

REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

7:00 PM

FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Item**

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR ROSE** at 7:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL** Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Lazzaro, Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Director Rose; Freeholder Yardley; County Administrator, Greg Poff; County Counsel, Kevin Kelly; Clerk of the Board, Terri Lyons
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG** led by Freeholder Rose
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 13, 2018 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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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** made by Freeholder Petillo to approve the Agenda; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Yardley made a motion to remove Resolutions 10. S., T., U., W., Z., 15. C., D.; E; Freeholder Petillo seconded the motion

Mr. Poff stated Resolutions S.T.U.W. and Z. have to do with a road project with the Borough of Hoptacong in which to date, we have not received the executive documents from them. It will be appropriate that those be considered upon the County's receipt of the executed documents. Resolution W is concerning Sussex County Municipal Authority, there is still ongoing conversation between the engineers and attorneys as to the form of the agreement it will take. Resolution Z, we do not have all the procurement documentation necessary in order to execute the agreement with Mr. Ambrosio and then 15. C.D. and E. have to do with the Bond Ordinance amendments concerning Chapter 12 funding for Sussex County Community College.

Freeholder Rose stated for the Chapter 12 funding, we are in collaboration with the College and we are in the process of setting up four party talks and hopefully that will happen within the next six weeks. We will be holding these until that meeting has concluded.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo to modify the first Public Session to allow all comments not just those related to Agenda items; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Rose requested this because of the removal of the Bonds; the public would have to wait until the end to makes comments regarding the bonds. With this motion, anyone can open it up for a comment.

The Board voted to approve the Agenda as amended; all in favor.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Certificate of Recognition to Doug Maul for 2018 Rodeo winner **383-2018**
2. Certificate of Recognition for Senior of the Year **384-2018**
3. Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Court of Honor for John Patrick Ryan **385-2018**

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

**B. PRESENTATION**

Jackie Espinoza – JCP&L Reliability Plus- Infrastructure Investment Program

Ms. Espinoza, Area Manager for Jersey Central Power and Light. She spoke about the Reliability Plus Program which is an infrastructure investment plan that was filed with the BPU in July. The great thing about the plan is that it targets the distribution system which is an improvement to them and the infrastructure system. And what this means is less power outages on a normal blue sky day and also when we get the severe weather like we had with Storm Riley and Quinn.

JCP&L will spend \$400,000 million in the next four years for this project. It is scheduled to begin in January of 2019. She said once it is approved in Sussex County, she will sit down with the Freeholders and explain how it will impact Sussex County in a positive way. She said they are targeting the Ash trees which are being affected by an insect. They will be taking them down within the next few years so they won't come down on their own. In addition to the tree trimming, they will be installing advanced equipment called a Trip Saver. They do not have this on their system now and this will detect if there was a fault on the line. So when you have a clear blue day and the power goes out, they will be able to detect it and instead of a power outage, it will be a momentary loss. They are also looking at fencing and enhanced security. It will be capital work so it will be a rate increase for all of us. For the average home the bill will increase by \$.25. The most it will go up is \$1.89. Whenever there is a rate increase the BPU has to hold public meetings. She is asking the Freeholders for their support with this project by a resolution.

The freeholders had some questions and Ms. Espinoza answered them.

Ms. Espinoza spoke about how important it is to report your power out.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None for this evening

8. **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 6:25 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro to open the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Rose said this Public Session has been modified to permit all items, not just those listed on Agenda.

Joseph Dipalo, President of Newton and Hackettstown Medical Centers, he expressed his support of the expansion of the college. There is a demand for highly technical fields.

Richard Kelsey, Stillwater, wanted to know if we have enough information to decide on this project, do we have enough to fund this project. We are dealing with a property that has been empty for more than five years and has environmental issues and a college that had an operations line lost \$5.3million last year. The college only gets even from County and State Fund. It gets \$4,000,000 from the County each year. He requested information on the project from the College. He said after two hours of meeting with President Mr. Connelly and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Ghandi, Mr. Connelly hand wrote the capital budget for this project. He doesn't know where they are getting the information from and he is very concerned that the expenses will turn into capital expenses under Chapter 12 expenses in the future.

He said the alternative to this is to rent a facility. Pilot the project and not spend \$4.5million of tax payer's money. The other thing concerning him is the lease of the premises before there is remediation. He was told there was a lease and they were still negotiating the contract for purchase. He said according to the Board Chair in the newspaper there is already a lease to purchase agreement which that was not what I was told.

His other question was what is the liability of the entity that will be doing the remediation? He said if the remediation runs to be \$2million, does that entity have \$2million.

He told the Freeholders they need to ask for the book and that book needs to contain a detailed financial analysis with professional cost estimates.

Kevin Shaw, resident and business owner in Newton, felt Mr. Kelsey's points are very valid. He feels the trades are extremely important as well as keeping these people in the County. He said he shares the vision of seeing youth in the community and lifting the community. He agrees it needs to be reviewed and do your due diligent but don't kill it. He wants to see vitality in Newton. You need to listen and learn and move the town in a different direction. He said life in the square is what is needed now.

Paul Crowley, Franklin, he is in support of what the College wants to do. The other point he made and wanted to bring it to everyone's attention was yesterday, August 7<sup>th</sup> was the National Purple Heart Recognition Day. As a retired Army National Guard Officer; he would hope that the Board of Chosen Freeholders and everyone in the room would recognize the sacrifices made by the citizens of Sussex County who are Purple Heart recipients.

John Kwesclait, Owner and President of Custom Wood Furniture in town, his business has been developed over the past 28 years. He is a graduate of the local Sussex County Vocational School so he took his talents from the school and brought them to his business. His business has grown from a one-man operation from \$800,000 in sales to \$6Million.

He employs 35 people; he owns several buildings in town. He is in support of what the College would like to do. He is passionate about this town. He feels this town is the epi center of this County. He agrees with what has been said about coming into the Town now and seeing the empty McGuire building to what they have proposed. It is fantastic. That is what he wants to see that when he drives into Town. His company recently renovated the Style Shoppe with high-end apartments on top. They are looking to purchase the old Bula building and start renovations. He said the biggest challenge is finding people to hire. He would like to be able to use the college to bring people in as interns or learn as they are going to school. He feels this is a very viable opportunity for these students and wants to be part of it.

Cassie Yauch, Hampton, she feels that she is at the age where something like this would be very helpful. She felt this idea would have been very helpful to her as a Junior and Senior in High School. She was a student at Kittatinny High School and joined the Robotics Team at Newton High School because Kittattinny did not have anything technical. Being a member of the Robotics team helped her decide that she wants to become an engineer. She said having the opportunity of having technical work would have taught her a lot more about going into college with the hopes of becoming an engineer. She feels hands on experiences makes a better engineer and a better engineer would be better for this Town. She said Sussex County Community College is lacking the technical side of things and she had to leave the County to fulfill her dreams. She said having the opportunity in high school to go to a vocational school to

learn these skills is vital. She tried to transfer as a sophomore but that was not allowed. You have till the end of your freshman year to transfer in because there is enough time to complete what is required. She feels this opportunity for students is invaluable.

Mark Speght, Lafayette, has lived in Sussex County for ten years. For 27 years he has worked as a chef and the last four years, he has been the Director of Culinary Arts at a Culinary School in Newark, NJ. He has spent the last year getting his certification and career in Technical Education. He will spend 200 hours this year and 200 hours next year getting certified. He has been in the company of teachers, business leaders, department of education officials all speaking to the lack of well-trained ready to work graduates in the State of New Jersey. He believes with a passion that this proposal should be passed. It will help strengthen the future of Sussex County. New Jersey employers big and small have spoken to the Department of Education and report that they don't have qualified workers. They have shed a light on the need state wide and particularly in Sussex County. Another fact is that people learn differently. He sees this every day at the school that he teaches at. He said traditional college with sit-down classes is not for everyone, especially in this day and age. That alone makes this proposal more important. He said a vote against this proposal is a vote against the future of Sussex County.

John Zultjes, Sparta, he is in favor of the Sussex County Community College expansion. He gave kudos to the young student Cassie Yauch, who spoke earlier. She is the future of this community and she spoke very well about her feelings about what the community has to offer her. He is the owner of American Architectural Window and employs 80 people. He said every one of those 80 people comes from outside of Sussex County. He has to hire people at very high wages because of their commute. He said trade schools are a wonderful opportunity for young people to find careers. He really hopes this opportunity passes through Sussex County Community College.

Mike Spekhardt, Sparta, he is a Trustee of the College but he came to speak on his personal behalf. He spoke about the revitalization plan for Savannah, Georgia. As a result of this plan, Business Volume Impact was \$38million; the direct and indirect employment was almost 7,000 jobs, the facility staff, students, volunteerism and charity was estimated at \$20million in 2017 and with a \$600million impact to the community and cultural impact to the region of Georgia. He said if you could retain a fraction of these results by following a similar road map, think of the possibilities for Newton and the County from the McGuire project. He asked the Freeholder for their support with this project.

Freeholder Rose asked Mr. Spekhardt if he has seen the numbers for this project. Mr. Spekhardt has seen the numbers and is very comfortable going forward with this project.

Mr. Spekhardt stated that everyone is entitled to their opinion and say that opinion; however people do not have the right to their own facts. So the statement that was made earlier that the college lost \$5million after they paid all of their bills and met all of their obligations to teach all the students is not only incorrect but inflammatory, please treat it as such.

Ketan Gandhi, CFO, Vice President of Administrative Services for SCCC. He clarified the comment about the operating loss. He said the net number is what is needed to look at. He said County and State funded colleges have three main funding sources. He said the operation loss was after one funding loss. He said there is a fourth funding source and that is from local community members donating to the Sussex County College Foundation. That is what is needed to provide quality programs at the College. If you look at the detailed financial statements, one would see that the net number over the last three years has increased from \$28.1million to today, \$32.7million. He said most colleges whether they are public or private show operating loss. The net number, which is the key number, comes from how well it is managed. So over the last three years, this College has managed well and with that management it has helped to improve the reserves and it helps them to make new investments and bring in new programs to the County.

Freeholder Yardley asked if an environmental study has been done or will be done.

Mr. Gandhi said there are several phases to this project. Phase I is just the lease. To get to Phase II, would be the environmental study that needs to be done. He said from that study, we will decide if we buy the property for what they are asking for or not. We are guaranteed by the McGuire's that they will fix any findings that come from the environmental study. Once we know what the environmental study tells us, we will have a better number on the price of this project.

Freeholder Rose asked for a detailed cost breakdown before the Special meeting. Mr. Gandhi agreed to that.

Freeholder Rose asked if an appraisal has been done on the property.

Mr. Gandhi said the appraisal came back at \$2.3million.

Thomas Russo, resides in Basking Ridge and is the Town Manager for the Town of Newton. Mayor Helen LeFrois was also present. Mr. Russo complimented the Board on Mr. Kelly's appointment. Mr. Kelly is a great advocate for the Town and the County. He also recognized his Randolph predecessor, Greg Poff and said he was a great selection as the County Administrator.

Mr. Russo proceeded to say that this was not how this was intended to go. He never envisioned a County related project on that parcel. He said there are nine parcels that represent the Redevelopment areas. Several parcels are owned by the Town of Newton, some are owned by the McGuire's and some are related to the County Historical buildings and the Post Office. He said the Town invested thousands of dollars and countless hours of staff and professional hours on the Redevelopment Plan, however, after much reflection and conversation, he feels this new plan could be something greater and better than they would ever image. The Town of Newton and the College had a meeting along with 27 professionals, staff and municipal stakeholders. The conversation was led by Judge Parker and President Connelly, Mayor LeFrois and Mr. Russo. He said initially the Town was not in the loop with this project, but after listening to Judge Parker and Dr. Connelly, the College leadership certainly put a lot of heart and time into this project. As the Town Manager, and CEO of the organization he has to look at this as a land use matter. So is this the highest and best use for these parcels? He looks at the College, he looks at the County, he looks at the Town, he looks at private developers, he looks at the Hospital, Thorlabs and other partners that are interested in seeing this project succeed. He said he is not going to get into the funding aspects and he will not get in the middle of conversations between the County and College but as the CEO of Newton, it is his job to make things work, solve problems. He looks at this as an opportunity. He said if this is done correctly and that means a long term vision.

The long term vision includes, retail, a parking deck and housing and if those components are part of this project, this will be a homerun for the Town, the College and the County. Without those things, then he feels they will be having a different conversation. He is here to represent the Town along with the Mayor, and say that our Town Council, staff, professionals and volunteers are ready to make this vision a reality, if that is what the County desires. He is very proud to be leading the Town, and it is a great time to be in the Town of Newton and it is a great time to invest in the Town of Newton and done correctly this will be the most innovative public-private situation in the Town since Thorlabs or possibly ever.

Helen LeFrois, Mayor, Town of Newton, she expressed how Newton is excited for this project and they have been looking for a partnership with the College and trying to call ourselves a college town and maybe this is the project that will do that. She reminded people that being the County Seat, 1/3 of the properties are non-ratable, out of the remaining properties in town, 50% are tenant occupied properties. When you have the College, the hospital and major employers all working together with the Town and the County on visions that are complimentary and projects that will not only move the Town forward by the County, that is definitely something to take into consideration.

Freeholder Rose asked about the three items that were necessary from your perspective. He wanted to know if they have engaged in conversations with the college about those.

Mr. Russo stated that there have been favorable conversations but there was no commitment long term, that is a financial consideration and the benefit comes with using our parcels possibly for the parking and using the Adams Lot behind the Spring House Pub & Grill. They did enlist the support of a professional, the gentlemen that did the redevelopment at Rowan University, and he did an analysis for us and he was involved in the meeting. Mr. Russo said for the downtown for any communities to succeed, you need to have enough housing in that area to support the businesses in the downtown. He said as much as he loves their friends in Sparta, Byram, etc. having them come to Newton and support the town is not enough. There needs to be 2 to 3 hundred apartments in the downtown so that when those people walk out of their buildings they are looking for the banks, cleaners and the food stores. That is what makes a downtown, whether it is State College or Westfield, Red Bank, etc., that is what we are missing. He said the college seems receptive of having those conversations. Initially I was not happy with how this transpired and I told this to Judge Parker and Dr. Connolly because it felt like the College was moving fairly aggressively and the Town was not brought up to speed initially like it should have been. Having said that, he feels there is a unique opportunity of having a collaborative effort with a developer, with the parking authority to make this work in the long run.

He said for them to be at the location for a year with a lease, gives us the time to work this through to give us enough time to see if the parcels can handle this type of development. The answer could be no but it is worth exploring. It is not an easy lift but it is a possibility that could really work well in the long term.

Freeholder Lazzaro asked Mr. Russo that he wants a parking deck, housing and retail.

Mr. Russo said we have a Redevelopment Plan that goes up eight stories. So yes, but it has to be something that a developer can put his capital in.

Freeholder Rose asked about the parking deck. Would it be paid with public funds or private funds?

Mr. Russo said it probably has to be both. The Parking Authority which owns the parcels has access to certain types of grant funding that a developer or the Town would not have access to. It would have to be collaboration between all the different parties. He said as far as the housing goes, it will be more than just housing for the students. We envision the housing through our professionals as being a combination of market rate rental apartments, high end, similar to the ones above the Style Shop but also a combination of facility housing, or student housing. Thorlabs is adding 300 to 500 jobs in the next 18 to 24 months; the hospital is expanding so these factors could make it work financially.

Freeholder Rose asked about the \$80,000 tax bill for that parcel that would go away if the College takes it over. Have you entertained the idea with the College about a PILOT and have those talks been positive and what about the \$40,000 that goes to school, have you spoken with the school about that.

Mr. Russo stated yes we have had those talks but with a traditional PILOT, the County gets 5% and the Town gets 95% so we have not drilled down to what the Pilot will exactly look like.

Mayor LeFrois said the first year we would not be losing that ratable.

Freeholder Rose said ultimately the Town would have zero leverage over the College to demand a PILOT so the time to talk about it would be now.

Mr. Russo said we have absolutely no leverage to stop this project because of the Municipal Land Use Law so when I was presented with this, I said how can we make this work because the Town does not have leverage unless we use eminent domain. We need as a municipality to figure out how to make this work. He said we look at this as a land use matter. How can we make this project work from a land use prospective and then work out the finances.

Mayor LeFrois said the Council is not interested in entertaining eminent domain on any one of those parcels. Mr. Russo is correct; we really don't have anything to hold the College to the fire. The presentation that was made to our Planning Board was a courtesy review not a formal review. In our opinion, it is making the best out of the situation.

Freeholder Graham said there was a phone conversation with myself, Freeholder Rose, Mayor LeFrois, Ms. Caldwell, Councilman Flynn and we were trying to figure out where you were on this to make sure we were all at the table, because we were also finding things out in the newspaper as well. We have been trying to figure out what was going on as we have been going along. We were pleasantly surprised to find that we were all of an open mind to try and get where we had to go.

Mayor LeFrois did agree that they are all of an open mind and that is because the College has put into print that they looking forward to partnering with the Town of Newton for parking, housing, etc.

Freeholder Petillo asked Mayor LeFrois if she sees value in this project.

Mayor LeFrois said they see value because they think it is the beginning of a larger fusion to the potential of all those parcels. We are seeing success and conversation on our other redevelopment areas and this part of those other

conversations.

Jason Fruge, Program Supervisor at SCCC's Automotive Building Construction and Machine Tool and in the fall there will be a welding program. He presented three points. He said a lot of great points have been made, can't find workers, keeping our young ones in the community. He said most people don't know in the automotive trade to a technician at a dealership and be a valuable employee one must be 19 years old. He said NJ Liability Insurance for about 50% of the dealership that we park cars at require the technician to be 19 years old. Under the age of 19, even if there skill set in great, they can't drive a customer car on the property, they can't pull a vehicle in and out of the shop, in out of lifts so they actually take away from the performance the production and the bottom line. So by having that extra year of education will allow us to provide more training and more opportunities. As a retired vet he brought up his second point. He retired in 2006, he was forced into retirement. He said trade was a huge help for him and it gave him an opportunity to support himself and family and his parents. He received an email from a 2-year vet, Joseph McDonald. Mr. Fruge shared that email with the Board. In the email Joseph expressed his gratitude for the automotive program at SCCC. Joseph said the automotive program is not only important to standard students but also to veterans. He said a large number of students in the program are vets and for some it is our therapy and our passion. It has helped him figure out what to do with his life and it brought him out of a deep depression. Mr. Fruge's third point had to do with a question about why we need more space. In 2017, as a full-time employee at the College, he received his first project he was asked to start working on a diesel program. He collaborated with Campbell Engineers and met on and off campus, toured all the facilities that are used and all the resources and in a year's time they developed a full diesel curriculum which was approved and he feels at this time, there are a lot of different factors and variables that the McGuire project can support.

Christine Quinn, Sparta, stated for the record she is an elected official within the County, a member of the Leadership Council and also serves as leadership to the Sussex County League of Municipalities. The opinions and statements she said today are her own and don't reflect the positions of any of the other council or boards. She said the driving force tonight has to do with a series of Bonds and commitments. She spoke about a different bond between the family members within Sussex County and their friends between communities and municipalities, business owners and school officials and a bond collectively we call home and a commitment that we have made as elected officials to protect the bonds at all cost. Each of the 24 municipalities separately and collectively faces challenges and where we set ourselves apart from others is how we respond. A declining census number over the years has caused serious issues for the residents of Sussex County. With each challenge, there is an opportunity to think outside the box, be creative, to see opportunities come together and move forward. A recent and significant improvement in our economy has put us in an amazing position and we are faced with new opportunities. Do we have the skilled work force to answer the call? She said the business need in this County is becoming diverse and the need for skilled labor is becoming more and more important for the Business owners. The time is now to invest in our residents through partnership between the College, Freeholders, local business, the Chamber, municipal and county government and land boards and professional around this County with the expansion of SCCC and the new McGuire campus in Newton, we are in the best position to obtain this goal.

Dave Studor, Frankford, business owner in Sussex County, has his own automotive store for the past seven years and worked at a few dealerships within the County for the last five. He stated there is a shortage of mechanics and we really need this project to go forward. We all drive cars; we need someone to fix them. He said 17 years ago his son had to go to Wyoming to get trained in the field. He learned his trade and now he is a machinist. He said it is a dying breed but the stuff needs to be machined, things need to be made. He is very supportive of the College doing this.

John Elwood along with his wife Barbara, Andover, they are the owners of Good Hand Farm in Andover. They are an organic produce farm. 650 families get their groceries from us. He said he could talk about our need for technical skill but he spoke as the father of three children. He said of the three, two have left the County and next month the third will leave. He said his kids were assets to this County. He said all of his kids studied some at SCCC. Mr. Elwood was asked by a surgeon if his son, who is a surgeon, would consider coming back and his son said there is nothing in Sussex County for me to come back to. There are people who want a community and that attracts them to come and stay and it is from that standpoint that I would ask you to consider the Bonds. He said he loved the reference that the Bonds are broken when there is nothing back home for the kids to stay for.

Tyler Morgus, Sussex, he spoke on the support of this project as a Thorlabs Optic mechanic and in his business, they need highly qualified technical people. He has 200 people in his group and it has grown by 15% this year. He said the Optic Mechanic Business Unit is going to be the principal occupant of the new building that is being planned. If we can make this program work, they can be educated on one end of Spring Street and employed on the other. At Thorlabs, we have a 29 year track record of success and growth and we can certainly hire SCCC graduates if they exist. This is going to be a tough project but we have a lot of smart and talented people and if we can put our efforts into making it happen in lieu of holding it up there is a good chance this could become a crowned jewel for Newton, Sussex County economy.

Ati Shaw, Newton, has been in the community for 20 years. She firmly believes in this project. She is grateful for the energy and spirit behind it for the youth. They see this as great forward motion to supporting young professionals into professions that are highly in need. Additionally a current vacant structure which is in good order for the proposal will be revitalized and will provide some vital energy into and around Spring Street. This is a welcoming and exciting idea. She said in just one week they have gained 170 signatures. She is grateful for an open forum to review this idea.

Harvey Roseff, Byram, representing himself and he really appreciates that the Board held off on the Bonds and you are pulling together a group of all the stakeholders to see who is actually participating because you will be spending the money today. It is very important that everyone sits down and tells you what they will be doing. He said one of the problems tonight is that past bonds are not being spent and being used today for another purpose. That diversion puts you in the position of today that you are not getting the full information you requested that is necessary to make an informed decision. Everything that is going on tonight is great. We all want these great things but our taxes keep going through the roof. He said we keep talking about public-private partnership. He wants to know who the private is. He said that the Freeholder Board should have that before them, what will it achieve, and is the bulk of these funds and not just the Bond funds, future operational funds? Are they coming from the public or the private? He said right now when you expand this school, you are still looking at probably another 8 to 12 years of declining student population. If we have identified that the trades will benefit the County, what is not to be prioritized because you only have a certain student base. Will every class be kept or will something thing be cancelled and we will reinvest in something more important. He also noted that over the last 8 years, student population has dropped 40%. That is 40% less call on the services being provided. He said the County is paying more and when Newton wants to receive a PILOT that will be the county paying for the rest of the PILOT. The adjunct professors will not be getting a better pay,

the students may or may not get a good tuition rate, we will be funding taxation, not education. This could be put on the campus of SCCC, it is not that costly to build these buildings or this could be put in a cooperative nature at Sussex County Technical School. He feels this is the way it should go. You have management there, you have a wide-range of teachers maybe the problem is that Sussex County Technical School is not heavily engaged in this program. He said in closing, he took the culinary adults school program at the Technical School and it is not given anymore. He said there is welding program for adults and so you already have a platform for the program.

Gregory LeFrois, Chairman of Newton's Planning Board, he said as Mr. Russo mentioned the Town put out a significant amount of effort to develop a Redevelopment Plan for the subject property in accordance with state and local guidelines of regulations to help guide the redevelopment of the property and the opportunities that have presented themselves from the private developers seemed promising but nothing ever came to fruition. We received a presentation at our regular Planning Board meeting last month from SCCC and their technical and legal team. Our Planning Board is in favor and very excited about the project. As Mr. Russo stated although the project is not totally what we were looking for as part of the Redevelopment Plan, it is a good use for the property and offers plenty of opportunities to redevelop the property. Since it is a County entity, potentially moving into the property, the Planning Board has no authority to approve or disapprove the project; however as part of the Planning Board's services and advisory capacity to the Town Council, we do review the project for its inconsistency or consistency with the Town's Master Plan. After hearing the testimony, the Planning Board found that the project is not inconsistent with the Town of Newton's Master Plan and we have sent a letter to the Town Council stating our findings.

John Snyder, Sandyston, he is a retired Vocational High School teacher, 27 years at Essex County Vocational High School. He wanted to know what the correct name for the school is. He agrees with Mr. Roseff and that the SC Technical School should be brought into this. They have a facility and have space over there. He does not understand if the money for the bonds were allocated for certain projects then it should have been used. He said most of the time the projects go over budget and you have to come back and ask for more money. He wanted to know if all the money wasn't spent why would it not be turned over to the taxpayers and have the tax bills lowered? It sounds like a brand new bond should come out with a public hearing for the specific projects rather than these 3 bonds that were not used completely.

Freeholder Rose addressed his questions. The school's name is Sussex County Technical School and the second question you want to know is the money gone from the Bonds?

Mr. Poff stated there were bonds that were previously authorized for certain capital improvements. There were conversations that were held by the College Board of Trustees relative to the particular projects that those bonds authorized. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution recommending the reallocation of monies that have been previously authorized for certain projects to be reallocated to other projects which would include the development of this middle skills program that is being discussed now. The other projects were identified by the College Board of Trustees and put before the Board of School Estimate for consideration and at the most recent Board of School Estimate meeting held earlier this year, the Board of School Estimate concurred with the recommendations put forward by the College Board of Trustees. What the Freeholders now are asked to consider is the formal amendment of the original authorizations that provided for certain set of projects to be reallocated consistent with the action taken by the Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate.

Mr. Snyder wanted to know what the Freeholders are being asked to do.

Mr. Poff stated the Board is being asked by the College Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate to reallocate these funds.

Mr. Snyder asked who makes of the Board of School Estimate.

Mr. Poff said there are three Freeholders and two members of the College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Snyder said as a taxpayer I question who has the right to say we have this money to build this building but we are not going to build that we are going to this instead. He said to him that way does not sound like the way it should work. He said when the taxpayer votes on something and the budget approves it and then to make a change, without another approval just doesn't seem right.

Anwar Qarmout, Newton resident for 36 years. He took over his family business and got involved with different activities and became friends with a lot of business owners to work on how to bring back Newton back in the day. He said it has gone through cycles; we have studied all different situations of other towns that are thriving. He said to our disadvantage, we found out nobody was interested in coming to Newton. He did numerous studies and spoke to people and he asked what is it that makes you pick a particular town for your business and the response was foot traffic. If the college were to occupy McGuire's it would bring foot traffic to Spring Street. This is the best thing for the College and Newton. He said not only will you be creating jobs and careers; you are changing the landscape of Newton and Sussex County forever. You have an opportunity to do something for the positive.

James Hofman, Newton resident for 32 years. He is a school teacher and September will mark the 27<sup>th</sup> year that he has been working with families and youths in the community. It also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year that he has been involved in the Varsity Newton Robotics Team. He was charged with a task about 10 years ago by 2 young men at the High School at the time Lincoln Novel and Kevin Kelly, he said those two came to him and convinced him that they go down to New York City and explore the first Robotics competition. It was a life changing experience. He said his program has survived because of Pictatinny Arsenal opening their doors about 9 years ago. He listed a slew of companies in the area that would have a need for this trade. He said not all students need to go off to a four-year program; many just need to get a certificate or an Associate's Degree and get their hands on something. This will benefit us greatly. My program is mainly hands on technology and I want to support this program. It is greatly needed in our County.

Nancy Cannon, Newton resident since 2002. She is a student at SCCC. She spoke as a parent and knew when her son was in first grade, he was not a four-year college kid. The goal was to keep him in school until she could get him to Sussex Technical. He has now since graduated from Sussex Tech and for his continued education they had to choose between Ohio or Exton, PA which is really hard to send a child off who has to rent an apartment, works a full job and had no support system. I wish McGuire had been here back then. It would have been a no brainer for me to send him there. He has since come back to the County from UTI and works at Subaru as a Tech.

She feels it would be an amazing add-on to what is already being taught at the college plus there is no other community college in the area that has that program. You can pull from Morris Community College and Warren Community College. I really hope you pass this because it will be a huge benefit to our youth and our Town.

Judge Lorraine Parker, Sparta stated their appreciation for the sentiments that have been stated tonight. We look forward to sitting down with all parties and discussing the opportunities of the McGuire Campus at Sussex County Community College. She referenced the Rutgers Hughes Study that came out in 2014; there have been cries that the sky is falling and everybody is leaving the County and the County is dying. Well, the County has not died. She has not heard one proposal that would keep the young people in the County except for this McGuire project. It will keep them in the County because it will educate them, train them and give them the opportunity to have well-paid jobs in the County. This program will educate the employees for the businesses that are already in Sussex County, this program was developed out of conversations with the employers and business owners inside Sussex County. Alex Cable said I need machinist, welders, the auto people tell us they need trained techs. There are roughly 50 machine shops in Sussex County and they tell us they need machinists. There are 14 new dealers in the County who need trade techs for their operations. It is important for these business owners to want to train our young folks so they will stay in Sussex County. 85% of our graduates stay here in Sussex County and that is documented by an economic study done in 2016. She said she wants to work with the Town of Newton and the County to develop the McGuire Technical Career Center and the surrounding property. There is a lot of space there and parking. We want to make that available to Newton so there will be parking in downtown. We also want to have the opportunity to work with private entities to develop in that property. We have had conversations with Dr. Connelly. He has vision that is much appreciated. He looks at the Town and says this is what is can be. A person like that is what is needed in order to make this Town and this County continue to grow. We are the on the verge of something great. In developing this program, funding it adequately and educating our students and giving the people the opportunity to find well-paying jobs in the County. We have the businesses here and we need to support them. She thanked the Board and all involved to have the opportunity to have been heard tonight and hear from the people in the County.

Margaret Baldini, Newton resident for 42 years. She said going to Town was a big thing to do on the weekends and it was exciting. It was a great little place to go. She would love for us to have that feeling in Town again but she is not 100% sure that this is the way to do it. She said hearing what the Town Manager said about the 9 parcels and going up 8 stories in the Historic District doesn't sound that feasible. She supports education and would like to see more education in town but she feels it could be confined to the area that is already designated for it at the College. It is a lot of money for us. Newton residents are being strangled by all the County properties in Town and I hope you consider that.

Rosalie Lamonte, County, Superintendent for both Sussex and Warren Community College. She has held this position for the past nine years. Over the past nine years, she has seen the ups and downs of this County. As it was mentioned, we have experienced declining enrollment yet the demand for technical education has been increasing tremendously. At the College, which she is a member of the Board of Trustees, the population has been stabilizing under the director of Dr. Connelly and his staff which is exceptional. She believes the College has been extremely visionary in its approach of its programs and its approach to how to better partner with the business community. She urged the Freeholder Board to consider this project very seriously because it is much needed in the County. Yesterday she had a visit from the Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Education in Trenton and he asked me about the County and its challenges and I mentioned to him as he was traveling north into the County in the early morning, that he would see many, many cars leaving the County on a daily basis for work. He asked why it that. She said to him there is a lack of economic growth in the County. That is unfortunate for our students who are graduating from our high schools because there is not enough opportunity for them to stay in the County that they grew up in. I am hoping that this project will keep our students in the County as they continue to grow with their families. She thanked everyone for their attention.

Freeholder Rose asked how she came to the realization that this property was ideal for this project and what other properties did you look at in the search.

Ms. Lamonte answered that this particular property seemed to be a terrific opportunity to utilize what was once in deed an automobile dealership to provide programs in automotive technology, diesel technology, etc. It is a terrific piece of property to utilize for those types of programs. The vision of the Administration was to ultimately expand programs there to include things like culinary. She said when you talk about the revitalization of Newton; these things would surely increase the foot traffic and the visibility not only the College in the Community but the Community to the College.

Freeholder Rose asked how this piece of property compared to other properties.

Ms. Lamonte said that she was not involved in the perusal of alternate sites. This was presented to us in a way for the Administration to say we have looked at different opportunities and this being already built is certainly better than looking at a brand new property.

Freeholder Rose do you know how that process took place? Was there a sub-committee formed?

Ms. Lamonte said there was the finance and facilities committee that looked in greater detail. She is not a member of that committee and that committee was given a lot more detail.

Jon Connelly, President of Sussex Community College said it might seem odd if I didn't speak to you this evening but really everything has been said. He made a few comments. I am grateful for this Board and having this forum and the decorum that has been demonstrated this evening. I just want to make sure that the collaboration between Sussex County Community College and the Town becomes enforced. The College is very serious about this collaboration. We are a spec in the Redevelopment Plan and a lot of work went into that plan and we have no interest in upending it. We want to work with it and inside of it. Freeholder Rose spoke about the need to be sensitive to the rates and the taxes and the possible loss. We will tend to that. In full partnership, we intend on working with that with Mr. Russo and the Town Council. It is important to hear that from the Board of Trustees as well as the Administration. The private-public partnership collaboration is critical and extremely important to downtown Newton such as John Kwesclait, Thorlabs, the Automotive, Collinear, Campbell Supply Company, of these entities are collaborators and participate with us one way or another. The Hospital has put dollars on the line for this project. He thanked the Board for their creation of this forum this evening.

Freeholder Rose asked Mr. Connelly about the private donors for this project. He wanted to know if there is a way to

get a copy of the amounts and the agreements that you have signed.

Mr. Connelly stated he will make sure some of them don't mind but if you total the entire thing up, some are contingent on the execution of a plan in a particular way and some of them are not and if you take those different pools of funds you are taking about almost ¾ of a million dollars.

**MOTION** made at 9:20 PM by Freeholder Graham to close the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Rose entertained a motion for a five minute recess.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Board returned from Recess.

**9. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

Freeholder Petillo made a motion to skip Agenda Item 9. Freeholder's Comment; seconded by Freeholder Yardley

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 386-2018**

AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE CY 2019 (JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S YOUTH SERVICES PLAN UPDATE AND APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$368,500.00

**B. RESOLUTION RE: 387-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$49,065.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH RES-CARE NEW JERSEY, INC. D/B/A RESCARE HOMECARE FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$81,317.00

**C. RESOLUTION RE: 388-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$16,986.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOD SERVICE FOR THE CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$87,984.00

**D. RESOLUTION RE: 389-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$19,998.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOD SERVICE FOR THE WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF 94,705.00

**E. RESOLUTION RE: 390-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$45,994.44, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$118,188.00

**F. RESOLUTION RE: 391-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$22,409.00, ATTACHMENT "A" FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION WITH CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$43,747.00

**G. RESOLUTION RE: 392-2018**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR \$11,531.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CARE MANAGEMENT AND OUTREACH FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$36,571.00

- H. RESOLUTION RE: 393-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT TOTALING 14,667.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY, INC., SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$34,163.00
- I. RESOLUTION RE: 394-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT TOTALING \$41,451.00, ATTACHMENT "A", WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF TRANSIT/SKYLANDS RIDE FOR THE PROVISION OF SENIOR TRANSPORTATION (STOP) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$98,606.00
- J. RESOLUTION RE: 395-2018**  
ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,102.00 TO THE ELEVEN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEES FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
- K. RESOLUTION RE: 396-2018**  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2018 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 #VL19T82 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2018
- L. RESOLUTION RE: 397-2018**  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2018/19 STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AWARD #DOAS18SHF003 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,000.00 FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019
- M. RESOLUTION RE: 398-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. (ESRI) AND THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM AUGUST 27, 2018 UNTIL AUGUST 26, 2019 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,410.00
- N. RESOLUTION RE: 399-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS UNDER THE PASSAIC COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#184PCECPS) TO VARIOUS BUILDINGS WITHIN SUSSEX COUNTY BEGINNING UPON THE FIRST METER READ OF DECEMBER 2018 AND CONTINUING FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FOUR (24) MONTHS
- O. RESOLUTION RE: 400-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2018 FORD F150 POLICE RESPONDER (W1P) XL 4WD SUPERCREW 5.5' BOX FOR BYRAM TOWNSHIP BY THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR FROM BEYER FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,418.37
- P. RESOLUTION RE: 401-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL WORKSTATIONS AND RELATED INSTALLATION AND PROGRAMMING AT THE 911 CENTER FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,506.00
- Q. RESOLUTION RE: 402-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATED INTERFACE FOR CRIMINAL CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00
- R. RESOLUTION RE: 403-2018**  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF NJ, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR AMOUNTS YET TO BE DETERMINED, TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR FOR MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S BUREAUS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS, AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- S. RESOLUTION RE: PULLED**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER, TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ALONG THE SECTION OF CR 607 AS DEFINED WITHIN PLANS ENTITLED "BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, RIVER STYX ROAD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COUNTY ROUTE 607 MP 7.19 TO MP 7.49, 2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM" DATED MAY 2018,

**T. RESOLUTION RE: PULLED**

AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG TO ADVANCE A STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 607, A.K.A. RIVER STYX ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH

**U. RESOLUTION RE: PULLED**

AUTHORIZATION OF PLANS ENTITLED "BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, RIVER STYX ROAD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COUNTY ROUTE 607 MP 7.19 TO MP 7.49, 2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM" DATED MAY 2018, PREPARED BY JOHN RUSCHKE, P.E., OF MOTT MACDONALD FOR THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG

**V. RESOLUTION RE: 404-2018**

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND MITCHELL & MCCORMICK, INC. DBA HARRIS PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY BILLING SERVICES TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING FROM AUGUST 1, 2017 UNTIL JULY 31, 2020

**W. RESOLUTION RE: PULLED**

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT OF ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (SCMUA) PROVIDING THE SCMUA ACCESS TO PORTIONS OF THE FORMER SUSSEX RAILROAD PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING SITE INVESTIGATIONS NEEDED FOR THE PROPOSED SCMUA LEACHATE FORCEMAIN

**X. RESOLUTION RE: 405-2018**

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM E. HINKES, ESQ. OF HOLLANDER, STRELZIK, PASCULLI, HINKES, WOJCIK, GACQUIN, VANDENBERG & HONTZ, L.L.C., TO SERVE AS LEGAL COUNSEL IN VARIOUS MATTERS AS ASSIGNED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNSEL PER ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 2.10 (H) AND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,400.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2018 UNTIL THE 2019 BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER REORGANIZATION MEETING

**Y. RESOLUTION RE: 406-2018**

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT B. MCBRIAR, ESQ. OF SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH & KING, L.L.C., FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL MATTERS ASSIGNED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNSEL PER ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 2.10 (H) AND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,400.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2018 UNTIL THE 2019 BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER REORGANIZATION MEETING

**Z. RESOLUTION RE: PULLED**

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL P. AMBROSIO, ESQ. AS A CONSULTANT AND EXPERT WITNESS AS IT RELATES TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM ("SOLAR") PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2018 UNTIL THE 2019 BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER REORGANIZATION MEETING

**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. (Roll call vote)**

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda with the exception of item 10. S, 10. T, 10. U. 10 W. and 10. Z made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting- July 25, 2018

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

Executive Session – July 25, 2018

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro to approve the Minutes from the Executive Session and passed unanimously.

**12. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 407-2018**

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL LASKO, FRANCES KOCH, STEVEN INSLEY, MELISSA LATRONICA, CINDY ARMSTRONG, AUGUSTUS MODLA, JILL CERULLO, JAMES MAHONEY, RACHEL HELT, BECKY CARLSON, MARGARET PITTALUGA, JAMES SAYLOR, JENNA WILLIAMS, DAVE JOHNSTON AND KRISTEN TURTUR, AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION. TERMS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 408-2018**

APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE NOAH FRANZBLAU, FREEHOLDER SYLVIA PETILLO, DR. ROSALIE LAMONTE, CAROL NOVBIT, NEIL SPIDALETTO AND KATTYA KOENIGSBERG AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION. TERMS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020

**B. RESOLUTION RE: 409-2018**

APPOINTMENT OF KELLY HENNEBRY, JENNIFER COLVILLE, DEBBIE WEST, DEBORAH BERRY-TOON, ELEANOR PLUTTO AND INGRID VACA-BULLARO AS MEMBERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION. TERMS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018

**C. RESOLUTION RE: 410-2018**

APPOINTMENT OF INGRID VACA-BULLARO, LPC (PERSON WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVE) AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Yardley to accept the Appointments; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the Vote was:**

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

**13. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 411-2018**

PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 517 IN OGDENSBURG BOROUGH FOR THE 98<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUSSEX COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION INSPECTION DAY AND PARADE

**B. RESOLUTION RE: 412-2018**

REJECTION OF BID FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (RE-BID)

**C. RESOLUTION RE: 413-2018**

AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DRUG-FREE AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORK PLACE POLICY

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

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Yardley asked what the date was for Resolution A.

Mr. Poff stated October 6 from 12:45PM to 5PM. There is a lunch for the Freeholders at the Ogdensburg Firehouse and there is parking.

**14. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGEORDERS/BID**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 414-2018**

AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (FIRE SUPPRESSION) TO BE PERFORMED IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS TO RJM FIRE PROTECTION, LLC. FROM JUNE 1, 2018 UNTIL MAY 31, 2019

**B. RESOLUTION RE: 415-2018**

AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED DUMP BODY WITH HYDRAULIC PUMP AND CONTROLS, SPREADERS, PLOW AND WING PLOWS FROM TONY SANCHEZ, LTD. FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,750.00

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolutions; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and

passed unanimously.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**15. FINANCIAL**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 416-2018**  
PAYMENT OF BILLS Bill List A (Jonathan Rose abstaining)

**MOTION** made by 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	Abstain
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

- B. RESOLUTION RE: 417-2018**  
PAYMENT OF BILLS Bill List B

MOTION made by 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. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – RESOLUTION PULLED**

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-02 (PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2014-2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MAY 27, 2015, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN

- D. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – RESOLUTION PULLED**

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-03 (PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MAY 11, 2016, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN

- E. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING – RESOLUTION PULLED**

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-04 (PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2011-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE) HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MAY 23, 2012, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN

**16. PERSONNEL**

- RESOLUTION RE: 418-2018**  
AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF AUGUST 8, 2018

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Personnel Agenda; 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

**17.     ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Poff stated the Budget Request forms for the 2019 County Budget have been distributed to the County Departments and they are due at month's end. Grant money from the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1.7million has been received for the reconstruction and realignment of Bridge X-09 in Wantage, rehabilitation to Bridge X-11 in Wantage and replacement of Bridge Q-6 in Sparta. He said the library system is in the process of completing its strategic planning and he looks forward to sharing that information with the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the public. We received an extremely positive response to the survey that was distributed and there was very good attendance at the majority of the focus groups that were held throughout the County.

**18.     COUNTY COUNSEL**

Mr. Kelly stated in lieu of the closed session report I was going to make on the reorganization of County Counsel office tonight, I will speak on it now. The two appointments we made tonight brings to a total number of appointments to the office of County Counsel to four, Gary Kraemer, we extended the agreement to Riker, Danzig, and tonight we appointed the firm Schenck, Price out of Morristown and Hollander, Hinkes here in Newton and we anticipate one more that will be an individual for the Department of Human Services. Our Reorganization Plan in terms of appointments will be finished. This newly created part-time law firm will meet in the next week or two with Mr. Poff, Mr. Kelly and Karen Tracy and they will give out assignments.

**19.     UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**20.     NEW BUSINESS**

**21.     PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**MOTION** made at 9:40 PM by Freeholder Petillo to open the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

Harvey Roseff, Byram wanted to know what happened to the strategic plan that had some sort of merger with the County College campus which we bonded for that is part of the funds that are being discussed for different uses in the further.

Mr. Poff stated I think what you are referring to is the Lifelong Learning Center. It was contemplated that it would be a joint effort between the Community College and the County and the Library system. That is part of what the discussion will be as it relates to the library's strategic planning process.

The strategic planning process itself is designed to position the library to be able to take advantage of the upcoming Library Construction Bond Act that was authorized by the voters in the State of New Jersey last November. The partnership with the college is not necessarily dead but will be better informed by having solicited input across the County including municipal governments as well as to where those funds can be best spent.

Mr. Roseff stated you allocated a chunk of money that included a substantial involvement of the library

Mr. Graham stated we allocated some money for an architectural firm who talked about us putting a library on the college campus and it was going to be a joint project. That project is not dead. We did not bond for anything going forward. What these discussions are about is how the library county system can better utilize the state bonding to enhance our library system. We did not bond any money for that purpose that you are speaking about.

Mr. Roseff stated that it might still be alive and if there is future library involvement with the County College why would you spend the past allocated funds on something different. He wanted to know why you would reallocate it. You can just keep in on the books and then at a later date you can put it towards what you originally approve the funds for, the library partnership.

Freeholder Graham stated I don't believe we have control over those funds.

Freeholder Rose stated we are over our 3 minute time and this could go back and forth.

Mr. Kenny, Green Township said for the most part the speakers were all for this great project. He asked about the name of the project and wanted to know if McGuire is putting a \$1million in for naming rights so it can be named the McGuire Campus and we don't know anything about the environmental such as how much antifreeze went into the ground when they were working there. He said to spend money that you don't have, just seems ludicrous to me. He said as he went down Spring Street today, he was stunned at how many empty stores there are. They don't seem to keep a clientele that Hoboken does bring. He is not sure about putting high end apartments there.

He doesn't know where the money is going to come from. He said the young people want a city life, a fast pace. That is not Sussex County. Another thing that is a concern is the volume of traffic that will be generated from this.

**MOTION** made at 9:50 PM by Freeholder Lazzaro to close the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**22.     REMINDERS**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug. 9 7:30 PM	Water Quality	FMR
Aug. 16 3:30Pm	LACADA	FMR
Aug. 21 7:00PM	Musconetcong River Mgmt.	Musconetcong Watershed Assoc.
Sept. 6 9:00AM	Senior Advisory	Knoll Heights
Sept. 10 12 Noon	SC Disability Serv.	FMR

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 9:55 PM to adjourn the meeting by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**DATED:** August 8, 2018

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Teri Lyons  
Clerk