

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Space; Freeholder Vohden; Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Zeoli; John Eskilson, County Administrator; Dennis McConnell, County Counsel; and 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 February 15, 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

There were none.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation for Luke W. Loughery for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
540-2011
2. Proclamation designating October as "Community Planning Month".
541-2011
3. Certificate for Steven V. Oroho for being recognized as the "Legislator of the Year" by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.
542-2011

Freeholder Crabb asked to add a Certificate.

4. Certificate for the 100th Anniversary of the Franklin Revolver and Rifle Association.
543-2011

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

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Freeholder Zeoli asked that the Public Session be held at this time.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

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

Homestead Nursing Home

Krista Gerry of Vernon, New Jersey came forward to speak about the Homestead Nursing Home; her husband's Aunt was there for 6 years and the staff at the Homestead took excellent care of her; she has gotten signatures on a petition and found that most people in Sussex County are for keeping the Homestead open; she has spoken to many people; she hopes the County will keep it open.

Freeholder Zeoli said the Board has not made any decisions and there has been no conversation about closing it; the County is studying privatizing it, but there have not been any discussions about closing it. There was a short discussion.

Brian Keenan, resident of Andover Township since 1971, came forward and said the reason he is here is he sent an e-mail and also said he was submitting the original letter with the signatures of the residents of his community; he also handed out copies of a map; he said the primary issue is about 15 years ago in front of their properties there is an easement; he bought his home in 1971 and prior to 1971 a section of Rt. 517 was straightened out; in doing that the County easement was moved over from the property boundaries out a little bit further toward the road; as a result there is something of a no-man's land there; the residents do not own the property and the County says they don't have the responsibility of maintaining it because it is outside of the County's easement; he is talking about three areas – the actual current easement, the area between the current easement and the old easement, and then the properties as homeowners in that community; there is a lot of water running off that he is aware is coming from the Township roads behind them and it comes down; years ago a berm was put in closer to the road which was working well; over the years that berm has deteriorated and this past year having had three very severe storms really deteriorated this berm; there was a short discussion.

Mr. Keenan said what he would like to request is the possibility of bumping up the priority and what they would hope to see is a fix before this winter, even if it is just temporary, that would better channel the water in front of their homes so they don't have to worry about the icing problem; and ultimately a fix that would be more permanent.

Freeholder Crabb said he took a look at this issue today and he could see where the water was coming off the hill.

John Eskilson, County Administrator, said he did not have a solution, but the County Engineer is looking at this very carefully to try to bring back a solution that would address at least most of this issue.

Freeholder Zeoli said the County appreciates his (Mr. Keenan) patience on this. There was a short discussion.

Mr. McConnell, County Counsel, said there has been some litigation with some drainage that came off the back roads, there is a question of ownership of pipes, etc. and that litigation has been resolved and some of that rests on private ownership with regard to maintenance of that drainage.

Mr. Eskilson said he is not talking about a solution that even involves a drain pipe, he is talking about a rather basic chase of the water down the hill to find the inlet at the bottom of the hill.

Freeholder Zeoli said it sounds like the County Administrator is on top of it, as always, and the County will make sure it is being researched and it will get back to you.

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

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B. Presentations

1. Presentation from the Youth Services Commission with an overview of the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan for Sussex County. (10 min.)

Freeholder Zeoli asked for Steve Gruchacz, Administrator, Department of Human Services to come up to introduce the presentation; he said Melissa Latronica, Director, Division of Community & Youth Services, was handing out some handouts to the Board; Mr. Gruchacz said what the Board will be hearing tonight is what has been three years of putting together a comprehensive Youth Services Plan showing the progress that is being made in the community and addressing the needs of the community in trying to help the youth of the County not end up in bigger trouble than they already are and working with the families in the community; he turned the presentation over to Ms. Latronica.

Ms. Latronica went over the handout she gave to the Board; this handout is on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office; she went over the Mission; she explained where the County received its data from; she started with prevention, then discussed the survey of at-risk youth, the next area is diversion and she explained what this was; she said the next area is detention, the average daily population in detention has decreased by 50% and average length of stay has decreased by 32%, directly because of the home detention program; she discussed the community services for the juveniles that are not in detention; after that Ms. Latronica discussed the disposition options for the juveniles; she explained that the last part of the Plan is re-entry and that has really good news because there isn't much planning to do for re-entry because there is such a small number of juveniles re-entering into the community from juvenile justice placements. There was a short discussion.

The Board was very happy with the Plan and with the progress in this area.

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Handled earlier in the meeting.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments from Freeholder Vohden

Freeholder Vohden discussed taxes that members of his family are paying; those taxes are so much less than in New Jersey; people ask him all the time why the Board can't lower taxes; he said he went to a Town Hall meeting in Sparta hosted by the County's Legislators and they have a plan to lower taxes; it is called the Fair School Funding Plan and it could translate into real property tax relief for Sussex County; they calculate, under this Plan, that Sussex County could save up to \$70,000.00 a year; to better understand the concept, they have a power point presentation that he will send to the other members of the Board; he also has a copy of a Resolution that he would like the Board to adopt at its next meeting. The Board agreed to have the Resolution on the next Agenda.

Comments from Freeholder Crabb

Freeholder Crabb thanked everyone for coming to the Parade last weekend; there was a short discussion concerning the parade; he wanted to thank The Herald for its 4-page spread; it was a nice touch after a difficult situation and they really do appreciate it.

Freeholder Crabb said he has gotten some feedback that the College has met with the County Fire Chiefs Association and the Board of Trustees for the Fire Academy and there has been a lot of tangible progress there; he said that the College has a lot of irons in the fire for a lot of different things and the way it has refocused on the Public Safety Training Facility has gone a long way; there will be more on this coming in the future.

Freeholder Crabb discussed an article that was in the paper with regards to the challenges Vernon Township is facing with its document management; it seems like an opportunity for another potential type of shared service; there will be more on this in the future also.

Comments from Freeholder Space

Freeholder Space said he would like to echo what Freeholder Crabb said about the County parade; he also said the next day he attended the Trapper's Convention.

Comments from Freeholder Zellman

Freeholder Zellman said that 2 weeks ago she attended the Workforce Investment Board at the Morris County Public Safety Training Facility; she said it was helpful to hear from all three counties concerning job fairs and the initiatives that the unemployment offices and the one-stop career stops are doing to try to get people into jobs.

Freeholder Zellman discussed the paving along Rt. 206 because she had heard from one of the businesses that was concerned about patrons being able to access its building because of lack of signage and she contacted the NJDOT about it.

Freeholder Zellman said she attended the Senior Advisory Council this week; they are having quite a number of events for the citizens of the County; Healthy Living Festival this Saturday at the Hardyston Middle School, which would include free health screenings; a Medicare Workshop on October 26th; on November 15th is the Caregiver Expo and on November 6th is the Salute to Military Veterans.

Freeholder Zellman said she contacted Ms. Hentz today to ask about the ID pictures for seniors; there was discussion about doing them at the Clerk's Office or at the Sheriff's Office; the Sheriff's Office has rehired a person who will be reinstating the Triad Program and they are hoping to have the machine mobile by January so they can bring it out to all the Senior groups.

Freeholder Zellman said she wanted to congratulate Demarest Farms; she received a copy of the Community Investment News today and there was an article in there about Advance Housing, Monarch Housing, TD Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank concerning the Demarest Farms project in Lafayette.

Comments from Freeholder Crabb

Freeholder Crabb discussed the road closure coming out of Stanhope/Netcong and going up to the Netcong Circle, it will put a lot of traffic over to Rt. 206; he doesn't think there has been any heads up on that for signage by the Netcong Circle; he asked Mr. Scruton if The Herald could run something on this because it will be bedlam. Freeholder Zellman thought printing alternative routes would be helpful.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
544-2011
- B. RESOLUTION RE: TO ACCEPT RECEIPT OF TWO MASS CARE TRAILERS FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE FY '07 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM
545-2011
- C. 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 the issuance of purchase orders for Lowe's Companies, Inc.)
546-2011
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes this purchase of two (2) Dodge Chargers from Chas. S. Winner, Inc. in the approximate total amount of \$44,279.38)
547-2011
- E. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF

- 548-2011** ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SECURITY ENHANCEMENT (LEASE) PROGRAM, JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$94,085.00
- F. **549-2011** RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE HAVA SECTION 261 GRANT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,889.00
- G. **550-2011** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ADOPT THE 2012 COUNTY ALLIANCE PLAN AS PER THE LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE \$202,452.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012
- H. **551-2011** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO AMEND THE CONTRACT #11-541-ADA-0 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADDICTION SERVICES PROVIDING \$277,715.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011
- I. **552-2011** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR A TRANSPORTATION GRANT UNDER ARRA SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LEASE OF ONE 16 PASSENGER LIFT EQUIPPED VEHICLE #18-130
- J. **553-2011** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR A TRANSPORTATION GRANT UNDER ARRA SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LEASE OF ONE 16 PASSENGER LIFT EQUIPPED VEHICLE #18-133
- K. **554-2011** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SUBMIT THE AREA PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT 12-1394-AAA-C-2 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Agreement with a County match of \$4,612.00)

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 Crabb to adopt the Financial Consent Agenda Items 9.A. – 9.K., seconded by Freeholder Space.

Freeholder Zeoli wanted to point out with regard to the replacement of vehicles, one of the

vehicles is being replaced by insurance and the other one is a vehicle with 128,000 miles on it with repairs that are necessary that exceed the value of the car.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting September 14, 2011
Regular Meeting September 28, 2011

Executive Session Minutes
Regular Meeting September 14, 2011

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to approve these minutes, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

11. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

There were none.

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2012 YOUTH SERVICES
555-2011 COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES
PLAN FOR SUSSEX COUNTY
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2012
556-2011 SUSSEX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM
AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES PLAN UPDATE AS
REQUIRED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
ADDICTION SERVICES
- C. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF REVISED BY-LAWS OF THE SUSSEX
(tabled) COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (LACADA)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PUBLIC
557-2011 TRANSPORTATION STUDY FINAL REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt these Resolutions; seconded by Freeholder Vohden

Item 12.B.

Freeholder Zellman said she had a comment on Item 12.B.; as far as the treatment, it certainly shows the need for LACADA and the different programs discussed by Ms. Latronica today; under Treatment it says Sussex County ranks 17th in population in the State, but 9th in estimated treatment need.

Item 12.C.

Freeholder Zellman said she wanted to ask County Counsel a question about by-laws in general; she wanted to know if the by-laws should reflect the County Policy that it has regarding appointed bodies making comments when they should comment directly to the Freeholders rather than making comments to the public; should the by-laws reflect that.

Mr. McConnell said it could be put into the by-laws; there are certain items they are required to do according to Code.

Freeholder Zeoli asked if the Board should hold off approving this until that is done; Mr. McConnell said it might not be a bad idea; Freeholder Zeoli suggested talking about this at the next Agenda meeting.

Freeholder Zeoli said without objection Resolution C. will be pulled.

The Board passed this motion unanimously with Resolution C being pulled.

13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. **RESOLUTION RE: 558-2011** AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AHS HOSPITAL CORP./NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER FOR PROVIDING OF MEDICAL CARE TO INMATES OF THE KEOGH-DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Contract for services provided through December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$193,689.25)
2. **RESOLUTION RE: 559-2011** AWARDING 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 awards this Contract to the only respondent, Medical Consultant Services, LLC, with the Contract to run from August 10, 2011 until August 9, 2012 in the approximate amount of \$47,000.00)
3. **RESOLUTION RE: 560-2011** AWARDING A CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROVIDING ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION FOR UPGRADES TO VARIOUS CCTV AND ACCESS CONTROL PROJECTS (Resolution awards this Contract to the only respondent, Intertech Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$53,800.00)

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

Item 13.A.1.

Freeholder Zellman asked how this compares to last year; Mr. McConnell pointed out that this Resolution is paying 2010 bills; this was down a bit from the previous year.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

14. FINANCIAL

There was none.

15. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda – no Personnel Agenda

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson said the long awaited bids on the solar project are due in tomorrow at 1 pm in this room.

17. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

County Counsel did not have a report at this time.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

19. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 6:00 pm by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 6:01 pm by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION (voice vote)

There was none.

- A. Personnel
- B. Contract
- C. Litigation
- D. Other Matters

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

22. REMINDERS

Wednesday	October 12, 2011	League of Mun.	6:00 pm
		Dinner – Lafayette House	
Wednesday	October 26, 2011	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:03 pm by Freeholder Space to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

Dated: October 12, 2011