

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR** at 9:02 a.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 in recognition of Becky Carlson being chosen by the Council of Service Agencies as its recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 2009.

649-2009

2. Certificate presented to Pope John XXIII Regional High School "Champions for Charity" for sharing their spirit of community, enthusiasm of youth, and sincere desire to help those in need on November 3, 2009.

650-2009

3. Certificate presented to Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School "Champions of Charity" for sharing their spirit of community, enthusiasm of youth, and sincere desire to help those in need on November 3, 2009.

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4. Certificate presented to St. Joseph's School "Champions of Charity" for sharing their spirit of community, enthusiasm of youth, and sincere desire to help those in need on November 3, 2009.

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5. Certificate presented to Immaculate Conception School "Champions of Charity" for sharing their spirit of community, enthusiasm of youth, and sincere desire to help those in need on November 3, 2009.

653-2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve this Proclamation and these Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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At this time Mr. Eskilson stated that he was going to excuse himself from the discussion involved with the presentation regarding the Recovery Zone Bonds and the Town of Newton and Thor Labs Project; he added that while he has no vote in the matter, nor any financial stake in the outcome, given his wife's long term employment with Thor Labs, he felt it best if he stepped out of the meeting room during the presentation.

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Presentation from Public Safety Training Academy to Freeholder Vetrano

Freeholder Zellman stated that prior to the presentation, Larry Bono from the Public Safety Training Academy was in attendance to present Freeholder Vetrano with an award.

Larry Bono came forward; he stated that this award was being presented to Freeholder Vetrano on behalf of President Mierendorf of the Community College and everyone at the Academy; the award was in appreciation for all of Freeholder Vetrano's support and contributions to the success of the Academy.

Freeholder Vetrano thanked Mr. Bono and everyone at the Academy; he stated that everyone did a great job at the Academy.

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B. Presentations

1. Presentation regarding Recovery Zone Bonds and the Town of Newton and Thor Labs Project.

Freeholder Vetrano stated that during the last couple of weeks, articles have appeared in the newspapers regarding an opportunity for County Government to participate with a municipality for a potential to bring some economic development into Sussex County as a result of monies that are available to the County; he added that this was regarding an opportunity to receive some Recovery Zone Bonds; Freeholder Vetrano asked Glen Scotland of MacManiman & Scotland to come forward.

Glen Scotland came forward; he stated that the firm was Special Redevelopment Counsel for the Town of Newton; he explained that Thor Labs was a successful company that specialized in research and development and the manufacture of photonics, which includes laser technology and fiber optics; he discussed the successes of the company and that the company was in the process of expanding its business and was in need of larger facilities for its research and development and manufacturing activities; Mr. Scotland explained that other locations outside the State of New Jersey have offered Thor Labs incentives to relocate, however, Thor Labs has a desire to remain locally; a property has been identified at 56 Sparta Avenue in Newton (hereinafter referred to as "Town") as a potential location for the new facility; this property is a designated redevelopment area within Newton; to offset some of the costs, Thor Labs has sought financial assistance from the State and the Town; the Town is making a significant contribution in the form of a Redevelopment Area Bond that will make approximately \$4 million of bond proceeds available for construction of the project.

Mr. Scotland said that another form of financial assistance has been made available through the provisions of the recently enacted *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*; he explained how this Act worked; Mr. Scotland said that a Resolution was to be presented to the Freeholders for consideration and that he understood that no action was going to be taken on the Resolution at this meeting.

Mr. McConnell stated for the record that he had received the Resolution and that it was inappropriate to bring it forth at this time until this process goes forward.

Mr. Scotland explained that the Resolution would designate the area that this project would be located as an Economic Recovery Zone; he further discussed this Resolution; Mr. Scotland also discussed unused allocations of the bonds; discussion was held as to how the financing was handled, its tax free status, liability responsibility, and the timeframe for which the project could be financed and for construction to commence if it was to take advantage of the provisions of ARRA.

Amy Eskilson, Director, Business Development for Thor Labs, came forward; she stated that there were approximately 280 employees in Thor Labs in Sussex County; future employee growth was highlighted, as well as the range of employees throughout the County.

Robert Reschenbolm, General Counsel for Thor Labs, came forward; he stated that there was no known environmental issue on the site that would prevent the project from moving forward.

Robert Vandenberg, COO, Lakeland Bank, came forward; he said that the bank was committed to this project and that Thor Labs was a worthy candidate.

Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, Superintendent, Newton Public Schools, came forward; he read into the record a letter signed by members of the Newton Public Schools community which expressed support for the Thor Labs project; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Thomas Russo, Newton Town Manager, came forward; he provided a brief history of the project and Newton's involvement.

Kevin Elvidge, Mayor, Town of Newton, came forward; he also expressed his support for the Thor Labs project.

Eric Snyder, Director, Sussex Division of Planning, came forward; he discussed the Vision 20/20 process; Mr. Snyder said that this proposal answered what was anticipated with the County's investment in Vision 20/20.

David Kunz, GIS Coordinator, came forward; he provided a brief power point explanation of the process to determine qualifying sites.

Various members of the public came forward and provided their positive comments regarding the Thor Labs proposed project.

There was a discussion regarding financing and employment growth.

Freeholder Vetrano thanked everyone for attending and offering their comments; he said there would be a five minute recess before continuing with the remainder of the meeting; a recess was called at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

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

MOTION made at 11:13 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 11:14 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
654-2009
- B. 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 2009 AREA PLAN ALLOCATION, FINAL OBLIGATION AND ALLOCATION FOR FUNDS, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$7,483.00
655-2009
- C. 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 09BDUN 2009 YOUTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (YIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00
656-2009
- 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 FY 2007 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT, ADDITIONAL FUNDING, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,753.60 LETPP AND \$2,540.80 SHSP FUNDING
657-2009
- 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, FEDERAL GRANT NUMBER: 2009-SU-B9-0026 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$37,534.00
658-2009
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AN EXPANSION OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDS FOR WASTEWATER PLANNING (Resolution authorizes the application to receive between \$7,142.85 and \$50,000.00 in additional ARRA funds for wastewater planning)
659-2009
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERS WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY BENEFIT PLANS
660-2009
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE HOUSING OF SUSSEX COUNTY JUVENILE DETAINEES 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. (Resolution authorizes four (4) beds/placements on a constant basis and per diem beds as needed in excess of the four (4) committed beds)
661-2009
- I. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY AGENCIES (Resolution authorizes the purchase of two (2) Jeep Cherokee SUV in the amount of \$39,698.00 from Warnock Fleet; one (1) Chevrolet Express Cargo Van in the amount of \$15,495.00 from Flemington Buick Chevy; and
662-2009

one (1) Ford F-250 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$25,395.00 from DFFLM, LLC)

- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISION OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS BID EXEMPT SERVICES AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes purchase orders for Computer Consulting Group, Inc.)**
663-2009
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM/SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER GRANT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,596.00 STATE SHARE AND \$13,899.00 IN KIND MATCH FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE CONTRACT 10AMUN WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$11,111.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF A DENTAL/MEDICAL VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010**
- M. **RESOLUTION RE: TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO ALLOW FOR THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD THAT ARE COVERED UNDER HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS OF CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 15, 2009**
666-2009
- N. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN ANCILLARY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO ALLOW FOR PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD THAT ARE COVERED UNDER HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS OF CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF NEW JERSEY, INC.(Resolution authorizes this Agreement to commence on January 1, 2010)**
667-2009
- O. **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)**
668-2009

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

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

Resolution 8. H.

Freeholder Parrott questioned a five year term versus a three year term.

Mr. Eskilson said that there was an out provision that could be exercised within a certain timeline.

Mr. McConnell added that the number of beds could be negotiated each year.

Resolution 8. I.

Freeholder Parrott questioned if the vehicles being purchased were 2009 or 2010 vehicles.

Mr. Eskilson said the Jeeps and the Van were all year 2010.

Resolution 8. F.

Freeholder Vetrano asked if it was ever determined how large of a grant the County could receive.

Mr. Eskilson said that it was unknown at this time; he said there was concern expressed at the Agenda Meeting that because of the extensive paperwork involved in the application process for ARRA, was it worth it to apply if the County would only receive \$7,000.00; he said that the County has already accepted a \$100,000.00 ARRA wastewater grant; this is a tack on so the County is already going to be required to do all of the ARRA paperwork; Mr. Eskilson said that this funding would be used to update the County’s GIS parcel data.

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 November 10, 2009

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

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

There were no 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: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROVIDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE ANDOVER MAINTENANCE GARAGE AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$13,775.00)**

2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE C-16 CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 607 OVER LUBBER'S RUN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)**
670-2009 (Resolution awards this Agreement for a total lump sum of \$148,053.00, which includes a total base proposal of \$121,839.00 with total add alternative costs of \$26,214.00 for NJDEP permitting cultural resources, hydraulic analysis and habitat assessment)

3. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK IMAGING AND TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**
671-2009 (Resolution authorizes this extension for calendar year 2010 in the approximate amount of \$92,000.00)

4. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY – SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, CARES INSTITUTE FOR THE PROVISION OF EVIDENCED BASED, TRAUMA FOCUSED – COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (TF-CBT) TRAINING WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)**
672-2009 (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00)

5. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**
673-2009 (Resolution awards this Contract to Contract Pharmacy Services, Inc. for the consideration based on the pharmaceuticals required at the correctional facility based on the proposal pricing of AWP-85% for generic products and AWP-18% for brand name products)

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

On Roll Call 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: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND FREDRIC M. KNAPP, ESQ., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Resolution authorizes the increase of \$16,000.00 (for a total increase of \$36,000.00 or 80%) for additional services rendered regarding labor matters)

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott 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

13. **FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2009 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS
675-2009

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

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

Comment from Mr. Eskilson

Mr. Eskilson noted for the record that the Board of Elections was its own Appointing Authority and this was for informational purposes only because it did involve a change in the Table of Organization; it does result in a net savings of approximately \$6,065.00.

Freeholder Zellman questioned if it was appropriate for the Board to vote on this because while the Board was acknowledging the budgetary implications, the Board was not condoning or condemning the actions of the Board of Elections because the Board had no say in this action.

Mr. McConnell stated that the Board of Elections, even as its own Appointing Authority, had to stay within the guidelines of the County's policies and procedures; this is why the Board will vote on this.

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION made by Freeholder Wirths to approve the Personnel Agenda for budgetary purposes only, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

Item for Closed Session

Mr. Eskilson stated that he had one item for Closed Session regarding a personnel matter in the Prosecutor's Office, noting that there were no RICE notice implications.

9-1-1 Consolidation Report

Mr. Eskilson stated that he received notice yesterday that a final draft of the 9-1-1 Consolidation Report was available; this will be distributed shortly and will also be going to the County Working Group for its review; the Working Group will be meeting sometime within the next week or so to discuss the final draft report.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

Wheatsworth Building closing

Mr. McConnell stated that the closing for the Wheatsworth building was scheduled for today.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Identification of historic resources in Sussex County

Freeholder Zellman referred to the Resolution that was previously distributed to the Board; this was brought to the Board's attention by Wayne McCabe, Sussex County Historian; the Resolution pertains to the Cultural Resources Inventory of Municipalities within the jurisdiction of the Highlands Council; the Resolution addresses recommendations for identification and preservation of historic cultural resources; this would allow for the County to apply to the Highlands Council for funding to do a pilot program for identification of historic resources in Sussex County.

Wayne McCabe came forward; he explained the program to the Board; this would be a pilot program whereby the Highlands Council would be the financing agency and no cost would be incurred by the County.

There was a brief discussion.

Mr. McConnell said that this was not a commitment to accept funds, but rather a request to develop a pilot program; if the program does not have funding or sufficient funding, the County could refuse; Mr. McConnell noted that the copy of the Resolution that the Board had and the copy that Mr. McCabe had given to him were different; he noted that the difference was that the copy the Board had did not contain the "NOW, THEREFORE...";

Freeholder Vetrano stated that he would move forward with the Agenda to allow Mr. McConnell time to review the Resolution and the Board would return to this discussion after the review.

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

MOTION made at 11:45 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

Questions from Elizabeth Kaplan

Elizabeth Kaplan came forward; she said that she had some questions regarding definitions as to what was in the Resolutions; she asked the meaning of “providing for the insertion of any special item, etc.”

Mr. Eskilson responded that it was a requirement of the NJ Department of Community Affairs that oversees all municipal and county budgets; when a grant is received, there is no technical means to expend that money since it was not in the budget; a mechanism has to be created to allow the County to draw down that money; Mr. Eskilson explained the language that allowed for this action to take place.

Ms. Kaplan questioned why certain bids were exempt from competition and some bids were not; she asked what determined this status.

Mr. McConnell replied that specific statutory sections exempt certain items from the bid process, especially when dealing with hardware and software; he gave the example of licenses that were specific to certain hardware and software, adding that if you had a system with particular software, you would want to continue with that type of software.

Ms. Kaplan questioned the population of the Juvenile Detention Center and what statutes governed the Freeholder Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Kaplan for her comments.

Identification of historic resources in Sussex County

Freeholder Vetrano returned the discussion to Mr. McConnell and the matter of the difference in the two Resolutions regarding the pilot program for identification of historic resources in Sussex County.

Mr. McConnell said that there were apparently five sentences that were dropped; it was the “NOW, THEREFORE” section; these five lines are totally commensurate with what the Resolution was trying to do.

Freeholder Vetrano said that based on County Counsel’s review, he (County Counsel) was comfortable with putting this up for a vote to request a pilot program from the Highlands Council for identification of historic resources in Sussex County.

**RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL TO
676-2009 CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM
WHEREBY THE COUNCIL WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING
TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX SO IT COULD
PROFESSIONALLY PREPARE CULTURAL RESOURCE
INVENTORIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE NEW
JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL**

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

MOTION made at 11:50 a.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public,

seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Mental Health Board Meeting

Freeholder Zellman stated that she had attended the Mental Health Board Meeting last evening; she said that the Mental Health Board was in need of a couple of additional members; she said that she informed the Mental Health Board that she would bring this to the attention of the Freeholder Board, noting that the Mental Health Board wanted to get more involved in Veterans issues; Freeholder Zellman asked if anyone knew of a Veteran who might be interested and also noted that Picatinny Arsenal would be contacted as well.

Route 206 construction in Byram

Freeholder Zellman said that she has been in contact with the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), but has not been able to find out any details on a groundbreaking ceremony for the Route 206 project; she noted that Byram was also interested in a groundbreaking ceremony and that she would be working with Byram, the County Engineering Staff, and the NJDOT to arrange for a ceremony.

GIS and municipal zoning

Freeholder Crabb stated the County has been working with Green Township to manage municipal zoning in the tax assessor's data base; this allows the County to create a dynamic zoning map for Green Township that is automatically updated whenever the municipal zone changes; he noted this was a huge breakthrough.

“Stuff the Bus”

Freeholder Crabb noted that he attended the “Stuff the Bus” event held earlier that day; he noted that people should not be shy about utilizing services such as the food banks.

New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC)

Freeholder Wirths discussed the news article on the salary of the Executive Director Celeste Carpiano and her benefits; he referred to the comment from NJAC that the salaries of its employees were confidential; Freeholder Wirths said that he wanted to go on record as saying that if this was the way NJAC wanted to do business, there was no way that he was going to vote to support NJAC in the future; he said he thought the situation was outrageous; when the time comes up to pay the dues, it would be very difficult for him to support NJAC unless there were some drastic changes.

“Champions for Charity” events

Freeholder Parrott stated that on December 16, 2009, at 8:00 a.m., High Point Regional High School would be hosting the “Champions for Charity” food drive.

Walkkill Valley Regional High School will be hosting “Champions for Charity” in January; the ten school districts would be participating.

H1N1 vaccinations

Freeholder Parrott said that everything went well with the H1N1 vaccinations; in December the seasonal flu shots will become available; additional info will be forthcoming.

Foreclosures in Sussex County

Freeholder Parrott said that unfortunately, the foreclosures in Sussex County continue; he said that it was a distressful situation and hopefully things will improve in the coming year.

Food Drives

Freeholder Vetrano thanked Freeholder Parrott for his efforts with the “Champions for Charity” food drives with the County’s high schools.

Open Space acquisitions

Freeholder Vetrano said that the next meeting would reflect some open space acquisitions; he said that he and Eric Snyder looked at a couple of the sites and he would have a more detailed report at the next meeting; Freeholder Vetrano said that he felt that there may have to be some changes in the selection process for some of these sites.

SCARC home

Freeholder Vetrano said that he had the opportunity to visit one of the newest SCARC homes on Warbasse Junction Road; he said that SCARC thanked the Freeholder Board for its commitment to help SCARC throughout the year with some of its programs and some of the funding that is able to be passed through the County.

Farmers Market

Freeholder Vetrano said that last Saturday was the last open day for the Farmers Market; he said that area farmers were happy with the initial year of the Farmers Market; the Sussex County Agriculture Board has donated a flagpole.

Security for County buildings

Freeholder Vetrano said that he felt the time had come that the topic of security needed to be addressed in some of the County buildings; he said the Administrative Center and Social Services were two of these areas; Freeholder Vetrano said he felt the Board had an obligation to the employees to develop a policy as to who enters and exits the buildings.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made at 12:03 p.m. by Freeholder Wirths to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION
677-2009

- 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 12:15 p.m. by Freeholder Zellman to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

22. REMINDERS

Wednesday	December 2, 2009	Six County	5:30 pm
		Coalition Meeting (Passaic County)	
Wednesday	December 16, 2009	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday	December 24, 2009	Christmas Eve	Holiday
Friday	December 25, 2009	Christmas Day	Holiday
Wednesday	December 30, 2009	Regular Meeting	9:00 am
Friday	January 1, 2010	New Year's Day	Holiday
Friday	January 1, 2010	Reorganization	2:00 pm
		Sussex County	
		Historic Courthouse	
Wednesday	January 13, 2010	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 12:16 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: November 24, 2009

ATTACHMENT

Newton Public Schools

57 Trinity Street ♦ Newton, NJ 07860-1831

973-383-7392 phone ♦ 973-383-5378 fax

www.newtonnj.org

Dr. G. Kennedy Greene
Superintendent

Donna C. Snyder
Business Administrator

November 24, 2009

Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Sussex County Administrative Center
One Spring Street
Newton, NJ 07860

Dear Freeholder Director Vetrano and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

It is with great pleasure that the undersigned members of the Newton Public Schools community endorse the decision by the Newton Town Council to enter into a partnership with ThorLabs to develop the Sparta Avenue property as their world headquarters. We are pleased and proud to join in this partnership for the educational benefit of our students and the well-being of the citizens of Newton.

We write this letter today to you as Freeholders to request your approval of this project for participation in the Sussex County Recovery Zone Allocation. We understand this to be a vehicle that allows a lender to make a loan at a reduced interest rate to an eligible project in exchange for a tax exemption on the interest the bank earns. We see this as a "win-win-win" for ThorLabs, the Town of Newton, and the citizens of Sussex County.

We thank you for your consideration as we work together to promote the promising future of our community.

Sincerely,

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<i>James Hofmann</i>	<i>Karen Perry</i>	Braxton Ham
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<i>Tim Hartman</i>	<i>Jim Wark</i>	Daniel Tice
<i>Lawn Howie</i>	<i>James E. Cohen</i>	Matthew Francis
<i>Linda Maggione</i>	<i>James A. Costa</i>	Alexia Mucchietto
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	<i>Jim Wark</i>	Adri Hillard
	<i>Jim Wark</i>	James Welton
	<i>Jim Wark</i>	Jack Anderson
	<i>Jim Wark</i>	Brian Stakert
	<i>Jim Wark</i>	Hanya Uddan

c: Mr. Alex Cable, President, ThorLabs
Newton Town Council
Newton Board of Education

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