

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:02 p.m.

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

Freeholder Crabb arrived at 5:22 p.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 6, 2010 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ 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 Daniel Scholl attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

549-2010

2. Proclamation in recognition of John Walter Walker Koenig attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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3. Proclamation in recognition of Timothy Alan Haines attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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4. Proclamation designating October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

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5. Certificate for Jeffrey J. Quinn for being chosen by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, as its recipient of the "Distinguished Citizen Award".

553-2010

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

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by the Human Services Advisory Council to update the Board of its activities and efforts to implement the 20% reduction in funding for the 2011 budget. (5 minutes)

Mary Emilius, came forward; she distributed a copy of her presentation to the Board (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office); Ms. Emilius read her presentation, which highlighted possible impacts on the services available through the various providers such as Advance Housing and Center for Prevention and Counseling, that could be realized if funding was cut.

The Board thanked Ms. Emilius for her comments.

Comments from John Eskilson, County Administrator

Mr. Eskilson informed Ms. Emilius that no budget cut was made without serious consideration; he added that the County was \$5 million short in meeting the CAP for 2011; the County was down 74 employees in the last 2 ½ years and a layoff plan has just been filed with Civil Service to layoff additional employees; he elaborated that to find \$5 million would have significant impacts on the entire organization.

There was a brief discussion.

2. Presentation by the Mental Health Board to provide the Board with a report on the 2009 accomplishments and current activities. (5 minutes)

Ernest Hemschot, Chairman, Sussex County Mental Health Board, came forward; he introduced Ed Szabo, member, Sussex County Mental Health Board.

Ed Szabo, came forward; he said he would be highlighting various 2009 accomplishments; Mr. Szabo said that the Mental Health Board has prepared and updated a 23 page Mental Health Plan, which had been approved in 2008 by the Freeholder Board; the Sheriff and the Undersheriff made a presentation to the Mental Health Board addressing current topics, such as funding psychotropic medications for clients with mental illness, population reviews, supervision, waiting lists, as it relates to incarceration; partnered with Saint Clare's Hospital and the Community College to provide a law enforcement education program to the community for cross training of the mental health field and law enforcement; scholarships were provided to eight consumers who have been involved in mental health activities.

Comments from Ernest Hemschot

Mr. Hemschot came forward; he highlighted two issues the Mental Health Board has been working on; outpatient services for indigents and the mentally ill homeless; Mr. Hemschot discussed the Homeless Trust Fund, a statute that allows for a County to assess a \$3.00 fee for certain documents that are recorded by the County Clerk; he said the outpatient problem had to do with the inability of the indigent outpatients to obtain medicine reviews; reviews should be conducted at least every two weeks; Mr. Hemschot said that discussions have been held with Sussex County Public Health Nursing to provide this service; he suggested that the Freeholder Board fund a part-time Psychiatric APN to perform these duties, paying for the position by utilizing the funding currently being spent on the homeless through the grant-in-aid program; if the Freeholder Board adopted the Homeless Trust Fund idea, the homeless could be funded through that and the County would not have to fund the homeless through the grant-in-aid program as it would be funded through the Homeless Trust Fund.

Freeholder Zeoli asked if it could be an option for persons to contribute the \$3.00; Mr. Hemschot explained the ramifications an optional donation would cause; i.e. banks and title companies would not know how much to send in with a mortgage or a deed to the County Clerk's Office; he said this would also create extra work for the County Clerk's Office.

There was a brief discussion.

7. **PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

MOTION made at 5:45 pm by Freeholder Zeoli to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Update on Meals on Wheels

Linda Ward, Catholic Family Services, came forward; she updated the Board on the Meals on Wheels program; she said that on Mondays, she and the Office Manager have been putting together meals to distribute for the Meals on Wheels program; Tuesdays and Thursdays, the staff at the Adult Day Care Center have been cooking meals for delivery the next day; she invited the Board to offer suggestions as to other alternatives to support the Meals on Wheels program.

Veterans ID and Discharge Card

Roger Gengaro, Sussex County American Legion Commander, came forward; he introduced Pete Varsalona, District Executive Committeeman, and Bill Aukema, County Chaplain; Mr. Gengaro asked the Board for its support of the Veterans ID and Discharge Card; he said this was a card he received when he lived in Passaic County and the card was sponsored by the County Clerk and the Freeholder Board; the basic use for the card would be for identification, but in addition to that, it would be a thank you to distribute to Veterans.

Mr. Gengaro said that Deputy County Clerk Brian McNeilly said that with some modification, the current system used for the County ID card could be utilized for this Veterans ID and Discharge Card; if the current system could be used, the cost would be minimal, with some staff time involved and blank cards which are about \$.09 a piece.

There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Eskilson said that he would speak to Erma Gormley regarding this card and the steps needed to begin the process.

The Board thanked Mr. Gengaro, Mr. Varsalona, and Mr. Aukema.

Comment on School Boards

Harry Dunleavy, Augusta, came forward; he reviewed the numerous times he has testified before the State Legislature regarding education and the bear hunt; he stated that he felt that a lot of money could be saved if most of the school boards were eliminated, noting that Sussex County had 27 school boards.

Comment on SCCC Board of Trustees' appointments

Mr. Dunleavy said that he applied to be considered for the Sussex County Community College Board of Trustees; he said that he felt he would at least be entitled to an interview, but he was not interviewed; he asked who appointed the Search Committee and if the process could be conducted in public.

Mr. Eskilson said that he (Mr. Eskilson) appointed the Search Committee by Statute and it is acknowledged by the Board of Chosen Freeholders; he noted that three of the Search Committee members have served for a very long time prior to Mr. Eskilson's appointment as County Administrator, and two members were appointed during Mr. Eskilson's tenure as County Administrator; these appointments are done by Resolution and placed on a Freeholder Agenda; Mr. Eskilson said that he was not involved in the screening of the applicants; screening was done by the Search Committee, as well as making recommendations to the County Administrator.

Comment on SCCC financial issue

Mr. Dunleavy noted that the Freeholder Board should consider turning the Community College financial matter over to the Prosecutor; he said that he felt there were a number of things that were being hidden from the public.

MOTION made at 6:10 pm by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comment from Freeholder Space

- **Annual Firemen's Parade**

Freeholder Space said that he attended the Annual Firemen's Parade and there was a good turnout.

Comments from Freeholder Zellman

- **Six County Coalition Meeting**

Freeholder Zellman thanked the Board for attending the recent Six County Coalition Meeting; she thanked Freeholder Zeoli for leading the discussion on the Governor's tool kit.

- **CASA breakfast**

Freeholder Zellman attended the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) breakfast; she added that she learned much about CASA and heard a success story from someone who is now a college student.

- **Senior Services Advisory Committee**

Freeholder Zellman said that the Senior Services Advisory Committee was doing many great things for the County.

Comment from Freeholder Crabb

- **SWAC Meeting**

Freeholder Crabb said that he attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting; there was a presentation on plasma incineration technologies, which is not really incineration, but what is called vacification; he said he was bringing this up because with the landfill coming to the end of its life span in 2017, something like this has a four year timeframe to get started; Freeholder Crabb said that for the last couple of meetings, SWAC has only had six or seven municipalities represented; he said these decisions that need to be made in order to align with 2017, will have a huge affect as to what or what does not come out of County taxpayer's pockets; Freeholder Crabb recommended to the SWAC, and the SWAC agreed, that he (Freeholder Crabb) should send a letter to the Mayors and Administrators to encourage them as to why they should have representation at the SWAC meetings on an ongoing basis; he also said that the SWAC agreed to publish, by email, the SWAC minutes and attendance records to each of the municipalities; Freeholder Crabb said that the SWAC had some difficult decisions to make, and regardless of the financial challenges being faced, the road map for the County, as far as the landfill, must be determined.

Comments from Freeholder Parrott

- **Comment on Thor Labs**

Freeholder Parrott said that he attended the groundbreaking for Thor Labs; he said this showed how jobs could be created in the County and how government can work with a business to insure that it is successful.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
554-2010**
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF AN
555-2010** ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2010 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS CONTRACT #SH10019 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00, JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010
- C. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
556-2010** ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2010 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE "OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST" FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,400.00
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: RESCIND THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
557-2010** INSERTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS 10-1163-BT-L-2 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$66,285.00, AUGUST 10 2009 TO AUGUST 9, 2010 ADOPTED AUGUST 11, 2010
- E. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
558-2010** 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 J.A. Sexauer)
- F. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PURCHASING
559-2010** TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN EXCESS OF THE BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.3
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
560-2010** TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE \$140,000.00 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010 (Resolution authorizes this Modification, which reflects changes within the budget categories of "A. Personnel" and "F. Other")
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO**

- 561-2010** SUBMIT THE AREA PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT 11-1394-AAA-C-3 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in the amount of \$1,900,062.00 with a \$4,612.00 County Match)
- I. **562-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AWARD FOR THE 2010 COPS TECHNOLOGY GRANT #2010CKWX0531 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE \$1,000,000.00 IN FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 TO DECEMBER 15, 2012
- J. **563-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NJ TRANSIT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR TERMINATION OF LEASE/RETIREMENT OF VEHICLE AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 5310 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (Resolution authorizes this termination for Vehicle #16-1027)
- K. **564-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT FOR A NO-COST TIME EXTENSION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COUNTY AND REGIONAL COORDINATION (COUNT) GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A FULL-TIME SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR (Resolution authorizes this amendment, which give the County the ability to complete work that needs to be done and expend the remaining \$86,364.01)
- L. **565-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$119,000.00 IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification for additional ARRA funding for the provision of housing related services)
- M. **566-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE BUDGET MODIFICATION #1 OF CONTRACT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AN SENIOR SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW JERSEY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN AT THE COUNTY LEVEL FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011 (Resolution authorizes this Modification of a decrease of \$15,000.00)
- N. **567-2010** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ALLOW THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO APPLY FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (Resolution authorizes this funding in the amount of \$5,000.00)

- O. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL 568-2010** “RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM PROVIDING FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX 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 this Amendment to change the duration of the Agreement from two years and five months to three years and five months)
- P. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SERVERS FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes the purchase from Dell Marketing in the amount of \$106,160.00 and from EPLUS Technology in the amount of \$84,236.60)**
- Q. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL MASONRY SERVICES TO THE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES SERVING THE COUNTY OFFICES (Resolution authorizes the execution of this Change Order for Zara Construction in the amount of \$15,992.00)**
- R. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY AGENCIES (Resolution authorizes the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Colorado Compact Pickup Trucks and two (2) Ford Escape SUVs from Mall Chevrolet and DFFLM, LLC in the total amount of \$78,702.00)**
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- S. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BODY, PLOW AND SANDER EQUIPMENT FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes the purchase of two (2) dump bodies, two (2) hydraulic systems, and two (2) material spreaders from Cliffside Body Corporation in the total amount of \$39,798.00)**
- T. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ADOPT THE 2011 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, DIVISIO OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011**
- U. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE FFY10 HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, AWARD #2010-P110-1900, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00**
- V. **RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY HARVEST**

574-2010

FESTIVAL (Resolution authorizes supporting the Sussex County Harvest Festival with assisting in the advertising and promotion needs, as well as financial support from a portion of the proceeds from a New Jersey Highlands Agritourism Grant not to exceed \$50,000.00)

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 Zeoli to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Space.

Resolution 9. K.

Freeholder Crabb questioned Resolution 9. K.

Mr. Eskilson explained that the County received a \$300,000.00 grant approximately three years ago to cover the salary of the Shared Services Coordinator; this also included funding for benefits, such as health benefits; the Shared Services Coordinator did not need the health benefits so there was a balance; this will allow for the Shared Services Coordinator position to continue into next year; with some anticipated movement of staff, it is expected that a new Shared Services Coordinator will be named and this money will help to offset this position.

Resolution 9. A.

Freeholder Space stated that he was going to abstain on Bill #24377.

Resolution 9. L.

Freeholder Zellman noted that there was \$119,000.00 going towards housing services for the homeless in Sussex County.

Resolution 9. N.

Freeholder Zellman asked who coordinated the Sussex County Medical Corps.

Mr. Eskilson replied that this program was under the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services and did not cost the County anything; there are currently 190 volunteers in the program, a vast majority who are health providers, such as doctors and nurses; these volunteers have helped to run the H1N1 clinics and are available for medical emergencies; this grant for \$5,000.00 helped with training and various supplies; the Medical Corps has very little oversight from the County and is basically run by volunteers.

Resolution 9. R.

Freeholder Zellman asked who the replacement vehicles were for.

Mr. Eskilson replied that the Ford Escape was replacing a Roads Durango with 128,000 miles; the second Ford Escape was replacing a Health Durango with 114,000 miles; one in very poor condition and one in marginal condition; the Chevy Colorado is replacing a Health pick-up, which is partially offset by insurance costs as the result of a motor vehicle accident; and the second Chevy Colorado is replacing a Mosquito pick-up with 189,000 miles; these are all being replaced with more fuel efficient vehicles and less maintenance costs.

Freeholder Zeoli said that one is in the Capital Budget, the other is coming from the trust set aside for replacement vehicles; he said there was no question that the vehicles were needed, but he asked that this item be removed and placed on the next agenda in two weeks;

Freeholder Zeoli said that he had a conversation with Mr. Eskilson regarding the leasing of vehicles and felt it was worth it to have one more conversation on leasing.

Mr. McConnell asked if there was a deadline on these purchases; the Purchasing Agent will be asked if these purchases fall within a specified deadline.

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to table this item providing there is no time deadline, subject to the County Administrator's judgment, seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

Resolution 9. T.

Freeholder Zellman referred to the Alliance Plan, stating that it was late in the year and it was only 22% expended; she said that she knew there was an issue trying to work with the individual Alliances to get them to volunteer and to spend the money.

Mr. Eskilson said that the County was a conduit to this money; larger municipalities are Alliances of school boards and municipalities and are responsible for expenditures and coordinating.

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to approve everything on the Consent Agenda except Resolution 9. R., seconded by Freeholder Crabb.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes, but abstain on Bill #24377 on Resolution 9. A.
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Zeoli to authorize Resolution 9. R. to proceed in the event there is a timeline issue with regard to State contract; in the event there is no State contract, this Resolution at that point in time will be relisted on the October 27, 2010, Freeholder Agenda for consideration, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting September 22, 2010

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

11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Appointments

1. **RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER P. O'HALLORAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WAYNE A. RING; SAID TERM TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2014**

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

12. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING CONSENT OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56 TO THE FINANCING OF A PURPOSE ON BEHALF OF THE OGDENSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**
576-2010

- B. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2011 SUSSEX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES PLAN UPDATE AS REQUIRED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADDICTION SERVICES**
577-2010

- C. **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF REVISED SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**
578-2010

- D. **RESOLUTION RE: URGING THE NEW JERSEY SENATE TO PASS SENATE BILL 1875 AND FOR THE NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY TO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 2614**
579-2010

- E. **RESOLUTION RE: URGING THE NEW JERSEY SENATE TO PASS SENATE BILL 346 AND FOR THE NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY TO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 1372**
580-2010

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

Resolution 12. A.

Freeholder Crabb said that Resolution 12. A. may have to be taken separately because the Resolution referred to "Township of Ogdensburg" and it should be "Borough of Ogdensburg".

Freeholder Crabb questioned why this was going through the Morris County Improvement Authority.

Mr. Eskilson explained that for counties that did not have their own Improvement Authorities, public entities are able to utilize the financing available through other counties that do have Improvement Authorities.

Resolution 12. A.

Mr. McConnell stated for the record that with regard to Resolution 12. A., the word "Township" in the first "Whereas" will be eliminated and replaced with the word "Borough".

The Motion was passed unanimously with the change from "Township" to "Borough", as noted by Mr. McConnell.

F.

INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING - RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: PRELIMINARY ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SPARTA RECREATION CENTER, SPARTA TOWNSHIP
581-2010

MOTION to adopt this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Crabb, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. **RESOLUTION RE: RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AS REQUIRED FOR LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this renewal for August 10, 2010 through August 9, 2011 in the approximate amount of \$46,999.92)**
582-2010

2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE "SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD SEWER EXTENSION" FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution awards this Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Mountain View Development & Contracting Co., Inc., in the amount of \$233,300.00)**
583-2010

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

Resolution 13. A. 1.

Freeholder Zellman asked for clarification on the dates as listed in the third paragraph, referring to May through August, 2009, and then commencing in August, 2010 through 2011; she asked why there was nothing between August 9, 2009 and August 10, 2010.

There was a brief discussion regarding the dates; Mr. McConnell explained that the contract could be extended for two additional and consecutive one year periods; the initial award was in 2009 and this would be the second extension.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

B. Change Orders

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT #2 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND CERENZIO & PANARO, P.C. FOR PROVIDING OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME WATER SERVICE UPGRADE AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) (Resolution authorizes this Amendment in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the Construction Administration services)

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Space	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Zeoli	Yes
Freeholder Director Parrott	Yes

14. **FINANCIAL**

There were no items for Financial.

15. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Personnel Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

16. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

SCCC Search Committee

Mr. Eskilson stated that the interview process of the Search Committee will commence within the next day or two.

17. **COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell stated that he had no report at this time.

18. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

19. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 6:41 pm by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zeoli and passed unanimously.

Comment from Ed Szabo

Mr. Szabo asked for an explanation of Resolutions 12. D. and 12. E.

Mr. Eskilson said this was what was commonly referred to as the “double dip provision”; current laws allow for Constitutional Officers to receive a pension from an earlier appointment while they are currently employed; these Bills would end that in both the PERS, which is the Public Employees Retirement System, and PFRS, which is the Police Fire Retirement System.

Comments from Louis Ruggiero and Peter Horvath/use of Morris County morgue

Louis Ruggiero, Iliff Funeral Home, Newton, and Smith-Taylor Ruggiero Funeral Home, Dover, and Peter Horvath, Pinkle Funeral Home, Sussex, came forward; Mr. Horvath said that rumors have been circulating that the County was considering using the Morris County morgue; he asked that before that decision was made, perhaps the Sussex County funeral home owners could meet and discuss what the ramifications might be to the people of Sussex County; he gave the example that should a suicide occur in Sussex County and an Investigator from Morris County had to be relied upon to respond, it could be a few hours before the Investigator could arrive at the scene; in the meantime, the body remains with the family members; Mr. Horvath added that the Morris County facility was even less conducive than Sussex County's; he felt that the County would be paying more and the families would suffer more, noting that it would also cost the families more because the funeral homes would have to travel to Morris County to transport the bodies to Sussex County.

Mr. Eskilson said that this was not a rumor; Sussex County has had several meetings with Morris County staff and the Morris County Medical Examiner; a tour of the facility was conducted and stakeholders have been identified; the next meeting would be with the Prosecutor who would also tour the facility and meet with the Medical Examiner; the next meeting is to be with the funeral directors, the Morris County Medical Examiner, and the appropriate members of the Freeholder Board and County staff to discuss the contract, and what the cost and service implications would be; Mr. Eskilson said that the County's Shared Services Coordinator identified this as a possibility some time ago and as a result it is now being explored; he added that the numbers do look attractive.

Mr. Ruggiero said that there were factors other than money that should be considered; he noted that Sussex County had a growing population and also a growing death rate, adding that this action seemed like the County would be going backwards; Mr. Ruggiero said that he has been involved in the past with the closing of Medical Examiner's Offices and trips back and forth, mistakes are made, the wrong body released, the wrong person cremated; those kinds of things happen because you do not receive the kind of individualized care and attention that our County residents deserve; if something happens to our mother or father we do not want to hear that they are being taken to Morristown; Mr. Ruggiero said that he deals with Morristown out of his Dover funeral home; it is a very busy and hectic facility; he said that he did not think it was going to be fair to County residents, from an investigative standpoint or from a time standpoint for Morris County to get to the scene quickly and effectively for the families; there will be heavy delays because Morris County has a backlog with a lot of autopsies every day; Mr. Ruggiero said this could cause a family a delay in making arrangements for a mass or funeral service.

Mr. Eskilson said that the County has not had a problem with its arrangement with Morris County's Juvenile Detention Center; he said that the County was \$5 million short in CAP, it did not have a choice and the County had to offload \$5 million.

Freeholder Parrott suggested that Mr. Ruggiero and Mr. Horvath provide a bullet list of points that the Board can review so if the Board has any questions, it could ask the funeral directors.

The Board thanked Mr. Ruggiero and Mr. Horvath for their comments.

MOTION made at 7:00 pm by Freeholder Zellman to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

22. REMINDERS

Wednesday October 27, 2010 Regular Meeting 5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 7:01 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Space and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: October 13, 2010