FREEHOLDER MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2019 AT 5:30PM  
FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM

Item

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR YARDLEY**

2. **ROLL CALL**  
   Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Director Yardley  
   Absent: Josh Hertzberg arrived later in Executive Session.

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 April 16, 2019 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. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   **MOTION** to approve the Agenda made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo  
   (Voice vote)-All in favor

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)**

   **RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 191-2019 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:
     a) Opioid Litigation
     b) Mt. Creek Resort, et al
     c) Contact Negotiations  
        - CWA 1032 Non-supervisory  
        - CWA 1032 Supervisory  
        - CWA 1032 Social Services  
        - PBA 378 Corrections
     d) Shared Services – Sheriff’s Department

   X (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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board expects to 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 at 5:40 PM made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)-All in favor, Freeholder Hertzberg absent

MOTION to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business made at 7:20PM by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)-All in favor including Freeholder Hertzberg

7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation

1. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month- Doreen Edwards, Tick Squad accepting 192-2019


MOTION to adopt the Proclamations made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)-All in Favor

Freeholder Fantasia presented the Proclamation for Lyme disease.

Freeholder Petillo presented Joshua and Christopher their Eagle Scout Proclamations.

B. Certificate of Recognition

Vernon Township Senior of the Year- Daniel M. Kadish, posthumously 195-2019

Freeholder Director Yardley acknowledged that Mr. Kadish passed away February 25, 2019. He was active in Vernon government since 2011, serving as Council President. Previously he served as a member on the Vernon Historic Society, Historic Preservation Commission and Art Advisory Commission as well as Fire Marshall. He and Freeholder Petillo will attend The Vernon Township Senior of the Year Banquet at Crystal Springs on Friday, April 26th and present the Certificate of Recognition.

C. Presentation

1. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Annual Presentation

2. Paige Lockburner – Mosquito Control

3. Certificates of Participation in the NJ Mosquito Identification, Habitat Recognition, Biology, and Control Certification Exams to Paige Lockburner, Eric Risley and Stephanie Scheider

Lake Hopatcong Foundation

Marty Kane from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation thanked the Board for all of their support. The Foundation is now 7 years old and is a 501(c) Non-Profit Organization. Their Vision is to foster and encourage a vibrant and healthy Lake Hopatcong for its surrounding community. The Foundation focuses on environment, education, public safety, recreation, community & historic preservation. Although we have a small Staff, we are fortunate to have a large volunteer base. In addition the Foundation is teaming up and working closely to support the efforts of the Lake Hopatcong Commission and the four surrounding Municipalities.

Accompanying Mr. Kane is Jessica Murphy, President of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. Ms. Murphy spoke of the floating classroom, which was launched about a year ago. In 2018 the classroom serviced 800 students and this year anticipates 1200 students. The students are from all parts of the County and lake communities. The lessons teach the children about the lake habitat and how to take care of the lake and incorporate their classroom science lessons into our curriculum.

Mr. Kane reported that the Foundation continues to work on their weed treatment program which is an alternative to herbicides. Also the Foundation is still working on the Lake Hopatcong Trail. This is a 10 mile trail system completed in Hopatcong and currently coordinating with Jefferson.
Our work with the State Police to keep the Lake safe has been proactive to expand the dock numbering system. These number systems help to identify the location if an emergency occurs to afford a quicker response.

Recent Grant award will help beautify the entrance to Lake Hopatcong and the Foundation continues with community events and involvement. Reminder the annual Veterans Cruise is June 29. This concludes the presentation.

Mosquito Control

Paige Lockburner Senior REHS/Supervisor from the Office of Mosquito Control spoke about how they use the IPM approach to controlling mosquitoes. They use the knowledge of mosquito biology such as the life cycle and species specific behavior, there using science to determine when and where to control the mosquitoes. They do not spray just because they get a complaint. It must first be backed up with science.

The County employs 3 full time Staff who are licensed through the NJDEP to apply pesticides and each of them is a certified ID specialist. We also have four seasonal employees who are also licensed pesticide operators. We have a full lab and full time ID specialist, Eric Risley. Eric studies about 5,000 mosquitoes a day; no doubt he knows what he is doing and he is good at what he does. Public Relations is very important to the success of their program. There is a lot of misunderstanding about what they do because they apply pesticides. In order to keep things in a positive manner and promote the good things they do, we participate in Community Days, maintain a display during the County Fair, post displays at municipal buildings and the libraries. It is important to get the correct message out to the public.

In 2011 we received 1543 complaints and in 2018 received 435. In 2011, we did not treat the aerial sites, and flood plains in the County. In 2018, we were able to access the Emergency Reserve Fund which was key to the 2018 program success. The aerial applications are very labor intensive but the results are well worth it.

Mosquitoes are treated for a number of diseases. West Nile is getting worse. Every time there is a wave of West Nile it requires more resources. We also implement a Bio-Control program whereby we stock waterways with Fathead Minnows, supplied by the State Fish Hatchery. The fish are used in place of pesticides.

The last resort is adulticide applications and it is usually in response to diseases. A lot of prep goes into the adulticide applications, including notification to beekeepers. This year they are going to try spraying while driving ATVs to get into the little nooks and crannies.

GIS Technology is very important and has been using Sentinel GIS for 10 years. In 2012 it will migrate to new FieldSeeker GIS software. The GIS is a GPS system that follows us while spraying and it also notifies us when we are approaching a beekeeper location or a no spray location and it tells us to turn the sprayer off. It ties the field work and the lab work together. The FieldSeeker offers real time connectivity between office and field which will give us faster times and make things more efficient and better management. Records management has been helping her to cut down on the phones calls they have to make to notify about spraying. The app will be on the website and they can register about no spraying of beekeeping, etc. Prior to this app it took over 2 to 3 hours now it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

This concludes this presentation.

Certificates of Participation in the New Jersey Mosquito Examination

Freeholder Yardley presented the Certificates of Participation in the NJ Mosquito Identification, Habitat Recognition, Biology and Control Certification Exams to Paige Lockburner, Eric Risley and Stephanie Scheider (Stephanie was not there). Paige received a perfect 100 score on the test and Eric received a 99. This was the first time anyone achieved a perfect score. All three were recognized for their hard work and dedication.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION RE: 196-2019
   AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2019 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET BY TITLE
   ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8

   MOTION to adopt the Resolution made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
   (Voice Voice)- All in favor

B. 2019 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED

   MOTION to open Public Hearing for the 2019 Sussex County Budget as Approved made by Freeholder Graham;
   seconded by Freeholder Petillo
   (Voice vote)- All in favor

   PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN

   Mr. Poff read a recap of the County Budget.

   Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2019 County Budget as Approved?

   Mr. Gettler, Wantage, NJ expressed his concerns about the tax increases. He feels it is forcing the people out of the County. He feels the budget needs to be cut in particular the Sheriff’s office and 2019 expenditures are paid in 2020 Budget.
Mr. Ray Sarinelli, County Auditor, explained that some of the appropriations were expended to 12/31/2018 but you still have bills coming in through 3/31/2019 that have to get paid against the reserves.

Freeholder Hertzberg stated that this budget is not going to be fixed overnight. Some hard decisions will need to be made to fix the problem. In order to lower taxes, we need to get ourselves in a good financial position to do it the right way.

Carl Luthman, Lafayette said the number one problem in Sussex County is property taxes. He challenged the Board to look at how much they would have to reduce the tax rate to save one penny. Mr. Sarinelli answered to save a penny the Budget would have to be reduced 1.7 million dollars.

Freeholder Hertzberg commented that everyone wants taxes lowered, but when you start into this process, there is a lot of work that needs to be done.

Richard Kelsey, Stillwater, NJ, praised the Sussex County Community College for what they do for the students as a stepping stone to further their education but he feels they need to be better managed. He said every board meeting he attends, he is amazed by two things, the drop in credit hours and the endless capacity of the SCCC Board of Trustees ability’s to spend money. The expenditures just keep getting approved; nobody asks questions. He asked the Board to consider these four questions:

1. How much was given to SCCC for operating support? It was stated at their meeting that is was the same as prior year.
2. How much was approved for Chapter 12 funding? The college said we have to spend those funds or they will go away.
3. Do we keep approving new Chapter 12 funding for purposes that don’t really exist and let them keep accumulating while we service the bond debt.
4. What is the total portion of our debt services for Chapter 12 funds for SCCC in the current budget?

Freeholder Graham said it is approximately 10% of the total capital expenditures for this year.

Peter Knipe, Frankford, said in addition to budget management, Economic Development is just as important. His challenge to the Board is to manage the budget starting now and challenge each and every department to reduce costs.

Freeholder Hertzberg said they have started to do that and at the next meeting will share the direction they are heading.

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(voice vote)- All in favor

**RESOLUTION RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2019 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET**

**197-2019**

**AS APPROVED**

Freeholder Director Yardley: “BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex that the Budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of $93,879,442 for the County purposes to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.”

**MOTION** to finally adopt the 2019 County Budget as Approved made Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**Roll Call:** Freeholder Fantasia – Yes
Freeholder Graham – First wanted to make a comment.

**Discussion**

Freeholder Graham said in his 7 years working on budgets he has never voted against a budget. He spends a lot of time reviewing the budgets. The review is line by line item. No budget is ever on hearsay and everything is challenged. Over the years there have become protected areas in the budget that can’t be touched, which is an area of frustration. He acknowledged Mr. Gettler’s percentages and some were accurate and some were not. As Mr. Sarinelli pointed out there are end of year closings and are paid later. However, one thing that troubles him the most this year is the Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Department has said on more than one occasion that there are big savings. I don’t see savings, only shifting money from one side to other side. The 911 Center as a constant concern and after 15 years of Public Service I and voting no on this budget.

Freeholder Fantasia agrees with Freeholder Graham on the sacred cow concept and has been taken back by things that have been done a certain way just because that is that way it was done. That thinking is foreign for her and she is not comfortable with that attitude. Again, she came in too late into the process to reinvent the wheel. But we are going to do the best that we can. Freeholder Hertzberg and she are looking forward to moving forward.

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Freeholder Petillo said this process takes a long time. Every department looks to make cuts. When you say cuts you are going to cut services in some departments. We did have a solar issue that took every buffer available in lines items away. It has been very difficult but we have not been neglectful and have been looking at this all the time. Going forward she feels we have a Board who has the same mindset and do the best we can. She is looking forward to working with Freeholders Fantasia and Hertzberg with their idea on how to handle the debt going forward. She thanked Mr. Sarinelli, our CFO and staff and County Administrator for working as hard as they have and going back and trying to find areas to reduce it again.
Freeholder Hertzberg said he has been very outspoken and as Freeholder Petillo said, we can point fingers at a lot of different people and things but as the end of the day it doesn’t make things any better. This is the situation we are in and we have to find our way out of it. Going forward he expects to make a lot of changes. Efficiency is the buzz word. It is going to be uncomfortable for all of us. He knows it is going to take a lot of work but they are going to turn this County around and that is the plan.

Freeholder Yardley noted that the County’s Bond Rating AA1. This budget process started six months ago. It is a process that takes time. What we need to do is control the borrowing at the County. As mentioned there will be a financial plan and we will need to stick to it. The 911 Center gets a lot of attention but we like so many in the State are not getting our fair share of what we are owed by the 911 fund. The State continues to divert this funding.

He said the 911 center keeps coming up. This has been with us for a while. It is something that mandated by the State. The Governor has now diverted billions of dollars for the state budget. That money was supposed to come here to run the 911 center but it doesn’t. He doesn’t understand why that can’t be challenged.

On Roll call the vote was: Majority of the Full membership required.

Freeholder Fantasia Yes
Freeholder Graham No
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes
Freeholder Petillo Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

C. FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE 2019-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $3,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971

MOTION that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham (Voice vote)- All in favor

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Ordinance?
Mr. Kelsey, Mr. Gettler and Mr. Luthman each voice comments regarding SCCC accountability and impact to taxes.

MOTION that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia (Voice vote)-All in favor

MOTION that this Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

Discussion

Freeholder Graham apologized for missing the meeting two weeks ago, but his business obligations required him to travel out of the Country. He stated that he is against moving Chapter 12 funds after they have already been allocated. If they are not spent, then they should be sent back to the County with a new request.

Freeholder Hertzberg is not a member of the School Board Estimate, but there has been a lot talk about trade schools and getting people the proper training so they can get jobs. He indicated he supports the McGuire Project because people in Sussex County had no options. They could take some classes at SCC but not at the level they need for the trades. No one wants to spend money when we have the debt we have but you need to make smart investments for the future. We need to be ready so when these companies come into Sussex County we will highly trained people to fill the positions.

Freeholders Fantasia and Hertzberg attended an Economic Development breakfast program and the topic of discussion was labor trends. Over 4,000 employers in New Jersey were surveyed and 83% of the employers said they were having a difficult time finding recruits to fill positions. Plus 75% said there was a gap in the skill set for the jobs needed.

Top three areas of employment most lacking were 1. Trades, 2. Analytics in Data and 3. Science, Engineering and Medical. When you look at what is proposed at the College, they hit every single one of those because things are revolving.

In terms of the reallocation, she was not a Member of the School Board Estimate when they approved the turf field. So her vote for reallocating of the funds made sense because they were able to reverse the money to go for heating and ventilation in lieu of the turf field making this a much better choice.
On Roll call the vote was:

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

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

(Voice vote) All in favor

9. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Comments are limited to 5 minutes or less and must only address issues regarding agenda items.
Please state your name, and print your name and municipality on the sign in sheet.

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

(Voice vote) All in favor

Mr. Luthman spoke again regarding the budget, suggesting that everyone should be thinking outside the box. The County should offer a 401K program so they don’t have to rely on the State’s pension plan. This should be something that is explored.

Mr. Gettler agrees that some of the bills from 2018 are paid in 2019. But you failed to say the bills in 2017 are paid in 2018. They offset each other. The Budget is excessive and you are chasing people out of the County.

Jon Connolly, President of SCCC and resident of Newton. The Freeholders are welcomed to talk with he and of the Board at any time. His CFO has been the consultant for Brown University for two years and served in the California College system as well as a consultant. He knows how budgets are supposed to work. Mr. Connolly has been involved in seven institutions of higher education. He has served at the Hudson University as Chief Academic officer deeply involved in the budgets there. He and others helped to the saved that institution. It was going down the tubes for several of reasons and they brought it out. It was breathing on paperclips. If you go there now is it a thriving institution. It is how and where you cut and how and where and you invest. The turf field was a want and trading it for a need was the appropriate thing to do.

He said he had a very good conversation with Freeholder Graham one time about under capitalizing things. He said that is the way we get stuff done. We deliver the goods for what students needs to enter a work force that is constantly changing.

In summary, they are happy to answer any questions the Freeholders may have. Regarding our meeting last night what was presented here tonight was a mischaracterization and misrepresentation.

Freeholder Yardley feels the lines of communication have been opened.

Freeholder Fantasia said that Mr. Connolly has sent her a 2 to 4 page report every three weeks. She feels the communication has been excellent; she has had no problems or issues.

Mr. Kelsey said all the good feelings are a good thing but you need to push them away and focus on the numbers. He agrees with Freeholder Hertzberg’s comments about the value of education. He also knows that you cannot spend $5 million to educate 200 people on the theory that you are going to get some jobs in the County. You have to look at the reality of the expense vs. the benefit. He encourages the Board to look at the cost and benefit as you move forward with this process. He said he thinks it is very unfair to call math rhetoric. He is reporting on numbers and details of what happened and I encourage you to read the minutes.

Freeholder Hertzberg said his comments were not only for the possible jobs that will be here. He sees the real number of students who leave Sussex County to go to trade schools. Those are students who would be here if they had the option.

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

(Voice vote) All in favor

10. FREEHOLDERS’ COMMENTS

Comments from Freeholder Fantasia

Recently had a tour of the Fire Academy, these Administrative offices and County Clerk Office. This was very beneficial for it will help her to have a better understanding for facility improvements. She went to the Sussex Community College Day along with about 60 other people. She did have the opportunity to speak. There were testimonies from other students and some exchange students.

She and Freeholder Hertzberg toured Sussex County Technical School.
Sees the school as a good foundation to segue into the college for more specialized training and that the Technical School and County College complement each other. They also met with Doreen Edwards and the Tick Squad and it is her hope that it does not take another 60 years for the State to catch us up to where the mosquito industry is today. The tick-borne illnesses are horrific.

The Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council will be hosting an exhibit called the Creative Woman. It is in partnership with the American Association University of Women. 

On Monday, April 26th the Vernon Chamber of Commerce will host their Taste of Vernon at Heaven Hills Farm. Tickets are available on line.

Franklin Pond will be having a special Island Dedication on May 4th.

There will be a forum on illegal dumping on May 16th from 7-9PM at the Red Tail Lodge in Vernon. All Freeholders and Mayor from all municipalities have been invited. It is through the Vernon’s Citizens’ Coalition.

Comments from Freeholder Petillo

Attended the Sussex County Community College’s Greenhouse Ribbon cutting ceremony on Earth Day. The Greenhouse is used for two different degrees in the field of agriculture. The degrees are Agriculture Business and the other one is Horticulture Science. She said one of the most interesting speakers was Jacob Hunt who is a family member of Windy Brow Farm. He spoke about the cooperative partnership that is involved with the Greenhouse. This all got started through a charitable donation.

This year’s food collection for the Cram the Cruisers food drive yielded the most food collected ever through this food drive. She thanked the residents, sheriff officers and police officers involved with this.

Comments from Freeholder Graham

Also thanked the efforts of all the volunteers for Cram the Cruiser. While at the Byram Shop Rite was able to witness the Drive’s success.

Tonight we have talked about the Budget, but I want to talk about the employees. There are amazing people working for the County. Working for a government agency is not easy. Work is piled on you, there is criticism and there is always a better way. In his six years as a Freeholder he has never found a greater group of people who are more dedicated. Praised the Correction Officers for the job they do and for keeping us safe.

During my travels I have visited a lot of different Counties. Some are growing and others are not. The key to success is knowing who we are and where we are and what our restrictions are. Economic Development is easy to say but without education it is difficult to progress. Both Sussex County Technical School and Sussex County Community College are working hard to make sure the curriculum keeps up with the changing trends.

Comments from Freeholder Hertzberg

No comments.

Comments from Freeholder Yardley

On April 17 he and his dog Baxter attended the Clothes Line Project sponsored by Ginnie’s House and the Office of Childhood Protection. Held on the Newton Green, it brought awareness to the services offered for abuse and prevention. Same day enjoyed the Annual Coffee with a Cop.

On April 30, Senator Sweeney and Oroho have scheduled a Town Hall Meeting event at SCCC. The event will be held at 6:00PM in the Performing Arts Center. The event will highlight the Path to Progress while addressing fiscal reform.

The Lake Hopatcong Commission has written a letter to Governor Murphy regarding sediment discharge at the Weldon Quarry covering portions of the lake. We will keep an eye on this topic.

Governor Murphy 2020 proposed a spending plan continues to divert 911 funds from the Counties. The Plan will again divert 89.0% of the $120.0 million in surcharges it expects to collect as 911 System and Emergency Fees. New Jersey has the unfortunate pleasure of being the worst offender of diverting these funds in the Nation. An estimated $1.4 billion has been collected since 2006. The New Jersey Association of Counties is encouraging the State to restore these critical fund dollars. Sussex County does not seem to get a break from the State. We have been impacted by the Highlands Act and proposed C1 stream regulations could cause more harm. We need to continue to find ways to move forward so we can have development. This Board will continue to move forward and work on the budget and improve things as best we can.

11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: 198-2019
AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUSSEX COUNTY (RETIREES) AND BENECARD SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR THE TERM OF MAY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $4,857,880.72
B. RESOLUTION RE: 199-2019
AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUSSEX COUNTY (ACTIVE EMPLOYEES) AND BENECARD SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR THE TERM OF MAY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $4,328,768.80

C. RESOLUTION RE: 200-2019
ESTABLISHING AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH BENEFITS POLICY FOR NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES SET FORTH IN THE SUSSEX COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

D. RESOLUTION RE: 201-2019
AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE REVISED CY 2019 (JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S JDAI INNOVATIONS APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $3,150.00

E. RESOLUTION RE: 202-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT, FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,451.97 FROM THE DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND (DDEF) PURSUANT TO APPLICATION MADE TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

F. RESOLUTION RE: 203-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE GRAPHICS FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL NOT TO EXCEED $42,438.00

G. RESOLUTION RE: 204-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR ARCGIS MAPPING DATA AND WATER RESOURCEROMODEL DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE FROM THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY

H. RESOLUTION RE: 205-2019

I. RESOLUTION RE: 206-2019
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) TO PROVIDE MEDICARE COUNSELING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF $32,000.00

J. RESOLUTION RE: 207-2019
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR STATE FY 2020 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO SUSSEX COUNTY VETERANS IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

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 A-J tendered by Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Petillo
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes Regular Meeting- April 10, 2019:  Freeholder Hertzberg
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)- All Members voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Freeholder Graham who abstained.

Executive Session – April 10, 2019 – Motion to approve: Freeholder Petillo
13. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. RESOLUTION RE: 208-2019
APPOINTING MARY DONOVICK AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

B. RESOLUTION RE: 209-2019
APPOINTMENT OF JOE SABELLA (SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL), MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS. SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021

MOTION to adopt Resolution A and B: Freeholder Hertzberg
Second: Freeholder Graham
(Voice Vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

C. RESOLUTION RE: 210-2019
APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH J. BROWN AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2022

D. RESOLUTION RE: 211-2019
REAPPOINTMENT OF MARYANNE FOX AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2022

MOTION to adopt Resolution C and D: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Petillo
Discussion: Freeholder Fantasia stated at the last meeting we had requested information on these Candidates. Ms. Fox is a reappointment so we knew about her credentials, but at 11:30 AM today we received Ms. Brown’s resume. Has everyone has a chance to review this resume? The Freeholder acknowledged their review and acceptance.

Freeholder Yardley inquired of County Counsel if the Board of Chosen Freeholders is mandated to vote on these appointments? Mr. Kelly responded that because of the advice and consent procedure nobody can be appointed to the Board of Trustees without an affirmative vote from the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

(Roll Call)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION RE: 212-2019
ADOPTION OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (“LAD”) N.J.S.A. 10:5-12

B. RESOLUTION RE: 213-2019
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FOR CAVALIER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES, INC. (“C.E.C.S.”), 482 HOUSES CORNER ROAD, SPARTA, NJ, TO PERMIT THE INTAKE AND PROCESSING OF CAR AND TRUCK TIRES

MOTION to adopt the resolutions A-B: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Petillo
(Voice Vote)- All Members present voted in the affirmative.

15. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDERS/BID

A. RESOLUTION RE: 214-2019
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF HOT POUR CRACK SEALING MATERIAL AND RENTAL OF CRACK SEALING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SEALMASTER PRODUCT AND SERVICES FROM DATE OF CONTRACT AWARD TO APRIL 23, 2020 WITH AN ESTIMATED INITIAL AMOUNT OF $47,001.00
B. RESOLUTION RE: 215-2019

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GL GROUP INC, FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (CARPENTRY) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM MAY 1, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020 WITH THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $100,000.00

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Award of Contract/Change Orders/Bids 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 adopt the Contract A and B: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Petillo
(Roll Call Vote)
Freeholder Fantasia Yes
Freeholder Graham Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes
Freeholder Petillo Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

16. **FINANCIAL**

A. RESOLUTION RE: 216-2019

PAYMENT OF BILLS
April 24, 2019

**MOTION** to approve Bill List: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia Yes
Freeholder Graham Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes
Freeholder Petillo Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

B. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING- BOND ORDINANCE 2019-005

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $10,086,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $533,866) AND AUTHORIZING $9,074,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

**MOTION** to introduce this Ordinance on first reading. Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia Yes
Freeholder Graham Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes
Freeholder Petillo Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(voice vote) All Members present voted in the affirmative.

C. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE 2019-006

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $316,552.56 THEREFOR AND REAPPROPRIATING EXCESS BOND PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $316,552.56 TO FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST

**MOTION** to introduce this Ordinance on first reading: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Petillo

(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance: Freeholder Fantasia
Second: Freeholder Hertzberg
(voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

D. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE 2019-007

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $246,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $246,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING OF SUCH APPROPRIATION

MOTION to introduce this Ordinance on first reading: Freeholder Petillo
Second: Freeholder Graham
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance: Freeholder Fantasia
Second: Freeholder Graham
(voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

E. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE 2019-008

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 18-02 (PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHICH ARE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON APRIL 11, 2018, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN

MOTION to introduce this Ordinance on first reading: Freeholder Petillo
Second: Freeholder Graham
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance: Freeholder Fantasia
Second: Freeholder Graham
(voice vote)- All Members present voted in the affirmative.
F. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2019-009

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING $1,189,506 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

MOTION to introduce this Ordinance on first reading: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance: Freeholder Hertzberg
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

17. PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION RE: 217-2019
AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF APRIL 24, 2019

MOTION to adopt the Personnel Agenda: Freeholder Graham
Second: Freeholder Hertzberg
(Roll Call)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff announced that Sussex County’s first County-wide Bring Your Child to Work Day will be held tomorrow from 8AM to 3PM. There is a very nice program prepared for an excess of 20 children. The children will be able to see not only what their parents do, but what the County does as well.

19. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

None

20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

21. NEW BUSINESS

None

22. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes. Please state your name and print name and municipality on sign in sheet.

MOTION to open the floor for public comment at 9:55 PM: Freeholder Fantasia
Second: Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. William Gettler, Wantage commented on the subject of proposed new State regulations for C1 streams and how this will impact economic development. Received communication from an attorney who attended the same State hearing he and his wife attended which conveyed that the attorneys are seeking time extensions or that the regulations are killed.

Last year suffered from tick borne illness. It was near fatal and something has to be done regarding the tick crisis.

MOTION to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business: Freeholder Petillo
Second: Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Freeholder Director Yardley questioned if the Board needed to resume into Executive Session? Mr. Poff wasn’t sure at this hour if it is necessary. County Counsel asked if there was consensus of moving forward with the Resolution for Opioid litigation.
Freeholder Petillo questioned if the County had enough costs associated with Opioids to make it worth the while and the Staff to complete to complete the application. Mr. Kelly feels there is enough information to support the pursuit. Freeholder Yardley reminded everyone that the County can opt out at any time at no cost.

In conclusion it was agreed to proceed with the Resolution for the next meeting.

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24. **ADJOURNMENT – Time is 10:05 PM**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting: Freeholder Fantasia
Second: Freeholder Hertzberg
(Voice vote) – All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Lyons, Clerk
Board of Chosen Freeholders