

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Space; Freeholder Vohden; Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Zeoli; Freeholder Director Crabb; John Eskilson, County Administrator; Dennis McConnell, County Counsel; Elaine Morgan, Clerk

3. MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Freeholder Zeoli asked everyone to please bow their heads for a moment of silence; the County lost a dear friend this week, Ken Kievit, Hardyston Township Mayor and Councilman and friend to the Freeholder Board members; please give the moment of silence to him and his family.

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 4, 2012 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 none.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Proclamation designating March, 2012 as "March for Meals Month."  
**195-2012**

2. Proclamation designating April, 2012 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month."  
**196-2012**

3. Proclamation designating April, 2012 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."  
**197-2012**

MOTION made by Freeholder Space to approve these Proclamations, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

B. Presentations

1. Presentation of awards by the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services to the winners of the Clean Communities/SCMUA School Container Contest.

Reenee Casapula from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority came forward to give the Board background of the Clean Communities/SCMUA School Container Contest; she said she was here with Jennifer Shortino from the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services; together they provided this Program for Sussex County and the schools; they thanked the schools that were present and the Freeholder Director handed out certificates to the following winning schools: Hilltop Country Day School, Halsted Middle School, Pope John XXIII High School, Hamburg School Science Department and the Hamburg School Environmental Club.

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

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

**MOTION** made at 5:20 pm by Freeholder Space to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

### **Sale of the Homestead**

Tony Crachinski, Hampton Township, said he got a letter from Stillwater Township supporting a referendum for the Sale of the Homestead Nursing Home and read that into the record (that Resolution is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office); he said all they are asking is to let the people make that choice; he said he really believes that the Board should let the people make that decision in this County.

Ray Witte, Hampton Township, came forward and said he echoed Tony's sentiments; he indicated that he had been talking with Dan Coranoto, who said he came across a program where it would be possible to put veterans in the Homestead; he explained this program to the Board; there was a short discussion; he said everyone should be exploring all possible ways to keep the Homestead open; he said the County should make it a for-profit agency; he also mentioned again about the April 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing in Frankford; he said the venue will be much too small and said it will be packed.

**MOTION** made at 5:30 pm by Freeholder Space to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

## **8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Comments from Freeholder Vohden**

#### **March for Meals Day**

Freeholder Vohden said this past Thursday he attended the March for Meals day; he went out with Dan Coranoto, Deputy Mayor of Hampton Township; they delivered meals to Andover and Newton; he said it was a lot of fun.

#### **County's Economy**

Freeholder Vohden talked about a few indicators that show the economy is getting a little bit better – he said the St. Patrick's Day parade was a big success, the Spring Fest Show was also a great success; his wife and he went to the fundraiser for SCARC at Perona Farms and they raised more than \$105,000.00.

#### **Arts & Heritage Council**

Freeholder Vohden said at the last 2 Arts and Heritage meetings, they talked about creating a master calendar of events for Sussex County; at another meeting he was sitting with a group from Pope John and those students are required to volunteer community service and they are looking into creating a master calendar where everyone can send in their dates; this is something that might happen at no cost to the County.

## **Board of Agriculture/Agriculture Development Board**

Freeholder Vohden said there was an issue that was brought up at the Board of Agriculture meeting and the Agriculture Development Board meeting; the Agriculture Development Board not only preserves property but it has to monitor the preserved farms, it has to inspect the farms for compliance with State regulations; there are more than 160 preserved farms in Sussex County and they all have to be inspected; recently the State came up with a new 10 page form with five drop down boxes of questions about inspections, looking for a lot of new information; he believes this is an unfunded mandate and he feels the County should keep an eye on it so this doesn't grow into another division/department.

## **Champions for Charity**

Freeholder Vohden said yesterday morning he attended the Newton High School, Champions for Charity; Freeholder Space and he helped the students load 6,600 lbs. of food for the County pantry.

## **Comments from Freeholder Zellman**

Freeholder Zellman said it was wonderful to see so many people at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Newton; she then went to the Branchville American Legion and it was a great turnout there also; last night she went to the Friends of Waterloo Village pledging funds to fix the roof of the Blacksmith Shop and the roof of the Grist Mill; they feel like they are really making some progress there; the next project will be the mule bridge.

Freeholder Zellman also went to the Sussex County/Warren County Education Association.

## **Complete Streets Workshop**

Freeholder Zellman mentioned the Complete Streets workshop which will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the County College of Morris; she explained what this was.

## **County Budget**

Freeholder Zellman commended all the departments for working collaboratively on the budget and she thanked the Budget Committee.

## **Homestead Nursing Home**

Freeholder Zellman discussed the issue about the public hearings for the Homestead and said that when the County held the meeting at the Technical School, there was a comment that the Board was doing something secretive by having it there, which was far from the truth; she knows that has some bearing on where the County was going to have the public hearings this time; she asked County Counsel whether the Board can change the meeting that is being scheduled for Frankford Township; County Counsel said the problem is the notice that had to go out and the Board had to set the time, date and place for the meeting 30 days in advance; if it is changed the entire notice is destroyed and it would have to be done over again; there will be another public hearing on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in this building and he said the Board will do everything possible so all the comments can be received in a timely and appropriate fashion. There was a short discussion.

The Board made it clear that everyone who wants to make a comment at these public hearings will be heard; Freeholder Vohden said everyone will be able to hear and be heard.

## **Comments from Freeholder Space**

Freeholder Space said he has been going to a lot of places lately with Freeholder Vohden.

## **Ken Kievit**

Freeholder Space said he wanted to echo what Freeholder Zeoli said earlier about Ken Kievit; he was a great asset to the County; he was like a gentle giant and he donated so much back to the community; he said a lot of very nice things about Mr. Kievit.

## **Veterans' Card**

Freeholder Space showed everyone a poster from the County Clerk's Office having to do with the Veterans' Card.

## **County Budget**

Freeholder Space said the budget process was a long tedious process and thanked the Budget Committee for all of their hard work.

## **Comments from Freeholder Zeoli**

### **County Budget**

Freeholder Zeoli congratulated the Budget Committee for all their hard work also.

### **OPRA Reform**

Freeholder Zeoli brought up an issue from NJAC; NJAC asked Freeholder Zeoli to chair a Committee on OPRA reform; all counties are having problems with OPRA, not just Sussex County; they will be asking people to serve on the Committee, which will be making recommendations to NJAC, who will be make recommendations to the Legislature on how to fix OPRA and they will also do OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act); the intent of OPRA has been lost.

### **Ken Kievit**

Freeholder Zeoli also echoed Freeholder Space's comments on Ken Kievit; he said Mr. Kievit was a very dedicated public servant.

## **Comments from Freeholder Crabb**

### **Thor Labs**

Freeholder Crabb said he went to the Thor Labs Ribbon Cutting and his colleagues were there as well; he didn't realize what a global market/success that company has.

### **County Budget**

Freeholder Crabb congratulated the Budget Committee for everything they have done; he can't say the County is turning the corner yet, but he did say the County is bending the curve.

### **Ken Kievit**

Freeholder Crabb also wanted to recognize his friend, Ken Kievit; he was a Councilman for 21 years and said Mr. Kievit's will be remembered as a giant of his time.

## **9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**198-2012**
  
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**199-2012** 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 the issuance of purchase orders for Bentley Systems Inc.; C & V Paving Inc.; Degan Landscape Management LLC; Keller Welding LLC; Lou's Glass Repair; Lowe's Home Center Inc.; MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown Inc.; Marla Schoor; Merco Inc.; MicroSystems of NJ; and PenTeleData Limited)

- C. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013 (Resolution authorizes this Grant Application in the amount of \$27,000.00 with no match requirement)**  
**200-2012**
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE PROVISIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,504.22**  
**201-2012**
- E. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, OFFICE OF CANCER CONTROL PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW JERSEY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011 (Resolution authorizes the canceling of the receivable balance of \$7,216.00 and the reserve balance of \$7,216.57)**  
**202-2012**
- F. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES 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 (Resolution authorizes the canceling of the receivable balance of \$182.00 and the reserve balance of \$182.81)**  
**203-2012**
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING SUBGRANT #10HMEP-V110-T12 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 20, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (Resolution authorizes the canceling of the receivable balance of \$17.00 and the reserve balance of \$17.00)**  
**204-2012**
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2008 TO APRIL 30, 2011 (Resolution authorizes the canceling of the receivable balance of \$256.00 and the reserve balance of \$256.90)**  
**205-2012**

- I. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE COORDINATOR, JAG-3-11-07 (OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR) FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 28, 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 (Resolution authorizes the canceling of the receivable balance of \$696.00 and the reserve balance of \$629.88)**  
**206-2012**

**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 Zellman to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting March 14, 2012

**Executive Session Minutes**

Regular Meeting March 14, 2012

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Vohden to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. Resignations

1. Letter received from Patricia M. Devlin resigning from her position on the Citizens Advisory Council for Transit Services for Sussex County.

Freeholder Crabb asked the Clerk to send a letter of acceptance with regrets.

**12. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE 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.**  
**207-2012**
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER FOR PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 ET SEQ.**  
**208-2012**
- C. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY FOR THE EXISTING COUNTY EXPOSITION BUILDING FROM SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW INC., THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES**  
**209-2012**

- D. RESOLUTION RE: FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP  
**210-2012** CHAPTER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY WASTEWATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

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

A. Awards of Contracts

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND  
**211-2012** INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) 5/7 YARD DUMP  
BODIES, PLOWS, WINGS, SPREADERS AND ALL  
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this Contract to the  
lowest responsible bidder, Tony Sanchez LTD in the  
amount of \$137,992.00)
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS  
**212-2012** 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 Contract to the  
vendor offering the lowest estimated cost, ANS  
Consultants)
3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS  
**213-2012** BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (MASONRY) TO BE  
PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS  
SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this open-ended  
Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Tony's  
Concrete Construction Company, Inc. with a  
minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum  
Contract amount of \$100,000.00)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Space to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On Roll Call the vote was

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**14. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY  
**214-2012** APPROPRIATIONS OF 2012 OPERATING BUDGET FOR  
THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
- B. RESOLUTION RE: INCREASING CHANGE FUND AMOUNT FOR THE  
**215-2012** COUNTY OF SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
- C. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2012 LIBRARY BUDGET AND  
**216-2012** CERTIFICATION OF 2012 LIBRARY TAX LEVY
- D. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2012 COUNTY HEALTH BUDGET AND  
**217-2012** CERTIFICATION OF 2012 HEALTH TAX LEVY

E. Approval of the 2012 Budget of the Division of Social Services.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Zeoli to adopt these Resolutions and approve the 2012 Budget for the Division of Social Services, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

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**INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING - RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CAP TO LIMIT COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION 218-2012 INCREASE IN 2012 COUNTY BUDGET TO 3.5% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FINAL APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATION CAP BANK**

**MOTION** to adopt this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Zeoli, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

Mr. Eskilson wanted to give an explanation of the Cap situation as it relates to county government; county government is subject to 2 different caps; when the Legislature reformed the Cap Law a couple of years ago and instituted what seemed to be a more restrictive cap at 2%, they rescinded the 1977 cap law for municipalities, but forgot to do it for counties; the Legislature has not acted to rescind that 1977 Cap Law, but instead the DCA has applied a rule, whichever is more restrictive; he (Mr. Eskilson) said last year in 21 out of 21 counties, the 2.5% cap was more restrictive than the 2% cap because there are different exceptions; Mr. Eskilson explained what the differences are.

Mr. Eskilson said at a meeting last week with NJAC and Tom Neff, the Director of the Local Government Services, it was brought to his attention that the State really needs to start thinking about County government as a different form of local government because unlike municipal government the County acts as the surrogate for the State and Federal governments in areas of human services, whether it be welfare or the aging programs, and when cuts are imposed unilaterally like Medicaid cuts or cuts to the aid for patients in psychiatric institutions, there is no recognition in the cap for that.

Mr. Eskilson said Mr. Neff understood, made no commitments, but said he would take a look.

Freeholder Zellman said when she went to Trenton with John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director, they met with the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and that was one of the things that Mr. Donnadio brought up as well and it was interesting because it was sort of a new subject for the Acting Commissioner; hopefully he will have had time to consider that because he was surprised that he was not familiar with the difference.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	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 April 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Resolution made by Freeholder Zeoli, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

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**INTRODUCTION OF 2012 COUNTY BUDGET FOR FIRST READING**

**Freeholder Director Crabb:** "The 2012 Sussex County Budget is being introduced for First Reading at this time and awaits approval by the Board. The 2012 Sussex County Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary will be advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of April 9, 2012.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR 219-2012 VOTE**

**MOTION** to adopt this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Vohden, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Crabb	Yes

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise the Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary 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 on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2012 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons" made by Freeholder Space, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.  
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**15. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda (There is no Agenda for this meeting)

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. Other

**Veterans' Cemetery**

Mr. Eskilson said a couple days ago John Harrigan and a few of his colleagues came into the office to discuss a concept they had with regard to the Veterans Cemetery; they asked him (Mr. Eskilson) to bring forth a concept which is instead of conveying the property to a 501(c)3 or form of not-for-profit that the County consider a long term lease to them; he told them he (Mr. Eskilson) would bring it before the Board, which he is doing; he is not looking for a comment or even an answer.

Mr. McConnell said that would get very complicated. There was a short discussion.

Freeholder Zeoli suggested forming a sub-committee to deal with this issue; Freeholder Crabb said he would appoint Rich Vohden and Rich Zeoli to the Veterans Cemetery Sub-Committee; everyone agreed.

**Ken Kievit**

Mr. Eskilson also wanted to recognize Ken Kievit; he said Mr. Kievit will be missed in this County.

**17. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

County Counsel did not have a report for tonight's meeting.

**18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**MOTION** made at 6:02 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**Sale of the Homestead**

Ray Witte, Hampton Township, came forward and said after listening to the discussion on the site for the hearing in Frankford on the Homestead; he asked if there has been any consideration given to putting tents out there; the Board said no; there was a short discussion.

Freeholder Crabb told Mr. Witte that the Hearing is for the Board to hear the comments from the public; Mr. Witte said also for the public to hear and see the facial expressions and body language too.

Freeholder Zeoli said he doesn't want to sound disrespectful, the Board has 150,000 people in the County, there is no venue the Board could ever find that could accommodate every member of the public ever, the Board has to do its best; the Board is going to let everybody speak and let everybody be heard; the Board will stay as late as necessary to make sure everyone gets a chance at the podium; there was a short discussion.

Mr. Witte said he doesn't agree with the venue.

Linda Hunter Conklin, a resident of the Homestead, came forward and asked what accommodations will be made at these hearings for the senior citizens who can't stand in the lobby or for handicapped people; County Counsel said the building is handicapped accessible; Ms. Conklin asked if the Board is going to ask Frankford Township for chairs for the elderly people who can't stand for hours on their own; Freeholder Crabb said he is sure Frankford Township will provide whatever it has available.

**MOTION** made at 6:09 pm by Freeholder Space to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

**21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

- 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**

Friday	April 6, 2012	Good Friday	Holiday
Wednesday	April 11, 2012	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Monday	April 23, 2012	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:10 pm by Freeholder Space to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**DATED: March 28, 2012**