

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Graham; Freeholder Mudrick;  
Freeholder Phoebus; Freeholder Director Vohden;  
John Eskilson, County Administrator/Clerk; Dennis McConnell,  
County Counsel; Cathy Williams, Secretary to County Administrator

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 8, 2014 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 no Public Hearings for this meeting.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations

1. Mary Emilius of United Way to discuss resources now available for our unpaid family caregiving population.

B. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation in recognition of Zachary D. Greene attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**443-2014**

2. Certificate for the Township of Andover, in recognition of its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**444-2014**

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve this Proclamation and Certificate, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

Mary Emilius of United Way of Northern New Jersey came forward and introduced her colleague, Robin Ennis, who coordinates the United Way's Caregiver Coalition for the Counties of Sussex and Warren. Robin Ennis gave a brief overview of how she assists the unpaid caregivers' in Sussex County become connected with resources, support and education to help them in their role as an unpaid caregiver. A "Pathways for Caregivers" guide was distributed to the Board.

The Board thanked Mary Emilius and Robin Ennis for their presentation.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

**MOTION** made at 5:27 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

#### **Comment from Ed Szabo**

Ed Szabo of Stillwater came forward; he said he was at the meeting as a representative of the Stillwater Taxpayers' Association which is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Boat House Restaurant on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$28.00 per ticket; he also passed out a copy of the Association's last newsletter.

#### **Comment from Jackie Espinoza**

Jackie Espinoza of JCP&L came forward; she reported that JCP&L is going to start patrolling the transmission lines by helicopter and it should take approximately 12-15 days; she also said that she sent out an email about a utility scam which is back again in New Jersey and gave a brief statement about what is taking place.

#### **Comment from Mark Jones**

Mark Jones who is a County employee came forward; he said he was at the meeting to discuss their contract which was up for negotiation.

Mr. McConnell advised Mr. Jones that if he was going to discuss a contract that is pending negotiations, this was not the proper place to do it because the Board is on one side and the Union's on the other and if he has an issue, he needs to discuss it with his Union.

#### **Comment from Bill Tagliatela**

Bill Tagliatela, Police Chief of Andover Township came forward; he said he wanted to extend an invitation to the Board, with regards to the 9-1-1 communications with Green Township, and if the Board had any questions or concerns about any of the logistics with the switch-over, he would be more than happy to address them with the Board, prior to any actions being taken.

Mr. Eskilson encouraged Chief Tagliatela to contact the County to set up a meeting.

**MOTION** made at 5:34 p.m. by Freeholder Graham to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus and passed unanimously.

### **8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

#### **Comments by Freeholder Crabb**

- **Overseas Travel**

Freeholder Crabb stated that he just returned from his third trip overseas and mentioned how much security has increased, just recently, especially in Western Europe.

#### **Comments by Freeholder Phoebus**

- **Adult Protective Service Program**

Freeholder Phoebus reported that the Adult Protective Service Program for Sussex County was reviewed by the State for services provided during calendar year 2012 and once again, the report indicated the level of excellency provided by staff while working with the County's most vulnerable residents.

- **Comprehensive Youth Service Plan**

Freeholder Phoebus said that the 2014 Comprehensive Youth Service Plan is completed and was approved by the Youth Service Commission; she added that the Plan will be the foundation for funding critical services for youth throughout Sussex County and she commended Barbara Miller for doing a great job in coordinating the data for this Plan.

- **Child Abuse/Missing Children**

Freeholder Phoebus advised the Board that there is an event for Child Abuse/Missing Children funding hosted by HSAC which is a “Collaborative Problem Solving” program which will be presented by Alicia Stevenson on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Lafayette House.

- **Transitional Care Coalition**

Freeholder Phoebus said that the Transitional Care Coalition will conduct a community-wide education event scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Romano Conference Center at Newton Medical Center.

- **Skylands Ride**

Freeholder Phoebus said that the County has already started to work on funding for Skylands Ride because of the anticipated reduction in SCDRTAP money; Freeholder Phoebus also mentioned that there is a meeting planned with the 24<sup>th</sup> District which will be to request that the program not be cut.

### **Comments by Freeholder Graham**

- **September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance**

Freeholder Graham reminded everyone that it is the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 and even though things have a tendency to fade into the distance, we were all there and we should never forget.

### **Comments by Freeholder Mudrick**

- **Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council**

Freeholder Mudrick said that on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Arts & Heritage Council held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Art and Wine Tasting Event at the Lake Mohawk Pool; he commented that the attendance was up from last year.

- **Sussex County Community College (SCCC)**

Freeholder Mudrick reported that on August 26<sup>th</sup>, he had an opportunity to speak to the parents of first time students at SCCC, and the event was very well attended; that was followed by a great orientation program the following day.

- **Groundbreaking Event**

Freeholder Mudrick said that he and Freeholder Graham attended a groundbreaking event in Hopatcong Borough on August 18<sup>th</sup> with the Green Tree Development Group for Revitalization which was nicely attended; Assemblywoman McHose was also in attendance at this event.

- **Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony**

Freeholder Mudrick reported that on August 16<sup>th</sup> he along with Montague Mayor George Zitone and Montague Committee Members Paul Brislin and Gene Crawford attended the Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony for four young ladies, Jennifer Baarda, Tobi Edwards, Nicole Sarao and Callie Rose Teufert.

- **Veterans' Cemetery**

Freeholder Mudrick stated that he had a chance to ride past the future site for the Veterans' Cemetery on Route 94 and they are moving along with the clearing of brush and woods.

## Comments by Freeholder Vohden

- **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)**

Freeholder Vohden reported that he attended an NJTPA meeting right after the last Freeholder Meeting which was a field trip to the New Jersey Meadowlands Maintenance Complex in Kearney where they were given a tour of the maintenance facilities and the rail operations center.

Freeholder Vohden also attended the last NJTPA meeting which was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> where the Authority approved the funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Program and the High Risk Rural Roads Program; the total amount awarded to 13 Counties in the NJTPA area was \$12.5 Million and Sussex County received \$2.3 Million which is 18% of the total.

- **Hardyston Township's Veterans Monument**

Freeholder Vohden said that on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, he attended the dedication of the Hardyston Township Veterans' Monument which was very moving and well attended.

- **Sussex County Sunflower Maze**

Freeholder Vohden reported that recently he toured the Sussex County Sunflower Maze with Senator Oroho and NJ Secretary of Agriculture, Doug Fisher, who was in Sussex County to promote agritourism.

- **New Jersey Assembly's Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

Freeholder Vohden said that he joined Assemblyman Parker Space and a few other members of the New Jersey Assembly's Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on a tour of the Springhouse Dairy in Fredon and Space Farms.

- **"Taste of Newton"**

Freeholder Vohden remarked that he attended the "Taste of Newton" Monday evening and even though attendance seemed to be down, the food was great as usual.

## Additional Comment from Freeholder Phoebus

- **Lackawanna Cutoff**

Freeholder Phoebus added that there is anticipation that the Lackawanna Cutoff will be complete and opening at the end of 2015 or early 2016.

## Additional Comment from Freeholder Crabb

- **Budget Committee**

Freeholder Crabb said that he wanted to mention that he and Freeholder Mudrick will be kicking off the 2015 Budget season in the next week or two.

## **9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**445-2014**

B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
**446-2014** ORDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.  
FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS  
THAN THE BID THRESHOLD) (Resolution authorizes the issuance  
of purchase orders for Aurora Electrical Supply and Sissco.)

- C. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AGREEMENT FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICE UNDER THE PASSAIC COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#184PCECPS) TO VARIOUS BUILDINGS WITHIN SUSSEX COUNTY**  
**447-2014**
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX**  
**448-2014**  
(This purchase is provided by New Jersey State Contract #83083 with Computer Design & Integration LLC being a designed dealer/distributor of these services, in the amount of \$ \$73,385.50 to support the new 9-1-1 system requirements)
- E. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLING OF THE GRANT FUND BALANCES FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCDRTAP) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012 (provides for the cancellation of the 2012 SCDRTAP grant receivable and reserve balances totaling \$182,510.83, pursuant to the closeout signed and approved by NJ Transit. The balance of \$182,510.83 remains available to the County for reprogramming in subsequent years through modification of existing SCDRTAP agreements. For example, the CY2014 SCDRTAP grant has been modified to incorporate \$90,000.00 of the balance, with a Chapter 159 budget amendment being adopted at the July 23, 2014 meeting. The balance, \$92,510.83, will be included in the CY2015 SCDRTAP grant per the Resolution adopted at the July 9, 2014 meeting)**  
**449-2014**
- F. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE NEW JERSEY CANCER EDUCATION AND EARLY DETECTION (NJCEED) PROGRAM GRANT, JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$223,500.00**  
**450-2014**
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE RECOVERY STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT 12VAWA-69 FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2014 TO APRIL 30, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,155.00**  
**451-2014**
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00**  
**452-2014**
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY V-19-13 FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 16, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,682.00 STATE SHARE AND \$24,671.00 IN KIND MATCH**  
**453-2014**

- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE  
**454-2014** CY 2015 (JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES PLAN AND APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$368,500.00
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A PARKING SPACE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 49 HIGH STREET, NEWTON, NJ(extension of Agreement for an additional 19 years with an increased yearly fee of \$300.00 per space)
- L. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A PARKING SPACE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 55-57 HIGH STREET, NEWTON, NJ(extension of Agreement for an additional 19 years with an increased yearly fee of \$300.00 per space)
- M. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF 9-1-1 SYSTEM MANAGEMENT THROUGH 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.(Shared Service Agreement for 9-1-1 System Management for a term of five (5) years)
- N. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF 9-1-1 SYSTEM MANAGEMENT THROUGH 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. (Shared Service Agreement for 9-1-1 System Management for a term of five (5) years)
- O. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WALPACK TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF 9-1-1 SYSTEM MANAGEMENT THROUGH 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. (Shared Service Agreement for 9-1-1 System Management for a term of five (5) years)

**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 approve the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Graham.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Director Vohden	Yes

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Meeting August 13, 2014

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2014, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. Received letter from Marianne Chletsos resigning her position on the Mental Health Board effective immediately.

**12. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
**460-2014** CR630 IN BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH(Request is to accommodate the Borough Halloween Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm- 9pm)
- B. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 517 IN  
**461-2014** OGDENSBURG BOROUGH(Request is to accommodate Borough's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Parade)
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT SUSSEX COUNTY  
**462-2014** MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY CONDITIONAL WAIVERS FROM COUNTY POLICY FOR ROAD OPENINGS FOR WORK WITHIN COUNTY ROUTE 630(Waiver requests due to sanitary sewer collection project within the Borough of Branchville)
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH  
**463-2014** CONDITIONAL WAIVERS FROM COUNTY POLICY FOR ROAD OPENINGS FOR WORK WITHIN COUNTY ROUTES 519 AND 630(Waiver request to accommodate sanitary sewer collection project with Borough)
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION DATED  
**464-2014** DECEMBER 11, 2013 WITH COMPUTER DESIGN & INTEGRATION LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Correction of State Contract Number on Resolution)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION DATED  
**465-2014** JUNE 11, 2014 WITH COMPUTER DESIGN & INTEGRATION LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Correction of State Contract Number on Resolution)
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF  
**466-2014** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR QUOTES ON THE JUDICIAL CENTER SECURITY SCREEN PROJECT(The County has bid this project two times and has not received any bids. According to Local Public Contract Law (40A:11-5(3)), the County can start the negotiation process on this project)
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER  
**467-2014** INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN FOR RESURFACING OF JUNCTION STREET AND FOWLER STREET (MUNICIPAL ROADS) WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.

- I. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY DECLARING DEFAULT BY SUNLIGHT SUSSEX SOLAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S COUNTY OF SUSSEX RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM  
**468-2014**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Phoebus to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**13. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS**

A. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR THE KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY(Contract extension (year two of the five year contract) will be in effect from October 1, 2014 until September 30, 2015 with the County reserving the right to renew and extend the Contract for three additional years)  
**469-2014**
2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS SNOW PLOW BLADES 2014 – 2015(This \$13,504.00 order represents the first initial order (150 blades) with additional orders being placed before the start of the season. The County estimated approximately 500 blades for this season, Chemung pricing for the total blades is \$40,672.00)  
**470-2014**

B. CHANGE ORDERS

1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF NISIVOCCIA & COMPANY, CPA, A REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4(This resolution is to amend a Contract awarded to Nisivoccia & Company for registered municipal accounting services. Additional services for the Library Audit was needed increasing the total five year fee in the amount of \$34,229.00)  
**471-2014**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Director Vohden	Yes

**14. FINANCIAL**

There were no Financial items for this meeting.

**15. PERSONNEL**

A. Personnel Agenda - NONE

B. Resolutions

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF "FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – HEALTH EDUCATION" AND SALARY RANGE  
**472-2014**
- 2. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O., LOCAL 1083, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O., LOCAL 1083, SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT, FOR THE YEARS 2014, 2015, AND 2016  
**473-2014**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Mudrick	Yes
Freeholder Phoebus	Yes
Freeholder Director Vohden	Yes

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

A. Other

Mr. Eskilson reported that County Clerk, Jeff Parrott, asked that Mr. Eskilson share with the Board that on October 9, 2014 his office will be closed for mandatory passport training; however, the vault will remain open and there will be public notifications via the website.

Mr. Eskilson also reported that several of the County's insurance policies are placed with the Statewide Insurance Fund, a cooperative collaboration of over 100 local entities; its three year commitment was up at the end of the County's third year and it's now time to consider what to do next and Statewide gave us three choices: (1) the County can sign on regardless of what they may produce from a premium standpoint; (2) reservation of rights that you join unless the premium's over 5% then reserve the rights or (3) which is Mr. Eskilson's suggestion, that the Board authorizes Mr. Eskilson to reserve all rights and allow him to go to the market and test the market. Mr. Eskilson said the County has had a really good run with Statewide for many, many years; they have done well by the County, and have always had competitive premiums and prices on their insurance products, but, he feels it makes sense to test the market; therefore, Mr. Eskilson is asking for the authorization to sign the reservation of rights letter that will be sent to Statewide.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Phoebus to authorize County Administrator/Clerk, John Eskilson, to sign the reservation of rights letter to be sent to Statewide, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

And, lastly, Mr. Eskilson is happy to report that in the next week or so the Transitional Care Program will be featured as a front page article in the Journal of the National Association of County Administrators which is one of the featured programs in the nation this quarter.

**17. COUNTY COUNSEL**

Mr. McConnell had nothing to report for this meeting.

A. Capital Projects

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

**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 5:55 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

There was no one present.

**MOTION** made at 5:56 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Freeholder Graham 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                      September 24, 2014                      Regular Meeting                      5:00 PM

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 5:58 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and passed unanimously.

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John H. Eskilson, Clerk

**DATED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**