

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Vetrano; Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Wirths; Dennis McConnell, County Counsel; John Eskilson, County Administrator; Elaine Morgan, Clerk

Freeholder Crabb arrived at 9:02 a.m.

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 7, 2008 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
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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 Justin R. Hofmann attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

671-2008

2. Proclamation in recognition of Jamie Bernard being chosen by the Council of Service Agencies as its recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 2008.

672-2008

3. Proclamation in recognition of Chelsea Liggio achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

673-2008

4. Certificate in recognition of H. William Sytsema being named by the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture as its "2009 Outstanding Young Farmer".

674-2008

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

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by Union Green to discuss more effective marketing of Sussex County, particularly agri- and eco-tourism. (10-15 min.)

Nelson Martinez, CEO, CCO, of Union Green, a local ad agency, came forward; he said that the purpose of the presentation was to discuss the opportunity to promote the County; Mr. Martinez noted the benefits the County had with regard to agri-tourism and eco-tourism.

Mr. Martinez presented a ten minute film to the Board and meeting attendees which depicted some of the work Union Green has done as an ad agency.

A hardcover presentation book was distributed to the Board (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office); Mr. Martinez said that this was a complete marketing plan, including consumer target groups, and a plan for return on investment; he noted that everything that was presented would be able to be gauged to see how successful it had been; Mr. Martinez reviewed the highlights in the presentation book such as determining what the market would be, who the partners would be, and how to present the product to the consumers.

Mr. Martinez discussed the many agri-tourism, eco-tourism, and historical opportunities that Sussex County had to offer; he noted that Sussex County offered tourism opportunities throughout the year.

There was a brief discussion as to the benefits something like this would afford the County; also discussed was the need to establish partners and re-work advertising dollars already being spent.

The Board thanked Mr. Martinez for his presentation.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 9:33 am by Freeholder Vetrano to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Skills USA

Debbie Wakefoose, Skills USA Advisor, Sussex County Technical School, came forward; she introduced Katarina, a Technical School student and Vice-President of the State Officer's Team, who represented everyone in the State of New Jersey who was participating in Skills USA.

Katarina came forward and explained that Skills USA was a partnership between students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to insure that America has a strong and skilled workforce.

Ms. Wakefoose introduced other students present who were involved in Skills USA; she asked Bill Capon, a student, to come forward to highlight some of the community service projects the students were currently working on.

Bill Capon said that this year the group started working with the Sussex County Branch of Habitat for Humanity; he said that every other Saturday the group works for three hours assisting Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Wakefoose said that at the National level, Skills USA acknowledges students who have accomplished 100 hours of community service; the hours that are devoted to Habitat for Humanity were going towards these 100 hours; she added that one of the things Skills USA is striving for is to have industry standards, with constant assessments; Ms. Wakefoose also highlighted the National competition held the last week in June.

The Board thanked Ms. Wakefoose and the students for attending.

MOTION made at 9:38 am by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public,

seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
675-2008
- B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2008
676-2008 AUTHORIZED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
677-2008 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 Notchwood Landscape, F.W. Bennett & Sons, and B&B Drilling, Inc.)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
678-2008 TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #09AVWN WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$124,009.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009
- E. RESOLUTION RE: EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
679-2008 COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND THE BRANCHVILLE ROTARY CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 636 FROM MILE MARKER 0.0 TO MILE MARKER 2.0 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD THROUGH THE ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
680-2008 TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #2 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$73,836.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$1,765.00 from salaries and wages and \$1,851.00 from fringe benefits and the transfer of \$2,720.00 into seminars/meetings and \$896.00 will be used to cover costs of a trainer on human service educational related topics)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
681-2008 TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #09BDUN WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE \$36,874.00 IN FUNDING FOR THE YOUTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND \$5.50/\$128.75 PER DIEM RATES FOR IN COUNTY CHILDREN AND \$130.00 PER DIEM RATE FOR OUT OF COUNTY CHILDREN FOR THE HOST HOME PROGRAM AND YOUTH SHELTER HOME TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 TO
DECEMBER 31, 2009

- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide up to \$73,632.00 APS funds and \$1,000.00 of Title VII funds)**
682-2008
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF HOME DELIVERED MEALS SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$100,102.00 (Resolution authorizes this Modification to provide \$12,065.00 in additional Title III C-2 funds, to be supplemented by a reduction of income in the amount of \$22,926.00)**
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT NUMBER – VWAFPS-19 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,200.00**
684-2008
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE PROJECT VISION PV-20-05, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$43,750.00**
685-2008
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2008 AREA PLAN ALLOCATION, FINAL OBLIGATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR APC YEAR 2008 CONTRACT FUNDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00**
686-2008
- M. **RESOLUTION RE: CONCURRING RESOLUTION FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #08-16 APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 515 AND MAIN STREET**
687-2008
- N. **RESOLUTION RE: TO ESTABLISH PRIVATE PAY, SUB-ACUTE AND RESPITE CARE RATES AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD (Resolution authorizes the increase in the rates for private pay from \$245.00 to \$254.00 per day and the increase in sub-acute and respite care from \$265.00 to \$274.00 per day)**
688-2008

- O. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS, AND 4-H DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2007 AND 2008**

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 Zellman.

Resolution 8. C.

Freeholder Vetrano questioned if landscape services was something that the County's Facilities' staff was doing.

Mr. Eskilson said no, this was something that was privatized several years ago to limit the need to expand the County's Facilities' staff.

Resolution 8. J.

Freeholder Vetrano questioned if this was for indictments handed down through the Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Eskilson responded yes; Freeholder Vetrano asked if Mr. Eskilson knew how many indictments this involved; Mr. Eskilson responded that he did not know and that the formula was not included in the grant award, but that he could probably get the formula.

Resolution 8. O.

Freeholder Zellman questioned Resolution 8. O.

Mr. McConnell explained that the County has for a number of years paid for a certain portion of the Rutgers' staff salaries; the Agreement forwarded to the County that was signed by Rutgers staff was approximately \$10,000.00 off, noting that Rutgers wanted approximately \$95,000.00; he said that it took some time to finally get Rutgers staff to sign the correct Agreement for 2007 for approximately \$85,575.00; Mr. McConnell noted that the 2008 Agreement was \$74,824.00.

Resolution 8. I.

Freeholder Zellman said that she was speaking to Steve Gruchacz regarding a letter on Meals on Wheels and the fact that it was not fully spent in 2007.

Mr. Eskilson said that this was the final modification for Catholic Family Charities; there was tracking on the summary that showed that 2007 was not fully expended and was being modified to finish out the year with a Modification of about \$100,000.00; it will be determined at the end of next month as to how much was expended for the 2008 period.

There was a brief discussion as to the drop in numbers at the Nutrition Sites and the lack of items in the Food Bank.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting November 5, 2008

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

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

- A. Memo received from the Office of Conservation and Farmland Preservation informing the Board that Joan Ross has resigned from the Open Space Advisory Committee.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to accept this resignation, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions for Item #11.

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

- A. Awards of Contracts

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF A HOMESTEAD GENERATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, High Point Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$130,270.00)**
690-2008
2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO A CONTRACT AWARDED THROUGH COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF (Resolution awards this extension to Contract Pharmacy Services, Inc. for the term October 10, 2008 until October 9, 2009)**
691-2008
3. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DYKSTRA WALKER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE PROVIDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT THE ANDOVER ROAD 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 \$43,830.00 for ground water sampling activities during the 2008-2009 calendar years)**
692-2008

4. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DYKSTRA WALKER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE PROVIDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT THE HOPATCONG ROAD 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 \$32,110.00 for oversight management and documentation of well completion, preparation of Remedial Investigation Report/Remedial Action Report, ground water sampling of monitoring and potable wells, and preparation of progress reports)
5. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (MASONRY) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder for Masonry work, Zara Construction, for an open-ended Contract with a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$80,000.00)
6. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (PLUMBING) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder for Plumbing work, Aero Plumbing & Heating Co., for an open-ended Contract with a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$80,000.00)
7. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (ELECTRIC) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder for Electric work, Tosone Electric, Inc., for an open-ended Contract with a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$50,000.00)
8. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (ROOFING) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX** (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder for Roofing work, Complete Roof Management, for an open-ended Contract with a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$200,000.00)

9. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (CARPENTRY) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this Contract to the only responsible bidder for Carpentry work, Rayo Construction, for an open-ended Contract with a minimum expenditure of \$500.00 and a maximum expenditure of \$80,000.00)**

10. **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 (Resolution authorizes the second one year extension in the approximate amount of \$96,000.00 for calendar year 2009)**

11. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A RENEWAL TO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (Resolution renews this Contract for calendar year 2009)**

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

Resolution 12. A. 1.

Freeholder Parrott asked who provided the bid specs for the generator.

Mr. Eskilson replied that Facilities Management provided them.

Resolution 12. A. 2.

Freeholder Crabb questioned if this was because of Collective Bargaining Agreements that there was something different for the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Eskilson replied that this was pharmaceutical services for the inmates and not the employees.

Resolution 12. A. 3.

Freeholder Vetrano said that all of these wells were capped and asked at what point the monitoring process would end.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) would have to determine that; he added that he has never heard where the NJDEP has stopped the monitoring process.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK IMAGING AND TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE (Resolution increases this Contract by \$12,521.61 (7.45%) for software coding, testing, and implementation to complete the tasks having to do with the County's GIS portal)

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

13. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: TRANSFER OF 2008 CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS 702-2008

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

14. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda

There were no items for the Personnel Agenda.

- B. Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF (Held until later in the Meeting) EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH HORIZON HEALTH SERVICES, INC., D/B/A HORIZON BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY

Freeholder Wirths stated that County Counsel requested that the Board allow for discussion of this Resolution in Executive Session prior to adoption.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

There were no comments.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

There were no comments.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

18. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion concerning time and place for the Reorganization Meeting.

The Board determined that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Friday, January 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Historic Old Courthouse, located at 3 High Street, Newton, NJ.

19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 10:02 am by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 10:03 am by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

2009 Budget

Freeholder Parrott said that the Budget Committee has been working diligently; he noted that it was a very difficult financial situation.

Food Bank Drive

Freeholder Parrott said that he was at the "Stuff the Bus" Food Bank Drive held at the Quick Chek in Lafayette to benefit the Food Bank at Social Services; he said that he was impressed by the positive response.

Food Bank Drive

Freeholder Wirths also expressed his positive comments on the "Stuff the Bus" Food Bank Drive; he thanked everyone who participated and who donated food to fill the bus.

Sussex County Farmland, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund Tax

Freeholder Wirths noted that the 2% (sic) tax did sunset; he asked the Board to be patient and wait for recommendations; Freeholder Wirths said that for the record, there was \$22 million currently in the Fund, with a \$7 million surplus; assuming that every encumbered project goes through and assuming that the County does not receive anything from the State of New Jersey, he said that the Board, at some point, should make a recommendation to

replenish the other one; Freeholder Wirths said that this should return, on average, \$60.00 to each household.

Mosquito Control Commission

Freeholder Vetrano referred to correspondence from the State Mosquito Control Commission which referred to vacancies in the County's Mosquito Control.

Mr. Eskilson stated that he was disturbed by that implication; he said there was a vacancy in Mosquito Control as the County had instituted a non-public health and safety job freeze some time ago due to the anticipated difficulties in the 2009 budget; Mr. Eskilson said that he did not believe that the State helped the County to support this operation at all, and if so, very little; he said that he felt it was inappropriate for the State to put this in writing without asking the County what the circumstances were.

There was a brief discussion regarding the County's extra efforts that it has made in the area of Mosquito Control.

Switch grass

Freeholder Vetrano referred to Tom Davis who attended a prior Freeholder Meeting and discussed the use of switch grass as a potential aid to control energy costs; he said that he convened a group of people who were familiar with switch grass; Freeholder Vetrano said that it was an enlightening discussion, with follow-up meetings planned for the future; he said there were a number of parcels of State land that were currently under Wildlife Management that farmers had previously grown corn on and were no longer utilizing; this land may be looked into; test plots will be conducted to determine if this land could support the growing of switch grass; Freeholder Vetrano said that he would keep the Board apprised of the progress.

McNeice Auditorium

Freeholder Vetrano informed the Board that he met with the Technical School Board President, Gary Sargent, to discuss with him an idea regarding a long-term lease for utilization of the McNeice Auditorium by a person or organization who may be interested in promoting the arts; he said that the members of the Technical School Board were all aware of this idea and felt that it was worth exploring.

Monitoring program for bridges

Freeholder Vetrano said that he had a Liaison Meeting with Engineering; John Risko produced a document which depicts what is done to monitor County bridges; he asked the County Administrator to provide copies to the Board; this includes a list of bridges that are currently under the monitoring program.

Route 515 project

Freeholder Vetrano noted that when the Route 515 project in Vernon began there was much controversy, but he felt that it has turned out to be a positive project; he felt that it was a good collaborative effort and that it would be a good project to submit to the League of Municipalities for a possible story in its magazine; a beautification committee is in the process of developing a plan to landscape the area.

Ribbon cutting for Bridge 605 in Hopatcong

Freeholder Vetrano suggested that a ribbon cutting be planned for Bridge 605 in Hopatcong; he said that Engineering planned to contact Freeholder Zellman to coordinate this with her.

Statement from Freeholder Vetrano regarding his decision not to seek re-election

Freeholder Vetrano said that he has made a difficult decision regarding his future to run for re-election; he informed everyone that after much personal consideration and deliberation, he will not be seeking re-election in 2009; Freeholder Vetrano said that it has been an honor to serve with an exceptional group of Freeholder colleagues, both past and present; he said he was proud of the accomplishments of the past seven years and looked forward to a very productive year in 2009; as someone who has always believed in term limits, he knew there were many talented people within the Party who could share their time and talents with the people of Sussex County; Freeholder Vetrano said that he would continue to be an active participant with the Party and community; he thanked the people of Sussex County for allowing him to serve as Freeholder these past seven years; Freeholder Vetrano reiterated his belief in term limits.

Freeholder Parrott said he was surprised and that Freeholder Vetrano would be missed.

Freeholder Vetrano said that he felt both past and present Freeholder Boards have put a new face on County Government and he was confident that at the end of 2009, the County would be in much better shape than when he came on the Board in 2000.

Freeholder Wirths said that he was shocked, and that Freeholder Vetrano has always put his all into everything he did and that he would be sorely missed.

Freeholder Zellman said that she and Freeholder Vetrano have run together a combination of five times in primary and general elections; she said that Freeholder Vetrano has accomplished many things during his tenure, such as his involvement with Luscroft Farm and the agriculture community; she said that she will miss him on the Board.

Freeholder Crabb said that he has known Freeholder Vetrano for a long time; he said that Freeholder Vetrano's rise to Battalion Chief in the Paterson Fire Department said a lot about his character; he said that since his arrival on the Board he has seen Freeholder Vetrano's dedication to and compassion for seniors and agriculture; Freeholder Crabb said this was leadership because he felt that leadership was doing something when no one else, such as newspapers, were watching; he thanked Freeholder Vetrano for his service.

Mr. Eskilson said that working with people like Freeholder Vetrano always made the job easier; he said that there was plenty of time to say goodbye and it was hard not to be selfish.

Mr. McConnell said that he was shocked and he was sure that the agriculture community would miss him; he said that Freeholder Vetrano was tireless and has done a lot for Sussex County, noting his work with Knoll Shared Housing; he added that Freeholder Vetrano would be missed.

Freeholder Vetrano thanked everyone for their support and comments.

Six County Coalition Meeting

Freeholder Zellman said that the initial date of the next Six County Coalition Meeting was December 3, 2008; it was felt that there was not enough lead time and the date was changed to January 15, 2009; Hunterdon County will be hosting the meeting and additional information will be forthcoming.

Update on Liaison Meeting

Freeholder Zellman provided an update on her Liaison Meeting.

- **Homestead** – the beds are full; there is also a waiting list; CNA program (nursing assistance program), which was a pilot program, has worked out well for the Homestead, with six new persons on board.

- **Food Drive** – 2.5 tons were collected the first day, with the goal to be completed today for a total of 5 tons of food.
- **Volunteer Breakfast** – scheduled for December 4, 2008, at the Farmstead Country Club.
- **Social Services** – clientele continues to rise; Freeholder Zellman commended Carol Novrit and her staff for working together to handle the number of cases the office is experiencing.
- **Bus ridership** – ridership is up for the Loops.
- **Northwest Bus Study** – there will be an update for the Northwest Bus Study that is being conducted by the Department of Transportation and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; Freeholder Zellman said that Senator Oroho's office had asked for a briefing on the Study; she said that when this is scheduled she would let the Board know when it was.

Tour of the Homestead

Freeholder Crabb said that he toured the Homestead with Stephen Gruchacz and Jake Lighten; he said that it was a center of excellence.

Shared Services

Freeholder Crabb said that a Shared Services update was recently forwarded to the Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor as to what Sussex County was currently doing; he highlighted Shared Services currently in progress across the County.

Freeholder Crabb said that currently there were 27 different initiatives that were being worked on that appeared would come to fruition.

Freeholder Crabb said that he would like to develop this into a press release for the Herald.

Freeholder Wirths said that he felt it was important to let the Governor know what was being done with shared services in Sussex County; he added that he felt the press release was a good idea.

Recognition of Rob Moorhead for Food Drive efforts

Freeholder Crabb asked if the Board thought it would be appropriate to recognize the services that Rob Moorhead put forth for the food drive.

Freeholder Wirths suggested that Rob Moorhead and others involved also be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition; he said that these persons could be invited to attend a Freeholder Meeting.

NJAC panel on Shared Services

Freeholder Vetrano said that on December 8, 2008, he was going to be participating on a panel on shared services in Trenton for the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC); the Governor has been invited; whatever the County has can be made a part of the public presentation.

Freeholder Wirths said that shared services discussions should be a part of the Six County Coalition; he said that the Counties should share their best practices; Freeholder Zellman suggested that at the next Six County Coalition Meeting, each County could choose its one best practice to share with the other County officials in attendance.

Acknowledgement of Rich Zeoli

Freeholder Wirths acknowledged the presence of Rich Zeoli, Sussex County Republican Party Chairman; he invited Mr. Zeoli to speak.

MOTION made at 10:38 am by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Comments by Rich Zeoli

Mr. Zeoli stated that like everyone else, he was surprised by Freeholder Vetrano's decision to not seek re-election; he thanked Freeholder Vetrano for all of his hard work and what he has done for the people of the County; Mr. Zeoli said that Freeholder Vetrano has been a great friend, a tireless advocate, and a strong candidate; he said that he knew a lot of people would ask Freeholder Vetrano to reconsider, but noted that everyone respected Freeholder Vetrano's decision.

Mr. Zeoli said that as Party Chairman, he wanted to thank Freeholder Vetrano and that he knew that he (Freeholder Vetrano) would stay very involved with the Party.

Thank you to Ms. Wakefoose and Technical School students for attending

Freeholder Wirths thanked Ms. Wakefoose and the Technical School students for attending the Freeholder Meeting to see firsthand how County Government functions, and for their presentation on Skills USA.

MOTION made at 10:40 am by Freeholder Vetrano to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made at 10:45 a.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to go into Executive Session for items of contract dealing with the County's present Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage and the replacement thereof, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION 703-2008

- 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 11:05 a.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Wirths said that Resolution 14. B. 1. would be addressed and asked County Counsel to read the Resolution.

14. PERSONNEL

B. Resolutions

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF
704-2008 EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE
 SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH HORIZON
 HEALTH SERVICES, INC., D/B/A
 HORIZON BLUE CROSS/BLUE
 SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. McConnell said that this action technically terminated the County’s Agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield effective January 1, 2009.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

Comment from County Counsel regarding Resolution 14. B. 1.

Mr. McConnell stated that this action terminated all Agreements with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield, except COBRA; he explained that COBRA is a subsidiary of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and it is specifically noted in the Resolution that the County is not terminating that; this however, does not prohibit Blue Cross/Blue Shield from giving the County a 30 day notice that it is not going to cover COBRA; Mr. McConnell said that the County would have to handle that situation should it occur.

Freeholder Wirths asked how COBRA would work with the self-insurance, specifically, how would the cost be determined.

Mr. Eskilson replied that CIGNA and Brown and Brown were being asked by the County to develop a theoretical rate structure for a number for reasons, such as COBRA, cost allocations to grants, and cost allocations to the health fund and library fund.

Wellness Discount Program

Freeholder Vetrano referred to the information that has been forwarded to the Board from the Bergen County Freeholder Board regarding a Wellness Discount Program and asked County Counsel if he was familiar with it.

Mr. McConnell said that Ron Tappan was aware of this and that once the transition to CIGNA has taken place, he (Ron Tappan) would pursue setting up a meeting to explore and determine if it was appropriate for Sussex County.

22. REMINDERS

Thursday	November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day	Holiday
Friday	November 28, 2008	Day after Thanksgiving	Holiday

Wednesday

December 17, 2008

Regular Meeting

9:00 am

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 11:07 a.m. by Freeholder Parrott to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: November 25, 2008