was looking forward to working with Mr. Cramp as this was a busy time for the Department; he said that resources were stressed and the County was attempting to do more with less, but he knew that Mr. Cramp was up to the task.

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. Other

**Revised budget timeline**

Mr. Eskilson stated that he would be sending a revised budget timeline to the Board which will hopefully allow for the budget introduction by April 8, 2009; he said that there would be a meeting with the Budget Committee and various meetings with the Departments and Constitutional Officers; Mr. Eskilson said that he did not know if the status of the pension deferral was yet known, adding that this was a very large number, with a value of \$1.6 million in the County budget; he said that if the budget was introduced on April 8, the adoption of the

budget would be in May, which would put the County only one week off the newly revised State schedule.

There was a brief discussion regarding the pension deferral.

### **Meeting with Kimball Consulting Group**

Mr. Eskilson said that a kick-off meeting was held with the Kimball Consulting Group, which is the last in line of consultants to work on the 9-1-1 consolidation issue; this is the firm that was working under a State grant which was intended to put together the pieces that would allow implementation for whatever final configuration was recommended.

Mr. Eskilson said that his challenge to the working group was that this needed to be over by the end of the year; this matter needs to be brought to a recommendation one way or the other; a determination must be made as to whether or not a County-wide single dispatch center would happen, or if a multiple dispatch site is recommended and implemented, what the governance of that would be; Mr. Eskilson said that the Consultant was to accelerate the analysis of a multi-site, focusing on Sparta and Newton, given some events in the southern part of the County; he said that the County was nearing the end of a very long process, adding that the study/implementation analysis phase will end this year

### **16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

### **Closing on the Koster-Gerard Farm**

Mr. McConnell stated that there was a closing on the Koster-Gerard Farm yesterday; he said that this has been a very long process, noting that the Koster-Gerard family has been interested in the Farmland Preservation Program since 1987 when the Program first started.

### **Garrison and High Point versus the County of Sussex**

Mr. McConnell stated that litigation known as Garrison and High Point versus the County of Sussex was dismissed without any cost to the County.

### **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 5:52 p.m. by Freeholder Zellman to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 5:53 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

## **20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Arts & Heritage Council**

Freeholder Crabb said that the Arts & Heritage Council has made the decision to relocate its office and will be moving to another location on Spring Street.

### **SWAC Meeting**

Freeholder Crabb said that he attended the SWAC Meeting the previous evening; with declining revenues coming into the Municipal Utilities Authority, one of the topics of discussion was how to start looking at things like flow control and other remedies to the worsening economic environment.

There was a brief discussion.

### **\$3.00 tax incentive**

Freeholder Crabb discussed the \$3.00 tax for every ton of garbage dumped at the Municipal Utilities Authority, which goes toward supporting towns and recycling efforts; the town has to first prove that it has dumped so much and it then receives the \$3.00 per ton back based on that documentation; he added that this was a very recessive tax because the towns are being given support for recycling, which will in turn decrease the amount of household garbage dumped, which is what the incentive is based on; as a town does more recycling, the town receives less money because it is doing the right thing.

Mr. Eskilson added that SWAC was going to send a Resolution to the Board for consideration with respect to this tax and the way it is utilized.

### **“Read Across America” event**

Freeholder Crabb said that he participated in “Read Across America” at the County Library where he read a Dr. Seuss story to about 30 children.

### **Comments on revenues at the Municipal Utilities Authority**

Freeholder Wirths said that he felt there needed to be a serious recommendation regarding flow control from the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) to address the plummeting revenues; he said that other options had to be determined as to how to increase the revenues at the Municipal Utilities Authority; the Authority’s revenues come back to the County budget if it cannot pay its bills so the Authority’s crisis becomes the County’s crisis.

Freeholder Parrott said that he agreed with Freeholder Wirths; he said that he did not think anyone realized how the economy is affected by garbage, adding that a decrease in the restaurant business and people not purchasing as much generates less garbage; the tipping fees, which pay for the operation of the landfill, which was mandated by the State on the County, has decreased; Freeholder Parrott added that people had no idea how the garbage generates income to support the overall facility.

Freeholder Wirths added that the landfill was averaging in both classes of garbage, roughly a 20% decrease from anticipated items; Mr. Eskilson said that this was a steep decline from previous years.

Freeholder Crabb said that notification would not be received until August as to whether the Municipal Utilities Authority would receive any State aid; he said that the County needed to be pro-active.

Mr. Eskilson said that the County would not be notified if it was going to receive State aid until the time that the Debt Service payment is due; there was no way to appropriately budget or plan for it and it was a gamble every year.

### **Sussex County Community College Board of School Estimate Meeting**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended a meeting with representatives from the Sussex County Community College on its budget; the 4% CAP that was previously implemented would be reviewed next year; he commended the College for its programs and the ability for students to transfer their credits to a four year institution.

### **Human Spirit Awards**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the "Human Spirit Awards"; he added that the people receiving the awards were a tribute to the County.

### **Six County Coalition**

Freeholder Zellman said that the Six County Coalition Meeting was April 1, 2009, at the Adam Todd.

### **Kick-Off for "Money\$mart Week"**

Freeholder Zellman said that the kick-off for "Money\$mart Week" was April 8, 2009, at the Hampton Diner, and was being hosted by Lakeland Bank; she added that there were 18 free workshops that would be presented throughout the week of April 17 -23, 2009, including a "Healthy Teens Night" and "Healthy Kids Day" at the YMCA; Freeholder Zellman thanked the NJ Herald for helping to put the word out to the public.

### **Stimulus package projects**

Freeholder Zellman thanked Walter Cramp, John Risko, and Bill Koppenaar for working on the stimulus package; she added that it was originally thought that the County would receive \$6.9 million, however, the County received approximately \$3.7 million because the State Funding Share was reduced from \$195 million to \$124 million; Freeholder Zellman said that County staff was very resourceful and came through with funding for five projects, which included two bridge projects in Sparta and three overlay projects throughout the County.

Freeholder Wirths asked what stage the projects were in; Mr. Cramp said that the documents were submitted to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) electronically; the Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested a hard copy of the documents, which were being assembled now; the documents would then be reviewed and the County would then receive an answer.

### **Pioneering Healthy Communities**

Freeholder Zellman referred to a report being completed through Activate America, Pioneering Healthy Communities; she said the purpose was to facilitate active living and healthier eating through policy and environmental change; she noted that chronic diseases can lead to many other types of things such as increase in health insurance and economic issues.

Freeholder Zellman discussed a proposal, "Complete Streets Policy", which would ensure that the entire right-of-way is routinely designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, whether it was for bike paths, walking, or public transportation; this Policy would address when new streets and improvements were being designed and would focus on greater activity for the general public; this Policy would be forwarded to various transportation agencies for review and approval.

## **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	March 11, 2009	League of Mun.	6:30 pm
		Dinner – Lafayette House	
Wednesday	March 25, 2009	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Wednesday	April 1, 2009	Six County	5:30 pm
		Coalition Meeting-Adam Todd	

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:12 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: March 11, 2009**