

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:03 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

There were no Public Hearings.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Proclamation recognizing Sean P. Glowatski for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. Proclamation recognizing Marie Catherine Lanoue for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.
3. Proclamation recognizing Leanne Grant for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.
4. Proclamation recognizing Carly Wolff for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.
5. Certificate for Carol LaStarza, Vice Principal, High Point Regional High School, in recognition of her 32 years of dedicated service to the students and faculty of High Point Regional High School as Teacher, Guidance Counselor and Vice Principal.

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve these Proclamations and this Certificate, seconded by Freeholder Wirths and passed unanimously.

B. Presentations

1. Presentation of the Ture Lyzell Award to Glen Vetrano by the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce Board.

Presentation of Ture Lyzell Award to Freeholder Vetrano

Nancy Woods, Executive Director, Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce, and Rachel Muller, Member, Board of Directors of the Chamber, presented Freeholder Vetrano with the *Ture Lyzell Award*; the *Ture Lyzell Award* is a lifetime achievement award, for either a member or a non-member, for services rendered within the greater Newton area; Ms. Woods said that Freeholder Vetrano was involved in many things throughout the County and the Chamber wanted to thank him for his service to the County and its residents and for his support of the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce.

Freeholder Vetrano expressed his appreciation to the Newton Chamber for the award and acknowledged the commitment of the members and the Chamber to the Newton area.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR (Please note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 10 minutes or less)

MOTION made at 5:10 p.m. by Freeholder Wirths to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Thank you to Freeholder Vetrano

James Oscovitch, Mayor, Byram Township, came forward; he said that he was present to thank Freeholder Vetrano for being such a good friend to Byram and for his service to Sussex County; he wished Freeholder Vetrano well and thanked him on behalf of the residents of Byram.

Comments from Hank Pomerantz, President, Adjunct Faculty Federation, SCCC

Hank Pomerantz, President, Adjunct Faculty Federation at Sussex County Community College (SCCC), came forward; he said that he represented more than 250 members of the College family; he stated that while the College has experienced double digit growth in each of the last three years, the same staff has met the challenge of entering the new students and completing the work necessary to make the College function; this has been done without a raise in pay during this period; Mr. Pomerantz acknowledged the amount of time spent on campus and the dedication of the staff; he expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support of the College.

Mr. Pomerantz stated that he was asking the Board for its influence in settling the contracts that have remained in stalemate for so long.

Comments from Jan Jones, Counselor, SCCC, and President of the Professional Staff Foundation

Jan Jones, Counselor, SCCC, and President of the Professional Staff Federation, came forward; Ms. Jones read a statement into the record.

A copy of the statement is attached hereto as "Attachment A" and made a permanent part of these official minutes.

Freeholder Vetrano said that during his tenure, contract issues were not something that the Board became involved in; he informed them that there was a process to follow and the Adjunct Faculty Federation should continue to follow the process; Freeholder Vetrano said that if the Board was to do anything it would break new ground and open up other issues at other entities.

The Board thanked Mr. Pomerantz and Ms. Jones for their comments.

MOTION made at 5:17 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott 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
- B. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, MODIFICATION #1 OF THE SH09019, SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$110,355.00
- C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009 BUDGET OF SUSSEX COUNTY RELATING TO THE OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FTA SECTION 5311 GRANT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$521,121.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$17,307.12
- E. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL GANG, GUN, AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCES, GRANT NUMBER: JAG-1-15TF-06 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$30,882.00
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE BUDGET MODIFICATION #1 OF THE SHARE COUNT GRANT AND TO FILE A TIME EXTENSION (Resolution authorizes the time extension from May 31, 2010 to May 31, 2011)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY (Resolution authorizes this application in the amount of \$37,534.00)
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY (CWA) ADMINISTRATION 2010 GRANT AGREEMENT #2010-05134-0133-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,874.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES AND WEEKDAY HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$186,463.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide an additional \$46.00 in Title IIIC-1 funds, \$933.00 in ARRA funds, and an additional \$106.00 in Other Income for a net increase of \$1,085.00 for the Congregate Nutrition Program and an additional \$1,472.00 Title IIIC-2 funds, for a net increase of \$1,472.00 for the Weekday Home-Delivered Meal Program for calendar year 2009)
- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH IN HOME HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,047.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide an additional \$43.00 in Title III B funds and an additional \$95.00 in State Match funds for calendar year 2009)
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A" FOR A NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF USDA FUNDS FOR THE CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM AND HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,548.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide an additional \$106.00 for the USDA Reimbursement of the Congregate Nutrition Program for calendar year 2009)
- L. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$110,355.00 IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification to include \$110,355.00 in ARRA funding for the provision of housing related services including assistance with heat, utility payments, back rent and mortgage payments to residents meeting 350% of the poverty level)
- M. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE SUPPORT OF THE VARIOUS CISCO

- NETWORK SYSTEMS OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
(Resolution authorizes this purchase from Transnet Corporation in the amount of \$39,586.80)
- N. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEMPORARY SECRETARIAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Joule Staffing Services, Inc. in the amount of \$53,200.00)
- Tabled**

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 Crabb.

Resolution 8. M.

Freeholder Crabb referred to page two of Resolution 8. M., noting that it clarified the reason for having passed three separate Resolutions on this issue; he said that Resolution 8. M., seemed to overlap somewhat with the Resolution of May 13, 2009 as far as what is being covered.

Mr. Eskilson said that he had a breakdown of all of the costs; he said that in reviewing the detailed breakdown it did not appear to be an overlap; Mr. Eskilson added that he has requested that next year either everything is consolidated into one action, or at the point of the first action, there is a disclosure on subsequent actions and how much these actions are anticipated to be.

Freeholder Crabb suggested that perhaps an arrangement could be worked out with the vendor to align all coverage with one single Resolution.

Mr. Eskilson said that he felt this could be achieved, adding that another version was to do an authorizing Resolution at the end of the year which would authorize the payments in sequence when they came due; the payments may not have to be made but the authorization would occur at one time.

Resolution 8. N.

Freeholder Wirths questioned Resolution 8. N.

Mr. Eskilson responded that this was funded by a grant and was for records purging and scanning, and to a lesser extent, indexing.

Freeholder Wirths questioned if this was a firm that was an expert in this field or someone who is specially trained for this type of work.

Mr. McConnell said that this was a temporary service; Freeholder Parrott questioned if this could be offered to County employees that were laid off; Freeholder Wirths noted that 21 County employees were scheduled to be laid off in the next few days.

There was a brief discussion regarding hiring temporary staff in the past and the suggestion to hire County employees who have been previously laid off to do the work in question; it was determined to table this Resolution to allow time for additional information to be obtained.

MOTION to amend the original Motion to adopt Resolutions 8. A. – 8. M., and to table Resolution 8. N., made by Freeholder Zellman and seconded by Freeholder Wirths.

Resolution 8. L.

Freeholder Zellman questioned if this was an additional amount or if it was the amount that

was originally reported.

Mr. Eskilson said that he believed that this was the amount that had been spent; it is the identical amount that was taken; there is a report that itemizes the manner in which the money was spent.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting October 28, 2009

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

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF BERNARD J. ANDREWS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SAID TERM TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2009 AND EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2013
2. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JACOB J. SMITH TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SAID TERM TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2009 AND EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2013

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: EMERGENCY SITUATION PERTAINING TO THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD SURFACE ON COUNTY ROUTE 628 AND 626 IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF WANTAGE AND HAMPTON AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE REQUIRED MATERIALS AND SERVICES WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to adopt this Resolution, seconded 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

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

A. Awards of Contract

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Aqua Pro Tech Laboratories, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00)
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Power With Prestige, Inc., in the total amount of \$182,800.00)
3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SHOWER ROOM REFURBISHMENTS AT THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Aero Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. in the total amount of \$58,879.00)
4. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COLUMN REPAIRS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder, Zinno Construction, LLC, in the total amount of \$173,799.00)
5. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARCARI & IOVINO ARCHITECTS FOR THE PROVIDING OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00)
6. RESOLUTION RE: RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AS REQUIRED FOR LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (Resolution authorizes the renewal of this Contract with Medical Consultant Services, LLC in the approximate amount of \$46,999.92 for the term August 10, 2009 through August 9, 2010)

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

Resolution 12. A. 1.

Freeholder Parrott stated that he did business with Aqua Pro Tech Laboratories and was going to abstain from voting on this Resolution.

Resolution 12. A. 4.

Freeholder Parrott commented that he thought that the Courthouse had been finished.

Mr. Eskilson responded that this was for the newer Courthouse and not the historic Courthouse.

Resolution 12. A. 4.

Freeholder Crabb stated that the bid document indicated that the total cost was \$227,000.00; he said he believed that this was an error because it is broken into two alternatives of about \$173,000.00 each.

Mr. Eskilson said that this was the total of Alternative 1 and Alternative 2.

On Roll Call for Resolution 12. A. 1, the vote was:

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

On Roll Call for Resolutions 12. A. 2 – 12. A. 6., the vote was:

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

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: FOURTH AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-11 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 620 (GLEN ROAD) OVER SPARTA GLEN BROOK IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes the increase of \$7,016.25 (total increase of 22.82%) for Amendment #4 to do additional engineering work necessary to address comments from the Federal Highway Administration)
2. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND DYKSTRA ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY 2007-A FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING DATED JUNE 25, 2008 (Resolution

authorizes the increase in the amount of \$2,820.00 to conduct a survey to include an additional three (3) acres of property that was not included initially)

3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FINAL TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND SCHIFANO CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR RESURFACING OF ROADS-2009 (Resolution authorizes the increase of \$11,114.20 (20.74%) to adjust quantities to an as built status)

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths 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**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ENTITLEMENT LANDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (Resolution authorizes the distribution of these funds in the amount of \$11,649.69 to the Township of Montague, \$16,018.96 to the Township of Sandyston, and \$25,164.35 to the Township of Walpack)
- B. RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT, OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85
- C. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2009 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS
- D. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2009 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

14. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda

There was no Personnel Agenda.

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

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 5:40 p.m. by Freeholder Zellman to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

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

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Six County Coalition

Freeholder Zellman encouraged everyone to attend the Six County Coalition Meeting on December 2, 2009, in Passaic County at its new medical facility; the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services has been invited to attend.

H1N1 vaccinations held at Sussex County Community College

Freeholder Parrott said that he was onsite the previous Sunday at the Community College for the H1N1 vaccinations; he said that things went very smoothly; he complimented the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services on how well the event was arranged.

There was a brief discussion regarding the vaccination process and the consolidation of municipal health departments with the County's health services.

Food Pantry Drive

Freeholder Parrott said that on November 3, 2009, the "Champions for Charity" food drive for high schools was kicked off at Pope John XXIII Regional High School; 12,120 pounds of food was collected by Pope John students, with approximately another 7,500 pounds collected by Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph's, and Reverend George A. Brown students; he noted that High Point Regional High School's food drive was scheduled for December 16, 2009.

Freeholder Parrott thanked the schools for their participation and said he looked forward to the other schools participation.

H1N1 flu shots

Freeholder Wirths questioned if Sussex County had to accommodate out-of-county residents with the H1N1 flu shot; Mr. Eskilson responded yes.

Veteran's Cemetery

Freeholder Wirths said that an inquiry was made by John Harrigan at the recent Veteran's Parade, as to whether there was a possibility of having a Veteran's cemetery on County property; Freeholder Wirths added that he was seeking the consent of the Board to investigate the early process to determine feasibility.

Freeholder Wirths discussed some of the issues such as legality and approval of the Federal Government that would have to be investigated prior to taking any action.

Wheatsworth Road property closing

Freeholder Crabb reported that the closing on the Wheatsworth Road property would take place during the week of November 24.

9-1-1 Center

Freeholder Crabb said that he participated in the tour of the Warren County 9-1-1 Center, adding that it was very impressive and enlightening.

9-1-1 Center

Freeholder Vetrano said that he felt a central 9-1-1 system was a timely discussion to have and a vision for the future; he said that the County needed to look ahead towards its long range planning; the report from Kimball Associates will soon be available and Freeholder Vetrano was anxious to see the final report; Freeholder Vetrano said he viewed Warren County as a "sister County", noting that Warren County had an interest in possibly having Sussex County serve as a back-up for its 9-1-1 service.

Safety Committee Meeting

Mr. Eskilson stated that the quarterly Safety Committee Meeting was held that morning; he was happy to report that this was the single safest quarter in the history of Sussex County, both with Worker's Compensation and auto claims; he offered his appreciation to staff and the County's workforce for making this possible.

Freeholder Wirths suggested that an acknowledgment be sent to thank staff; it was suggested that this should be reported in the County Newsletter.

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

Tuesday	November 24, 2009	Regular Meeting	9:00 am
Wednesday	December 2, 2009	Six County	5:30 pm
		Coalition Meeting (Passaic County)	

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:00 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: November 10, 2009

Attachment "A"

Statement

Adjunct Faculty Federation at Sussex County Community College

We are here tonight in support of Sussex County Community College, our local community college. One hundred and sixteen full-time employees of the college, three AFT locals have reached impasse in contract negotiations with the College.

We are not only employees but most of us are residents and taxpayers as well. Many of us have worked at the college for years, even decades, and are proud of the reputation the college now enjoys. We have seen growth and have been pleased to be a part of that growth. SCCC has succeeded in great part because it has been ever responsive to the needs of the community and to the needs of its students. We are asking the college to be equally responsive to the needs those whose work has allowed the college prosper.

We are concerned about the College's ability to continue to offer quality services. Every semester finds more students enrolled than a year before. We have welcomed over 60% more students this semester than we a few years ago and over that time, we have seen a 60% increase in adjunct faculty and in the number of administrators but not in full time faculty and not in staff. We are the faculty and the staff and we are struggling; with every new student comes an increase in workload across the campus, not just for adjunct faculty and administrators. As a college we risk a well earned reputation if we cannot continue to deliver the quality services that built that reputation.

We have been told that there is no money for fair wages, no money even though we have more students paying more tuition year after year. The administrative staff has enjoyed a combined increase of \$350,000 over the past three years. Now there is a hiring freeze and we are just told to do more and more as enrollment escalates. As administrators are hired the college has found it necessary or desirable to pay each of them a higher salary than their predecessors and often higher than the advertised wage. This would seem to indicate that the college realizes that our wages are too low, and yet, instead of offering a decent increase they have spent over \$86,000 in attorney fees to fight the union; \$86,000 of the taxpayers' money to keep salaries low, so low that some full time employees are eligible for food stamps.

We believe in education, we believe in the mission of community colleges to be responsive to the needs of the community. We also believe that everyone should be compensated fairly.

We have been told by the college's administrators that we cannot compare our salaries with those of our counterparts at other New Jersey Community colleges because we have chosen to live in Sussex County and should be happy to accept lower wages. We have been told that we cannot compare our salaries to those of comparable positions in the community because higher education salaries are traditionally lower. To compensate for lower wages, public education employees have traditionally enjoyed a level of benefits that the college says it can no longer afford. So, the message seems to be that we should work harder, earn less and give up benefits. I hope our students expect better when they enter the workforce.

We ask you, The Freeholders of Sussex County to urge the college to reopen negotiations by offering all three units salaries in line with those of other colleges and a benefit package that mirrors that of the majority of other community colleges in New Jersey. We urge you to support the SCCC faculty and staff ~~represented here this~~ ~~evening~~ in our efforts to continue to provide the caring and supportive environment that Sussex County Community College has come to be known by and that the citizens of Sussex County expect and deserve.