



Freeholder Parrott Yes  
Freeholder Wirths Yes  
Freeholder Director Vetrano Yes

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

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## 6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

### A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation designating the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month".

**192-2009**

2. Certificate for Marion Ziegler in celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**193-2009**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to approve this Proclamation and this Certificate, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

### Presentation of Proclamation

Freeholder Parrott presented the Proclamation designating the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" to Scott Maclean, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center.

### B. Presentations

1. Presentation by Center for Prevention and Counseling to update the Board on the activities of that organization.

Barbara Adolphe, Executive Director, Center for Prevention and Counseling, came forward; she introduced Becky Carlson, Assistant Director of the Center; Ms. Adolphe said the mission of the Center was to promote hope, health, and recovery among all people by creating an environment that is safe and free from the effects of substance abuse and addiction.

Ms. Adolphe highlighted the various kinds of addictions and the subsequent affects they have on other facets of society; she distributed copies of the 2008 Annual Report (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

Ms. Carlson came forward; she provided a shortened version of the "Project Alert" event that is presented to the local communities; Ms. Carlson said that the purpose of "Project Alert" was to bring attention to the signs and symptoms of substance abuse and also to let people know where to go for help.

Also highlighted were trends, age groups affected, prevention and counseling, types of drugs common in Sussex County; discussed was the misuse of prescription drugs, pain killers, and cough medicine by teenagers; information was distributed relating to signs and symptoms of various drugs and the language associated with the drugs; Ms. Carlson also discussed inhalants and their abuse by teenagers, along with the misuse of alcohol and Visine.

The Board thanked Ms. Adolphe and Ms. Carlson for their presentation and their commitment to address substance abuse.

## 7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

**MOTION** made at 5:41 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

## **Thank you for designating April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month"**

Mary Harrington came forward; she thanked the Board for designating April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month"; she informed the Board that on April 6, 2009, CASA would be receiving a Proclamation from the Governor for "CASA Child Advocate Day."

## **Comments on Riverbank Corporation/Sparta project**

Mathew Lally, Andover Township, came forward; he expressed his concern over the proposed Riverbank Corporation/Sparta project; Mr. Lally said that concerns of his and others who would be impacted by this project included health and safety concerns, particularly electromagnetic fields, the routing of transmission lines which run directly through established neighborhoods, environmental impacts, the potential to cause seismic activity, and a number of other health and environmental concerns; he said that questions existed as to whether such a power storage facility was justified or needed.

Mr. Lally highlighted additional concerns relative to Sparta Township's use of Open Space funds to purchase the property to be used for this proposed project; he said there was a need to fully understand the environmental impacts of this proposed project before determining if it was feasible.

Sally Chanotti, Andover Township, came forward; she asked the Freeholder Board if it had discussed this issue or given it any thought.

Freeholder Vetrano thanked Mr. Lally for his comments, noting that he had mentioned all of this issues that were of concern to the Andover residents, with many of those issues a concern to the Board as elected officials; Freeholder Vetrano said that he was going to be very frank and honest with Ms. Chanotti and the other attendees, that as County elected officials, the Board's jurisdiction on this particular project was obviously slim; he added that in areas of the aquifer and the geological studies, the Board supported this because any damage to the aquifer in terms of water recharge for the residents of Andover was of concern; Freeholder Vetrano stressed that there was not a lot that could be done on the County Government level.

Freeholder Parrott noted that this project was in its infancy and he felt that it was an undertaking of study and understanding as to what was happening; he added that the DEP, EPA, and the regulatory commissions that were in place would be more effective in looking after and insuring that the issues that were brought forward this evening were addressed in the proper manner.

Freeholder Wirths stated that this issue was still new to everyone; he felt that any comments would be speculative at this point; he added that before everyone gets in an uproar over the project, perhaps everyone should wait and see the results of the soil borings.

Freeholder Crabb said that there were a lot of challenges that have not been discovered yet and everyone should see where these go and then determine if there is any action to take.

Mr. Eskilson stated that there was a need for regional planning in New Jersey; Municipal Government does not support regional planning; so in large regional projects, and even commercial projects of any magnitude, County Government has almost no say, adding that the County had authority on the impact to the County road, driveway opening, and the drainage only; Mr. Eskilson added that he did know of a single municipal government that supported going to a larger regional land use planning model; therefore, projects such as this that are clearly regional in magnitude do not go to the County level.

John Carr, Andover Township, came forward; he said that as a result of Riverbank Corporation's application, the proposed route does go through Andover.

Robert Anaman, Andover Township, came forward; he said that Riverbank Corporation has never approached any of the property owners to find out if a right-of way was available; at last night's Sparta Township Meeting it was stated that drilling would start within a two to three week period; Mr. Anaman added that if drilling was starting in two to three weeks, then the application was a lot further along than most people assumed it was.

Mr. Eskilson stated that he felt there would be a due process outlined in the regulations, with hearings and public comment periods; many state and/or federal agencies will require alternatives as a part of the application process.

Freeholder Vetrano said that he wanted to make it clear to the attendees that Andover Township was the lead agency and the elected officials of Andover represented its residents on these municipal issues.

Mr. McConnell stated that the County did not have jurisdiction in Andover Township; the County would be stepping out of the regulatory process and would be commenting on something that it did not have the jurisdiction to comment on.

#### **Thank you to Freeholder Vetrano/Pole Barn project**

Nancy Rayhoff, Frankford Township, came forward; she stated that on behalf of the agricultural community, she wanted to thank Freeholder Vetrano for all of his work regarding the pole barn at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

#### **Comments on Riverbank Corporation/Sparta project**

Irene Cristodal, Andover Township; came forward; she said that this was a big concern for not only Andover Township, but that it had far reaching problems for the entire County.

The Board and County Counsel advised the residents to continue to keep in contact with their local elected officials and to obtain a list of the dates of meetings regarding this issue.

Brian Sullivan, Andover Township, came forward; he said that he felt the Board was under estimating the influence it would have with a public statement; Mr. Sullivan said that the residents were only asking the Board to question the project.

**MOTION** made at 6:11 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

### **8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**194-2009**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY  
**195-2009** ENGINEER TO UTILIZE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC  
CONTROL SIGNAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL WORK ZONE

REQUIRED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE STRUCTURE H-03 LOCATED ON COUNTY ROUTE 622 AT MILE POST 2.35 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE H-03 CARRYING SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 622 OVER PAULINS KILL LAKE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON; AND TO IMPLEMENT, MAINTAIN, AND MODIFY AS NECESSARY, AN OFFICIAL DETOUR OF SUSSEX COUNTY ROUTE 622 DURING THE CLOSURE; AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE BRIDGE CLOSURE AND ROAD DETOUR  
**196-2009**
- D. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF THE 2009 SERVICE ALLOCATION AND SPENDING PLAN FOR PEER GROUPING FUNDING (Resolution authorizes this allocation and spending plan in the amount of \$164,422.00)  
**197-2009**
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH FREEDOM HOUSE ALLOCATING \$49,000.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide for a maximum of 758 adult bed days of service at \$64.57 per day and the reimbursement rate for accompanying children will be at the rate of \$35.00 per day for each child for a total of \$49,000.00)  
**198-2009**
- F. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$19,996.00 TO THE ACTION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)  
**199-2009**
- G. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$10,573.00 TO THE CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)  
**200-2009**
- H. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$3,976.00 TO THE HAMBURG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)  
**201-2009**
- I. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$13,300.00 TO THE HARDYSTON/FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)  
**202-2009**
- J. RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$14,302.00 TO THE HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
**203-2009**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)

- K. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$12,319.00 TO THE LENAPE  
204-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$3,197.00 TO THE OGDENSBURG  
205-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- M. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$7,914.00 TO THE SANDYSTON  
206-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- N. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$13,853.00 TO THE SOUTHWESTERN  
207-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- O. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$17,203.00 TO THE SPARTA  
208-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- P. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$13,503.00 TO THE  
209-2009** SUSSEX/WANTAGE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE  
PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE  
FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENT (Resolution authorizes this allocation for  
calendar year 2009)
- Q. **RESOLUTION RE: ALLOCATION OF \$22,316.00 TO THE VERNON  
210-2009** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (Resolution  
authorizes this allocation for calendar year 2009)
- R. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
211-2009** TO SIGN THE SUBGRANT AWARD FOR THE VICTIM  
AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND (VWAF)  
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT VWAFPS-19 FOR THE

PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2010  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,200.00

- S. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**212-2009** STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2008 BY THE SUSSEX  
COUNTY DIVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES

**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 Wirths.

**Resolution 8. B.**

Freeholder Parrott questioned Mr. Eskilson as to the cost of the temporary traffic signal.

Mr. Eskilson said he did not know the cost, but would check with Engineering.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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| Freeholder Crabb            | Yes |
| Freeholder Parrott          | Yes |
| Freeholder Wirths           | Yes |
| Freeholder Director Vetrano | Yes |

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Meeting March 11, 2009

**Release of Executive Session Minutes**

Regular Meeting February 11, 2009

Regular Meeting February 25, 2009

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

10. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

There were no items for Appointments and/or Resignations.

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Resolutions for Item #11.

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

A. Awards of Contract

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BODY REPAIR OF  
**213-2009** COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES – 2009-2010  
(Resolution awards this Contract to the only bidder,  
Hardin Service, in the approximate amount of  
\$20,000.00)
2. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A  
**214-2009** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH  
CAPITOL CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER  
SERVICES WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS  
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this

Contract for the period of March 25, 2009 to September 25, 2009)

3. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (CCTV AND SECURITY SYSTEM) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL & SHARED SERVICES (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Triad Security Systems, at a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$100,000.00)**
  
4. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH NEWTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT A RATE OF \$1,200.00 PER DAY FOR INPATIENT SERVICES AND \$600.00 PER DAY FOR INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (MENTAL HEALTH) FOR THE PROVIDING OF MEDICAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Contract in the total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for calendar year 2009)**
  
5. **RESOLUTION RE: EXTENDING THE CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR CERTIFIED LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES SUPERVISED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING (Resolution awards this extension to ANS Consultants in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00)**
  
6. **RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LAUNDRY AND LINEN SERVICE FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME (Resolution authorizes this extension to the only responsible bidder, A&P Coat Apron Supply, Inc. dba Unitex Textile & Shared Textile Services, in an approximate base amount of \$107,274.96)**
  
7. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A POLE BARN BUILDING FOR THE FARMERS MARKET AT THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR, SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Zinno Construction, LLC, in the approximate amount of \$258,963.00)**

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

### **Resolution 12. A. 3.**

Freeholder Vetrano noted that Resolution 12. A. 3. should reflect the Department of Central and Shared Services as he read into the minutes, and not the Department of Engineering and Planning as the agendas indicated.

**Resolution 12. A. 3.**

Freeholder Crabb noted that the bid that is accepted on the bid list does not equal what the open ended amount was on the actual Resolution; he asked what the \$30,000.00 represented.

Mr. McConnell explained that a sample list of a hypothetical job was given to the bidders and the bidders responded to that list.

**Resolution 12. A. 6.**

Freeholder Crabb said that there was a memo from the Division Director attached to the Resolution indicating that the cost should be the same as the 2008 level of expense, yet the Resolution is calling for \$107,000.00, which was 22% more than the County spent in 2008. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the wrong memo was inadvertently attached to the Resolution package.

**Resolution 12. A. 1.**

Freeholder Crabb said that the body repair expense has dropped almost 40% over the last three years.

There was a brief discussion; Freeholder Wirths suggested that the Fleet Manager find out if there was a chart which indicated the amount of allowable time and allowable charges to perform specific types of body work.

**Resolution 12. A. 7.**

Freeholder Vetrano thanked Mr. McConnell for all of the time he has spent on the pole barn building issue; he said that this was an opportunity to give the County’s agricultural community something that will benefit it for many years.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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| Freeholder Crabb            | Yes                                |
| Freeholder Parrott          | Yes, Abstain on Resolution 12.A.1. |
| Freeholder Wirths           | Yes                                |
| Freeholder Director Vetrano | Yes                                |

**13. FINANCIAL**

A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2008 APPROPRIATION RESERVES  
**220-2009**

B. Approval of the Budget of the Division of Social Services.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to adopt this Resolution and to approve the Budget of the Division of Social Services, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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| Freeholder Crabb            | Yes |
| Freeholder Parrott          | Yes |
| Freeholder Wirths           | Yes |
| Freeholder Director Vetrano | Yes |

**14. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda

There were no items for the Personnel Agenda.

B. Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION RE: RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COUNTY OF SUSSEX EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010 (Resolution authorizes this renewal at the annual estimated rate of \$539,440.00)  
**221-2009**

Freeholder Vetrano stated that there was an additional Resolution for the Board's consideration.

2. RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSING PROPOSED CUTS IN STATE FUNDING TO THE COUNTIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS IN PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES  
**222-2009**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Freeholder Crabb            | Yes |
| Freeholder Parrott          | Yes |
| Freeholder Wirths           | Yes |
| Freeholder Director Vetrano | Yes |

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson stated that he had no report at this time.

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he had no report at this time.

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

**NJDOT Meeting/Route 23/Sussex/Wantage project**

Freeholder Wirths said that he attended the NJDOT meeting in Sussex regarding the proposed project for Route 23 in the Sussex/Wantage area; he suggested that the Board consider doing a letter of support, adding that the Sussex Borough Council was in support of the project; Freeholder Wirths said that he felt a letter of support would be very helpful to move the project forward, adding that there was some opposition expressed at the meeting.

Freeholder Wirths said that it was important to express support as this was a \$15 million project; he distributed a copy of a map depicting the proposed project (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office); it was discussed as to whether to send a letter or to adopt a Resolution supporting the project.

Mr. Eskilson said that he would contact Debbie Hirt of the NJDOT to inform her of the Board's support for the project and to ask her whether she would prefer a letter of support or a Resolution from the Freeholder Board.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Wirths to send either a letter of support or a Resolution expressing the Board's support of the NJDOT Route 23 project in Sussex and Wantage, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

## **19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

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

### **Comments from Joseph Duffy, Catholic Family and Community Services**

Joseph Duffy, Catholic Family and Community Services, came forward; he thanked the Freeholders who participated in "March for Meals" last week.

Mr. Duffy said that this year the Sussex County Utility Assistance Program of Catholic Family and Community Services offered wood to those clients who depended on their wood burning stoves for heat; he said that if the County took down trees perhaps it would consider donating the wood to Catholic Family and Community Services Utility Assistance Program to have available for next year to assist those clients who burned wood.

**MOTION** made at 6:38 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

## **20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Shared Services**

Freeholder Crabb provided a few highlights on Shared Services.

- Met with Newton school officials regarding records maintenance.
- Met with the SCMUA regarding employee medical benefits and bringing the SCMUA into the County medical benefits system.
- Met with Stillwater Township, Hopatcong Borough, and Montague Township representatives regarding the potential to have the County plow some of their roads as the County is currently doing for Andover Borough.
- Will meet with Hampton Township regarding the County providing fleet maintenance and signs.

### **Arts & Heritage Council**

Freeholder Crabb informed the Board that the Arts & Heritage Council has stated that it understands the challenging financial times the County is having, and it stands behind the County as the County has stood behind the Council in good and bad times.

Freeholder Wirths asked Freeholder Crabb to thank the Arts & Heritage Council on behalf of the Budget Committee for its understanding.

### **March on Meals event**

Freeholder Parrott said that he participated in the March on Meals event and was happy to see new participants this year.

### **County Clerk's Office**

Freeholder Parrott said that due to some refinancing, the month of February was an up month for the County Clerk's Office.

### **County budget**

Freeholder Parrott thanked everyone on the Budget Committee for all of their hard work; he added that these were very difficult times and the Committee continued to work diligently on the budget.

### **Farmland Preservation**

Freeholder Vetrano said that in April there were seven Farmland closings scheduled; he added that the total acreage under Farmland Preservation was currently 13,131 acres.

### **HSAC meeting**

Freeholder Vetrano said that he attended the HSAC meeting in Freeholder Zellman's absence; he said that the State wanted to eliminate all of the HSAC funding to all of the Counties; for Sussex County this would be somewhere between \$60,000.00 - \$70,000.00; he said that the County could not absorb this funding.

Freeholder Vetrano said that he encouraged those at the HSAC meeting to contact their State representatives to express their concerns.

There was a brief discussion.

### **Red Cross**

Freeholder Vetrano said that he was pleased with the response to the donation drive for the Red Cross.

### **Conservatory at the Fairgrounds**

Freeholder Parrott commended Bruce and Bev Gordon for their financial donation to construct the Conservatory at the Fairgrounds.

### **Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Vetrano reminded the Board that the Six County Coalition Meeting was April 1, 2009.

### **Easter candy sale**

Freeholder Vetrano said that the Adult Day Care Center on Mill Street in Newton was selling Easter candy.

## **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**

|           |               |                             |         |
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| Wednesday | April 1, 2009 | Six County                  | 5:30 pm |
|           |               | Coalition Meeting-Adam Todd |         |
| Wednesday | April 8, 2009 | Regular Meeting             | 5:00 pm |

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:48 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: March 25, 2009**