

SUSSEX COUNTY  
FREEHOLDER MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2019 AT 5:30PM  
FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM

**Item**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR YARDLEY at 5:30 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL Freeholders Fantasia, Hertzberg, Petillo and Yardley**

**Also present:** Greg Poff, County Administrator; Karen Tracy for Kevin Kelly, as County Counsel; Clerk to the Board Teri Lyons

**Absent:** Freeholder Graham and County Counsel Kevin Kelly

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG - Led by Freeholder Director Yardley**

**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 February 19, 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, Mr. Poff interjected addition of Labor Negotiations to Executive Session,

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda as amended made by Freeholder Hertzberg; seconded by Freeholder Yardley  
**(Voice vote)- All in favor**

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

**RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 085-2019 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;**

- **Shared Service Agreement- Sheriff's Department**
- **Pending Ligation**
- **Mountain Creek Resort, Inc. et.al**
- **Labor Negotiations**

\_\_\_\_\_ (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (9) **Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders or provided by law that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon completion of the business, for which the Board has entered into the Executive Session, the Board shall reconvene and resume its meeting open to the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board expects to/not 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 made by Freeholder Hertzberg; seconded by Freeholder Petillo  
**(Voice vote)- All in favor**

**MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business made at 6:50PM by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia  
**(Voice vote)- All in favor**

## 7. **PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

### A. **Proclamation**

1. March is Red Cross Month- **Ed Susco and Charlie Wortmann accepting 086-2019**  
National Nutrition Month 2019 **087-2019**
2. The Chinkchewunska Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. **Sylvia will be attending the Luncheon**
3. **Birth Haven-** Community Service Award **088-2019**  
**Edward Vander Berg-** Historic Preservation Medal **089-2019**  
**Alicia Batko-** History Award **090-2019**  
**Gisell Smisko-**Conservation Award **091-2019**  
**Walpack Historical Society-**Historic Preservation Recognition Award **092-2019**  
**Audrey Magnus-** Ramsey Cooper Memorial Award **093-2019**
4. Recognizing Cody Jacob Farischon for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout- **Sylvia will attend event. 094-2019**

### B. **Presentation**

1. Will Porter – Resolution that supports NJ State Library to continue funding
2. Human Trafficking- Presented by Rev. Quinlan

Freeholders agreed to extend a courtesy to Ms. Iwanski a few minutes to speak this evening, for she was not a scheduled presenter.

Rhonda Iwanski introduced herself as a member to the Human Services Advisory Council. Ms. Iwanski was requested by the Council to present this report to the Freeholders. Ms. Iwanski highlighted a presentation which was held focusing on the substance use treatment programs offered in Sussex County. Rachel Wallace from the Center for Prevention & Counseling, Nick Loizzi from the County of Sussex Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community and Youth Services and Laura Guanicone from Capitol Care all presented information on the topic.

During the month of February, HSAC and its various subcommittees continued their focus on planning and developing strategies that allows for better allocation, provision, delivery and financing of programs in order to continue to meet the needs of human services recipients in Sussex County.

The Homeless Coordination Committee continues to work on strategies to strengthen its mission and goals for the County. This committee participated in the 2019 New Jersey Point-In-Time survey. This survey reveals the annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in Sussex County. This committee will be working on a process to handle homeless veterans in the County during its March meeting.

HSAC continues to recruit new members so they can continue to meet the needs of those in need in Sussex County.

Rhonda thanked their Freeholder Liaison, Freeholder Sylvia Petillo and Carol Novrit for their continued support.

Freeholder Petillo added that the Advisory Council is filled with our own staff as well as other private sector vendors and when you attend these meetings you get the idea for what this Human Services department in the County is involved with.

These non-profit organizations are the ones that help us to make that pathway for someone in need. It is amazing what our employees can do and thanked all involved. Freeholder Petillo noted at this time copies of Human Services Resource Guide are available on the County Web Site and hard copies are available in the hallway this evening.

### **Presentation by Will Porter**

Mr. Porter spoke regarding the Resolution the Freeholders will consider later on in the meeting which supports the New Jersey State Library and Library Link New Jersey.

The State Library and a few non-profit organizations offer a combination of services to libraries throughout the State. The primary service one is Library Link New Jersey. The funding for this service has been flat for a long time. This is a shared service at the State level and it saves local governments a lot of money. The library cooperative in Bergen County looked at replicating this service and estimated it would cost them about \$700,000 a year; which is about half of what the state currently funds to service the entire state.

This service facilitates the actual transportation for libraries like Sussex County. The way it works is if we don't have a requested item in our collection, rather than buying a copy, potentially for one person, or telling that person they will have to do without it; we can simply request that the item be sent from another library within the state at no cost to Sussex County.

400 libraries in the State participate in this shared service. Tonight's Resolution emphasizes its fundamental that the State recognizes the importance of the service and continues to fund it. Without it, the cost to local libraries could be catastrophic.

The other piece to this is the Library Link New Jersey Cooperative which is a big provider for continuing education for library staff which we are required to do in order to get State Aid.

### **Presentation by Rev. Quinlan**

Rev. Quinlan introduced Rev. Mandi Leverit, from CAN, Church and Community Abolition Network; Hope, New Jersey to speak about the issue of Human Trafficking in New Jersey.

Rev. Leverit stated that the issue is hidden in plain sight. One of the problems is that anyone can be a trafficker; anyone can be a victim and anyone can be a purchaser. In a recent newspaper article the Mayor of Mahwah New Jersey was identified as a Purchaser. 83% of the victims of human trafficking in the United States today are our own citizens. For most of them it begins between the age of 11 and 14. Prevention is very important.

CAN hosts presentations in the middle schools and wherever possible. Trafficking occurs at the shopping mall, public library, sleepovers, job fairs, etc. The Human Trafficker moves into the locations where there are kids; and this includes their digital world. Only through partnering can we make a difference. CAN began partnering with others in 2009 and has been responsible for rescuing missing children in New Jersey and beyond. Posters have been displayed in gathering locations to make people aware and let victims know where they can seek assistance.

This year the first state-wide event scheduled for the day before Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Will have volunteers visiting every hotel and motel in the State to distribute posters, packets of information and updated pictures of missing children along with soap packets labeled with the national hotline telephone number.

Another effort is the Human Trafficking Child Exploitation Prevention Act. If there is one thing that can prevent Human Trafficking, and diminish supply and demand; it would be this piece of legislation that could prevent the exposure to child pornography.

Rev. Quinlan reported that New Jersey is the second state in the Country to introduce this legislation. State Senator Oroho is the primary sponsor; the Senate bill is S540 and the Assembly bill is A878.

The Human Trafficking Child Exploitation Prevention Act seeks to put a wall of separation between the perpetrators, the pornographers and the children. Minor children cannot consent to performing pornography and they cannot consent to having sex with an adult but this is what is happening. This legislation is designed to protect our children from the perpetrators. It will be the first of its kind and has been introduced in 35 states. There are more than enough sponsors in both Chambers to pass it.

The only issue which divided the United States during the Civil War is the one issue that unites our divided Union today and that is slavery. Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. We can protect our children and a Resolution that we are drafting for your consideration will tell the New Jersey Legislature by having all Counties adopting this Resolution. Sussex County will be the first to get this done.

Rev. Leverit said the Legislation does the same thing as the magazine blinder rack at 7-Eleven. If you want to purchase it, you must show proof of ID. Rev. Leverit indicated that the Technology Industry is on our side. The industry wants to create strong enough filters to keep the kids out and also allowing people who want to use pornography to show proof of ID.

Rev. Quinlan stated that the Website for the Center of Garden State Families, located in Ledgewood NJ has a video from actor Aston Kutchner reporting about THORN organization and how the technology is an intuitive program that is able to track these sites and lock them to prevent our children from getting access to them. Such measures do not take away First Amendment Right in any form. Simply one would have to prove they are an adult so you can have the blocking software removed. A minor cannot consent if the Minor is not seeing this stuff then there is no access from an adult to get them through the tech. The idea is putting up a wall to protect the children. He provided a sign-up for anyone that would like to keep up on the Human Trafficking Act in the state of New Jersey.

In closing Rev. Leverit spoke about the rescue coins. These are a pennies stamped with the BF symbol for Be Free. This is National Hotline text. We put these coins in the hands of victims, who are not ready to run yet; which could be for various reasons. We put these coins on our partner keys chains, necklaces and as thank you to our monthly sponsors.

Freeholder Yardley stated once we receive the Resolution we will have it consider it on the next Freeholder meeting.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS None for this evening**

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**

No public came forward.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business made by Freeholder Petillo;  
seconded by Freehold Hertzberg  
**(Voice vote)- All in favor**

10. **FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**Freeholder Petillo**

She reported on the numbers of Communicable Disease Investigation for the month of February. From February 1 through February 19<sup>th</sup> there were 66 reportable disease investigations in Sussex County. From February 1 through February 26<sup>th</sup> there were 12 domestic or wild bite/exposure reports from animals that require follow-up investigations. The Health Department is still holding clinics. You can visit [www.sussex.nj.us/nursing](http://www.sussex.nj.us/nursing) to obtain more information. The Division of Senior Services is also holding events. You can visit [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us) to obtain more information. She spoke about the AARP Smart Drive Course that will be Monday, March 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There is also the Design a Pin Contest for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Military Veterans. The deadline for submission of a pin design is June 7, 2019.

**Freeholder Hertzberg**

He attended the Freeholder Orientation and a budget workshop and understands that we have financial challenges ahead of us while not continuing to ignore our infrastructure and other necessary operating needs. This County works hard to keep taxes low but we cannot continue to do what we have been doing. He gave a lot credit to the Staff; for years they have been asked to do more with less. If we are going to fix this, they need to be part of the solution which I think they know. This is something that will not be fixed overnight and it took years to realize. He has committed himself for the long haul.

**Freeholder Fantasia**

Sheriff Officer Edmund Galinski who is part of the Law Enforcement against Drug's Program (LEAD) was invited to represent the Sussex County Sheriff's Department during a recent meeting at the White House. This was hosted by the Jim Carrol, Director of the Presidents' Office of National Drug Control Policy as well as Vice-President Mike Pence and Special Advisor to the President Kelly Ann Conway. Corporal Galinski was part of an 18 member group of LEAD board members, management and state representatives. Corporal Galinski is one of several Sheriff's Officers who is a LEAD instructor teaching the program to Sussex County students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information, you can visit their webpage at [www.leaddrugs.com](http://www.leaddrugs.com).

Prior to the College's annual School Board of Estimate meeting, Freeholder Fantasia along with Freeholders Yardley and Petillo had one-one pre-meetings with the leadership at Sussex County Community College. Afterwards she was given a college campus tour and which included the McGuire location. There over 100 scholarships available for anyone interested in attending. You can visit [www.sussex.edu/scholarships.com](http://www.sussex.edu/scholarships.com).

Freeholder Fantasia recently applied for her library card on-line and found out she was already a card member. This allows access to the Library data base for New York Times and other major subscriptions, etc. There are a slew of things you can do with your library card now, including renewing your card on-line. She and Freeholder Hertzberg recently met with Library Director Will Porter they were able to hear all the great things the Sussex County libraries offers. It is outstanding for all ages, young to old.

The library also provides New Jersey Career Connections which is a one -on-one job search assistant for job seekers. You can get in touch with Julie Knapp and she will assist you in your job search.

On Saturday, she and Freeholder Hertzberg had their Freeholder Orientation which consisted of 30-minute intervals for each department to explain the department's role. It was a full day from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The departments shared a litany of information and afterwards she and Freeholder Yardley had their first finance meeting regarding the 2019 County Budget.

The Freeholder Orientation gave them a better understanding as newcomers of the County organization and was extremely impressed how many employees came in on a Saturday for our benefit. It was wonderful to put faces to the names and an overall excellent experience. As Freeholder Hertzberg pointed out about the budget, it was very sobering and a reality check and it got us all in the right mindset and got us caught up to speed with our peers on the Board and to come up with a strategic plan with the help of our professionals and get us from point A to point B. She thanked Greg Poff, Teri Lyons, Elke Yetter and all the departments in helping orchestra the day.

### **Freeholder Yardley**

With regards to the 2019 budget, we are methodically dealing with it and having good conversations. There have been some complaints that we have not been moving fast enough and it is the desire of this Board to do things properly and get things done correctly. There are many different options that each Board member has brought to our attention. He extended his gratitude to Mr. Poff for his diligent efforts with this budget.

The Selection Committee for the College Board of Trustees has met and they are in the process of reviewing applications received.

Sussex County Technical School will make a presentation in the near future regarding the Bonding that was passed last year; which the County will be responsible to pay 25%.

Sussex County Chamber of Commerce held an Economic Development Partnership meeting. The guest speaker was Assemblyman Hal Wirths. You can go to YouTube and watch this speaking engagement. The Assemblyman's main concern is that we are taxing ourselves away from the State and the impact the new minimum wage law will have to small businesses.

Freeholder Hertzberg added that Assemblyman Wirths has a counter proposal that will help small businesses. Freeholder Hertzberg has spoken to three small business owners who are extremely concerned. Some are saying they expect to potentially close in the next few years because of this legislation.

## **11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 095-2019**  
TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FROM BEYER FORD FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF FROM \$90,653.91 TO \$99,978.00
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 096-2019**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 THAT WILL CREATE THE WALLKILL VALLEY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
- C. RESOLUTION RE: 097-2019**  
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- D. RESOLUTION RE: 098-2019**  
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG DAYS PARADE
- E. RESOLUTION RE: 099-2019**  
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE
- F. RESOLUTION RE: 100-2019**  
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 661 IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FOR THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PTO ANNUAL TIGER CHASE 5K/10K RUNNING RACE
- G. RESOLUTION RE: 101-2019**  
PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE EASTBOUND LANE OF CR 607 ON THE RIVER STYX BRIDGE IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG VETERANS BOAT TOUR

**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-G made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

(Roll call vote)

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

12. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

Regular Meeting- February 13, 2019  
**(Voice Vote) All in Favor**

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

Executive Session – February 13, 2019  
**(Voice Vote) All in favor**

**MOTION** to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

February 19, 2019 special Meeting minutes  
**(Voice Vote) All in favor; Freeholder Hertzberg abstained**

13. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: 102-2019**  
REAPPOINTMENT OF BERNARD KOTCHKOWSKI AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER/ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021

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

14. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: 103-2019**  
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S (EEOC) "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

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

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

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: 104-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VHF SIMULCAST PAGING AND DISPATCH PROJECT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PIERCON SOLUTIONS LLC FOR A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD (FEBRUARY 27, 2019 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2020) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$569,057.49
- B. **RESOLUTION RE: 105-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO CAPITOL CARE, INC. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR THE PROVISION OF ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,673.00
- C. **RESOLUTION RE: 106-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR THE ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,294.00
- D. **RESOLUTION RE: 107-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SUPPORTS PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,583.00

- E. RESOLUTION RE: 108-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO TURNING POINT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$91,942.00
- F. RESOLUTION RE: 109-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO TURNING POINT (ANDERSON HOUSE) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00
- G. RESOLUTION RE: 110-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO DASI: DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THORUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SUPPORTS PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,236.00
- H. RESOLUTION RE: 111-2019**  
AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO FREEDOM HOUSE INC. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00
- I. RESOLUTION RE: 112-2019**  
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AWARDED CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, GRANTS DEVELOPMENT SECTION FOR THE STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, PROSECUTORS TRAINING GRANT VAWA-49-17 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,753.00 FEDERAL SHARE AND \$13,817.00 CASH MATCH FOR A PROJECT TOTAL OF \$17,570.00
- J. RESOLUTION RE: 113-2019**  
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AWARDED CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, GRANTS DEVELOPMENT SECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM V-22-16 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,964.00 STATE SHARE AND \$66,571.00 CASH MATCH FOR A PROJECT TOTAL OF \$269,535.00

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 Contracts A-J made by Freeholder Hertzberg; seconded by Freeholder Petillo  
(Roll Call Vote)

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

**16. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 114-2019**  
PAYMENT OF BILLS A: Freeholder Petillo is abstaining  
February 27, 2019

**MOTION** to approve Bill List A made by Freeholder Hertzberg; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia  
(Roll call vote)

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Abstain
Freeholder Director Yardley	Yes

- B. RESOLUTION RE: 115-2019**  
PAYMENT OF BILLS B  
February 27, 2019

**MOTION** to approve Bill List B made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia  
(Roll call vote)

<b>Freeholder Fantasia</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Hertzberg</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Petillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Director Yardley</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**C. RESOLUTION RE: 116-2019**  
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2018 BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES

**MOTION** to adopt Resolution C made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg  
(Roll call vote)

<b>Freeholder Fantasia</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Hertzberg</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Petillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Director Yardley</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**D. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – RESOLUTION -117-2019**  
AUTHORIZING CAP TO LIMIT COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION INCREASE IN CY 2019 COUNTY BUDGET TO 3.5% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR’S FINAL APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATION CAP BANK

**MOTION** to adopt this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Director Yardley

(Roll Call Vote)

<b>Freeholder Fantasia</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Hertzberg</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Petillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Director Yardley</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Discussion:**

Mr. Poff explained this Ordinance provides for the CAP Bank which provides flexibility for appropriations in case of emergencies, unforeseen expenses or increase costs beyond the control of the County. For example, if Pension expenses increased by 7%, the amount to be paid for psychiatric care patients in state hospitals might increase by 20% and health insurance premiums may increase by 10% all in the same year. By having the CAP Bank which legislation authorizes, the budget is then able to accommodate all of these increases within the statutory tax levy CAP and appropriations’ CAP without having to cut services in other areas. The CAP Bank is not intended to replace good fiscal practice for planning but it allows the County the meet budgetary increases when needed.

He continued that it is part of a financial planning tool that is recommended the County avail itself of. Before the Budget Law was amended CAP banking was provided for in an automatic fashion. When the state implemented the tax levy CAP a number of years ago, they eliminated the automatic CAP banking. So in order for the Board to take advantage of this financial planning tool, it requires this resolution be considered.

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Resolution 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 March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Resolution.

**MOTION** to post made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg  
(Voice vote) - All in favor

**17. PERSONNEL**

**RESOLUTION RE: 118-2019**  
AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF February 27, 2019

**MOTION** to adopt the Personnel Agenda made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

**Discussion:**

Mr. Poff explained the increases for the Librarian 3 position and the Social Services to Human Services Specialist 2 position which is an upgrade.

(Roll call vote)

<b>Freeholder Fantasia</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Hertzberg</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Petillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Freeholder Director Yardley</b>	<b>Yes</b>



**18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Poff is pleased to report that the Sussex County Community College Search Committee met this week to consider more than 20 applications for those interested in serving on the College Board of Trustees. The committee has developed a good working plan and over the next several weeks he anticipates this will lead to the submission of names to the Board for their advice and consent.

The Budget Workshop Meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Mr. Poff looks forward to reviewing the budget with the Board and public and he has also invited the Department Administrators to be on hand to address any questions that might arise. Freeholder Yardley asked Mr. Poff if he has gotten any information back from County Counsel whether we can have Municipal Liaisons.

Mr. Poff stated that County Counsel is under the weather and County Counsel has requested that the Municipal Liaisons and the request for correspondence to the state to change the name for the Sussex County Soil Conservation District, be carried so that he can provide you with a response once he is back.

**19. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT**

No report this evening.

**20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**21. NEW BUSINESS**

**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 made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia (Voice vote)- All in favor**

Paul Liobe came forward and stated he has been employed by the County for almost 9 years in the Sheriff Departments, Bureau of Corrections. He and his constituents came tonight due to some chattering about some tough decisions that may be coming regarding the jail. We are trying to get some answers and nobody seems to be giving us any. They want to be part of the discussion and take a proactive position in lieu of reactive. He said the biggest issue that we have is law enforcement agencies throughout the state are calling and asking us when the doors are going to shut, when will inmates be transferred, etc. We are coming to you today to get some sort of answers.

Mr. Poff said he has been working on contract negotiations with them for a better part of two years and he suggests that his questions be directed to the Sheriff. He said they have negotiations tomorrow and he can make himself available. He asked Mr. Liobe to put his specific request in writing and his request as all the others that he has submitted will be given due consideration and make sure he gets an answer.

Becky Carlson with the Center for Prevention thanked the Board for the authorization for the Chapter 51 funding that was given tonight. That funding is utilized by the end of the year. She said we do a lot of talking about addiction and bad news but there is also good news. She showed a photo of a young lady who had an addiction problem and lost her child. Eight months later this woman is getting stronger and doing well with her recovery and working to get her child back. That is through the help they get with the Chapter 51 treatment dollars and also through the CLEAR program. She said in the last 2.5 years this program has made a difference in the community. They have met with 549 people that have been connected with recovery coaches along with 62 people who have entered the police department through CLEAR asking for help and 8 people have been assisted in getting into treatment another additional 25 people have met with recovery coaches at Keogh Dwyer. The dollars through Chapter 51 have made this all possible and they truly appreciate it.

**MOTION to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg (Voice vote)- All in favor**

**23. REMINDERS**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
3/7 9:00AM	Senior Services Advisory Comm.	Village Café Knoll Heights
3/11 12 Noon	SC Disability Services	FMR
3/13 7:00PM	Regular Freeholder Meeting	FMR
3/14 1:00PM	Uniform Construction Code	FMR

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Fantasia (Voice vote)- All in favor**

**DATED: February 27, 2019  
Respectively submitted,  
Teri Lyons, Board Clerk**