

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
7:00 PM
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR 7:04 PM

- 2. ROLL CALL** Freeholder Crabb, Freeholder Graham, Freeholder Director Lazzaro; County Administrator, Gregory V. Poff; County Counsel, John Williams; Clerk of the Board Pro Tem, Suzannah Givone

Freeholder Rose arrived at 7:05PM

Freeholder Petillo was absent.

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 January 5, 2017 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 made by Freeholder Graham to approve the Agenda; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Discussion

Freeholder Rose made an amendment to the Agenda to add Item O. to Item 10 entitled Resolution regarding Release of Closed Session Documents from September 27, 2017 meeting. Resolution to read Motion to release all documents and other materials, including but not limited to all documents that the Freeholder Board received and the minutes from the Executive Session of the meeting held on September 27, 2017 at the Fredon Municipal Building. All documents and materials shall be subject to a 72-hour review and redaction by the County Counsel, said period to begin upon the passage of this resolution; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Rose made a motion to amend the Agenda to change Item 11 the dates to read September 27, 2017 on both items Regular Minutes and Executive Session minutes; seconded by Freeholder Director Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations/Certificates

1. Proclamation recognizing October 18, 2017 as "Taking Flight to Change Day".
457-2017
2. Proclamation recognizing October as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"
458-2017
3. Proclamation recognizing October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
459-2017

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt the Proclamations; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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. Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal residency.

MOTION made at 7:26 PM by Freeholder Rose to open the meeting up to the Public; seconded by Graham and passed unanimously.

Harry Dunleavy came forward and spoke why he feels Jarrod Cofranceso should not be reappointed to the Sussex County Technical School Board. His two reasons were 1. The poor performance of the school with only 20% able to pass the low level of the PARCC test in mathematics and 2. His blacklisting from doing substitute work at the school and refusing to give a reason.

John Snyder came forward and had some questions on Resolutions on the Agenda.

MOTION made at 7:36 PM by Freeholder Graham to close the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

9. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Comments by Freeholder Crabb

Freeholder Crabb marched in the Firemen's Parade in Newton on Saturday. He said it is a very nice route and was a great day. He said we really rely on the volunteers and can't thank them enough for the work they do.

Comments by Freeholder Graham

Freeholder Graham read off events that the Human and Health Services has going on; in Particular, the flu shot clinics around the County.

Freeholder Graham announced the 17th Annual Salute to Veterans on Sunday, November 5th at 1 PM.

Freeholder Graham spoke about the Mosquito Control. He gave statistics on the number of pools of water that have test positive for West Nile virus. Mr. Poff stated that they have reached out to all the Mayors and requesting their assistance in getting notifications out in addition to all the notifications that the County does.

Freeholder Graham gave the statistics on communicable disease that have been reported in Sussex County. The top one was Lyme disease.

Freeholder Graham reported on the number of cases with Division of Social Services for the month of September. Social Services is working to make sure all of these needs are being met properly and confidentially.

Comments by Freeholder Rose

No comments tonight.

Comments by Freeholder Director Lazzaro

Freeholder Lazzaro stated the resurfacing program, striping program and mowing have been taking place continuously. The road and engineer departments are behind all of this.

Freeholder Lazzaro spoke about the Firemen's Parade. He complimented the Town of Newton for an outstanding job they did in putting the parade together.

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY V-85-15 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$203,363.00 STATE SHARE AND \$50,841.00 IN KIND MATCH
460-2017
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VEHICLES FROM BEYER FORD FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,575.22
461-2017
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT FROM ASPIRE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,019.05 REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES
462-2017
- D. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SUBMIT THE AREA PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT DoAS18AAA003 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,538,843.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL AND NUTRITIONAL SERVICES
463-2017

FOR OLDER PERSONS UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

- E. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO
464-2017 ACCEPT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,182.33 FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAPABILITIES
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR THE
465-2017 REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE X-11, COUNTY ROUTE 639 OVER NEEPAULAKATING CREEK, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF BRIDGE X-12, NEWTON AVENUE OVER NEEPAULAKATING CREEK, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00
- G. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
466-2017 PROVIDED BY SIRSIDYNIX CORPORATION FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD (NOVEMBER 1, 2017 – OCTOBER 31, 2018) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,370.00 FOR THOSE SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
- H. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR OF THE SUSSEX
467-2017 COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO EXECUTE THE 2017-2018 (OCTOBER 1, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018) TITLE IV-D REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,461.00
- I. RESOLUTION RE: RESCINDING THE CONTRACT WITH FREEDOM HOUSE INC.
468-2017 ALLOCATING \$50,000.00 OF CHAPTER 51 FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF MALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- J. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH TURNING
469-2017 POINT (ANDERSON HOUSE) FOR THE PROVISION OF FEMALE HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES FOR A REDUCTION OF \$6,700.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$3,300.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- K. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH DASI:
470-2017 DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF RECOVERY SUPPORTS SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AWARD OF \$9,404.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$29,763.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017
- L. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE CENTER
471-2017 FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR THE PROVISION OF RECOVERY SUPPORTS SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AWARD OF \$9,403.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$43,109.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- M. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH THE CENTER
472-2017 FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING FOR THE PROVISION OF ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AWARD OF \$19,583.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$85,000.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- N. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH CAPITOL CARE,
473-2017 INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AWARD OF \$18,310.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$44,106.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- O. RESOLUTION RE: RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS,
ADDED
474-2017 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL DOCUMENTS THAT THE FREEHOLDER BOARD RECEIVED AND THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 AT THE FREDON MUNICIPAL BUILDING. ALL DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A 72-HOURS REVIEW AND REDACTION BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL, SAID PERIOD TO BEGIN UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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.

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to vote on O. separately

MOTION made by Freeholder Rose to approve Resolutions A-N; seconded by Freeholder Graham

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

MOTION made by Freeholder Rose to approve Resolution O; seconded by Freeholder Graham

Discussion

Freeholder Crabb stated he hadn't seen this since it was just handed to him at this meeting. He said he was not part of any discussion. He asked why they were releasing these minutes and not any other Executive Session minutes.

Freeholder Rose stated there appears to be significant interest in these.

Freeholder Crabb said I am sure Boxer has a lot of interest. He said all Executive Session minutes have a lot of interest, he said this is cherry picked.

Freeholder Rose stated the minutes for Boxer are not closed yet; these minutes are closed and the Freeholder Board has approved a settlement with the other parties.

Freeholder Crabb said again, he does not understand why we are motivated to release these now when we haven't released any other Executive Session minutes.

Freeholder Rose said if there are any other Executive Session minutes that at closed, we should release those.

Freeholder Crabb said we are really putting this through. He said there must have been some discussion to put this up and he said his concern is even though we have passed a resolution, we don't tape the executive sessions. He said ever since he can remember in a meeting when we have released executive session minutes. He said but here we have a resolution that popped up at the meeting to release minutes.

Freeholder Rose asked Mr. Williams what our current policy is on releasing minutes from Executive Session.

Freeholder Graham said there are different types that we don't release. There are legal, ongoing contract negotiations, we don't release those because they have strategies and long term effects. He said I don't we have held back anything. He said anything to do with solar, we have released. He said Boxer has not been resolved so that is why they have not been released yet. He said he doesn't remember holding back on releasing executive session minutes.

Freeholder Crabb said his concern is that this is the first meeting that he has been at where there is a resolution added at a meeting to release a specific executive session. The best case is I think it is a little clumsy because I had no knowledge of it and worse case I fear it may be political. He said he is not sure why they are doing this now when they have never done any other executive session.

Mr. Williams said there was a resolution regarding the solar executive sessions for blanket release but that only related to the executive sessions that were part of the solar settlement and they were released.

Freeholder Rose as if they were released?

Mr. Williams said yes they have been released. He said after that there is no default resolution for release so the only thing that would apply would be the OPRA analysis to the individual executive session.

Freeholder Crabb said and with that we all discuss that. He said it is not a matter of course when it is plunked on the dais at the meeting.

Freeholder Rose asked if a citizen were to request minutes from a closed session, how would that be evaluated?

Mr. Williams typically there would be an OPRA analysis and the OPRA would work to be a default to disclose unless an exception was to apply.

Freeholder Rose said this resolution contemplates 72-hour of review and redaction by County Counsel, he said you could use the same analysis that you use for OPRA release for that.

Mr. Williams said assuming this is a release for an OPRA request because it isn't directed to anyone, he said so what you are saying is if there was an OPRA request, there would be an analysis and minutes would be released and the answer would yes.

Freeholder Crabb said his concern is that we are doing this a la cart when I am sure there is interest in a lot of other executive sessions.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	No
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 30, 2017
Date amended to – September 27, 2017

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Regular meeting Minutes; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Graham abstained due to being absent from the regular meeting of September 27, 2017.

Executive Session Meeting – September 30, 2017
Date amended to September 27, 2017

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to approve the Minutes; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

12. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. APPOINTMENTS

- 1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTING JAMES R. MC DONALD, III, M.S., AS
475-2017 HEALTH OFFICER TO PROVIDE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

Freeholder Graham asked to vote on them one at a time.

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

Discussion

Freeholder Graham asked Mr. McDonald to give a short synopsis of what he thinks and where we are going.

Mr. McDonald thanked Weights and Measures for all they do and he is excited and looking forward to seeing where they can improve and provide the services to the community. He spoke about some other things that are going on in the municipalities.

Freeholder Graham said he is very proud to have him.

Freeholder Lazzaro spoke very highly of Mr. McDonald and he puts his stamp of approval on his appointment and as well improving his education.

Mr. Poff said the licensing examination for a New Jersey State Health Officer is one of the most difficult licensing examinations to sit for. Mr. McDonald did it with very little complications. Mr. Poff stated he is looking forward to working with Mr. McDonald and he is very well-suited to be the County's next Health Officer.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

- 2. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JARROD C. COFRANCESCO
476-2017 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEAR. TERM TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

- 3. RESOLUTION RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN HAUTAU AS A MEMBER
477-2017 OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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

Freeholder Director Lazzaro said the Agriculture Board has had a couple of resignations; some people have been there a long time. If anyone knows of anyone that is interested in being part of that Board, please reach out to the Clerk of the Board.

On Roll Call the vote:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

13. RESOLUTIONS

14. AWARDS OF CONTRACT/CHANGE ORDERS/BID

A. AWARDS OF CONTRACT

1. RESOLUTION RE: 478-2017	AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SCHIFANO CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,002,187.28 FOR THE 2017 SUSSEX COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM WITH A CONTRACT TERM OF DATE OF CONTRACT AWARD WITH A PROJECT CLOSEOUT DATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018
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MOTION made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Crabb

Discussion

Bill Koppenaal, County Engineer gave a presentation on Road Resurfacing Program. He said this is one of the largest road resurfacing programs in the last couple of years. He went over the estimated annual need, the proposed FY 2017 project and historic project data.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

15. FINANCIAL

A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
479-2017

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Abstain
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

B. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
480-2017

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2017 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE FFY17 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT AWARD #2017-SS-00043-S01 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$168,182.33 FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020
481-2017

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

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Yes
Freeholder Director Lazzaro	Yes

16. PERSONNEL

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt the Personnel Agenda; seconded by Freeholder Graham

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Rose	Nay
Freeholder Graham	Nay
Freeholder Director Lazzaro –	No vote

MOTION failed.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Poff spoke to the Employer Legislature Committee of the Chamber of Commerce this morning. He had the opportunity to talk with local business leaders about a variety of legislation that is affecting the County as well as local business. He sent out today the National Association of Counties opposing statement concerning the Federal Government's recent proposal as it pertains to tax reform specifically on the implication on the elimination of the state and local tax deduction otherwise known as (SALT). He said in a high property tax state like New Jersey, is it estimated that the impact on local property homeowners in New Jersey will see an increase in more than \$800 a year and he believes that is a conservative number. He said he would estimate it well in excess of \$1,000. He said he has distributed that information to the Freeholder Board and if they are so inclined, the NJAC has furnished us with the Resolution to be considered by the Board and send to our members of Congress.

Mr. Poff said there is a bill before the Assembly that is the CAP on binding interest arbitration awards. It is Assembly Bill 123. This has been very effective in local and county governments being able to control personnel costs particularly as it pertains to law enforcement and fire department salary increases. The CAP is set to expire at the end of this year and there has been ongoing coverage as a result of the gubernatorial election as to whether or not the legislature is going to consider a permanent extension of that interest arbitration CAP. If the legislature fails to do so, the tax that local and county governments are subject to, will create a hardship as we proceed because it will change the landscape that we have been currently operating in these past few years.

Mr. Poff said there is a Procurement Parody Bill in the Senate which is Senate Bill 128 as well as Assembly Bill 1118 which would go a long way to provide parody across pay to play, bid thresholds as well as prevailing wages. It makes a lot a sense that there would be some parody across these various regulations that governments are subject to, thereby increasing the opportunity for business people to do business with local and county government.

18. COUNTY COUNSEL

No report tonight.

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.
Please state your name, spell your last name, and state your municipal
residency**

MOTION made at 8:38 PM to open the meeting up to the Public by Freeholder Rose; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Glen Hull came forward and spoke about County Rt. 645 and said there is a spur off that connects to Rt. 206. He said there was a lawsuit and he was curious of the outcome of law suit.

Mr. Williams said he does not have enough information regarding the matter. Mr. Williams said he is unaware of the litigation and asked Mr. Hull to email him or call him and he will try and get more information.

Ms. Natalie Perez came forward and wanted to know why there were no elevators at Sussex Tech. She said in 2017, she is surprised to find that there were no elevators in the school.

Freeholder Graham said elevators are very expensive. He said a two- floor elevator is much more than you think. We could easily blow out the school budget in one year by having to facilitate an elevator. He said in all the years that he has been on budget; he said the school has never requested something of that nature.

Freeholder Graham told Ms. Perez to speak to the Board of Education. He said on a County basis he doesn't know how it could be handled unless there was some type of a major renovation that required us to that.

Ms. Perez said there are grants available. She said she was told by the school that the need for an elevator happens quite often.

Patrick Kavangh, the President of Local CWA 1032 came forward and said they represent over 5,000 members throughout New Jersey including 350 supervisory and non-supervisory employees who work for Sussex County. He said the members are committed to providing the best possible services to the residents of the County. He said they are doing so in an increasingly difficult environment that demands they do more with less every day. He said a couple of meetings ago you heard from Mary Martin who works at the Dennis Branch of the County Library. She articulated the extremely diverse work performed by librarians on a daily basis and it was clear how much she loves that work. He said we have had members attending these meetings consistently and it is our plan to have these members speak more regularly at these meetings to introduce themselves to you and the work that they do for this County. He said it is necessary to do this because these people feel invisible. He said in reality, we have a smaller work force, there are more part-timers than ever before, and there is difficult in recruiting and retaining employees with salaries that are not competitive. He said there is an appreciation that the elected officials have difficult decisions to make but our goal is to stress that those decisions have real consequences and to ensure that the voices of the people that you depend upon provide services for County residents are heard as part of that process.

Maureen Slack, an employee of Sussex County's Health Department came forward and said she works with Jim McDonald. She said she has worked with many health officers and she thinks where they are now, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. She said they are very glad he is going to be their health officer.

MOTION made at 8:49 PM to close the public session made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Rose and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Crabb asked since we turned down the Personnel Agenda, does that mean nothing on here happens.

Mr. Poff said there was only one item that was requiring Freeholder approval; the rest of the information is simply informational.

Freeholder Crabb said but it is signed off by the County Treasurer and the County Administrator.

Mr. Poff said requiring Board of Chosen Freeholder approval is consistent with the County's adopted hiring policy.

22. 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:**
- _____ (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege:**
- _____ (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.

23. REMINDERS

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Oct. 12 – 1:00PM	Uniform Construction Code	FMR
Oct. 12 – 7:30PM	Water Quality Management Program	FMR-Cancelled
Oct. 16 – 3:00PM	Planning Bd. Development Review	Admin Bldg/ Rm 3
Oct. 16 – 7:30PM	Agriculture Development Board	FMR
Oct. 17 – 1:00 PM	CAC	FMR-Added
Oct. 18 – 12:30PM	Youth Services Commission	FMR
Oct. 19 – 3:30PM	Mental Health Board	FMR
Oct. 25 – 9:00AM	HSAC	PSS
Oct. 25 – 7:00PM	Freeholder Meeting	FMR

24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 8:51 PM by Freeholder Rose to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

DATED: October 11, 2017

Catherine M. Williams
Clerk of the Board