

REGULAR FREEHOLDER MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2019
7:00PM
FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR YARDLEY at 7:03 PM**

2. **ROLL CALL** Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Director Yardley

Freeholder Joshua Hertzberg Absent

Also present: County Administrator, Greg Poff, County Counsel, Kevin Kelly; Clerk to the Board, Teri Lyons

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

4. **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on January 6, 2019 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the Agenda made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative.

Freeholder Director Yardley noted that Resolutions K and N have been amended. Resolution K, Freeholder Director Herb Yardley replaces Joshua Hertzberg and Resolution N, Joshua Hertzberg will serve as the Alternate on the Musconetcong River Management Council.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

A. PROCLAMATIONS

1. In Recognition of National Wear Red Day- Presented by Sylvia Petillo to Maureen Cianci
044-2019
2. In Recognition of Wayne McCabe as Sussex County's Historian- Presented by Freeholder Graham
045-2019

Wayne McCabe reflected on his time as County Historian and how he is looking forward to continue his work with the Newton Historical Society.

Mr. McCabe spoke about his current role at Waterloo Village and how his responsibilities have increased tremendously. Due to this increase in responsibility, Mr. McCabe rendered his resignation effective immediately and thanked the past Freeholders for their support.

B. PRESENTATION

Fiscal Year 2020 Local Concepts Development Grant to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

County Engineer, Bill Koppenaal made his presentation on the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority competitive Grant for a local concepts program. The County is asking that the application be authorized for submittal of a planning study, which is the Local Concepts Development Process, for the eventual rehabilitation or replacement of Sussex County's Bridge K-03, CR 607, River Styx Road, over in the River Styx section in the Borough of Hopatcong. This is the largest bridge that the County owns and operates. It is 598-feet long and due to this fact, it makes it a huge project and undertaking for the County. On average our bridge rehabilitations run around \$1million.

Estimates for this project to replace or rehabilitate the bridge will be somewhere between \$17 million to \$22 million. This bridge repair will be a significant increase within the County's normal capital budget program.

Once we decide to go forward with this and all the steps it will require, it will then require about a 10 year commitment on the County and the staff. Because this will be such a long term commitment, we want to start this process with the grant application so we can have access to go through NJTPA which is the mechanism that the County would use to apply for and secure Federal funding that augments rehabilitation of the bridge. This could be the only grant opportunity the County might have available for rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge.

This grant is generated on a two-year cycle. Every other year the NJTPA solicits for applications. It was put forth to the Board tonight because of the 8-10 year replacement/rehabilitation schedule. We need to be looking into this grant as soon as we can. This is a competitive grant. It is not guaranteed. It would be known by the end of the year if the County is chosen then the first phase of it would take us through the planning phase of the grant. And that phase will evaluate the various alternatives and opportunities for repair and/or rehabilitation of the bridge. When this process is completed, it then gets advanced into the remaining design phases and will be included in the North Jersey Transportation Improvement program which is the federal funding program. The alternative in doing this type of process would be for the County to initiate a rehabilitation project and that would require some investment from the County and from matching sources and the only grant opportunities we would have would be state grants, possibility the local bridge funding program grants, but first we would have to qualify to be eligible which could take about two grant cycles and we would not get nearly enough as if we went through the Local Concepts Development Grant program.

Mr. Koppenaar said with this particular grant program if it was determined that a replacement was warranted, and say it was \$20,000,000, the majority of that would be eligible for funding through the Federal Transportation Fund and the County would have a substantially less amount of financial investment. This project would most likely require staff to be specifically dedicated to this project.

Mr. Koppenaar feels this is a good opportunity for the County. It provides the County access into the Federal funding cycle. If we don't receive the grant in this cycle, he anticipates in the 2021 to 2022 budget they will start earmarking funds to advance a rehabilitation project in-house and then reapply for the grant.

Questions from the Board.

Freeholder Petillo asked what exactly are we applying for at this time?

Mr. Koppenaar explained that right now the County is applying for Phase 1 which is the planning study. It will provide a planning study at the conclusion of the Local Concepts Development Grant which identifies the preliminary Federal funding. This is estimated at \$700,000 for the planning study. If we get the grant, the \$700,000 will be fully funded by the TPA. If we come up with a preliminary alternative and move forward as either a rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge, those costs are eligible for reimbursement by the TPA but they would have to be funded and managed entirely by the County.

Freeholder Graham said when we starting talking about the bridges about six years ago, this bridge came up at that time that it is ready to enter into this phase so this is not out of the scope at this time.

Mr. Koppenaar said this year we know that TPA has solicited for the grants. TPA has allocated \$3.5million towards this grant solicitation. As previously mentioned, this is a very competitive grant program and multi sub-regions are expected to submit applications.

Freeholder Fantasia thanked Mr. Koppenaar for preparing this and found it very comprehensive.

Freeholder Yardley also expressed his appreciation and questioned about the County's funding. The County's financial investment or financial exposure right now would be \$3 to 4million whether we apply for the grant or take an alternate route but ultimately getting the grant would help the County financially.

Mr. Koppenaar concurred.

Freeholder Fantasia inquired how long would the additional employees be retained?

Mr. Koppenaar explained for the beginning of the project, we should be fine with in-house personnel, but as the project progresses, we would need about 2 days of professional engineering and oversight and then as it gets to the final stages, we would need professionals about 3 to 4 days a week. The construction duration will probably be 24 to 36 months and after "we cut the ribbon" we usually still have another a year of administration closing a project out especially if there are federal funds involved.

Freeholder Graham asked if it is a partial or complete out of service for the 24 to 36 months.

Mr. Koppenaar stated it is too soon for him to answer that question; a lot of consideration will be given to the construction phase to keeping the existing bridge in some sort of limited service.

Freeholder Yardley inquired if the new bridge could be built next to the existing bridge in lieu of right in its place to avoid minimal inconvenience.

Mr. Koppenaar said it will be evaluated as one of the alternative during the planning study, but just knowing the buildup on the adjacent shores, it is going to follow a very close alignment.

The Board had no more questions and thanked Mr. Koppenaar for his thorough presentation.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

8. **PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

Comments are limited to 5 minutes and must only address issues regarding agenda items. Please state your name and municipality for the record and write same on the sign in sheet. Please speak loud and clear.

MOTION to open the floor for public comment at 7:50 PM made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative.

No comments.

MOTION to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative.

9. **FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

Freeholder Fantasia

Freeholder Fantasia would like to begin having Freeholder Liaisons assigned to Municipalities. She has sent a short bulleted list to Freeholder Yardley and Mr. Poff of what a liaison to a municipality could look like. Some of the ideas would be to annually attend a minimum of one Council meeting of the municipality. If the meeting conflicts with our regularly scheduled meetings, then participate in an alternate meeting with the Mayor, Council or Administrator/Manager. The liaison would establish and maintain contact with the municipality in order to promote County initiatives and then report back to the Board and also act as a point of contact for the municipality. At the last meeting, she shared with Director Freeholder Yardley a draft of the breakdown of towns, by way of regions, as a starting point.

Freeholder Fantasia requested that there be something on this topic for the next Board meeting as long as there is support from the Board.

Mr. Poff suggested having it as a discussion item listed on the meeting Agenda. Mr. Poff will distribute Freeholder Fantasia's outline to the rest of the Board.

Freeholder Director Yardley approved it be list for the next meeting.

Freeholder Fantasia received an email communication from Mayor Harry Shortway requesting that she share with the Board his request to be on the Solid Waste Advisory Council as a Vernon Township representative. Currently we have five at-large vacancies and Vernon Township does not have anyone named so she directed that request to Freeholder Yardley and Mr. Poff. She asked that Mr. Poff reach out to Mayor Shortway and guide him in the right direction.

Mr. Poff said as efficient as our County Engineer was in his presentation this evening, he has already communicated back to Mayor Shortway and now Mr. Shortway is on the list for people to receive information on the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Koppenaar has done a nice job in providing Mayor Shortway with the appropriate documents needed.

Freeholder Fantasia had a meeting this weekend with Doreen Edwards and a gentleman named Marty from the Tick Squad and will be acquiring more information on collaborating with the Squad and Sussex County Community College and the Freeholders.

Freeholder Fantasia reported that the Sussex County Library system Winter Reading Raffle will run for the month of February. Adults age 18 and up can earn a raffle ticket for each book they read or listen to at the Branches and each Branch will award a \$50.00 Amazon gift card to the winners.

The Arts and Heritage Council is sponsoring their annual photography exhibit. You can visit the County's website to submit your entries, the deadline is January 25th. The photos have to be Sussex County venues and winners will be recognized at a spring reception.

Freeholder Petillo

Freeholder Petillo thanked Mr. Koppenaar for his presentation and concurred that this was the year we had all spoken of to address our concerns and trying to work out something for that bridge which is in desperate need of repair.

Freeholder Petillo thanked Wayne McCabe; who served as a wonderful Historian. Remembering during her teaching years the field trips to Waterloo Village. This trip was one of her favorite for it was extremely educational and the tours were well done. Freeholder Petillo is glad to hear of Mr. McCabe's efforts in the further restoration of the Village.

Freeholder Petillo recalled the opportunity last year to attend the Historical Graveyard Tour. The Historical Society conducts it at the Newton Cemetery. Volunteers are dressed in period clothing depicting the life story of the deceased. The Tour is very enlightening; especially when it spoke of those who lived at the time of the Civil War and different aspects on how the County played a role at that time in our nation's history. Regardless that it rained during the Tour, the volunteers stayed in character and did an amazing job.

Freeholder Petillo was pleased to report that the County will have a Veteran's Services Officer here in the Administrative Center on the 2nd floor every 2nd Wednesday of every month between 9 AM to 4 PM. This is an increase to the services to our Veterans and thanked Carol Novrit for her effort to retain this service. This same Office is also available at the Franklin Armory on Thursdays and alternate Fridays.

Today the County conducted the Annual Point in Time Count of the Homeless. Three volunteer teams visited 17 undisclosed locations in the County and two community kitchens seeking out homeless residents in an attempt to document specific needs. The numbers are not yet available, but the purposes of this Count is to make sure we know what their needs are and making sure we have the resources if not within the County but with Partnerships to meet those needs.

The Sussex County Office of Public Health and Nursing continues to host various health clinics. Check the County Web Site for dates, times and location. The Department is also busy with the communicable disease investigations. From December 6th to January 18th there were 101 reportable diseases investigated in Sussex County. The reported diseases were Lyme disease, bacterial diseases, Hepatitis C, chronic Hepatitis, H1N1 (the flu), Influenza type A, Influenza B, strep throat, and chicken pox. Lyme disease continues to be the most investigated disease. The municipalities with the highest reported diseases for this time period were, Hopatcong Borough, 16, Vernon Township 12, Wantage Township and Town of Newton, 10, Hardyston Township 9, Sparta 7, Franklin 6 and all other reported 4 or less. From September 1st to January 16th there were 43 domestic or wild bite exposure reports from animals that required follow up investigations.

Freeholder Graham

Freeholder Graham thanked the County Plow Crew. During this recent storm, 67 trucks were employed. Thanks also is extended to all those who make this possible from the Engineers to the Motor Pool. Thanks is also extended to Emergency Management for all the briefings along with the Sheriff and his Crew for everything they did.

Freeholder Graham indicated there has been a change in Liaison assignments and for the past several years he had been assigned to Health and Human Services, but it time for a change. Freeholder Graham thanked Carol Novrit and Jim McDonnell for all that that they have contributed to those Departments and for making significant improvements with something that had gone through a period of turmoil. These improvements had rubbed off on the Staff and their desire to do better. They are producing very thorough reports, we have a showing at every single meeting from the Departments, we have a call in session from our municipalities with rotating topics, and our outreach has improved. All this applies to the Health and Transit departments as well.

Regarding the Point in Time Homeless, we must not think of this effort as the numbers but for the people. There are many situations that can cause homelessness. There are homeless people with no Identification documents. It is extremely difficult to get Identification documentation if you don't have any Identification. There needs to be a solution to this problem. We need to stand up and say homelessness is a real issue and it can happen very easily. These people are homeless but they are people, real people.

Freeholder Graham said that Wayne McCabe was very significant in bringing Waterloo Village back. Former Freeholder Sue Zellman might have been the leading force as well as other people but Wayne McCabe was the lead person. The mule bridge Wayne talked about doesn't sound like much but it is a bridge that takes us to Morris County and when you do that you are bringing in funding from two different counties. Freeholder Graham extended thanks to Mr. McCabe for his dedicated and passionate service and he looks forward to reading his newspaper columns.

Freeholder Yardley

Complimented the Road Department and their efforts during the storm and acknowledged that JCP&L kept crews local in the County for improved response time.

Expressed appreciation to Human Services for securing Veterans Services here in the County Building. The Veteran's Services Officer is coordinated through the State so it took some effort to get a representative here. This service is expected to begin February 13th.

Again than Mr. Koppenaar for his presentation and asked Freeholders if there is any type of presentation they want scheduled for a meeting, to please convey this to the County Administrator.

We are planning to schedule another mosquito presentation in the spring and because the County is home to many acres of Federal Property Freeholder Yardley requested that a Resolution be prepared addresses the cost this property incurs on the County.

As Director, it has been a busy first couple of weeks getting acclimated.

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: 046-2019

TO AMEND THE HUMAN SERVICES GRANT AGREEMENT DoAS19AAA03, MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,075.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION (FFP) FUNDS FOR AN AREA PLAN GRANT TOTAL OF \$1,825,973.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

B. RESOLUTION RE: 047-2019

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO RESIDE IN VERNON TOWNSHIP COVERING 1/1/2019 THROUGH 12/31/2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00

C. RESOLUTION RE: 048-2019

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO RESIDE IN HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE PERIOD COVERING 1/1/19 THROUGH 12/31/2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000.00

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest. If any Freeholder would like to remove an item to be considered separately, please do so now.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

No discussion.

On Roll call the vote was:

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley	Yes

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting- December 19, 2018

MOTION to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham
(Voice Vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative
Freeholder Fantasia abstained

Minutes from Reorganization meeting January 3, 2019

MOTION to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Yardley
(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

Regular Meeting January 9, 2019

MOTION to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative
Freeholder Graham abstained

Executive Session – December 19, 2018

MOTION to approve the Executive Session minutes made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

(Voice Vote)
All members present voted in Affirmative
Freeholder Fantasia abstained

Executive Session – January 9, 2019

MOTION made by Freeholder Petillo to approve the minutes; seconded by Freeholder Yardley
(Voice Vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

12. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 049-2019**
REAPPOINTMENT OF WOLFGANG GSTATTENBAUER, GENE CRAWFORD, DANIEL G. FLYNN AND MARK ZSCHACK AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. SAID TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 050-2019**
REAPPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW HANNUM TO FIRST ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM. SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021
- C. RESOLUTION RE: 051-2019**
REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD R. PLOETNER, II AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE (ENVIRONMENTAL) OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. SAID TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021
- D. RESOLUTION RE: 052-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF DONALD R. PLOETNER, II AS CHAIRPERSON AND LISA CHAMMINGS AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2019
- E. RESOLUTION RE: 053-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF CONCETTO FORMICA AS SECOND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF (3) YEARS. SAID TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021
- F. RESOLUTION RE: 054-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA CATIZONE, (PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE), KIM KING (PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE), JANE LANGEVELD, (PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE), RACHEL WALLACE (PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE) AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH. TERMS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 20121
- G. RESOLUTION RE: 055-2019**
AMENDING THE TERM FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA COCULA AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2024
- H. RESOLUTION RE: 056-2019**
DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019
- I. RESOLUTION RE: 057-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR HERB YARDLEY, SYLVIA PETILLO, FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE, AND JOSHUA HERTZBERG AS A FREEHOLDER ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2019
- J. RESOLUTION RE: 058-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR HERB YARDLEY AS THE FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE AND TOM DRABIC AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2019
- K. RESOLUTION RE: 059-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR HERB YARDLEY, AND FREEHOLDERS DAWN FANTASIA AND SYLVIA PETILLO AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
- L. RESOLUTION RE: 060-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR HERB YARDLEY, FREEHOLDERS JOSHUA HERTZBERG AND SYLVIA PETILLO AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

- M. RESOLUTION RE: 061-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER GEORGE GRAHAM AS THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE MUSCONETCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD
- N. RESOLUTION RE: 062-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER GEORGE GRAHAM AS THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND FREEHOLDER JOSHUA HERTZBERG AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
- O. RESOLUTION RE: 063-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF DAWN FANTASIA AS A FREEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY ARTS & HERITAGE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2019
- P. RESOLUTION RE: 064-2019**
APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR HERB YARDLEY AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR 2019, FREEHOLDER SYLVIA PETILLO BE APPOINTED AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SUSSEX COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, GREG POFF BE APPOINTED AS THE SECOND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION to approve Resolutions A-P made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

13. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 065-2019**
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AND PROCESS AN APPLICATION UNDER THE NJTPA FY 2020 LOCAL CAPITAL PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAM CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PHASE STUDY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE K-03 IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG

Mr. Poff stated this resolution is consistent with Mr. Koppenaar' s presentation to the Board earlier this evening.

MOTION made by Freeholder Petillo to approve the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Graham

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley	Yes

- B. RESOLUTION RE: 066-2019**
SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A4037 AND SENATE BILL S2650 AMENDING N.J.S. 40A:14-96, N.J.S. 40A: 14-98 AND P.L. 1940, c. 153 ALLOWING MEMBERS OF JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS' AUXILIARIES TO PERFORM CERTAIN FIRE SUPPORT DUTIES

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to approve the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley	Yes

14. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDERS/BID - None

15. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 067-2019**
PAYMENT OF BILLS
January 23, 2019

MOTION to approve Bill List made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

On Roll call the vote was:

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes

Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

16. PERSONNEL

No Personnel Agenda for this evening.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff reported that the budget committee is in the process of finalizing the operating and capital budgets for the year. There will be a final review with the budget and capital project sub-committees within the next few weeks with a public work session meeting to follow.

Mr. Poff will be attending the New Jersey Association of Counties 2019 Reorganization Meeting at the State House in Trenton along with Freeholder Director Yardley. He told the Board they should have received correspondence from NJAC that it was to file this afternoon a complaint with the NJ Council on Local Mandates on the election by mail legislation that was implemented by the legislature last year as an unconstitutional and unfunded mandate. It should be noted the cost to the County last year was approximately \$30,000 in additional supplies, postage and staff. It is anticipated that this year it will be approximately the same amount between \$29,000 and \$30,000 that the County will have to fund as a result of this legislation. The Clerk of the Board's Office has provided the Board with a form of Resolution in support of NJAC's action that the Board could consider at it next regularly scheduled meeting of February 13th.

He thanked the Sheriff and Deputy Emergency Management coordinators for their efforts during the partial activation of the County's emergency operation center during the inclimate weather we experienced this past weekend. He also recognized the Division of Roads who as always does an excellent job in keeping the County roads clear of snow and ice.

18. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

No report this evening.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

20. NEW BUSINESS - None

21. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR 8:20 PM

Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less. Please state your name and municipality for the record and write same on the sign in sheet. Please speak loud and clear.

MOTION to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

No public comment.

MOTION to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

22. REMINDERS

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thurs. Jan. 24 7:30PM	Open Space	FMR
Thurs. Feb. 7 9:00AM	Senior Services Advisory	Village Café Knoll Heights
Wed. Feb. 13 7:00PM	Regular Freeholder Meeting	FMR

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)

RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT 068-2019

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;**
 CW 1032
 CWA 1032 Non-Supervisory & Supervisory
 CWA Social Services
 Potential Litigation
- _____ (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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board expects to not take formal action after returning from Executive Session except to adjourn the regular meeting.

MOTION to adopt the Executive Session Resolution and enter into Executive Session made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)
All members present voted in the Affirmative

MOTION to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business at 10:25PM made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham
(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 10:25PM made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote)

All members present voted in the Affirmative

DATED: January 23, 2019

Respectively submitted,

Teri Lyons
Clerk of the Board