

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:01 pm

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on October 28, 2011 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

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation designating November, 2011 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

**583-2011**

2. Proclamation designating November 17, 2011 as National Rural Health Day.

**584-2011**

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

B. Presentations

1. Presentation on the Tourism Economic Impact Study by Tammie Horsfield. (10 minutes)

Tammie Horsfield, President of the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership and the Chamber of Commerce, came forward and passed out a copy of the study that she was going to talk about; she said she was going to go through the highlights of the study; the Sussex County Chamber is now the Destination Marketing Organization for Sussex County as designated by the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism; it has spent over \$300,000.00 in the last 2 years and 25% of that was money from the Chamber; the balance came from grants; it was just notified that it will receive another \$200,000.00 over the next two (2) years and the Chamber will match another 25% of that.

Ms. Horsfield went over some of the information she left for the Board; there was a short discussion.

Ms. Horsfield also said that out of the grants that were received and the matching money from the Chamber, it was able to hire a research firm that did the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism's research and piggybacked on them so that it could get a local Sussex County Economic Impact Study done; she went over the results of the impact study; while the last two years have been tough years in Sussex County, it still grew with regard to tourism; Sussex County grew in dollar numbers, and lost in employment figures; in 2011 it looks like the Chamber's ambitions in promoting the County are paying off.

Ms. Horsfield now went over the power point presentation on the Economic Impact Study, (on file in the Clerk of the Board's office); there was a lengthy discussion.

Ms. Horsfield said it will be doing more studies in the future and when it does it will share the results with the Board.

Freeholder Zeoli pointed out that the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Development Partnership Awards Luncheon is on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the Lafayette House.

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

**MOTION** made at 5:40 pm by Freeholder Crabb to open Public Session from the Floor, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

Mr. James Bridge of Montague came forward; he said he was a school teacher in the North Warren School District; the reason he came is on a teacher's mission; he is a conservative and has concerns about the Core Curriculum standards in the State of New Jersey; he handed out packets for everyone (on file in the Clerk of the Board's office); he gave them excerpts of the contents standards of social studies; he is hoping everyone will take a look at what the State has done and is doing to our children; he teaches German and Social Studies; what has happened is the County has been wiped out of the curriculum; there is nothing about County government; Freeholders are not mentioned; study of the 21 counties in New Jersey is not mentioned in the core curriculum standards in social studies in the State of New Jersey; there was a lengthy discussion.

Mr. Bridge said he would be happy to be a member of any committee the Board would form to raise the human cry County by County and pressure the State Representatives to re-examine the core content, for Social Studies at least, and say make sure our children understand what a Freeholder is, what the history of that political organization is, what the history of our counties are, what the geography of our State is and what are the names of the 21 counties and the capital of those counties in our State.

Freeholder Crabb asked who drives these documents – the Department of Education; Mr. Bridge said education think tanks influence someone in the Assembly who will then put forward legislation to approve this; this is all Committee work down in Trenton through the use of education consultants.

Freeholder Vohden asked if this was tied into a text book; Mr. Bridge said this tells every school district in New Jersey what they may teach, what they are expected to teach, what the children will know. There was a short discussion.

Freeholder Zeoli said that the Board has no authority in this area; he is sure the Board shares his concerns; he suggested contacting the State Board of Education and Andy Mulvihill and said the County would be happy to forward Mr. Bridge's concerns to Mr. Mulvihill for him to take a look at.

Freeholder Zellman said as a former teacher and one who taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Stanhope and brought her kids to Waterloo Village for art projects and also as a trustee of Friends of Waterloo Village, she understands what he is saying; she said Joe Guerara is the Curator/Director of Lehigh Valley Historical Museum; she said Mr. Bridge should get in touch with Mr. Guerara because he is the biggest proponent of historic preservation and what it will do for generations of students. There was a short discussion.

Mr. Eskilson, County Administrator, also suggested the NJAC Board as a vehicle for this.

Freeholder Zellman also suggested New Jersey Future; this is something they may be interested in because they advance policy.

**MOTION** made at 5:54 pm by Freeholder Crabb to close the Public Session from the Floor, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

## **8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

### **Comments from Freeholder Crabb**

Freeholder Crabb discussed the Office of Roads having to do with the recent storm, doing more with less, having to deal with the bridges that are still closed and commented what a great job was done.

Freeholder Crabb said he had the opportunity to attend the Veterans' Day Parade at the Fairgrounds and he had the opportunity to speak there; he mentioned the article in the Herald about Don DeVore and the fact that he was going to appear on the History Channel Viet Nam in HD series and explained what he learned from the show.

### **Comments from Freeholder Space**

Freeholder Space said he and his wife survived Dancing with the Stars; he said Freeholder Zellman and Dennis McConnell were there; they had a great time and raised a lot of money for the College.

Freeholder Space said his family went on a vacation to Wantage, England and had a very good time.

### **Comments from Freeholder Zellman**

Freeholder Zellman said that Freeholder Space and his wife did a great job at Dancing with the Stars.

Freeholder Zellman said a good day was had by all at the Veterans Parade; included was a dedication of a Veterans' Monument by the Nicholson Family which will be placed at Sussex County Community College.

Freeholder Zellman said on Veterans' Day she went to the Andover Sub-Acute Nursing Home; there were about a dozen veterans there and she presented pins and they had refreshments; there were veterans there from the Korean War, WWII and Vietnam.

Freeholder Zellman said she did the ELC presentation and they talked about the Lackawanna Cutoff with a completion date in 2014; update on Rt. 206 with completion in 2012; last Saturday there was an early Thanksgiving at Waterloo Village.

### **Comments from Freeholder Vohden**

Freeholder Vohden said that Freeholder Crabb and he attended a luncheon for volunteers for Catholic Charities; they deserve our recognition.

Freeholder Vohden said he wanted to report that again this month the County Planning Board and the Development Review Committee meetings were cancelled; there were no applications.

Freeholder Vohden said he spent election night at the Board of Elections and the County Clerk's Office; results came in smoothly and quickly. There was a short discussion.

### **Comments from Freeholder Director Zeoli**

Freeholder Zeoli said he feels the future is with Shared Services with the County being the engine that all the shared services flow through; he discussed some of the shared services, especially with IT.

Freeholder Zeoli thanked Bernie Re, County Treasurer, for working with Bond Counsel to find ways to save the County approximately \$160,000.00; he also wanted to send his regards to Walter Cramp and his Department for a good job working so hard. There was a short discussion.

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

- A. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON  
**585-2011** NOVEMBER 14 AND NOVEMBER 30, 2011
- B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**586-2011**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD  
**587-2011** OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ALLOW THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING FROM THE NORTH JERSEY AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE® (Resolution authorizes this application in the amount of \$59,074.00 for the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR  
**588-2011** TO SIGN THE SUBGRANT AWARD FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT PROGRAM, 09VAWA-102, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,089.00 (Resolution authorizes this subgrant award with an in-kind match of \$3,363.00)
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE  
**589-2011** OF INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution authorizes this purchase from the Morville Agency in the amount of \$80,906.12)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF COUNTY SURPLUS  
**590-2011** VEHICLES (Resolution authorizes the disposal of 2 vehicles – 1 2001 Ford Crown Victoria that was in a fire and 1 1992 Dodge Van)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR THE  
**591-2011** FFY09 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT, AWARD #2009-SS-T9-0082 FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEM/NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALING PROGRAM FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00
- H. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF  
**592-2011** ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2011 HIGH RISK RURAL ROAD PROGRAM FEDERAL PROJECT #2011-DT-BLA1-08 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$463,235.00
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**593-2011** 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 AmCad, Inc.)

- J. 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 Interstate Battery)
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, DIVISION OF YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$36,874.00 IN FUNDING FOR THE YOUTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Resolution authorizes this Contract Modification to reflect a change in personnel funded under the Contract and to transfer \$1,331.00 from fringe benefits to salaries & wages)
- L. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, DIVISION OF YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$63,836.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Resolution authorizes this Contract Modification to reflect a change in personnel funded under the Contract and to transfer \$1,883.00 from fringe benefits to salaries & wages)

**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 adopt Resolution 9.A. – 9.L., seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

**Item 9.G.**

Freeholder Crabb said this will be huge for the volunteer departments in the County. The County Administrator expanded on the explanation of this Resolution.

**Item 9.E.**

Freeholder Crabb said he had a question about this Resolution; he said the County has done business with the Morville Agency for a long time and they have been great; his question is that he sees this is exempt from public bidding and asked if the County had any metrics that we exempt these bids from; the County Administrator explained this Resolution and said this is the nursing home insurance that the County has had to purchase for the last 4-5 years. The County Administrator said he would get Freeholder Crabb the information he needed. There was a short discussion.

On roll call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Vohden	Yes





**MOTION** to adopt this Refunding Bond Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Space, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

On roll call the vote was:

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Refunding Bond Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on December 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Refunding Bond Ordinance made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

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**15. PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda (no agenda)

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson, County Administrator, said he had two items for closed session, both concerning Collective Bargaining.

**17. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Dennis McConnell, County Counsel, said he didn't have anything at this time.

**18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion concerning Reorganization 2012 date and time.

After a short discussion, it was decided to have Reorganization on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 12 Noon.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to schedule Reorganization for Monday, January 2, 2012 at 12:00 Noon in the Historic Courthouse, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

- B. Approval for Letter of Congratulations to Dr. Paul Mazur on his inauguration as the fifth President of Sussex County Community College.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Space to approve this Letter to Dr. Mazur, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

**20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**MOTION** made at 6:28 pm by Freeholder Zellman to open the Public Session from the Floor, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 6:29 pm by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** made at 6:30 pm by Freeholder Space to go into Executive Session for two (2) items of Collective Bargaining, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
**605-2011**

- 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.**

**MOTION** made at 7:00 pm by Freeholder Vohden to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb giving the County Administrator direction on both items of collective bargaining as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made at 7:02 pm by Freeholder Vohden to go back into Executive Session for an item of Contract, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION** made at 7:17 pm by Freeholder Space to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

**22. REMINDERS**

Thursday	November 24, 2011	Thanksgiving Day	Holiday
Friday	November 25, 2011	Day after Thanksgiving	Holiday
Wednesday	November 30, 2011	Regular Meeting	5:00 PM
Wednesday	December 7, 2011	Six County Coalition Meeting – Hunterdon County - Host	5:30 PM

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 7:18 pm by Freeholder Space to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

**Dated: November 14, 2011**