Item 1. CALL TO ORDER BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR PETILLO at 6:08PM

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Hertzberg, Freeholder Petillo,
Also Present: County Administrator Greg Poff, County Counsel Kevin Kelly and Clerk to the Board, Teri Lyons
Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Herb Yardley arrived during 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 June 7, 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 Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded: Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)- All in favor

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general nature of the subject(s) to be discussed relate to the following item(s) authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as designated below:

____ (1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:

____ (2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:

____ (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy:

____ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:

____ (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:

____ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:

X (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege;

• Update on Mt. Creek, Inc. et al
• Roseff V. County of Sussex
County Administrator added:

- Contract negotiations
- CWA 1032
- Shared Services Sheriff's office

County Counsel added:

- A policy issue

(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 Freeholder Hertzberg

Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)- All in favor

MOTION to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business at 7:05PM Freeholder Petillo

Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)- All in favor

Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Director Yardley arrived.

7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation

1. Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Patrick Stevens. Was delivered for Ceremony. 268-2019
2. Recognizing Restoration to Deckertown-Union Cemetery- Presented by Freeholder Director Yardley, accepted by Mrs. Nancy Vander Berg and their son Daniel Vander Berg. Recognized at the May 29th meeting.

MOTION to adopt the Proclamations Freeholder Petillo

Seconded by Freeholder Graham

(Voice Vote)- All in favor

B. Certificates of Recognition

Prior to the presentation of the Certificate, Freeholder Petillo mentioned that today was the Senior Olympics and Sparta won.

1. Lorraine Hentz for her involvement with Older American’s Day Freeholder Sylvia Petillo made the presentation. 269-2019
2. Sussex County Technical School Culinary Arts Program- recognition for their Two Gold Medals at the New Jersey Association of Counties Conference – Freeholder Hertzberg presented the Certificate. 270-2019

Freeholder Hertzberg reported that the structural display the students constructed was amazing. It stood out amongst all the other Counties. He watched the students assemble the display and was amazed with the display’s detail. The students made a huge impression and he was extremely proud of their representation for Sussex County.

At the 69th Annual New Jersey Association of Counties Conference which all Freeholders attended, the Conference included the 8th Annual County Vocational-Technical School Cook-Off Challenge. Twelve schools competed and each Team was to create a dish in appetizer size to feed 350 guests and create a station display to represent their County.

Sussex Tech’s food entry was Brasied Stuffed Easter Quail Roulade on a wild rice cake with port wine reduction.
The 2018 Audit has been completed and delivered. Audit includes financial statements and a compliance section. Mr. Sarinelli proceeded to highlight Audit. Pleased to report that most of the news this year was good. The best news was that the Fund Balance increased about $450,000.00 even though there were many ups and down throughout the year. The main increase was due to interest rates on investments increasing from the previous year. $679,000 was collected from interest which was $450,000 more than what was budgeted.

The Trust Funds were as usual. The year started with $4.3million in Open Space Trust and ended the year with the same amount. The planning items such as accumulated sick time started at $2.2 million and went up about $50,000 and storm recovery increased from $1.6 to $2.2 million. By showing these reserves, it indicates that the County is properly planning. The overall debt authorized went down from $94 million to $91 million at the end of this year. This does not include the Solar debt (which some feel it should) but that debt is authorized by the Morris County Improvement Authority. Also it does not include the Sussex County MUA who is responsible for their debt. The Library Fund operated pretty much on balance. As for compliance, since the County continues to employ a CPA the rating agency looks upon that favorably. There were three minor compliance issues. One having to do with segregation of duties and one with PO’s dated after the purchase and one comment relative to a grant.

The County recently had a successful Bond sale and proved favorably with Rating Agencies. That is a big deal for the Administration and Finance Departments because you get compared to Counties all across the Country. While little things like moving from standard to good don’t sound like a big move but where you stand relative to other Counties, it doesn’t get better than that. The County did maintain their AA rating on a $27million bond sale and a $14million bond anticipation notes. The Rating Agency did recognize some of the strong policies put into place such as the a Fund Balance Policy that was put into place in 2018 and some credits were given for the Debt Service Policy which is in the process and should be done soon. The Rating Agency talks about a strong economy, strong management, and good financial policies in practices. They have a grid that they mark all Counties and Sussex County rated very high. They sighted strong budgetary performance with operating surpluses and strong budget flexibility and strong equity. They talked about a positive future for Sussex County both in the short term and long term and they did upgrade the policies in practices under their grid from Standard to Good. Again, that doesn’t sound like a big deal but it doesn’t get any better than that for the Finance Department.

The Freeholders congratulated the Finance Department and Freeholder Hertzberg said all this relates to cost savings which is very important.

Freeholder Fantasia inquired about the compliance issues and what has been noted are typical. Freeholder Fantasia wants to make certain the County is doing what has been recommend for the separation of duties and purchase orders procedures.

Mr. Sarinelli said in relationship to those two items, the County has a very strong system. He said the accounting standards tell them that they need to advise the Freeholders that unless your internal control process in the segregation of duties is absolutely impeccable, where you have many people doing all different functions independent of each other, than we need to include and identify that to you.
He said the County has a very strong system you just don’t have enough employees. He said he is not recommending that we hire more employees it just means that the Freeholders need to be aware of what is going on. We still need to tell you that your system is less than perfect although very good. The issue with the purchase orders is that things happen. You deal with thousands of purchase orders in a year. He said if you look at the bigger picture these items are rather minor and are typical with an experienced staff getting those minor recommendations.

Freeholder Graham thanked Mr. Sarinelli and Elke Yetter for all their hard work.

A. RESOLUTION RE: 271-2019
CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF AUDIT BY GROUP AFFIDAVIT
MOTION to approve the Resolution by Sylvia Petillo
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

On Roll Call the vote was:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

Prior to Freeholder Director Yardley opening the floor up to the public he read the following statement:

I would like to address comments made by a member of the public at the last Board meeting. The allegations made about “cooking books,” corruption, theft, etc. are false. A review of the 2018 Abstract of Ratable shows that columns a (i) and (ii) concerning the County Library Tax should not have been published, but that column a (iii) is the correct amount to be levied for the County Library Tax. Further allegations concerning the tax overbilling in 2014 is well documented, was reviewed by the State Division of Local Government Services, and resolved in the 2015 fiscal year. This issue was determined to be appropriately handled and properly reflected in the financial statements approved by the Division of Local Government Services. Any allegations to the contrary are simply not true.

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 by Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote)- All in favor

Mr. Gettler, Wantage stated that Freeholder Yardley’s comments is a response to a presentation Mr. Gettler made at the last Freeholder meeting and finds the remarks totally fictitious, total whitewash and lies.

Freeholder Yardley told Mr. Gettler he has many opportunities to review this information, but instead you make your statements which have answered.

Mr. Gettler continued with his complaint regarding $582,696 that County has never refunded the Tax Payers. .

Freeholder Yardley stated that the overbilling in 2014 was reviewed by the State Division of Local Government Services and resolved in the 2015 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Gettler said half of the overcharge that was made in 2014 was duplicated in 2015 first and second quarters. The County Tax Payers paid $582,696 in extra taxes in 2015 first and second quarters which have never been refunded.

Freeholder Graham advised Mr. Gettler to direct his questions to the Division of Local Government Services. There is nothing we can do here that is going to satisfy you. When we found out about this in 2014, it was handled absolutely the way it had to be handled. The Division of Local Government is the oversite of County Government.

Freeholder Hertzberg advised if Mt Gettler if this was done illegally, he should direct his concerns to the Prosecutor’s Office.

Remarks concluded.

Doreen Edwards, Sussex, a member of The Tick Squad referenced a recent article in the New Jersey Herald about a gentleman who recently died from Powassan Virus. This is a flavivirus transmitted by ticks. The article quoted this gentleman saying that he never saw a bull’s eye. Ms. Edward says the public needs more education on this. Not everyone develops a bull’s eye. The lucky sees a bull’s eye. More education needs to be provided in the schools and health departments.

Discussion ensued regarding recent presentation by Newton Medical Center regarding tick borne diseases and Ms.
Edward’s concern that the reporting was not current.

Ms. Edwards asked the Freeholders if they could reach out to the Health Department to get an update and some clarification on how they get their numbers in particular the difference between cases and investigations.

Freeholder Fantasia answered that Ms. Edwards and/or the hospital should be able to get current information from the Health Department. Freeholder Fantasia is still so surprised to find out how little information there are for adults. For the children, the Department of Education has requested that school districts across the State share any resources they currently use and include tick borne illnesses in their curriculums.

Ms. Edwards meet with SCCC President, Dr. Connelly on this topic and he is on board to get involved in tick education and abatement. Freeholder Hertzberg feels that the State should be doing more with this and therefore the Freeholders should be having more conversations on this.

Freeholder Director Yardley advised Ms. Edwards to speak with the Director of Nursing Marty Baldwin. She should be able to give you the information you are looking for. And he asked if Ms. Edwards would let him know that if she gets her information.

He said in the past the Health Department has written Press Releases on many different topics.

Ms. Edwards said she would rather not call the Health Department. Her last phone call did not go very well and she did not get the information she was looking for.

John Cenmer, Andover also a member of the Tick Squad said when he spoke with Dr. Connolly regarding a tick analysis program; the main issue was the estimated $6,000 needed for the program. Normally for analysis, the cost is $35 per tick; but optimistic could negotiate it for about $22 a tick. Depending on where the Tick drag is conducted it is estimated 200 to 300 ticks would be collected.

When updated statistics are available Mr. Cenmer suggested this should be posted on the County’s website to educate the public.

Freeholder Hertzberg asked about the particulars on the Tick drag.

Mr. Cenmer said the way they envision it is he would like the students to get the recognition at the College for community service. They would do the Tick drag. They would know what lab to send them to. The lab would do the analysis and send back the results. The students would then take the analysis and try and get some public relations by putting it in their newspaper.

In conclusion, Freeholder Hertzberg suggested exploring grant funding for this effort.

Jacqueline Decker-Sanchez, Newton and County employee addressed the Board regarding an issue she is having with Employee Services regarding a seasonal position her husband had applied for employment. Ms. Sanchez expressed her frustration on some procedural issues such as responses to OPRA Requests and she feels some of her issues have not been acknowledged.

Freeholder Director Yardley explained to Ms. Decker-Sanchez that this is a personnel matter and should not be discussed in a public forum. It was decided that the Freeholders can listen but not make any comments at this time.

Ms. Decker-Sanchez continued detailing events and concerns with County Policy until her five minutes allotment has expired.

Ms. Lyons suggested Ms. Decker-Sanchez can call her office in the morning regarding her OPRA. Ms. Lyons noted that she emailed Ms. Decker that and her OPRA Request had been forwarded to Employee Services. Ms. Decker-Sanchez’s complaint was about the time it took for her OPRA to be received by Ms. Lyons. Ms. Lyons said her request was delivered via interoffice mail, which she has not control over delivery time.

This concludes Public Session.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business Freeholder Petillo

Seconed by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)-All in favor

10. **FREEHOLDERS’ COMMENTS**

Freeholder Graham

No comments this evening.

Freeholder Petillo

Freeholder Petillo spoke about the Armed Forces Relief fundraiser, held twice a year in Hopatcong, which she attended. Freeholder Petillo thanked the Committee who are faithful in holding these fundraisers. This event raises money for the men and women returning from Active Duty who need assistance in any form.

Also attended the 2019 Economic Outlook Forum at Sussex County Community College. This forum was the second forum presented by Sparta Law Firm; Laddey, Clark and Ryan. The guest speaker was Kevin Depew,
Deputy Chief Economist of RMSUS. Mr. Depew spoke about many issues relative to Sussex County. The one issue that she felt was very important is connectivity and its demand for high speed internet service. He spoke about many things but one of the things he spoke on were Millennials and the issue of them moving to Sussex County. The issue of connectivity is lacking in Sussex County. The County has limited sources for Broadband Data and that is one reason why they are not moving up here.

**Freeholder Fantasia**

As the Liaison to Ogdensburg, Freeholder Fantasia attended a Borough Council meeting. At that meeting a new Council member was sworn into office and the Borough extended an invitation to the Freeholders to attend Ogdensburg Day on September 7th.

The Borough Council posed a question regarding CR 517 for there has been multiple severe accidents over the past few months due to the curvature in the road and speed. The Council would like to know if there is a possibility the County could double infraction violations. Mr. Poff agreed he would convey this to the County Engineer and inform Ogdensburg.

The Arts and Heritage Council will be having a Paint and Sip on June 28th at their Spring Street store front and the Council is involved with the Food Truck Festival Fundraiser, Saturday, July 20th at the Fair Grounds. Yoga is Art is every Thursday at the Spring Street location from 6:30PM to 7:45PM; cost is $15.00. Upcoming arts program titled “Pushing the Envelope”, runs from June 29th thru July 27th. The Council is accepting art work for this Display. Visit the Arts and Heritage Facebook page for more information.

Freeholder Fantasia along with Freeholder Yardley attended their quarterly meeting with SCCC President Dr. Connelly and the College Board of Trustees. Topic for discussion highlights the lack of connectivity and how 5G in the County could drastically change the employment opportunities, especially in the medical field. Dr. Connelly’s Quarterly report was distributed earlier to the Freeholders.

At this same meeting, the College reported on its partnership with the Vernon’s school district. SCCC’s Board of Trustees purchased 20 computers and monitors for the ITV lab for students who concurrently attend Vernon High School and SCCC. That purchased was funded by the HEFT Grant (Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund).

Lastly, the SCCC Board of Trustees approved a new Certificate in Culinary Arts and an Optic’s Technology Option under the AAS Technical Studies. This Option is in partnership with Thor Labs and one of ten programs that are supported by the Federal Government.

**Freeholder Hertzberg**

We really need to do something to combat this tick epidemic. Especially having small children, he is extremely paranoid when they play outside. The lack of our State stepping up and trying to find resolutions to this because the urban areas don’t share this problem, as usual we are on our own because the rest of the State does not have to worry about this. He feels there needs to be conversations on how to support this. We need to keep talking about this.

He wants to hold off on talking about the financial policies because today they made some edits so it is not complete to talk about publicly. It is close to being finished. Hopefully by next meeting we will be able to talk about it.

He was contacted by one of the Mayor’s from Warren County Adele Star’s. They are trying to stop a big project that is going on in Warren County on Rt. 80. It is the Rock Wall Project. It is up to $65 million. Ms. Star said that 9 rocks fell in a 10 year period but one of them caused a fatality so that has triggered this project. They had asked if they could come to one of our meetings and give us a presentation on this rock wall.

**Freeholder Directly Yardley**

He said there has been an increase in the enrollment and hours in the adult culinary program at the College. County Bridge X-09 located on CR 565 Wantage will be reopened this Friday at 10AM. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is planned.

Freeholder Yardley along with Freeholder Hertzberg attended a recent Senior Services Public Hearing, which highlighted all of the programs and services funded through Older American’s Act Fund.

11. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

   **A.** RESOLUTION RE: 272-2019

   **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO FILE AND EXECUTE THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY (CWA) ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARD #2019-05134-0384-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,563.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

   **B.** RESOLUTION RE: 273-2019

   **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO FILE AND EXECUTE THE LOW INCOME HEATING AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY (CWA) ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARD #2019-05139-0406-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,446.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**
C. RESOLUTION RE: 274-2019
APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT PROGRAM VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT, ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COUNTY OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY V-19-17 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. IN THE AMOUNT OF $295,263.00 FEDERAL SHARE AND 73,816.00 CASH MATCH, FOR A PROJECT TOTAL OF $369,079.00

D. RESOLUTION RE: 275-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV VEHICLES FROM BEYER FORD FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF IN THE AMOUNT OF $133,078.00

E. RESOLUTION RE: 276-2019
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN FOR ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE NJ STATE UNIFORM FIRE CODE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. Commencing on September 15, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2023

F. RESOLUTION RE: 277-2019
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE FY2019 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO SUSSEX COUNTY VETERANS GRANT AWARD CONTRACT #VL20T82 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $9,000.00 FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO 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 Resolutions A-F Freeholder Petillo
Seconded by Freeholder Graham
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia Yes
Freeholder Graham Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes
Freeholder Petillo Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley Yes

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting- May 29, 2019
MOTION to approve Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice Vote)- All in favor except Freeholder Hertzberg who was absent for the meeting.

Executive Session – May 29, 2019
MOTION to approve Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg
(Voice Vote)- All in the favor

Special Meeting- Open Session minutes June 3, 2019
MOTION to approve Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice Vote)- All in favor except Graham and Hertzberg

Special Meeting- June 3, 2019
Executive Session
MOTION to approve Freeholder Petillo
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)- All in favor

13. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS- None
14. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **RESOLUTION RE: 278-2019**
Providing temporary closure of CR 613 in Sparta and Byram Townships for the Pass It Along Lake Mohawk Country Club 10th Annual Triathlon Fundraising Event

B. **RESOLUTION RE: 279-2019**
Providing temporary closure of CR 631 in Franklin Borough for a Fireworks Display

C. **RESOLUTION RE: 280-2019**
Emergency situation pertaining to County Route 614, A.K.A. Paulinskill Road, in Fredon Township and authorizing the award of contracts for the required materials and services without public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and the County policy on emergency purchases

**MOTION** to adopt the resolutions A-C Freeholder Petillo
Seconded by Freeholder Graham
(Voice Vote) - All in favor

15. **AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDERS/BID**

A. **RESOLUTION RE: 281-2019**
Authorizing change order no. 1 to the contract between Sussex County Office of Mosquito Control and Rebecca Lynn Flying Service for aerial larviciding and adulticiding in the amount of $10,000.00

B. **RESOLUTION RE: 282-2019**
Award of Contract Extension for rental of various road maintenance equipment to various vendors for the County of Sussex from June 27, 2019 until June 26, 2020

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 Contracts Resolutions A & B Freeholder Petillo
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll Call Vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

16. **FINANCIAL**

A. **RESOLUTION RE: 283-2019**
Payment of Bills List
June 12, 2019

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

B. **RESOLUTION RE: 284-2019**
Amending the 2019 Capital Budget

**MOTION** to adopt Resolution B Freeholder Hertzberg
C. INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING- CAPITAL ORDINANCE -2019-010

FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SUSSEX COUNTY SIGNAL SC-36 AT THE INTERSECTION OF CR-607 (RIVER STYX ROAD), CRESCENT ROAD, AND LAKESIDE BOULEVARD IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING $5,778,950.19 IN FUNDING FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING $250,000.00 FROM THE FY19 LOCAL AID INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, $5,057,931.00 FROM THE FY19 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID, AND $471,019.19 FROM THE FY15 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID TO PAY FOR THE COSTS THEREOF

MOTION to introduce this Ordinance on first reading Freeholder Petillo
Seconded by 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 June 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance Freeholder Petillo, seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)- All in favor

17. PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION RE: 285-2019
AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF June 12, 2019

MOTION to adopt the Personnel Agenda Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Roll Call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Graham  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Petillo  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff reported that he also attended the Economic Forum and he thanked Freeholder Petillo for mentioning the issue that the National Association of Counties has brought up. In partnership with the National Association of Development Organizations and Farm Credit, the National Association of Counties has released an App called Test IT. It is available in the App store. This mobile app is designed to identify areas where there is little or no connectivity. The information being complied on behalf of the National Association of Counties, who in turn advises the Federal Government as to where inefficiencies exist in the U.S. Mr. Poff installed the app and is pleased to report that he is connected in Byram Township and reported his findings to the Association and Tom Ryan.

Another important Topic of Discussion at this Forum was the investments in Sussex County. Something that was not brought addressed but Mr. Poff feels is worth mentioning is the importance in recognizing that the County’s Transportation infrastructures investments are extremely significant. The County is making an investment of more than $23 million in support of our transportation infrastructure, which in turn fosters economic development throughout the County.

Lastly, the Employee Services Department organized the County’s first Vendor and Wellness Fair. More than 65 employees participated to which 35 completed free Biometric screenings provided by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. More than fourteen Vendors were exhibited and have only heard positive feedback from both employees and well as the vendors. This is the second successful event this year coordinated by Employee Services.
19. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Kelly announced the passing of long time Former County Counsel Bill Fitzgibbons of Franklin. On behalf of his family they would like you to know that Bill was also Former First Assistant County Prosecutor and head counsel to the SCMUA all at different times. Bill graduated from the first graduating class of Pope John High School and he scored the first touchdown in the school's football history. His funeral is tomorrow. He was 72.

20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Fantasia expressed the benefits of the Municipal Liaison based on recent meetings with municipalities.

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 Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote)- All in favor

Doreen Edwards commented on the Broadband issue. She said in West Milford they have two choices for cable companies and that isn’t too far away. She wondered if we could approach different carriers and ask what they could do for us in Sussex County.

Freeholder Hertzberg commented and said before he left Sparta, he went through this process. He said it is very difficult to attract people up here because of the sparsity. There is a lot of cost in running the lines and they do not feel they can make their investment back. Sparta did just do a deal with a very large cable company that is going to start working in the area. They will do a couple of town as a test run. The wireless 5G could change it all because you do not need to run wires and see a completely different kind of technology and give everyone the speed that needs to be there.

Freeholder Petillo said the time is takes to get the permits from the State is another issue.

Ms. Edwards commented on the accidents on County and State roads, while being on the Scenic Byway committee, she said there was a representative from the Department of Transportation that was working with them and they had a tremendous amount of stats on accidents, the type, why, etc. She suggested they could reach out to them.

MOTION to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business Freeholder Petillo
Seconded Freeholder Graham
(Voice vote)-All in favor

23. REMINDERS

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24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM by Freeholder Graham
Seconded by Freeholder Petillo
(Voice vote)- All in favor

DATED: June 12, 2019

Respectively submitted

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Teri Lyons,
Clerk