

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Vetrano;  
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Wirths; Dennis  
McConnell, County Counsel; 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 at this time.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Certificate for Suzanne Rosen in recognition of her 23 years of dedicated service as Executive Director of United Way of Sussex County, and her commitment to meeting the human services needs of the community, improving the lives of Sussex County residents through her leadership, sincerity, and compassion for others.

**563-2008**

2. Certificate designating the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

**564-2008**

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

C. Presentations

1. Presentation by the Department of Human Services giving the Board an update on the activities at the Division of the Homestead.

Stephen Gruchacz, Administrator, Department of Human Services, came forward to introduce the Director of the Division of the Homestead to let the Board know what has been going on at the Homestead and how the services are provided to many citizens of this County; there are 102 residents, but the Homestead touches many, many more people of the County on a regular basis; he (Steve Gruchacz) thanked the Board for its support of the Homestead.

Jake Lighten, Director, Division of the Homestead, came forward and told the Board he appreciates the time to let the Board know what is happening at the Homestead; he explained that for the long-term residents, the Homestead is their home and the staff tries to make it seem as much like their home as possible; he went over the history of the Homestead; Mr. Lighten also went over all the programs the Homestead offers; he also had a short power point presentation for the Board.

Mr. Lighten introduced Ms. Eugenia Lockwood, a resident of the Homestead; Ms. Lockwood told the Board how much she loves living at the Homestead; she said it is a wonderful place, the residents are great, the nursing staff is great; she couldn't say enough about the Homestead.

Julie Bealer, Nurse at the Homestead for 22 years, came forward and said the Homestead is like home; the staff considers the residents their family and friends; she said there is an open door policy with the Administrator and she cannot see herself working anywhere else.

Teri Heninger, member of the Homestead Life Enrichment Foundation, came forward and explained what this Foundation is and what it does; she said they have raised over \$20,000.00 and they try to use it to make the lives of the residents better. She also thanked the Board for its support.

Joan Current, member of the Auxiliary, came forward and explained some of the things that the Auxiliary does for the Homestead; it raises money for many things that the residents need; in addition, she said she had two requests for tonight:

- 1) The residents want a porch and she handed out a brief proposal to the Board for the porch; she said she will supply a more detailed proposal when the Auxiliary gets closer to raising the money; she said she was asking for the Board's approval for the porch.
- 2) Ms. Current said in addition to the porch she would like to get permission from the Board to get a storage container for the back of the building where the dumpsters are; it would be 12' x 20' and she is trying to get one donated; the Auxiliary will purchase one if it has to; she needs one to put the things that she has that comes out of the pond and the pumps, the things for the tricky tray, etc.

Lori Baker, Social Worker, came forward and read a letter from a family member into the record:

Prior to December 26, 2007, I had been caring for my invalid mother at her home for 7 years. She knew the time was coming that she needed long term care. She placed her at the Homestead, which was only 5 minutes from her house so that she could keep an eye on her because she had heard so many nursing home horror stories that she was really reluctant to place her mom, but knew she had to. In the months that followed, I came to realize that these stories were not true at the Homestead. My mom was and is always clean, content, healthy and well-adjusted to her new home. The incident that brought this all home to me was in February when we brought my mom home for a large family get together. Near evening she began to try and tell me something. I asked her if she wanted dessert and she nodded, but continued to try and tell me something else. I finally asked if she wanted to go back and she nodded emphatically yes. A wave of relief swept over me at that moment knowing that she was so at home at the Homestead that she wanted to leave her house to go back to the Homestead where it was peace and quiet. I never again worried about my decision to place her in the clean and caring environment of the Homestead. Robin Rosequest

Ms. Baker said she also wanted to add that she has only been at the Homestead for a little less than a year, but in her career as a Social Worker, she has worked in several other nursing homes, as well as other health care facilities, no place matches the Homestead because of the staff.

Mr. Lighten said he wanted to close with the following thought – we (the staff at the Homestead) do something special and he hopes that they will be able to continue it in the years to come.

Freeholder Vetrano said he never had to be convinced about the Homestead; he thanked the Administration and staff of the Homestead on behalf of the Board for all the work they do.

Freeholder Wirths explained that his father was at the Homestead and was a private pay patient and he can't say enough good things about that experience.

Freeholder Zellman said she feels it is a testament to the leadership of the Homestead for the different types of programs that are being implemented at the Homestead for the residents and other individuals in the County; she thanked the Homestead for what they do.

Mr. Eskilson, County Administrator, thanked Mr. Gruchacz and Mr. Lighten for what they have done at the Homestead and said it makes his job much easier with them doing what they do.

## **7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**MOTION** made at 5:42 pm by Freeholder Crabb to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

**MOTION** made at 5:43 pm by Freeholder Crabb to close the meeting to the Public and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

## **8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS  
**565-2008**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, #09-131-SCH-L-1 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$80,692.00
- C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND RECORDS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (PARIS) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$79,300.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE VICTIM OF CRIMES ACT (VOCA) – VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT, V-32-06, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$72,113.00
- E. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE 9-1-1 CONSOLIDATION IN SUSSEX COUNTY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$220,000.00

- F. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF  
570-2008** ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, JAG 1-22LL-06, FEBRUARY 29, 2008 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2009 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,471.00
- G. **RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF  
571-2008** ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE LOCAL CORE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS (09-1163-BT-L-1) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$389,136.00, AUGUST 10, 2008 TO AUGUST 9, 2009
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
572-2008** FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES' REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM GRANT #09-27-HBT FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 9, 2008 TO AUGUST 8, 2009
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX  
573-2008** AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 603 & STATE ROUTE 206 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
574-2008** ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes the issuance of purchase orders for Integrated Analytical Laboratories, LLC)
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY  
575-2008** SURPLUS VEHICLES
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #1 FOR A NO-COST TIME  
576-2008** EXTENSION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SHARING AVAILABLE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY (SHARE) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX PROVIDING COMPUTER SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON (Resolution authorizes this no-cost time extension until December 31, 2008 in order to complete the work on this grant)
- M. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED  
577-2008** SERVICES AGREEMENT AND THE ASSUMPTION OF HEALTH AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 26:3A-2.1 ET SEQ.

- N.      **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL  
578-2008**                      PROPERTY LOCATED AT 37 PLAINS ROAD,  
FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW  
JERSEY FROM THE SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND  
HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC. AND A LIMITED  
SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW  
ASSOCIATION, INC. OF THE STRUCTURE TO BE  
ERECTED THEREON BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

**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 Crabb.

#### **Item N**

Freeholder Parrott said he had a question on Item N. – he asked why the term was 25 years and not a longer period of time; he also asked if the maintenance of the building would be done by the County or by the Farm and Horse Show.

Mr. McConnell said initially he attempted to make it a 50 year lease and after a lot of discussion, the Farm and Horse Show wanted it limited to 25 years with 5 year options thereafter. He said with regard to the maintenance, that will be on the Farm and Horse Show; the County will have to maintain the portion of the building the County uses when it is finished using it, but other than that, the Farm and Horse is responsible for the maintenance.

Mr. McConnell said the bid process will determine how large the structure will be; it will be either 70' or 100'; he also said there were two additional minor issues that need to get resolved; one is the timeframe; in the sublease, the County was supposed to get the building until the end of November, so that the farmers can have some sales for Thanksgiving and Christmas; the lease says October and he has to work that out; the other issue is there is supposed to be a day each and every year that they select when they want to operate at the Fair; those changes need to be made in the lease and sublease.

Freeholder Vetrano gave the Board a little insight into what it took to get to this point; he thanked County Counsel for all the work and time he put into this.

#### **Item M**

Freeholder Crabb said he had a comment on Item M – he said the significance of the Shared Services Agreement with Vernon Township for health services not only provides for a savings for Vernon, but also lowers the cost to every one of the existing users of the system; he said the Board should note the efforts of Herb Yardley, the County's shared services group and John Eskilson for the long hours it took to get this done.

The Board agreed. There was a short discussion.

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 September 10, 2008**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

10. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF DAVID C. CONDON AS THE MEMBER/ENGINEER/ ARCHITECT/BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GEORGE BERKOWITZ. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2008  
**579-2008**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF PHILIP D. DEACON AS THE SPECIAL MEMBER/BUILDER FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GEORGE BERKOWITZ. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2008  
**580-2008**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY DOLAN AND DAVID NUFRIO AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2011  
**581-2008**
- D. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH MANLY, BARBARA ANDERSON, DAVID JOHNSTON, MICHAEL LASKO, LAUREN HIRTES, CHRISTINE McGOWAN, MARION SATTERTHWAITE, STACEY TEDESCO, SUZANNE SARNER, AND DR. W. MICHAEL SHEA AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2011  
**582-2008**
- E. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE JAMES FARBER AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JUDGE EDWARD GANNON. TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2009  
**583-2008**
- F. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LORRAINE HENTZ AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOSEPH STAPLETON. TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2009  
**584-2008**

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

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: RECOMMENDING ACCEPTANCE OF STRUCTURE CARRYING FARM CREEK ROAD OVER UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PAULINS KILL FREDON TOWNSHIP INTO SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE AND CULVERT SYSTEM TO BE DESIGNATED AS BRIDGE 1900F17  
**585-2008**
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL S1845 CONCERNING THREATS TO POLICE K-9 UNITS AND AMENDING P.L. 1983, c. 261  
**586-2008**
- C. RESOLUTION RE: ASSIGNMENT OF A CONTRACT – MEDICAL SUPPLIES

**587-2008**

FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOMESTEAD (Resolution authorizes the assignment of this Contract from Druzak Medical, Inc. to McKesson Medical-Surgical Minnesota Supply Inc.)

- D. **588-2008** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IMPLEMENTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER AS A COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

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

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

A. Awards of Contracts

1. **(Not Acted on)** RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT ENERGY SERVICES CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX (Resolution awards this Contract to Concord Engineering in the amount of \$44,387.00 for Phase 1)

**This Resolution was not acted on in order to wait for more information.**

B. Change Orders

1. **589-2008** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND FREDRIC M. KNAPP, ESQ., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Resolution authorizes this increase of \$25,000.00 (44%) for a total of \$70,000.00 for additional legal services)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Freeholder Zellman said she had a question on this Resolution with respect to the Local Public Contracts Law and asked if this has to go out to bid; Mr. McConnell said this was already done in the competitive process and since he (Mr. Knapp) has already been on staff and the cases are on-going, this is fine.

Freeholder Wirths indicated this is coming out of existing legal fees budget and it is not new money.

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

**13. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT, OR AMOUNT OF  
**590-2008** APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt this Resolution, 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

**14. PERSONNEL**

- A. Personnel Agenda

**There was no Personnel Agenda.**

- B. Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER  
**591-2008** DIRECTOR AND BOARD CLERK TO EXECUTE A  
CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL  
PLAN OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR  
SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL  
COVERAGE OPTIONS

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

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- A. Other

There was no report at this time.

**16. COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

Mr. McConnell said he would like to report on one issue of litigation; he just received an opinion from Judge Bozonelis on the recall election involving Frankford Township and Mr. McDowell; there was an order to show cause filed in Morristown before Judge Bozonelis; the County opposed that motion because it would hamper the County Clerk from getting out the absentee, military and overseas ballots; Judge Bozonelis ruled that the individual will not be on the ballot in November so the Clerk can now proceed in a timely fashion. He said the case will continue and be decided at a later date.

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **VERNON TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES**

Freeholder Parrott said he wanted to send a commendation letter to Herb Yardley for the job that he did with getting Vernon into the County's health system; Freeholder Parrott said he will sign as liaison.

## **SUSSEX/WANTAGE LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER GRAND OPENING**

Freeholder Parrott said he attended the Grand Opening of the Sussex Wantage Library Amphitheater; he said Freeholders Wirths and Crabb were also in attendance; he said that Joe Biuso put his heart and soul into the project and did a wonderful job.

## **COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS**

Freeholder Parrott discussed the County budget process; he said they are looking at every issue having to do with this year's budget; everything is on the table; this is a very difficult problem in very troubled financial times. He complimented Bernie Re and John Eskilson for making sure that the taxpayers' money is maintained in a safe fashion.

## **SUSSEX/WANTAGE LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER**

Freeholder Wirths said the Amphitheater is beautiful and it was a great day; he said Joe Biuso put a lot of his own time into that job; staff worked on their own private time to get the job done.

## **COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS**

Freeholder Wirths said these are the toughest economic times they have ever worked on; he said they are going to do the best job they can.

## **MONTAGUE/CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE**

Freeholder Vetrano asked if the Montague Clove Road bridge was open; Mr. Eskilson said it was and that it was completed ahead of schedule.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING LIAISON MEETING**

Freeholder Vetrano said he, John Eskilson and Eric Grove were going to have a liaison meeting on bridges next week; hopefully he will come out of that meeting with thoughts on moving forward.

Freeholder Zellman asked Freeholder Vetrano to see how they are doing with the bridge inspections. Freeholder Vetrano said he would.

## **LUSSCROFT WINE AND CHEESE EVENT**

Freeholder Vetrano gave kudos to the culinary students at the Sussex County Technical School; they rose to the occasion and did a wonderful job at the Wine and Cheese event.

## **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

Freeholder Vetrano said in December, NJAC is going to have a Year-end Conference focusing on shared services success stories; Sussex County is going to be a participant; what that is going to be, he is not sure yet; NJAC wants to hear about some of the success stories around the State; Gov. Corzine has been invited.

Freeholder Vetrano said that NJAC will have a press conference after the Year-End Conference concerning the legislation related to the 4% cap on Prosecutor spending.

There was a short discussion.

Freeholder Vetrano said there is another piece of legislation where they are trying to impose some fees for court processing that will come back to the Counties that is strictly for court security.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Freeholder Zellman said there would be a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP 2035) Visioning Session held at the Sussex County Technical School from 6-8 pm on October 2, 2008; this is presented in conjunction with the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. There was a short discussion.

Freeholder Zellman said last Friday the Federal Transportation Administration approved moving forward with the Lackawanna Cutoff.

Freeholder Zellman indicated that she spoke to Debbie Hirt concerning White Lake Road and work will be proceeding with that; the State will be signing a contract with Tilcon and it is still anticipating a June completion date.

## **GOVERNOR'S HOUSING CONFERENCE**

Freeholder Zellman said she just returned from the Governor's Housing Conference that she attended for her other job; some things she feels were interesting are that COAH's amended rules were adopted Monday; her feeling is that increased numbers don't always generate increased housing numbers; she said she would be speaking with Eric Snyder, Director, Division of Planning, to plan a workshop for municipal officials so they can better understand the impact of those rules.

## **ELECTION BOARD**

Freeholder Crabb said that Marge McCabe had the opportunity to host a group of other Election Board representatives and the Assistant Attorney General with regard to how the County documents elections here in Sussex County and with regard to the paper tape trail and whether it is the best way to document; the result of this meeting was that the other representatives were astonished at the completeness of the documentation that is kept in Sussex County to the point that Ms. McCabe was invited to speak at a presentation at Rutgers Law Center in New Brunswick; the good news is that our methods are being noticed.

## **SHARED SERVICES**

Freeholder Crabb said that the County has gone into an Agreement with Byram Township for GIS mapping services and the County is proposing to the municipalities in Sussex County to offer financial services to them, including payroll services.

Freeholder Crabb introduced his brother, Nelson, who is the Mayor of Clear Lake, Iowa.

## **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Freeholder Vetrano said in the past the Board has taken the opportunity to recognize its volunteers; the Board used to have a reception in the lobby, but last year it was discussed to have it with the Human Services recognition of its volunteers; there is a tentative date of December 4, 2008 at the Farmstead Golf Course; the Clerk said she would work with Mr. Gruchacz in getting all the volunteers from the Boards that the Freeholders appoint invited to this one.

There was a short discussion and the Board agreed to move forward with this.

## **SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Freeholder Crabb said he and his brother had the opportunity to tour the MUA and learned that the MUA is able to produce enough leachate gas recovery to produce 3 megawatts of electricity; currently the provider that is producing there is only able to produce 1 megawatt so they are looking for vendors that could adjust to the higher volume. That will earn the MUA upwards of \$300,000.00 a year for the generation of that and clean energy credits that could be worth as much as \$250-275,000.00 yearly. There was a short discussion.

### **HELP STOP HUNGER**

Freeholder Zellman said that the Division of Social Services is running a food pantry drive; the shelves are almost bare; she suggested that everyone help fill the food pantries. She also asked the reporter from the New Jersey Herald to put something in the paper on that. There was a short discussion.

### **FLEET MANAGER**

John Eskilson said that the Fleet Manager has started; his name is John Baselwich; he has jumped right in and has met with parts vendors, truck manufacturers, staff, etc.; they will be working closely with Mr. Baselwich in the coming months with the budgets, fuel efficiency, etc.

### **18. NEW BUSINESS**

### **19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**MOTION** at 6:35 pm by Freeholder Vetrano to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Linda Ward, Catholic Family Services, said she wanted to thank the Board and the County for what has been done at Liberty Towers, the morale has improved, etc.; she said they also have a food pantry and are working hard to keep it filled.

### **20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**This was taken care of earlier.**

### **21. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION (voice vote)

**There was no Executive Session.**

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

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

**22. REMINDERS**

Wednesday	October 1, 2008	Six County Coalition Meeting	5:30 pm
Wednesday	October 8, 2008	The Comfort Inn, Mansfield Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 6:40 pm by Freeholder Vetrano to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

**Dated: September 24, 2008**