

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Vetrano;
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Wirths;
Paul Griggs for Dennis McConnell, County Counsel;
Bernard Re, for 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 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
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 Jared Kent Nucci attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

542-2008

2. Proclamation in recognition of Russell T. Rowan attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

543-2008

3. Proclamation in recognition of Anthony Higgins attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

544-2008

4. Certificate for George Berkowitz in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals and his spirit of volunteerism to his community.

545-2008

5. Certificate for The Samaritan Inn declaring September 21, 2008 "Samaritan Inn Day – Shelter to the Homeless".

546-2008

6. Certificate declaring September 27, 2008 "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day".

547-2008

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

- B. Acknowledging the retirement of Elspeth M. Goodin, Principal Librarian, Division of Library Services, who is retiring after 21 years with the County; Herbert Hockenberry, Heavy Equipment Operator, Division of Public Works, who is retiring after 35 years with the County; Gail P. Jones, Legal Secretary, Prosecutor's Office, who is retiring after 25 years with the County.

548-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to acknowledge these retirements, seconded by Freeholder Parrott passed unanimously.

C. Presentations

- 1. Presentation by Commanding Brigadier General William N. Phillips to give the Freeholder Board an update on the activities at Picatinny Arsenal.

Freeholder Wirths welcomed General Phillips and introduced the Freeholder Board.

General Phillips said that it was an honor to be here and to have the opportunity to speak about the Army, what Picatinny was all about, and its positive impact on the community; the General presented a brief powerpoint presentation.

General Phillips said that today's Army boasted 1,093,000 soldiers, which included active duty National Guard and Reserve; approximately 248,000 of these soldiers are currently serving overseas in 80 different countries.

The General highlighted the positive financial impact that military installations had on the surrounding communities, noting that 382 employees lived in Sussex County; he provided a brief description of the Arsenal properties, laboratories, and facilities located within; General Phillips stated that the Arsenal produced 90% of the Army's lethality; various types of research and technology being developed at the Arsenal were discussed; he invited the Board to visit the Arsenal for a first-hand look.

The positive interaction with the communities was discussed, as well as how the Arsenal protected the environment around it; also highlighted were programs to assist Veterans and families of active soldiers.

The Board thanked General Phillips for his informative presentation.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 6:03 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

Citizen's Advisory Commission

Robert Longcor came forward; he said that he had been told that the Board would consider a Resolution to urge the County's Congressional Representatives to support the re-authorization of the Citizen's Advisory Commission to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; he urged the Board to adopt such a Resolution as he felt it was the only opportunity for the public to express its concern about issues in this Park which encompassed over 70,000 acres.

Mr. Longcor provided a brief verbal history of the Park area; he showed pictures of how deterioration was destroying some of the houses within the Park.

The Board thanked Mr. Longcor for his comments.

MOTION made at 6:08 p.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
549-2008
- B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR AUGUST 27, 2008
550-2008 AUTHORIZED AUGUST 20, 2008
- C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
551-2008 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE VETERANS' TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, VL09T03, JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
552-2008 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO KNOW PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,380.00
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
553-2008 AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH SUNRISE HOUSE ALLOCATING \$132,818.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY (Resolution authorizes this Modification by decreasing the funds for adult detoxification services by \$2,000.00 and the funds for adult inpatient services by \$3,000.00, totaling \$5,000.00 to be allocated to provide 50 additional sessions of adult intensive outpatient services for calendar year 2008)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: TO AMEND THE HEALTH SERVICES GRANT
554-2008 AGREEMENT #08-1394-AAA-C-2, MODIFICATION #2 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Resolution approves the request to have Federal funds transferred between Title III-C1 and Title III-C2 in the amount of \$17,853.00 and to have Federal and State funds adjusted for Administration in the amounts of \$31,525.00 from Title IIIB, \$2,000.00 from Title III-C1, \$3,000.00 from Title III-C2 and \$4,570.00 from Title IIIE, \$919.00 from SHTP funds and \$1,319.00 from SSBC funds)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: TO ACCEPT MODIFICATION #1 TO THE 2008 AREA
555-2008 PLAN CONTRACT #08-1394-AAA-C-2 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDING FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AWARDED BY \$203,262.00 FOR A TOTAL AWARD OF \$749,067.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (Resolution authorizes this Modification for calendar year 2008)

- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES TO REQUEST \$389,136.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF LOCAL CORE CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT #09-1163-BT-L-1, FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 10, 2008 TO AUGUST 9, 2009**
556-2008

- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Route One Corp./Motors Fleet for one (1) 2009 Toyota Prius Hybrid Sedan in the amount of \$21,518.00)**
557-2008

- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCDRTP) WITH NJ TRANSIT TO PROVIDE \$657,303.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, OFFICE OF TRANSIT, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008**
558-2008

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 Vetrano to approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Zellman.

Resolution 8. I.

Freeholder Wirths noted that this was the County's first purchase of a Hybrid vehicle, which would get approximately 40 miles per gallon; additional purchases were planned for the future.

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 August 20, 2008

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

Executive Session Minutes
Regular Meeting July 23, 2008

The Board needed to reapprove these minutes since Freeholder Vetrano was not involved in this Executive Session.

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve these minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed with Freeholder Vetrano abstaining.

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

There were no Appointments and/or Resignations.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHARGES TO RURAL MUNICIPALITIES FOR COSTS OF NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE COVERAGE
559-2008

- B. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
560-2008

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

Resolution 11. A.

Freeholder Wirths asked the Clerk to forward this Resolution to those towns that utilized the services of the State Police.

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

- A. Awards of Contracts
 - 1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND COMPENSATION OF JOHN MC CHESNEY OF SWIFT REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVIEW OF APPRAISALS OF THE WASHER AND TRI-FARMS, INC. IN ANDOVER BOROUGH; THE WASHER FARM IN ANDOVER TOWNSHIP; THE AF & EJF, LLC 1, 2, AND 3 FARMS IN STILLWATER TOWNSHIP; THE DECKERTOWN FARM, LLC, DEGROAT, SARGENT, LEWIS, TURR, WARREN, AFRAN, HILLS, R. CATON AND M. CATON FARMS IN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP; THE SINHA, SPINKS AND R. SOUTHWAY FARMS IN SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP; THE TORRE FARM IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP; TRI-FARMS, INC. IN BYRAM TOWNSHIP; THE P. SOUTHWAY 1, 2, 3 AND 4 FARMS IN FREDON TOWNSHIP; THE WASHER AND TRI-FARMS, INC. IN GREEN TOWNSHIP; AND THE GORDON FARM IN HAMPTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2008 COUNTY FUNDING ROUND (Resolution authorizes this Agreement in the amount of \$18,000.00)
561-2008

 - 2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL REMAINS – REMOVAL FROM ROADWAYS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS (Resolution awards this Contract to Space Wild Animal Farm, Inc. in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00)
562-2008

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

13. FINANCIAL

There were no items for Financial.

14. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve the Personnel Agenda in accordance with the County Administrator's recommendations, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Personnel Action Report

Freeholder Vetrano commented on the amount of movement involving personnel; he added that it was the stability that concerned him.

Mr. Re said that from a budgetary point of view it was beneficial, noting that past years have also reflected a lot of movement.

There was a brief discussion regarding the CNA Program at the Homestead; it was also discussed that the turnover of personnel on the Personnel Action Report could be the persons participating in the CNA Program who were working part-time and in class part-time.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

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

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

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

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

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

18. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of letter re: exemption/waiver request for affordable housing obligation Ferraro, Block 10, Lot 1, Franklin Borough to be signed by Freeholder Director.

Request from SCARC for a Letter of Support

Freeholder Wirths stated that SCARC has requested a Letter of Support for its application for a \$2 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to combine its employment centers into one facility.

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to approve the letter requesting exemption/waiver for affordable housing obligation for Ferraro, Block 10, Lot 1, Franklin Borough, to be signed by the Freeholder Director, and also to approve a Letter of Support for SCARC's application for a \$2 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

Appointment to Sussex County Technical School Board of Education

Freeholder Wirths said that one of the appointments to the Technical School Board of Education would be expiring on October 31, 2008; he was asking for the Board's support to form a Search Committee with Freeholder Parrott and one other Freeholder, to make review applications and make recommendations for a new appointment; Freeholder Wirths added that Freeholder Parrott would be a good candidate for the Search Committee as he had served on a school board for a number of years; Freeholder Vetrano said that he would serve with Freeholder Parrott.

There was a brief discussion; the Board determined that it would also provide a press release to the news media.

The Board agreed that Freeholder Parrott and Freeholder Vetrano would serve on the Search Committee to review applications and make recommendations for a new appointment to the Technical School Board of Education.

9-1-1 Grant/road improvements funding

Freeholder Wirths noted that the County has received a 9-1-1 Grant for \$220,000.00; also received were grant funds from the State for \$1.8 million for road improvements.

Share Services Update

Freeholder Crabb provided highlights of Shared Services Coordinator Keith Armstrong's report (on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

Comments on the military

Freeholder Crabb expressed his appreciation to all those who are serving our country, both here and abroad, for the sacrifices made daily to protect our country; he also expressed his thoughts on September 11, 2001.

Six County Coalition

Freeholder Zellman stated that the Six County Coalition had been rescheduled to October 1, 2008.

Future of Transportation Envisioning Session

Freeholder Zellman said that the Board would be receiving a letter from her through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), regarding the Future of Transportation Envisioning Session, scheduled for October 2, 2008, 5:30 p.m., Sussex County Technical School.

Freeholder Zellman said that this would be a grassroots, grounds up session to help the NJTPA plan for 2035; she said the hope was to retain mobility while maintaining Sussex County's rural character; Freeholder Zellman encouraged participation.

9-11 Memorial Service

Freeholder Vetrano thanked all those who attended the 9-11 Memorial Service on September 7, 2008.

Thank you letter to General Phillips

Freeholder Vetrano suggested that a thank you letter be forwarded to General Phillips for his presentation and for taking the time to come here and letting him know that the Board appreciates the service he has given to this country.

Freeholder Zellman said she would like to explore a little bit more about the resources from Picatinny to provide some of the technical resources to the Technical School and Freeholder Wirths suggested that the EDP might also benefit from some of those resources.

Freeholder Wirths asked for all five Freeholders to sign the letter to the General.

White Lake Road and Route 15 Project

Freeholder Vetrano said he had gotten an update on this project and asked Freeholder Zellman to update the Board on it.

Freeholder Zellman said they questioned what the delay was and she said apparently the contractor that was selected was involved in something on the State level with pay to play; therefore, this was delayed; the whole thing could have been done in the summer and now the whole thing is delayed because then they had to re-evaluate the bids and had to choose another contractor.

Freeholder Vetrano said that Tom Drabic indicated that if the State couldn't give it to the second bidder, then they will have to go back out and rebid the project and then it would be in next year's cycle.

Freeholder Vetrano asked if the Board thought a letter expressing its displeasure would help; there was a short discussion; the Board decided not to send a letter at this point.

State Park Firewood Program

Freeholder Vetrano said he got the e-mail about this program and Freeholder Wirths indicated that he asked the Clerk to call Jeff Spatola about this to see if the Senator and Assemblypersons were aware and if it was true; the Clerk was waiting for a call back. Freeholder Vetrano said he called Steve Ellis, Regional Parks Superintendent, and he hasn't gotten back to him. There was a short discussion. The Board said if it was true, the Board would like to have a letter on for the next Agenda.

Department of Environmental and Public Health Services

Freeholder Parrott asked if everyone received a copy of the CD from the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services and that he felt the Administrator was doing a very good job and is trying to expand the services of that Department.

9-11 Ceremony

Freeholder Parrott said how nice the 9-11 Ceremony was and how well it was planned and carried out.

County Clerk

Freeholder Parrott said he will be meeting with the County Clerk in the next few weeks to discuss the upcoming budget; he said the 2009 budget is going to be very difficult. There was a short discussion.

19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 6:45 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 6:46 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no 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	September 10, 2008	League of Mun.	6:30 pm
		Meeting – Lafayette House	
Wednesday	September 24, 2008	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm
Wednesday	October 1, 2008	Six County	5:30 pm
		Coalition Meeting	
		The Comfort Inn, Mansfield	

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:47 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: September 10, 2008