FREEHOLDER MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2019 AT 6:00PM
FREEHOLER MEETING ROOM
REGULAR BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR Freeholder Yardley at 6:33PM

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Hertzberg and Freeholder Director Yardley

Absent: Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Petillo

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 October 17, 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

Freeholder Yardley stated that both Public Comments will be limited to 3 minutes for all meetings and will be moving the three appointments to the November 6th Board of Chosen Freeholder Meeting

Motion made by Freeholder Fantasia
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg
(Voice vote)– All in Favor

MOTION to approve the Agenda as amended made by Freeholder Fantasia
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg
(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;

Adult Protective Services
CWA 1032 Contract Negotiations
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.

**MOTION** to adopt the Executive Session Resolution and enter into Executive Session made at 6:35 PM by Freeholder Fantasia
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg
(Voice vote)-All in favor

**MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business at 7:15 PM made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)-All in favor

7. **PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

**PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

1. Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Patrick Ryan McQuillan 459-2019
2. Recognizing the Branchville Business Club for 75 years of dedicated service to the Community 460-2019
5. Certificate of Recognition to Mildred Loipersberge celebrating her 105th birthday 463-2019

Freeholder Yardley presented the Salute to Military Veterans and Lorraine Heintz accepted it.

Freeholder Fantasia presented Tom Ryan with Laddey, Clark & Ryan’s 30th Anniversary Proclamation.

**PRESENTATION**

Dr. David Bollard, Premiere Health Associates, Sparta, NJ informed the Board that his Medical Practice has started a program to recruit Medical Residents to the Practice to entice them later to live and work in Sussex County. In addition the Practice is also addressing the Opioid Epidemic by educating the community that Opioid Addiction is a disease and not a character deficit. Six physicians have received training in the Suboxone Program, which battles opioid dependency. The Practice also has started a program where they are collecting patient data using certain risk factors to help predict future opioid addicts and prevent these individuals from becoming addicts. PMP Aware program and others are designed to manage data on opioid dependency.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

Comments are limited to 3 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 Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice Vote)-All in favor

Neil Kenny, Green Township applauded all involved in the opioid epidemic but said even though you’re trying to do good things narcotics are a very slippery slope and you need to be careful.

Carolyn Magee, Sandyston thanked the Board for recognizing the need for more security at the Board of Elections’ office with the approval of Resolution C.

Dian Koster, Newton a former drug counselor said that Suboxone is prescribed during detox which is usually a five day period and she doesn’t think this is long enough for the person to change their behaviors with addiction. In her opinion the 12-step program really works best for those suffering with an addiction.
Jessica Bertoa, Hardyston stated she is a recovering heroin addict. She lost her husband to an OxyContin overdose. She strongly believes in the Suboxone program and Methadone maintenance. These two things saved her life. She asked the Freeholders to highly consider this.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Hertzberg  
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia  
(Voice Vote)-All in favor

10. **FREEHOLDERS’ COMMENTS**

**Comments from Freeholder Fantasia**

The Freeholders have received the County’s Finance Reports ending September 30th including the solar receipts and disbursements. The County is on target for the budget with both revenues and expenses. The Finance Committee has completed the 2020 Operating Budget meeting with all Departments. Freeholder Fantasia thanked everyone that was involved in putting together an informative, concise budget presentation. She can’t talk enough about the organization that went into this and made it so easy for them to navigate through the material and find what they needed.

Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council have some interesting events going on. The first Monday of each month will be a Social event. Another interesting event is instrumentalist/singer/song writer Jess Novak will host a program to help aspiring musicians, artists and composers. The program fee is $25 per person and it is free for children 16 and under.

Library- At the Dorothy Henry Branch on October 26th at 10AM and the Louis Child’s Branch at 2PM there will be a Program on tips for organizing your home, home office and even your finances. Also, on October 23rd from 3 to 7PM for grades 4 and up in Franklin there will be a Harry Potter Escape Room.

As Municipal Liaison to Ogdensburg Borough, they are in desperate need for EMT’s and First Responders in order to continue to provide free emergency care and support. No experience is necessary. It is 100% volunteer and you must be 18 years or older.

**Comments from Freeholder Hertzberg**

Attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Ronetco Shoprite opening in Sparta.

Also thanked and complimented the Staff for the budget hearings he and Freeholder Fantasia attended.

He thanked Jessica Bertoa for getting up and speaking about her addiction problems. It was very brave to share her story with us this evening.

**Comments from Freeholder Yardley**

Because Freeholder Petillo is attending the County’s Opioid Symposium, Director Yardley shared information from the Health Report. From September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2109 there were 100 reportable communicable diseases investigated.

Domestic or Wild Bite exposures for the month of September, 2019; involved 12 dogs, 12 cats, 3 bats, 1 raccoon, 1 skunk and 1 ram.

Flu and Pneumococcal vaccines are available. Check the County and Health websites to find out when the clinics are available.

There will be a Men’s Health Screening Clinic on Wednesday, October 30 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Wheatsworth Building

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) visited 473 households and enrolled 272 participants who completed a comprehensive survey and provided a blood sample for the CDC to determine any prior exposure for the Powassan Virus survey.

He attended the Sussex County Elks Open House for Veteran services and the Newton Chamber of Commerce meeting.

In closing commented about Dr. Bollard’s presentation and he hopes all programs will be successful.

11. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **RESOLUTION RE: 464-2019**  
**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE FY2018 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $18,749.00**
B. RESOLUTION RE: 465-2019
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE FINAL ALLOCATION OF THE 2019 AREA PLAN CONTRACT GRANT #DOAS19AAA003 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF $3,054.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

C. RESOLUTION RE: 466-2019
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2018 HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) ELECTION SECURITY GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $32,748.31

D. RESOLUTION RE: 467-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (HVAC) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO AIR MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $133,000.00

E. RESOLUTION RE: 468-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORESCOUT APPLIANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF NETWORK SECURITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $97,113.47

F. RESOLUTION RE: 469-2019
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION GRANT # OLPH20CLP030 IN THE AMOUNT OF $53,256.00 FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

G. RESOLUTION RE: 470-2019
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR SUSSEX COUNTY REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT (COUNTY BRIDGE X-54 OIL CITY ROAD, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP) TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON INC IN THE AMOUNT OF $210,234.00

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 Resolutions A-G made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll call vote)

Freeholder Fantasia  Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg  Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley  Yes

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – October 9, 2019
(Voice Vote)
Executive Session Minutes- October 9, 2019
(Voice Vote)

13. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. RESOLUTION RE: NOT ACTED UPON
APPOINTMENT OF JAMES A. FARBER AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2023

B. RESOLUTION RE: NOT ACTED UPON
REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL “DOC” CROWLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 31, 2023
C. RESOLUTION RE: NOT ACTED UPON
REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANE WEXLER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS. SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31, 2023

MOTION to adopt the Appointments A-C
(Voice Vote)
These resolutions were tabled until next Freeholder meeting.

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION RE: 471-2019
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 613 IN SPARTA TOWNSHIP FOR THE SPARTA TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION’S ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K ON NOVEMBER 28, 2019

MOTION to adopt said Resolution made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll Call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia   Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg   Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley   Yes

15. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDERS/BID

A. RESOLUTION RE: 472-2019
ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF A SECURITY SYSTEM INTEGRATOR TO ADT SECURITY CORPORATION (FKA ADT CORP) FROM ADT US HOLDINGS, INC. AND MS ELECTRONICS, LLC (D.B.A. – M.S.E. CORPORATE SECURITY)

B. RESOLUTION RE: 473-2019
AWARD OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CALMAG 100 LIQUID MELTING AGENT SOIL STABILIZER, OR EQUAL FOR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM REED SYSTEMS, LTD FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6, 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.

MOTION to adopt Resolutions A and B made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll Call Vote)
Freeholder Fantasia   Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg   Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley   Yes

16. FINANCIAL

A. RESOLUTION RE: 474-2019
PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST A
October 23, 2019
Freeholder Graham and Freeholder Petillo Abstaining

MOTION to approve Bill List A made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Roll call vote)
Freeholder Fantasia   Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg   Yes
Freeholder Director Yardley   Yes

B. RESOLUTION RE: 475-2019
PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST B
October 23, 2019

MOTION to approve Bill List B made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
17. PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION RE: 476-2019
AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF October 23, 2019

MOTION to adopt the Personnel Agenda made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

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

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff stated that he appreciates the kind words from the Freeholders on the work that has been done on the operating budgets to date. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into this process. This is just the beginning of the work while in the next weeks they will be paring down the requests from the departments to be able to fit them into the financial plan that the County has adopted by way of the Fund Balance policies and the Debt Management policies. We will continue to keep the Freeholders informed and will get back to them with a completed draft hopefully by the beginning or middle of December. While the operating budget hearings have concluded, we are working on a schedule for the Departments to present their 2020 Capital Budget requests. We are targeting early November for the presentations.

19. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Kelly reported the OPRA litigation that was brought against the County by Mr. Harvey Roseff has been dismissed by the Assignment Judge Minkowitz. The Ruling was in the County’s favor and thanked outside Counsel Larry Cohen and Jamie Moscagliuri for their hard work. Mr. Kelly was not able to handle the case directly, for he was a witness.

20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Clerk stated for the record that minutes on this Agenda from the October 9, 2019 minutes will be carried to the next Freeholder meeting. They were inadvertently delivered late to the Freeholders for their review.

21. NEW BUSINESS

22. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes. Please state your name and print name and municipality on sign in sheet.

MOTION to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Hertzberg
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia
(Voice vote)-All in favor

Kristy Lavin, Hardyston stated that the video shown at the last Freeholder meeting depicting someone overdosing at a gas station and falling out of the vehicle is not a true representation of someone overdosing. Freeholder Petillo stated the video would not be shown at the Opioid Symposiums, however the video has been shown.

Laila Berras, Montague a Fifth Grader from Montague Elementary School shared her thoughts on addiction and the need to be supportive and highlighted the positives of recovering addicts.

Jessica Bertoa, Hardyston stated that through all of her recovery programs never was she shown a video of someone overdosing. Ms. Bertoa thinks the better way to get people to attend the Symposiums is to have recovering addicts speak and share their stories. Let other addicts or families of addicts know there is hope and they will not be judged.

Neil Kenny, Green Township expressed his opinions on drug addictions and the importance of having these discussions.

Jon Connelly, Newton comes before the Freeholders this evening with three points of gratitude. The first point is the fine works that Administration and Freeholder Fantasia did in having conversations about the operational budgets. He appreciated the effort that goes into it. It requires a tremendous amount of communication. His second point of gratitude was the symposium the college hosted on Lyme disease. He said he had a good feeling about it but the actual event was extraordinary. They are hoping to duplicate it this coming spring. He appreciates the Freeholder’s support. His third point of gratitude was his opportunity to provide some opening remarks at the Drug Court Program Graduation today. Twenty five Certificates were presented to individuals who successfully completed the program, which gives those adults charged with a nonviolent crime and facing incarceration an alternative to jail that focuses on rigorous treatment and rehabilitation. He applauds these individuals for making it to this particular point and what they
have been through. He encouraged the graduates to share their struggles and well as triumphs and what we saw tonight was that sharing.

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

Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)-All in favor

23. **REMINDEERS**

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Please visit the County Web Site for all meeting dates and locations.

24. **Reconvene Executive Session** – time was 8:15PM

**MOTION** to reconvene to Executive Session with no intention to take action after

Executive Session made by Freeholder Hertzberg

Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Voice vote)- All in favor

DATED: October 23, 2019

Respectively submitted,

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Teri Lyons

Clerk