

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 6:00 PM

- 2. ROLL CALL** Freeholder Graham; Freeholder Mudrick;
Freeholder Phoebus; Freeholder Vohden;
Freeholder Director Crabb; County Administrator
Steve Gruchacz, County Counsel, John Williams;
Clerk of the Board, Catherine Williams

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 September 17, 2015 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

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation in recognition of the Auxiliary of Newton Medical Center's 80th Anniversary.
436-2015
2. Proclamation in recognition of October as being National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
437-2015

MOTION made by Freeholder Phoebus to approve these Proclamations, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

B. Presentations

1. Presentation by Sussex County Sheriff's Office - 9-1-1 Center
2. Presentation by Dr. Chris Robertozzi to discuss a proposed Sports Complex at Sussex County Community College
3. Acknowledging the retirement of Laurie L. Gallant, Accountant for the Treasury Department, who retired after 29 years with the County; Michael J. Mezger, Confidential Assistant for the Road Department, who retired after 27 years with the County; and Randy E. Peirce, Director of Food Service for the Jail, who retired after 25 years with the County.

9-1-1 Center Presentation

John Tomasula gave a presentation on the 9-1-1 Center. He began the presentation with where they were at the time they had the Open House to what they have done over the past couple of months. He stated they transitioned from 39 High Street to the Sheriff's dispatch in the beginning of December of last year and then we started accepting 911 calls. Currently we have 10 full-time employees; 10 part-time jobs. Five who are brand new and in training and the other five are full-time operators from other jurisdictions that work the same shift. He stated that the systems are monitored. They receive email messages and/or text messages when the system has a failure so we are able to stay on top of things. We have a very robust system in place. We currently service 10 municipalities with a population of about 31,000 people. As of September 20th, we have dispatched 5,000 911 calls; 11 fire companies and 6 different EMS agencies; sheriff office calls and prosecutors calls.

He mentioned their GPS project that is underway. They will revisit every single address so they have the direct location and it will give them better response time.

Mr. Tomasula stated that Text to 911 will be the next phase of service which will be released by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. This is the Next Generation of 911. They expect to roll it out within the next few months. They will start releasing it to regional dispatch centers. The problem with the Text calls is you cannot transfer them. When you take a 911 phone call you can transfer it to the State Police, Andover or Newton. Text messages don't come up on the phone screen, they just pop up on the regular screen monitor.

He stated that another project we will begin is the preparation for law enforcement tasks. This will begin with jotting down rough ideas and procedures for traffic stops.

He stated some of the shortcomings we may have is getting people trained and also, which is very important, we tend to forget is the admirable work of some of our operators that I will never hear about. Sometimes I will stumble across a call tape and some of them are doing excellent work and they should be recognized for it.

Freeholder Director Crabb thanked Mr. Tomasula for the presentation. He said this has been business as usual. He said he thinks it is a real testament to the organization, to the setup, to the ramp up and it sets us up for some more ambitious things going forward.

Freeholder Graham asked about the Text to 911 and your discussions, is it that moving us up quicker than we anticipated.

Mr. Tomasula said it was supposed to be released years ago. We expected this to come out last year and now it is anyone's guess. We don't need anything to be able to start doing this. We are ready for it.

Freeholder Graham said that was where my question was leading so this won't include another capital investment or is it something we already have in place?

Mr. Tomasula said it is something we already have in place.

Freeholder Phoebus said Apple just released a report that is slowly doing away with the voice messaging because they find that the texting is taking over on how communication is going. Now Apple has an option that when you get a text if you don't want to type the answer, it gives you 10 different answers, such as Ok, Alright, Be back to you shortly, etc., you just hit that and it goes.

Mr. Tomasula said that is the the one caveat. If we accept these texts calls; let's say we get one from Vernon, we have to handle the entire call. We cannot transfer it to Vernon; we can't transfer a text call.

Freeholder Graham asked how you handle that with the State Police.

Mr. Tomasula said the operator will take down the information and determine what it is, they will call Vernon tell them what is going on at this address. The whole purpose to make sure it is working properly.

Freeholder Phoebus asked so does it identify where the cell phone is?

Mr. Tomasula said no it is just a text to say where they are.

Dave Korner of the Sheriff's Office said this is the way the state rolled it out and it is as a web-based program and it will take the latitude and longitude GPS coordinates and it will ping to the

proximity of 75 yards of where the phone is. You can refresh it and remit it as you are exchanging text back and forth. But like it was said you cannot transfer that data so you hold it and call Vernon and tell them this is what we are doing so basically we are just the answering center right now.

Citizen, Harvey Roseff, said he is a little surprised because this is a shared service with the county and they are not discussing the savings to the tax payers. The whole reason to do this was to pull together because we are a small county. He said I am not saying anything is wrong technically with the center, but as a business decision, this is a total failure.

Freeholder Director Crabb said I think this is by design with regards to the ramp up. For the clients that we have gotten, they are aligned with the contractual obligations. I know there is a lot of interest in the eastern part of the county, but they are constrained with contractual obligations. I think it is by design with regards to the ramp up and it was a good set of customers with regards to getting our feet with this thing.

Harvey Roseff said I agree with all that but who is selling this program. Now you are in the hole for about \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 a year. You have to keep selling otherwise in four or five years, you will have old technology and these other centers will buy the newer technology and probably up to a tenth of the cost that we have just paid. They will out run you so you better start selling this.

Freeholder Phoebus said she just had a good conversation with Freeholder Doug Cubana out of Morris County and she had a wonderful conversation with the Freeholder Director of Warren County, Ed Smith. Doug Cubana told me that in Morris County they have had their center county wide for a while and it has taken them quite a while to get the towns on board and they are still missing Parsippany which happens to be their biggest town. In Warren County, Freeholder Smith said that it took quite a while to get all the different municipalities on board and also it took their last one to come on board a lot of effort and that was Phillipsburg. I think this is something that takes a lot of time for all these different towns but eventually as this continues, I think you see most of the towns come on board. It is a process and it takes time.

Freeholder Director Crabb said this was not set up to be force fed to anybody. A shared service by definition; a good one by definition should be when both sides are jumping up and down saying when can we start. Just like any business starting up, it takes time. I know there are many discussions on many different levels with many municipalities at this point. Are we there yet, no but that was how it was set up, it was not set up to be a big bang.

Freeholder Phoebus said I sat at a meeting with the Sheriff and Undersheriff Armstrong and Undersheriff Wanamaker and we discussed the fact that we really wanted to get this system up and running and to tweak things so that we had it just right.

Sheriff Strada said we always had this. It is not new. These are the employees who worked for us. We built the new building to accommodate what we believed to be the future; we are not hiring a lot of employees. We had the dispatch for the county, it was over at 39 Trinity Street, but now we moved it up there and we took advantage of a couple of grants and now we have a state of the art facility. We have always had 24 hour dispatch in Sussex County.

Mr. Roseff said but from a dollars point of view, I haven't seen these numbers go down in other columns but right now as a Byram resident, I am paying for two 9-1-1 centers. You have now burdened the rest of the county with this service. You have a lot of extra capacity. Any businessman in the real world knows that you need to go out there and fill that capacity. I encourage you to go out to the towns and keep selling this.

Sheriff Strada said we did that last year.

Mr. Roseff said it is an ongoing process.

Freeholder Director Crabb said you are paying for two 911 systems. The question to ask is why are they not coming on?

Mr. Roseff said I think when you have a presentation like this you should build in the financial part of it. Make the public see what your potential is and reducing their taxes. If you show them how much each of the counties are paying and if you show them the savings by bringing it into one center that is not sticking our head in the sand, it is dealing with the public to bring them in.

Freeholder Graham said we have done that and continue to do that and when we looked at this, we looked at it in phases. It was very important that it was done in phases. I come from Stanhope, 50 years ago they put in sewers and pipes, and they are doing that in Branchville now. Believe me, it was a lot cheaper when they did it 50 years ago and it will be a lot more expensive to do this 20 years from now. We did it now, under the best practices, under the best constraints, we did it with

knowledge that the Next Generation requirements will be difficult to obtain by the small PSAPS and regional is in our best interest and I support it.

Freeholder Phoebus said when she spoke with Freeholder Smith of Warren County, he told me how they finally got Phillipsburg on board and it was that the residents of Phillipsburg finally realized that they were paying for their own plus the county's center and they went to their counsel and told them they wanted to go to the county. It just takes time.

Freeholder Graham thanked them for their presentation and it was exactly what we asked for.

Citizen, Mr. Gettler, asked about the question regarding the municipalities and how were they approached when this was first proposed.

Freeholder Director Crabb said this is a very logical shared service program. It could end up being the biggest shared services that we have.

Freeholder Mudrick said with it being in its first year of implementation and you have 10 out of 24 municipalities all in over 40% of the municipalities. We still have not completed a full year yet so I have to say to the Sheriff's department and the 9-1-1 center kudos to you for a great job!

Sports Complex Presentation

A presentation by Dr. Chris Robertozzi to discuss a proposed Sports Complex at Sussex County Community College. Along with Dr. Robertozzi was Glen Pasquali, a local attorney and Jim Hoffman, Tech Teacher at the Newton Public School and runs the robotic team at NHS.

Dr. Robertozzi said at the 10 year anniversary Entrepreneurial Training Institute in 2002 our initial program was ranked as one of the 10 best that went through there. In 2004, President Bush invited us to the White House to talk about the project.

Objective of the Community Center. Dr. Robertozzi said Rich Vohden wrote an article that the millennials are moving away and people are complaining that there is nothing to do. One of our biggest goals is to keep the population here, provide a safe environment for our children and one of the issues with the high schools is competing for pool times for swim teams and ice time for the hockey teams. We will also be supplementing high school education with life skills such as how to write a resume, how to interview for a job, organization skills, and leadership skills. Superintendents of schools would like to provide this but don't have the money to provide those services so we would pick up that gap. Mostly importantly, we want to keep Sussex County a great place to live.

Dr. Robertozzi gave his background and the history of the project. He mentioned all of his volunteerism work and said I told you all of this so that you will understand that this is not my first volunteerism project that I have done and hopefully you will understand where we are going. The partnerships in this project will be the college, Pass It Along, who will be teaching the life skills, and the business community.

What will be inside the facility? Dr. Robertozzi said it will be approximately 300,000 to 400,000 square feet. It will have ice hockey, roller hockey, field hockey, soccer, lacrosse, football, racquetball, swimming, basketball, volley ball, wrestling, track and field, batting cages and a fitness center. There will be a game room for teens; it will have ping pong, and billiard games. The facility will be used for concerts and car and boat shows. Pass It Along will have classrooms in the facility and they will teach their life skills and personal development courses. Diane Taylor does this now in different schools.

What will be in it for the Sussex County Community College and why are they talking to us? Number one, it is a state of the art complex where it would feed their teams and provide intermural sports. They would be the owner of the building but not pay the mortgage. It will be a great marketing tool for high school kids who are now using the property but at the time never would have thought about going to college there. Also it would be a great marketing tool for the students there, it will be able to increase curriculum offerings there and say they wanted to have a major in sports medicine management; they now will have a facility there that the students could get real experience from.

How did we get our idea? After the Town of Newton donated property behind Weis to build an outdoors roller hockey rink, which later was ranked one of the top in-line hockey rinks in the county by National In-line Hockey Association, we thought wouldn't it be nice if we could use this year round? Jim Hoffman and I met with a gentleman named Joe Ferry in Pennsylvania who has built and manages a place. We talked to Joe about what we were thinking of doing. He said, Chris whatever you do, do not just build a single facility because what will happen is once roller hockey

goes down, that building will just sit there. So you want to build an interchangeable, multi-purchase facility. So with this information, I came up with our concept and that concept got us to the White House. After a turn of events, the project died for about 8 years. After Richie Vohden's article came out, our project came alive again. We met with John Kunz at the county and he liked the idea but they had some reservations. They wanted to know where the money was coming from, they wanted to see the business plan and we are currently working on that.

The best model that we have found is in West Deptford. They have a 110,000 sq. feet facility. They have basketball, swimming fitness center and runs through memberships. They do not run leagues. They basically cater to West Deptford which is a 20,000 population town. Out of the 20,000 people 9,000 are member, which 45%.

Mr. Robertozzi gave the demographics for the project.

What has been done so far? I have met with the college and their administration and their Chair Judge Parker. We have had road trips to different places to see what they do and how they run. We had a meeting with the Newton Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the Town Manager and the Planner to see what the restrictions are on that property to stay within code and make this work. Over the summer, Superintendent Greene set up a meeting with the other superintendents and talked about the idea and concept and all were enthusiastic about it. They all admitted they do have problems with pool time and ice time and they all expressed other ways on how to use the facility. We met with engineer Dysktra; there was a meeting with the Sussex County Administrator, the Planner and the Engineer because Mill Street is on a County Road. We met with Wayne McCabe who is the Planner. There have been an unbelievable amount of phone calls to coaches. We would have one coach who would do all the coordinating and that would be a paid position. One of the things that I heard over and over from different coaches is that the high schools don't have a feeder program outside of the Rec leagues. This would allow them to have a feeder program so kids coming as a freshmen, this wouldn't be their first time playing the sport. We have made calls to vendors and are getting pricing. Needless to say to do this is not a cheap deal. We are looking at \$1,000,000 for each hockey rink, for turf fields, it would be about \$1.2 million, and indoor/outdoor track would be close to a \$1,000,000. We are waiting to get back a price for the pool. We will have a 50 meter pool that will be divided in half so you can have two teams practicing at the same time.

What are the next steps? We are in the process now of designing the facility to fit within the realm of what we have been told on the property. The goal would be to have the shovel in the ground by this time next year and have it open by January 2018. It is aggressive but I think it can be done.

Freeholder Phoebus asked what the age would be.

Mr. Robertozzi said it would be for everyone in the community.

Freeholder Director Crabb said it sounds like a very ambitious process here and I think it will be something that is needed as time moves forward.

Mr. Roseff asked about the mortgage.

Mr. Robertozzi said they would pay the mortgage. We would build it with private money, but it would be on their property. It is very similar to the way Walmart is. Ken Martin owns the building and the property and Walmart leases it. In lieu of paying money, they get to use the facility for their sports teams and have life rights to it.

Mr. Roseff asked who would hold the mortgage.

Mr. Robertozzi said Education Sports Foundation holds the mortgage.

Citizen Mr. Roseff asked what the government involvement is, are we guaranteeing bonds?

Mr. Robertozzi said no. It is just that it is on a county road so the county is involved because of that.

Citizen Mr. Hull asked if there would be any burden to the tax payer and has an environmental study been done.

Mr. Robertozzi said no. It will not be a burden to tax payers and we are in the process of doing the environmental study now.

Mr. Robertozzi said Education Sports will take care of the inside of the building and we will pay for maintenance. Every seven years things will need to be replaced so that will be built into the budget.

Freeholder Phoebus asked if it nonprofit.

Mr. Robertozzi said yes. That is the only way we can build on that property because we are a 501C3.

Freeholder Mudrick asked when the business plan will be ready.

Mr. Robertozzi said we have to have it for them by November 24th. We are in the process of putting the numbers together and getting prices for the building and pool, etc.

Freeholder Graham is this grass roots fundraising or is there already some great big guardian angel behind this already?

Mr. Robertozzi said we do have people who have said they are interested in this.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 7:06 PM by Freeholder Phoebus to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Comment from Bill Gettler

Mr. Gettler from Wantage came forward. He read a letter in the New Jersey Herald from Lorraine Parker to you requesting that you end the term limits of the Sussex County College trustees. I am here to encourage you to not only retain the term limits but also ask if there is any way possible to unappoint Lorraine Parker. I and along with other people believe that Lorraine Parker has already done too much harm to the people of Sussex County. It is our opinion that Lorraine Parker is probably the worst judge to ever sit in Sussex County. The United States is supposed to be governed by the rule of law not by the misinformation outright lies fabricated by a supposed judge.

Freeholder Crabb told Mr. Gettler that he may want to get his thoughts together and not be in a position to besmirch anyone here like that.

Mr. Gettler said I am telling the truth. Case in point, my wife and I own an organic farm in Wantage Township and in late June of 1992 a professional family moved into the now rental home on the property.

Three years later on April 27, 1995 Wantage Township adopted its first property maintenance code. Then Wantage Township sent their construction officials after me and prosecuted me because I refused to allow the Township to conduct an unconstitutional warrant to search my tenant's home thereby violating my tenant's right to privacy. When the case got to Lorraine Parker she found me guilty because I had supposedly been notified of the need for the inspection in August of 1996 and that was when Lorraine Parker said the tenant began occupancy. My tenant had moved in late 1992 or three years before Wantage had even adopted this ordinance, therefore, how could Lorraine Parker possibly come to her decision? It turned out that Lorraine Parker was apparently formerly associated with then Wantage Attorney Richard Clark. Could it be possible that Lorraine Parker made up her own "facts" so that she could find me guilty so it could benefit her former associate Richard Clark. Shouldn't have Lorraine Parker removed herself from hearing this case? Based on communications with other people, I am by no means Lorraine Parker's only victim. Lorraine Parker's decision then enabled the Wantage official to brag that they had prosecuted Bill Gettler and I had been found guilty. Obviously, they never informed the public that Lorraine Parker had invented her own "facts" so that she could find me guilty and since I failed to move out of Wantage after Jeff Parrott said to me if you don't like the way Wantage is being run get the heck out the Wantage. Long story short after two years, nine court appearances, two convictions both overturned in superior court, Wantage's then attorney Michael Garofalo informing the court that I shouldn't even have the right to defend myself because I already have been found guilty of the same offense and about \$30,000 in attorney's fee the case went before a Judge in Morristown in 2009. This Judge informed Wantage Township that under their ordinance, the Township did not have the authority to issue the summons to Gettler. That the tenants had a right to privacy in their homes and what the Township was doing was an unconstitutional warrant search. Question: Why didn't Lorraine Parker come to the same decision in 1999, therefore saving my wife and I about \$30,000 and hundreds of hours that we wasted defending ourselves a second time. Obviously the Wantage Officials do not tell anyone about the Judge's decision for my wife and I. In closing, please do not eliminate the term limits and please get Lorraine Parker off the Board of Sussex County Community College's Board of Trustees.

Comment from Skip Danielson

Skip Danielson from Byram came forward and said he wanted to thank the Sheriff on the physical plant and the process that has been made at the county level. We were hit with regards to 9-1-1 the progress with the financial turndown of the entire economy in the late 2008-2010. Prior to that the state of New Jersey told us that they would only supply us with adding the information for one terminal in Sussex County and now we are back to six or seven PSAPS in the county. But that has changed and there were only going to be 41 PSAPS in the entire state down from 280 because the state wanted it that way. 21, one for each county, 15 for all towns and cities over 65,000 people; 5 regional centers of 65,000 people or more. 65,000 being the population of Salem County. That was supposed to be the plan, but obviously it has not gone that way. Freeholder Phoebus pointed it out and that Warren County is a complete county service. Warren County set theirs up entirely on Warren County's budget. Not on a per town cost. They gave each town the opportunity to come on board and they eventually picked up all the towns. They took it upon themselves to do a county center right from the beginning on the county taxes. Mr. Gettler pointed out that Wantage Township does not have it owns police department; they go through the State Police. The state police calls, they still have to go through the local 9-1-1 center, they don't go through the state police centers. Because of the lack of communication between the police cars, state police cars, fire departments and emergency squads, there is actually more telephonic work that has to go back and forth in some case because they do not have local police departments. We need legislation to permit it in a legal way because of the 2% cap and we need legislation to allow you to do what is right which in my opinion and the opinion of others in this county is a single county center and you also need legislation so that it is not a double dipping situation and the town's that save money in their local budgets are not allowed to use that money elsewhere.

Freeholder Crabb asked Skip if he has been to see the new 9-1-1 center and that he would be very proud of what they have done.

Freeholder Phoebus asked Skip to refresh her memory what the state's plan was.

Skip said that the state was going to restrict us to one center possibly two centers but that has gone by the wayside along with the Next Generation. Everyone thinks it is a black and white situation. You can have a county 9-1-1 center and still have a local dispatch and some of the towns still do that. The 9-1-1 call is handled through a center and then the police handle the operations for day and evening times and are handled at the local level. That is still a savings.

Freeholder Phoebus said so you can break it apart so that the 9-1-1 calls would go to a county dispatch but their local police would still stay at the local level?

Skip said they still can answer their 10 digit phone calls and then after hours if they transfer them then the county could do that. It is no different from the state police handling calls from the state police service area 24-hours a day. There are many variations to what you can do.

Comment made by Anne Smulewicz

Ms. Smulewicz congratulated Mr. Williams and Mr. Gruchacz on their new positions. She then said the facts that Mr. Gettler outlined are accurate. She said she wanted to address Judge Parker. She remembers the scandals and I remember Judge Parker being very angry with attorney Dan Perez because he dared to share information that reflected poorly on the college. I would suggest that you take it under advisement.

Comment from Neil Kenny

Mr. Kenny, Green Township came forward with a few concerns. I would like you to consider these things and then come back with a plan on how to deal with them. The first thing that concerns me is the regional planning is being pushed to get unelected people come in and decide where our money is going and how it goes. Second thing that concerns me greatly is on the federal level and how the administration is looking to bring in well over 185,000 people from Syria, all Muslims, no Christians. Christians are allowed to be involved with this. The problem I have with this is if you watch the drama on TV, they show you the children that pull at your heart strings, but if you really look at the hoards that are coming through, there are very few women and children coming through. The majority are military aged young men who refuse to fight for their own country. What concerns me with these people is there is a program that the United Nations runs called the Refugee Settlement Program. When you look at Sussex County there is a lot of land here. There are not a lot of people. I have no doubt that they will settle these people in communities like ours and impose upon us similar to what COAH is doing. I think these things need to be looked at and be addressed. This is not Muslim bashing; it is just reality. I think we need to have something in place and not let the federal government dump these people on us. I am not saying we can't be humanitarian, but we don't want it to be stupidly on our part.

MOTION made at 7:30 PM by Freeholder Phoebus to close the floor to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

8. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Vohden

- **Events attended**

Freeholder Vohden attended the 70th Anniversary of the Branchville Businessmen's Club. It was well attended.

Freeholder Vohden was the honorable bagger at the Byram Shoprite as part of the National Hunger Action Month.

Freeholder Vohden assisted at the Crimestoppers 5k/12K race. There were a 150 runners and it was a very successful day.

Freeholder Vohden manned the Environmental booth at the Green Township Day.

Freeholder Vohden attended the Chamber of Commerce event the Champion of the BBQ Gill where he was the target of the pie throwing booth.

Freeholder Vohden attended the 14th Annual Taste of Newton, sponsored by the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce on Spring Street.

Freeholder Vohden attended the Birth Haven dinner at the Newton County Club. He said Birth Haven is a non-profit organization that provides shelter, support and education to homeless pregnant woman in Sussex County. This is really good for Sussex County.

Freeholder Vohden attended the 911 Remembrance Ceremonies.

Freeholder Vohden attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the Student Center at the D building at SCCC and as Freeholders we should all be proud to have been part of the process that brought this vision of the Board of Trustees and the college staff. This is the culmination of a lot of planning and hard work by a lot of people that will greatly benefit the students of SCCC for years to come.

- **Solar Program**

Freeholder Vohden said he has been reading the public comments on the Solar Program about the status of the solar panels and the counting at their location. We do not own the solar panels. We never have and never will own the solar panels unless we decide to purchase only the projects that are on Sussex County property after the 15 year contract expires. These panels were purchased under the Safe Harbor Clause of the Federal Grant Program. Not all of them, but a large portion of them, which is a big percentage of the cost of the solar project, had to be purchased under the Safe Harbor Clause before December of 2011. We had to submit projects that we would have possibly completed. It was a long list. A lot of those projects are not on that list; they did not qualify, the roofs couldn't carry the weight, municipalities backed out so they purchased more panels than they needed. They also purchased panels that were not under the Safe Harbor Clause, so I guess if the developer wants to use those for other reasons they can do that. We don't own the panels. The developer is responsible under contract to design, acquire and construct the systems, to own the equipment, to operate and maintain the systems for 15 years, to pay for the installations and to make the bonds payments. We are still the guarantors of the bonds. That is our only responsibility here. We do not own them, we are not responsible for them and it is the developers responsibility to bring them in and install them at the projects.

Freeholder Vohden said he has also been reading online that the taxpayers of Sussex County could do all kinds of extravagant things with the cost of the settlement. Let me give you the actual costs. With the settlement we will have to pay an additional \$6.75 million that is the worst case scenario; it could turn out to be less than that. There are less than 55,000 housing units in Sussex County so if you do the math it comes to about an average of \$123.00 per home to be paid off during the 15 year contract period. That comes out to \$8.20 per home per year for Sussex

County. It is sad that we got us into this situation. None of it is our own creation, it was a combination of things out of our control, but by going forward with this project, this is what it will cost us.

Comments by Freeholder Graham

- **Delaware River National Park**

Freeholder Graham did attend the Delaware River National Park Presentation. It was good but it was a little less than what some people wanted because of the way they presented the material. The National Park people are trying to better understand the needs and wants for that National Park. I attended the kick-off meeting back in April and they are proceeding the way they said they would be. He felt it was a professionally done evening.

- **9/11 Ceremonies**

Freeholder Graham attended the ceremony at SCCC and Hopatcong, and for a small community, the ceremony at Hopatcong was amazing. They did it in a very touching way.

- **Sussex Vo-Tech**

Freeholder Graham visited Sussex Vo-Tech to see where we are. The enrollment is at 820 students and they can expand to about 840 to 850 and they have 23 incoming freshmen. He said he is very impressed with what Gus Mudla is doing. Gus is trying to understand the organic nature of the students' requirements and blending them with our abilities to pay for them. I am very happy and very grateful that they did that. The Vo-Tech is now certified in welding.

- **Lake Lowering**

The Musconetcong Lake is going to do draw down 2 feet starting after the first of October and it is also going to draw down Lake Hopatcong sometime after the 15th of the month.

- **Flu Shots**

Freeholder Graham asked that there be some follow up on the flu shots and pneumonia shots and what are the requirements for the pneumonia shot.

- **Sussex County Community Council**

Freeholder Graham attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new student center and he said the work they did in the building is very professional and the blending of the bricks is amazing.

- **Solar**

Freeholder Graham said that Rich is right and we do not own those panels. It was never in the agreement and it was never anything we agreed on. I don't agree that it is a great cost benefit to all the citizens in the county and I think that is where it has become the difficult project it has become. But I said that months ago and I am willing to see where we go with this. My biggest concern is how we walked into it. What happens if the money is not there to finish it out and that is a problem. Sometimes if it looks too good to be true it is. He said he is not putting aspersions on the project because he does not know enough about it, but that is a big concern that he has going forward.

Comments by Freeholder Phoebus

- **The Pope**

Freeholder Phoebus said that she watched the Pope in Washington and she said this was a time to be proud to be an American because we did a beautiful job in Washington and it went off seamlessly with no incidents and it was really a

beautiful thing to watch.

- **The Hunger Week**

Freeholder Phoebus also volunteered for The Hungry Week bagging groceries at Shoprite. It was very enlightening. She spoke with our seniors and some of the seniors there were telling me how their monthly income has been cut in half. It is very hard today for our seniors to exist especially in Sussex County. We don't have the transportation that we really need, but we do the best possible job we can do with the amount of money we get from the State of New Jersey which is being constantly cut.

We don't have NJ Transit; we have run out of affordable housing for our seniors and now they have to go to Passaic County. I think we need to look at this and address it. I am not sure how we address it, but we really need to look into it.

- **Solar**

Freeholder Phoebus said she went down to the warehouse along with Steve Gruchacz, George Graham and Rob Maikis. They kept saying there were 103 pallets but they couldn't give me the exact number on the pallets. I agree there are a lot of panels there but they are not stacked as to which county they are going to. She said she found it to be a very interesting day.

- **Letter from Rodney Frelinghuysen**

Freeholder Phoebus read the letter which is relating to the Lackawanna Cutoff. She said the 24th District is having a meeting and they are getting everybody involved. Senator Oroho, Assemblywoman McHose and Assemblyman Parker Space they want to know what exactly the problem is because this project has been going on since 1991. We just can't seem to get this off the ground. We don't know where the holdup is coming from. Freeholder Phoebus said the way the project is moving right now October 2018 is the projected completion date of the Lackawanna Cutoff Train Station. Hopefully after that meeting we can give you a better idea of where we are with this project.

- **The Federal Park**

The concern that seems to exist is that they will not do away with hunting and fishing but the hunters are concerned that they will limit the property they are going to be able to hunt on. There is very little that the Freeholders can do because this is a federal project. I suggest they can write Congressman Garrett because it is a federal project and it is a federal park to make sure they do not lose the amount of acreage for their hunting and fishing. The state of New Jersey does not want to see what happened in the state of Massachusetts in that they could not stock certain fish because they were not from the area. Bob McDoll is very fluent in all this and will be meeting with the 24th District Senator's Oroho's office and going over his concerns and hopefully a letter can be written to the Federal government to allow New Jersey to continue to stock this property.

Comments by Freeholder Mudrick

- **Branchville Businessman's Club**

Freeholder Mudrick attended the event and he said two \$2,500 checks were written by the Businessman's Club, one to the Sussex County Food Pantry as well as one to the Sussex County Veterans' Cemetery. A lot of dignitaries were present. I have been a member for years now and what they have done for the communities has been great.

- **Sussex Community College**

Freeholder Mudrick met with Karen Di Maria, VP of Institutional Advancement and the purpose of the meeting was a follow up to a July 21st meeting he had with Dr. La Monte and as recently appointed by his colleagues to represent us to the County Superintendents of Schools and to talk about things that SCCC and Sussex Tech could be doing either in concert with one another to improve their enrollment, marketing strategies, program, etc. I have scheduled through our County Administrator, Ms. Di Maria to attend our October meeting to give us all a very brief presentation to all of us.

Freeholder Mudrick mentioned there are many good things happening at both schools. There are some good opportunities for both schools to partner today and one way is through their theatre program.

- **50th Anniversary for NORWESCAP**

Freeholder Mudrick attended the event at Fiddler's Elbow Golf Club. The mission of NORWESCAP is to improve the lives of low income individuals and families in need in North West New Jersey primarily but other areas to provide programs and operations for low income families.

- **Crimestoppers 5K/12K Fundraiser**

Freeholder Mudrick ran it with his son. He applauded all who ran in the race.

- **Ribbon Cutting for the new Student Center at SCCC**

Freeholder Mudrick attended the event and he said it was nice to see a fresh spirit in the air.

Comments by Freeholder Director Crabb

- **Delaware National Park**

Freeholder Director Crabb said 4 million people come through that park every year. Many people come from Sussex County, but cross the border to get to the things on the other side. They have preserved hiking trails and river picnic areas that could be on the New Jersey side. I am hoping we can have conversations with them to see how Sussex County can leverage that.

- **100th Anniversary of Franklin School**

Freeholder Director Crabb attended the ceremony. He said 700 hundred people came.

- **911 Remembrance Ceremonies**

Freeholder Director Crabb said the thing that really struck him was that high school graduates were 4 years old. It is a transitory process and he said the ceremonies were done very well.

- **Solar**

Freeholder Crabb said we have left pictures of the remaining projects up here and you can take a copy. They are all on scheduled of getting their permitting done in the month of September with exception to Kittitanny. Their permitting has been completed; they just need to sign a preliminary interconnect. At Sparta High School, the electrical and structural permits are completed and at the Sparta Middle School where the ground mount is going, the civil and electrical plans are complete and at this point are on schedule to get done around Thanksgiving. With regards to Sussex Tech, the surveying is done, the civil and electrical design is almost completed and their perspective start date is November 1st and should take two months to get completed. The Hardyston Middle School, the civil and electrical designs have been completed. With the new mounts that will be at the elementary school, they have scheduled the site survey and the civil and electrical designs are underway.

- **Prosecutor's Office**

Freeholder Director Crabb said that he and Freeholder Vohden were briefed at the Prosecutor's office just this week with regards to the ramifications of Bail Reform. I feel it will be a significant effect on the framework on how operations will take place going forward. He wanted to make sure the entire Freeholder Board has been brought up to date on this so I have asked the Prosecutor to be present at the meeting on October 14th with regards to Bail Reform.

Freeholder Phoebus said that she had a conversation with one of the judges at one of the functions she has been at. They have a different view on this Bail Reform. My suggestion would be to get their view on this as well.

Freeholder Director Crabb said the Bail Reform Pilot is going to happen in Sussex County.

Freeholder Phoebus asked if the judges could also be present at the meeting.

County Counsel said I don't think they will be allowed to come to make a presentation.

Freeholder Phoebus asked is there anyone who could represent their feelings on this?

County Counsel said I think that is the point on why they are being precluded from those types of public comments. You might get broader input from any one of the court administrators. He said he will reach out to them. He said he does have a memo that summarizes the law on this.

Freeholder Phoebus said their concern is not so much the law on this; it is the fact that they are not getting the tool box to handle this. This is a big problem for them. They know this is going to happen.

Freeholder Director Crabb said this is going to have significant impact on how we do operations here so I would like to hold this until we have our presentation.

- **Congratulations**

Freeholder Director Crabb congratulated Yazmene Kaylani from the Sussex County Vo-Technical School. She was part of the Teen Chef on Chopped. She should have won but she finished in second place out of all the teams in the nation.

9. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
438-2015
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF
439-2015 NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT
FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF
440-2015 NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE EQUIPMENT
FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE
911 PSAP
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS
(PULLED) IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR
VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS
THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW
- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR OF THE
441-2015 SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
TO EXECUTE THE 2015-2016 TITLE IV-D
REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUSSEX
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF
FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL
442-2015 SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST NEW
JERSEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
(NORWESCAP) FOR THE PROVIDING OF CANCER
CONTROL AND PREVENTION HEALTH SERVICES

WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)

- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER /AHS HOSPITAL CORPORATION FOR THE PROVIDING OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)
443-2015
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MULTI-DIAGNOSTICS SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVIDING OF MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)
444-2015

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 Vohden to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None for tonight.

11. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANE L. WEXLER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS. SAID TERM TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2015 AND EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2019
445-2016
- B. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF RACHEL HELT AND JERILYN DOHERTY AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018
446-2015

MOTION made by Freeholder Mudrick to adopt these appointments, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

12. RESOLUTION

ADDED: RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT OF THE JCP&L MONTVILLE-

MOTION to adopt the Resolution by Freeholder Mudrick, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

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

A. Awards of Contract

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE PROVISION OF SANDY RELIEF FUNDING FOR HOME REPAIR AND ADVOCACY UNDER THE SERVICES OF RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE
448-2015
- 2. RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION OF QUALIFIED SURVEYORS SELECTED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
449-2015
- 3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE COCHRAN HOUSE RECORDS RETENTION FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM RENOVATION
450-2015
- 4. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
451-2015

MOTION made by Freeholder Vohden to adopt the Resolutions approving the contracts, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

B. Change Orders

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND HQW ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR THE PROVIDING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NEW 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)
452-2015
- 2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, FINAL TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND BOB VIERSMA & SONS, INC., FOR THE RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT ALONG CR607 AT 263-265
453-2015

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

14. FINANCIAL

15. PERSONNEL

A. Personnel Agenda

MOTION to accept the Personnel Agenda made by Freeholder Graham, seconded by Freeholder Vohden and passed unanimously.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Other

County Administrator reported on three items. The first one is there is a NJAC meeting this Friday and one of the items on the agenda is Bail Reform. All the counties are concerned and they will be looking at it. On December 18th, NJAC will be having a state-wide forum and the Chief Justice will be reporting on Bail Reform. He said it would be a very good meeting for all interested to attend. He said as stated earlier there will be a meeting by the Prosecutor's office regarding this topic. Also Ms. D'Maria from the college will be presenting at the October 14th meeting regarding the college and there will also be a presentation regarding the finalization of the community wide needs assessment. That will get us ready for the 2016 cycle for RFP's and for funding community agencies. The last item he has is an update on the security at the Administrative Center. We are awaiting a third quote for panic alarms and we expect that to be in next week. I have talked with the Sheriff's office the most efficient way to provide security for this building through a part-time security officer so we will be working on that during the next couple of weeks to finalize that and then identify in the budget how we can pay for that.

17. COUNTY COUNSEL

A. Capital Projects

B. Litigation

C. Contract

D. Other Matters

No report from County Counsel this evening.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to report.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Director Crabb said he wanted to introduce two items. First, the Board has received a request from Attorney Ron Petillo from the SCMUA for the county requesting that the county authorize Freeholder authorization for the county staff to work with the MUA staff to explore the right-a-way for the Leachate Transmission Project. Since the landfill has now had the framework that will allow it to exist for probably the next 50 years and rather than have the leachate trucks take

the leachate on a daily basis which has risks associated with it, they want to construct a leachate transmission line from the landfill to the waste water facility. Part of the process would be going down Rt. 94, but there is an opportunity for them to use the old Lackawanna Line that traverses through the old cemetery which they will not be touching. This would give them an opportunity to give them a more direct route which would make the cost of the project less. As part of doing this project, they would have natural clearing for ultimate continued purpose as a rail trail.

Freeholder Graham said he just wants to make sure we have a point person who stays on it and I think it should be Steve Gruchacz. I think Steve should be the traffic cop on who gets what. I am always concerned when we have a broad - based project that everybody puts their hands in it and I think it should be focused in one particular place.

Freeholder Director Crabb said I spoke with Steve in conjunction with County Counsel to take the lead and coordinate this. The one thing I would like to see is not a loss of momentum.

Mr. Gruchacz said he met with Engineering and Planning today and they are researching the right-of-way currently to make sure we get it to the MUA and they will stay on top of it.

Freeholder Director Crabb asked, in the email that you all got a copy of, that in anticipation of Board approval, I had asked Steve and County Counsel to start reaching out on this. He asked for a motion for move forward with this.

MOTION Freeholder Graham made a motion to move forward with this, seconded by Freeholder Vohden.

Discussion

Freeholder Vohden said he is in favor of this route. It is a much better route. It is an environmentally less sensitive route and the only negative is that we will need to resubmit with the DEP and start from scratch again. That is the only thing that could hold this up.

Freeholder Graham said the expediency of this and from my understanding from what I have read and my conversation with Ron Petillo is the amendment plan that has to get in fairly quickly that is why it is important that we don't slow it down.

Freeholder Director Crabb said I just want to make it clear that this does not traverse the veteran's cemetery at all. This is a more direct route.

County Counsel said that is where Planning started to look today is the convergent, if any, between what SCMUA is proposing and the ongoing project to convey to DEP for the continuous rail trails which has been ongoing and I have talked to state a few week ago about that.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

The other new business item is the letter we received from Lorraine Parker asking this Board to consider eliminating or expanding on what the terms limits are for the County College?

Freeholder Director Crabb said I understand Judge Parker's concern for the loss of institutional knowledge we have gone through that here and we are well aware of that. My concern is two-fold and it is based on a conversation that Freeholder Graham had with me and that is are we sure from this letter that this is representative of the intent of the entire Board. We need to get clarification on that. I am not sure Freeholder Vohden if you were here when we enacted the term limits and the reason why we did it back then and it was a college and a Board that was in turmoil. The Board at that time was entrenched. Term limits were put on and I think it is extraordinary for this Board that needs by definition to be insulated from the College Board of Trustees as we are now two-fold by having a search committee recommend candidates for it and having the County Administrator do the selection of candidates with advice and consent from the Freeholder Board. My concern is if this Board is going to be put into a position, which I believe will be very subjective to determine whether it is a good trustee board or not so good trustee board, and have that be the basis of a decision like this. I don't think this Board should be in the position or even future Boards with regards to trying to decide whether or not the Trustee Board is good enough to remove the term limits or to adjust the term limits. I think it could at best make it meddling and at worst political. At this point, I would ask this Board to take this letter under advisement and what I would entertain

that if at some point in the future this Board make a recommendation or a resolution we could consider it and it would be a resolution to remove. I don't think there is any purpose to come up with a resolution for the status quo.

Freeholder Vohden said the original request for term limits came from the search committee. The statues concerning the state Community College Board under their recommendations states the Freeholder Board should be as far removed from the operation of the college as possible. We should not be involved in their decisions or their business. That is why they set up the search committee to recommend the Board of Trustees to come to us with advice and consent and they deal with the college administration. They wanted that separation. This letter came from one person, if we are going to change this every couple of years to fit this situation, then we are becoming involved politically in the administration of the college and that was not the intent of all the statues or all the recommendations.

Freeholder Phoebus said I agree with Freeholder Vohden and Freeholder Crabb, but also I feel these two terms equals eight years and I honestly think if you are on a Board as a volunteer and they are all volunteers on this Board of Trustees and eight years is significant and sufficient enough for someone to seat on a volunteer board. I think there was a very good reason why the Freeholder Board which Freeholder Vohden and Director Crabb served on and brought this to this point and I believe at this point it should stay and there should be the term limits. I think the way it was set up kept the Freeholder Board out of this so there is no political nonsense going on. I believe they should continue with the term limits.

Freeholder Mudrick had no comment. He will take it under advisement and review it.

Freeholder Graham said he agrees with what everyone has said. The one thing that I have seen and maybe that is why there is a lack of institutional knowledge is because a lot of the people who have been appointed over the last couple of years are filling out terms that have not been fully filled out. They are not expired terms and people who are resigning early and I think perhaps there is another issue there that they might want address. It makes it look worse than it really is. I agree with what has been said and I agree there is no reason to make a motion for something that remains status quo.

Freeholder Director Crabb said I just think it is a very slippery slope for a Freeholder Board to consider itself as to the terms of the Trustee Board. It would also cause confusion for the search committee and that is this year's Freeholders Board job to do.

20. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

MOTION made at 8:32 PM by Freeholder Phoebus to open the floor to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Mudrick and pass unanimously.

Comment by Mr. Manara

Mr. Andover Township addressed Freeholder Graham and said that for 65 years and older the flu vaccine is good for life.

Comment by Glen Hull

Mr. Hull, from Sandyston Township came forward and said we do not have a national park. We have the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area and they are two completely different things. The recreation area is a specific Act and it was created by Congress. What takes place in a Recreation Area is hunting, horseback riding, fishing, etc. and trails are anywhere you want to walk in a recreation area. There is no time limit; no hours. He asked how many of you have heard of Vision 2030 prior to last year. I brought that out in my Meet the Candidate for Sandyston Township Committee member and I put in as one of my objectives was to fight Vision 2030. That was a closely kept secret as to what John Donahue wanted to do to this recreation area. When I wrote this into the Herald it was withheld and then brought out in the Sunday before my Meet the Candidate. The Herald had a great article about the national park recreation area Vision 2030 and what they wanted to do was make a contiguous circle around Sussex County on all the state parks, around Stokes Forest up to Port Jervis and come down the PA side and connect private property (buy it up) and connect the state lands back to the Water Gap. That was a closely kept secret. They do have a contiguous circle on the New Jersey side and they are working on the PA side. They did this with grants and wildlife conservation funds. Mr. Donahue was asked what the difference was between a National Park and the recreation area and he stated his Recreation Area could have all the recreation you want within reason, but National Park because in a National Park you are limited to certain activities. I think this Board should really look at what is potentially facing

this park. They want to make the whole Township of Sandyston and the Township of Montague a National Park.

In the article they mentioned there are about 4 to 5 million people coming into this area. This is a fabrication. Some days you don't see anybody on these roads. It behooves you to find out from the park service what their visitation is at their recreation sites to see exactly how many people are visiting. What this comes down to is they want to take away the Recreation Area part of these parks.

Freeholder Director Crabb said he will take this under advisement.

Mr. Hull asked if they the Board can look into this because he said it is a hoax.

Comment by Anne Smulewicz

Ms. Smulewicz came forward and said our senior citizens are having their food stamps or food allocation reduced to \$50.00 is not appalling it is nauseating. She also talked about the grid in Sussex County and if they go out what about the gas and the electricity that is needed to pump the gas to keep the generator going? She believes this is a very serious venture. She thanked the Board and wished them good luck.

Freeholder Vohden made a comment on Mr. Hull's comment. He said we are going to have to watch very closely the activities in the Upper Delaware that covers all of Sussex County. The activities of the William Penn Association who are a non-profit activist organization is going to spend \$35,000 to study and generate new regulations for Sussex County and all of the areas in the Upper Delaware Water Shed.

They are providing funding with grant money from fish and wildlife. They are funding our government agencies with grants, not us. They have spent \$25 million to help bring us the Highlands Act. For the next meeting, I will be putting together a little booklet on who is the William Penn Association. This is an organization that does some good but we do need to be vigilant and watch out for us in Sussex County. There are a lot of people being hurt by the over regulation of this area and the regional planning that was mentioned before where everybody thinks we are the playground of New Jersey and we should be shut down and we should pay for that.

Freeholder Phoebus said her concern is if this change goes through then they have the ability to change the area and they said they will continue to allow hunting and fishing but they can reduce the area and I believe they can charge additional fees which are not being charged now. It is my understanding that it would reduce the amount of hunters that can hunt there.

Freeholder Vohden said as seven years Chairman on the Open Space Committee I saw a lot of properties that we spent Sussex County Open Space funds on. In the state of New Jersey you can't spend Open Space funds unless there is public access to the property and it doesn't have to be the entire property you can have a small access area and then the rest says no trespassing. That is what you have to look at for.

MOTION made at 8:43 PM by Freeholder Graham, seconded by Freeholder Phoebus to close the floor to the Public.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session – If Necessary)

There were no items for Executive Session.

RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the subject matter(s) about to be discussed may be excluded from the public portion of the meeting by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as an exception to the "Open Public Meetings Act" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

WHEREAS, it appears necessary for the Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss such matter(s) in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Board at this time enter into an Executive Session from which the public shall be excluded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general nature of the subject(s) to be

discussed relate to the following item(s) authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as designated below:

- _____ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:**
- _____ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:**
- _____ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:**
- _____ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:**
- _____ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:**
- _____ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:**
- _____ (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege:**
- _____ (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:**
- _____ (9) **Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders or provided by law that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the business for which the Board has entered into the Executive Session, the Board shall reconvene and resume its meeting open to the public.

22. REMINDERS

Monday	October 12, 2015	Holiday
Wednesday	October 14, 2015	Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 8:49 PM by Freeholder Phoebus to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Catherine M. Williams, Clerk

DATED: September 23, 2015