

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

6:00PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Lazzaro, Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Director Rose, Freeholder Yardley; County Administrator, Greg Poff; County Council, John Williams; Clerk of the Board, Teri Lyons

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on March 2, 2018 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 by Freeholder Petillo to approve the Agenda; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Board went into Executive Session at 6:06PM

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:**

- 1. **Bourke Litigation**
- 2. **Opioid Litigation**

_____ (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:**

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

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

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

MOTION made at 7:00 PM to close executive session and enter into regular business by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation in recognition of March 11-17, 2018 as Girl Scout Week
144-2018

MOTION made by Freeholder Petillo to adopt the Proclamation; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Graham presented the Proclamation.

Freeholder Petillo spoke to the Girl Scouts and she shared the importance of the leadership skills they receive from this program and encouraged each to continue to earn the Gold Award.

Freeholder Rose thanked the leaders for their hard work not only with the girls but for the community.

B. PRESENTATION

1. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Annual Report- Marty Kane
2. Police Food Drive Chief- Peter Zabita, Byram and Chief Neil Spidaletto, Sparta

Marty Kane presented the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Annual updates. He stated the Foundation is 6 years young and was modeled after the successful Foundation Program at Lake George, NY. Foundation continues to work hard with the Lake Hopatcong Commission. He thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their continued support.

A handout was provided to each Freeholder by Mr. Kane. In addition to Marty Kane, Lee Moreau, member and Captain of Miss Lotta cruise boat addressed the Board. In addition to providing boat tours during the annual Block Party event; which is the largest one day collection of people on the lake, Mr Moreau sails the July 4th cruise for the Veterans.

Freeholder Petillo said through this Foundation the four towns have come together. She spoke about the Veteran Cruise and how wonderful the event is.

Next, Byram Police Chief Peter Zabita and Sparta Police Chief Neil Spideletto spoke regarding the Police Food Drive "Cram the Cruiser". This will be the Drive's 2nd annual county wide Food Drive to benefit the County Pantry. Law Enforcement personnel will be stationed at every major grocery store in the County on March 31st. A Flyer advertising the Event details was presented to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

Please Note: Everyone is asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less and only address issues regarding agenda items followed by a 3 minute response time from the Freeholder Board. Please state your name, and print your name and municipality on the sign in sheet.

MOTION made at 7:55 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Karelann Herkaler from Lafayette came forward and the Freeholder Board directed her to speak with Carol Novrit.

MOTION made at 7:57 PM by Freeholder Yardley to close the meeting to the Public; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

10. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Graham

Freeholder Graham was humbled by those who worked at the Emergency Operation Center for the last two storms. He said the Sheriff mobilized immediately and his staff was on-call 24/7 going from the point of Friday morning and the following 10 days right through the 2nd storm. He also said 67 trucks were available for plowing and there were no vehicular mechanical issues. Mr. Graham thanked and acknowledged the Motor Pool and John Bazelewich's staff for the work they did to ensure fleet performance.

Comments by Freeholder Petillo

Freeholder Petillo said the Sussex County Human Services Forum has been postponed to Tuesday, March 29th due to the inclement weather and that Sussex County Day is scheduled for September 16th.

Freeholder Petillo acknowledged the hard work of those who worked storm duties including County Administrator Greg Poff for keeping the lines of communication open to the Freeholders. Freeholder Petillo also noted that a representative from JCP&L was stationed at OEM Storm Center and was beneficial to keep communication flowing between JCP&L and the OEM.

Comments by Freeholder Yardley

Freeholder Yardley recently attend the Sussex County Business to Business Breakfast which was well attended by more than 90 businesses. Also, Mr. Yardley attended the Chamber's Economic Meeting where Assemblyman Hal Wirth was a Guest Speaker.

Mr. Yardley received an email from William and Amy DeBoer from Byram Township regarding the frustration they experienced during Winter Storms Riley and Quinn. Copies of the email were provided to each Board Member. Mr. Yardley would like the Board of Freeholders to work with JCP&L regarding their poor communication during the storms and he would be willing to testify at the Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Yardley has been contacted by Dave Pearson Assistant Director of Veteran Supportive Services for Catholic Charities regarding a Veteran's program for the County to consider. Mr Yardley directed Mr. Pearson to Human Services Administrator Carol Novrit.

Comments by Freeholder Lazzaro

Freeholder Lazzaro stated the recent storm was the largest of the year. 67 trucks were mobilized and 85 employees worked storm duty. The storm cost \$166,000.00; year to date the county has spent \$1,553,000. Mr. Lazzaro read from the JCP&L Storm Bulletin published today in the newspaper and emailed to each Board Member regarding the utilities response. Mr. Lazzaro feels the problem with the utility is rooted in the Administration. They let the first storm get ahead of them and it was difficult to respond to the second storm.

News from recent NJTPA meeting is that Sussex County will receive \$3.3 million from the Federal Government to offset \$4.8 million for bridge in Lafayette. He said the biggest highlight of the meeting was the release of the 2045 Plan from NJTPA. Mr. Lazzaro has only one copy of the 2045 Plan but is trying to secure more copies. This is the vision and plan for the future of transportation infrastructure in the State.

Mr. Lazzaro said 9-1-1 Center performed well during the storm. When local 911 centers went down, the County was able to easily pick up and never was support lost.

Mr. Lazzaro stated the budgets for the Sussex County Technical School and Community College will be coming out soon.

Mr. Lazzaro gave farewell to NJ Herald Report Dan Danis who has accepted a new assignment with Atlantic City Newspaper.

In conclusion, Mr. Lazzaro invited all to come and witness the Saint Baldrick event this Saturday at Sussex Fire House. Mr. Lazzaro along with Freeholders Rose and Yardley will have their heads shaved by Freeholders Petillo and Graham. Saint Baldrick is a charity that raises funds for programs to fight and prevent Childhood Cancers.

Comments by Freeholder Rose

Freeholder Rose also thanked all who responded to the storm and noted that last year Saint Baldrick raised just less than \$20,000 and this year's goal is \$30,000. The event information is on the County web site.

11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION RE: 145-2018 AUTHORIZATION FOR DYKSTRA ASSOCIATES, PC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00.

B. RESOLUTION RE: 146-2018 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ANNUAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX'S ONBASE ENTERPRISE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FROM CONTINUUM VOICE AND DATA SYSTEMS FROM APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF

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. Could I have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION made by Freeholder to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Freeholder Graham

Mr. Poff gave a brief description of the Resolutions.

On Roll call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting- February 28, 2018

MOTION made by Freeholder Lazzaro to approve the Minutes; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Abstain
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

Special Meeting- February 16, 2018

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to approve the Minutes; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Executive Session – February 14, 2018
Executive Session – February 16, 2018

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to approve the Minutes; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

13. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

None

14. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 147-2018** 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
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 148-2018** FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT UNDER THE SUSSEX COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ON THE STEPHENS – VERNON VALLEY FARM, BLOCK 134, LOTS 17, 17.01, & 17.02 AND BLOCK 182, LOTS 12.01 & 12.02 IN VERNON TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING
- C. RESOLUTION RE: 149-2018** REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS SCENIC BYWAY ALONG COUNTY ROUTE 515 IN HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY ROUTES 515, 644 AND 517, AND STATE ROUTE 94 IN VERNON
- D. RESOLUTION RE: 150-2018** ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FOR CAVALIER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES INC. (CECS,) 482 HOUSES CORNER

- E. RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 661 IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FOR THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PTO ANNUAL TIGER CHASE 5K/10K RUNNING RACE**

MOTION made by Freeholder Yardley to adopt the Resolutions; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Mr. Poff provided a summary of the Resolutions.

F. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – ORDINANCE

- ORDINANCE RE: AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED ALONG COUNTY ROUTE 517 UNDER RESOLUTION ENTITLED “ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON ROUTE 517 IN THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF ANDOVER AND SPARTA” DATED OCTOBER 11, 1977**

MOTION to adopt this Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo.

Discussion: Mr. Poff said the request has been reviewed by the County Engineer and based on his review, it is recommended that the County Engineer be authorized to implement the revised school-zone speed limits on Route 517 near Reverend Brown and Pope John High School.

On Roll call vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder 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 March 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

15. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGEORDERS/BID

A. AWARD OF CONTRACTS

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (ROOFING AND RPROOFING) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS BY COMPLETE BUILDING MANAGEMENT LLC FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM APRIL 1, 2018 TO MARCH 31, 2019**
- 2. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (PLUMBING) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS BY AERO PLUMBING AND HEATING, CO., INC. FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM APRIL 1, 2018 UNTIL MARCH 31, 2019**
- 3. RESOLUTION RE: AWARDED A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NEXT GENERATION COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE 911 CAPABLE CALL TAKING SYSTEMS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM APRIL 1, 2018 UNTIL MARCH 31, 2019**
- 4. RESOLUTION RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PREMARK VIZIGRIP PAVEMENT MARKINGS MANUFACTURED BY ENNIS-FLINT OR EQUAL FROM FLINT TRADING, INC TO ENNIS-FLINT, INC**
- 5. RESOLUTION RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR A MANUFACTURER – CERTIFIED SECURITY SYSTEM INTEGRATOR FROM MS ELECTRONICS, LLC (D.B.A.:M.S.E. CORPORATE SECURITY) TO ATD US HOLDINGS, INC. (D.B.A.:M.S.E. CORPORATE SECURITY)**

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to Award the Contracts; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

Mr. Poff gave a brief description of the Resolutions.

On Roll Call the Vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

16. FINANCIAL

**A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
158-2018
(Freeholder Rose abstain)**

On Roll Call the Vote was:

MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Yardley

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Abstain
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
159-2018**

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CAP TO LIMIT COUNTY BUDGET
No number APPROPRIATION INCREASE IN CY 2018 COUNTY BUDGET
TO 3.5% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FINAL
APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS
AND TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATION CAP BANK**

**This was read into record as an amendment to reflect the correction in advertising
from 2/28/2018 first reading.**

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Resolution as introduced for first reading and adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on February 28, 2018, 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 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Resolution made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Yardley

Mr. Poff gave an explanation of the Resolution.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**D. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2018 COUNTY FARMLAND
160-2018 PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN
SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY**

**E. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2018 LIBRARY BUDGET AND
161-2018 CERTIFICATION OF 2018 LIBRARY TAX LEVY**

**F. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE DIVISION OF
162-2018 SOCIAL SERVICES**

MOTION made by Freeholder Lazzaro to adopt Resolutions D-F; seconded by Freeholder Graham

Mr. Poff gave a brief description of the Resolutions and invited Library Director Will Porter to further report on the 2018 Library Budget.

Freeholder Graham stated he has visited some of the library branches and noticed an incline in the usage of the libraries particularly in Franklin.

Mr. Rose indicated that the 2018 Budget will provide funds to install door counters to track branch visitors and help support reported use library services.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

G. INTRODUCTION OF 2018 COUNTY BUDGET FOR FIRST READING

Freeholder Director Rose: "The 2018 Sussex County Budget is being introduced for First Reading at this time and awaits approval by the Board. The 2018 Sussex County Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary will be advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of March 21, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2018 COUNTY BUDGET AS PRESENTED 163-2018 FOR VOTE

MOTION to introduce this Resolution on first reading made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Petillo

Mr. Poff gave a power point presentation on the 2018 Current Fund Budget. The change in the County tax rate represents a \$17 increase per average Sussex County home. The 2018 County Current Fund Budget calls for a rate increase of \$0.0072. The decision to increase taxes is carefully considered in context of the County's long term fiscal integrity. This year's budget maintains a prudent level of surplus so as to avoid potential spikes in future tax rates.

The power point presentation illustrated the Budget Process and the laws affecting the County budget, Fund Balance and appropriations. Mr. Poff indicated that group insurance costs anticipated increases in health and prescription to over \$3.1M. He went over appropriations made to advance County priorities and appropriations deferred in order to meet budget subcommittee parameters. The power point showed the breakdown of the Capital improvement Program by category and a list of the capital projects with the recommended funding amount.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders expressed compliments to Mr. Poff for his hard work to complete the County Budget.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise the Budget Revenues and Appropriations Summary 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 on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

H. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE 164-2018

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$8,299,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING \$7,714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

MOTION to introduce this Bond Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

Mr. Poff said the Freeholder Board's consideration of this will allow for the implementation of the 2018 Capital Improvement Program which will provide to various improvements to our technology, equipment, bridge and road way improvements and various improvements to County buildings and facilities as well as the acquisition of variety of vehicles and equipment.

Freeholder Graham said in a one year's time there has been a reduction of \$2.5 million.

Mr. Poff spoke about the County's debt management plan. Mr. Poff recognized Rob Maikis and Ruby Malcolm diligent efforts.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Abstain

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on March 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Bond Ordinance made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Yardley and passed unanimously.

**I. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – BOND ORDINANCE
165-2018**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 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 to introduce this Bond Ordinance on first reading made by Freeholder Yardley; seconded by Freeholder Graham

Mr. Poff gave an explanation of the Bond.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

MOTION to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Bond Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on March 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption of this Bond Ordinance made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

17. PERSONNEL

No items for the Agenda

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff thanked the Sheriff Department in particular the Office of Emergency Management along with each and every County employee that either was assigned out to the OEM Center or was of assistance in establishing the Warming Centers as well as all other personnel engaged in snow and ice removal. Personal letters of thanks are being prepared for each and every one.

19. COUNTY COUNSEL

No report tonight.

20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Graham has noticed that some of the flags around the County building are looking weathered, in particular the MIA flag by the old court house. He requested that facilities look into the situation and bring them up to par during spring time.

22. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

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MOTION made at 9:26 PM to open the floor to the public by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by

Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull, Sandyston hand delivered a letter to the Freeholder Board at an earlier time, he wants the Board to consider it and he wants an investigation. He said he used to work for a utility company years ago and he gave his explanation of why the power was out for so long.

Freeholder Yardley commented about how JCP&L used to have their own trucks up here and they would come around and trim the trees. He said he doesn't think JCP&L and Ohio Electric realize that you need to trim the trees so that we don't have these problems.

Mr. Snyder, Sandyston, wanted to know where Solar Settlement cost was located in the budget document. Mr. Poff answered it is found in the last section of the appropriations, other operations which is part of the debt service. This year is \$2.2 million.

Neil Kenny, Green Twp, asked about the Emergency Generator Jail Funds. He also spoke about the delay in getting the power back. He said a lot of people were hurting. He doesn't understand why we need to pay for a generator at the jail.

Mary Martin, Mt. Tabor, works at the Sussex County library and on behalf of her co-workers she wanted to thank the Freeholders for closing the County office last week. She also discussed the County's weather closing policy and how it relates to the library specifically.

She requested that the County review their policy and wanted to know if it can address agencies that remain open after regular business hours. She suggested a chain of command of people who are responsible in making the decision to close the library if there is hazardous weather on nights and weekends.

Bill DeBoer, Byram Twp. spoke about the storms power loss hardships attested to in his email reported by Freeholder Yardley earlier in the meeting.

Freeholder Graham said that County government does not have any jurisdiction over anything that is not within the County's Right of Way. We do have crews that are mitigating immediately, but the Board of Public Utilities [BPU] has more jurisdictions over this situation than any municipal government.

Freeholder Graham suggested that BPU could hold a public hearing in Sussex County.

Freeholder Rose would like to consider a Resolution that will commend the line workers for their speedy response, but that the communication with JCP&L has been poor at best and needs to improve and request greater levels of tree trimming and further more have them meet with us or through a public meeting. Once adopted the Resolution will be forwarded on to BPU with our request for a Sussex County based Public Hearing. Freeholder Rose directed Mr. Williams to draft a resolution

Freeholder Lazzaro feels it is more effective for members of the public to attend BPU meetings to express frustration and file complaints on BPU website.

Mr. Hull, Sandyston said we [Sussex County] has gone from a dairy pasture to an overcrowded forest community. In addition to right-a-ways clearing and trimming, the forest beyond the right-of-way holds trees are taller than the telephone poles and when they fall there is damage to homes, infrastructure and utilities. Damage is not from the power company's neglect in trimming; Mr Hull believes the damage is from allowing too many trees growing too close together which create a shallow root base not able to support the trees in extreme weather events.

MOTION made at 9:54 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

23. REMINDERS

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 15 th 3:00 PM	LACADA	FMR
March 19 th 3:00 PM	Development Rev. Com.	FMR
March 19 th 7:30 PM	Agriculture Dev. Bd.	FMR
March 20 th 1:00 PM	Citizens Advisory Comm.	FMR
March 21 st 12:30 PM	Youth Services	FMR
March 21 st 7:00 PM	Lake Musconetcong PB	Netcong Munci. Bd.
March 28 th 7:00 PM	Regular Freeholder Mtg.	FMR

24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 9:55 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

DATED: March 14, 2018

Submitted by:

Teri Lyons
Board Clerk