

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR 6:00 PM

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on April 6, 2018 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
Star Ledger	

and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)

**RESOLUTION RE: PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT  
190-2018 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the subject matter(s) about to be discussed may be excluded from the public portion of the meeting by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as an exception to the "Open Public Meetings Act" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

**WHEREAS**, it appears necessary for the Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss such matter(s) in Executive Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Board at this time enter into an Executive Session from which the public shall be excluded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the general nature of the subject(s) to be discussed relate to the following item(s) authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as designated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **X** (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege;**

**CWA 1032  
CWA 1032 Supervisors  
CWA 1032 Social Services  
PBA 138 Sheriff's Unit**

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

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

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

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

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Lazzaro at 6:13 PM to enter Closed Session; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Lazzaro at 7:00 PM to reconvene in Open Session; by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation in recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
**191-2018**
2. Proclamation in recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month  
**192-2018**
3. Proclamation in recognition of April as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness  
**193-2018**
4. Proclamation in recognition of April 13<sup>th</sup> as Wear Purple Day for Alcohol Awareness  
**194-2018**
5. Proclamation in recognition of the Sussex Technical School Mustang's Bowling Team  
**195-2018**
6. Proclamation in recognition of Crime Victim's Crime Week  
**196-2018**
7. Proclamation in recognition of Eagle Scout Brian Hewitt  
**197-2018**
8. Proclamation in recognition of Eagle Scout Kevin Saar  
**198-2018**

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

The Proclamations were read into the record.

**B. PRESENTATION**

1. Jacqui Espinoza from JCP&L
2. Tammi Horsfield from SC Chamber of Commerce- Tourism Update

Tammi Horsfield, President of the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce gave her annual update on Tourism as the Chamber is the destination marketing organization as designated through the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism. The Chamber is the entity Visitors and Tour Groups contact when planning a trip to Sussex County. Ms Horsfield gave an update on the promotional efforts and noted over the last 10 years, there has been steady growth in County Tourism.

Jacqui Espinoza from JCP&L thanked all County Officials for their support during the March storms. In particular Ms. Espinoza acknowledged Sheriff Strada and Corp. Mark Vogel, County Administrator Greg Poff and all the agency heads that were staffed at the OEM. During the storm events a JCP&L Representative was also stationed at the OEM office which proved to work very well and be beneficial to the County Agencies. JCP&L has since formulated workshops as a response to the storms for OEM Officials, Mayors, Municipal Officials and Freeholders. Information regarding the Sussex County Workshop will be forthcoming.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. AMENDED SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE #18-02**

**Freeholder Director Rose:** At our regular meeting held on March 14, 2018, we introduced on first reading the following Bond Ordinance. The Bond Ordinance was advertised in the New Jersey Herald on March 19, 2018 with a Notice of Pending Bond Ordinance stating that a public hearing would be held on March 28, 2018. The public hearing was properly held on March 28, 2018; however, there was a clerical error concerning the Bond Ordinance that was considered for final adoption after the public hearing. Bond Counsel has advised that the Bond Ordinance needs be considered and voted on again for final adoption, do I have a Motion?"

**MOTION** made Freeholder Lazzaro to adopt the Bond Ordinance; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971**

**(Roll Call vote) – 2/3 Full Membership**

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Yardley stated there is a proposed Grant for partnerships between Technical Schools and Community Colleges. If this Ordinance were to proceed the Freeholder would only be responsible for 25% of the project costs? Can't this project wait if we can secure Grant Funding?

Mr. Poff read the bond text as to what this Ordinance is specifically for.

Freeholder Yardley referred to a document which was a Resolution that was considered by the Community College Board of Trustees recommending a reallocation of certain Chapter 12 funds. .

Mr. Poff responded what the Freeholders are being asked to approve is in accordance with the recommendations from the College Board of School Estimate as presented at last year's Board of School Estimate meeting and does not incorporate the changes that were recently considered by the College Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate at last's week meeting. This Ordinance does not make reference to the Culinary Facilities or other Trade Facilities. It was these facility references that lead to the confusion for the early draft of the Ordinance made reference to Culinary and other Trade facilities. However, the Board of School Estimate last year recommended the improvements that are itemized in the final \$2.8 million Ordinance presented this evening. Freeholder Yardley is referring to improvements to be considered at a future date by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Freeholder Rose asked Mr. Poff to explain the purpose of the Board of School Estimate and how the Bonds come to the Freeholder Board from the Board of School Estimates?

Mr. Poff responded that Chapter 12 funds are used for Capital Improvements at the County College. Half of these funds come from the State of New Jersey and the other half comes from the County. The Board of School Estimates annually considers recommendations of funding for the Community College, which includes general operations, capital improvements as well as funds for the operation and maintenance of the Public Safety Training Academy. Years ago the jurisdiction for the operation and maintenance of the Academy was transferred to the Community College. All budgetary recommendations come from the Board of Trustees in the form of draft budget documents which are ultimately determination by the Board of School Estimates. This then puts in place the financing for the operations of the County College and Safety Academy as well as the capital improvements that will be undertaken through the use of Chapter 12 funds.

Freeholder Rose stated that Mr. Yardley's suggestion is to utilize past funds. What would be the process to do that should the Freeholder Board turn down this Ordinance tonight. What would be the process to utilize those previous Chapter 12 monies?

Mr. Poff stated the Chapter 12 monies that are being considered for this Bond Ordinance are the funds that were allocated last year by the Board of School Estimate and the County. So the improvements that are enumerated in this particular bond ordinance are projects that were duly considered by the Board of School Estimate at its meeting last year. The projects that Freeholder Yardley were referring to in the reallocation was just considered by the Board of School Estimate and would be considered in a future bond ordinance not the Bond Ordinance that is before the Board this evening.

Freeholder Rose asked if the Freeholder Board were to turn down any bond ordinance that had been considered and approved by the Board of School Estimate, does SCCC or any other entity have a legal recourse that could force the Freeholder Board to obtain those monies.

County Counsel said generally speaking, the answer would be no.

Freeholder Graham said if we vote against this, we will be resending it.

Freeholder Rose said the concept of borrowing the money was approved in the 2017 Board of School Estimate but that doesn't mean that an ordinance cannot be voted down at any time. He said it is not approved until it is approved. He said bond ordinances do require 2/3 of the full membership of the Board which is four affirmative votes to enact this ordinance.

Freeholder Graham said this was approved in 2017 and it was Chapter 12. He said one of the difficulties for SCCC is there are two different funding mechanisms besides our funding here and the funding from tuition which is charge backs. This is when other community colleges offer courses that SCCC does not forcing the Sussex county student to attend another community college. On top of our funding mechanism there is another hundreds of thousands of dollars that we have to pay out of our operating budget for those County students that do not go to attend SCCC. The buildings are old and need repair.

A viable County needs to have an educational system that allows for families to grow; if we don't look at the future of SCCC than we are basically saying let's just continue where we are and then the charge back numbers will go higher because County College of Morris is offering classes of interest.

Freeholder Graham said he is advocating maintaining the structure of SCCC; you need to have hope in the future and this Bond Ordinance does show a compelling vision. It is a worthwhile bond.

Freeholder Rose said the only educational program under this Bond is Welding and the vast majority of the capital improvement money would be for existing buildings.

Freeholder Petillo said you are asking us to vote down this Ordinance that was already approved, and to rely on a Referendum that could be defeated if approved there is only \$50 million allocated for all the County Colleges in the State. We have no certainty these improvements would be approved if we applied for the Grant.

Freeholder Petillo spoke in favor of the Community College and the technical degrees that can only be obtained at a Community College. It is very important that our Community College stay relevant and competitive and feels we should support this Ordinance.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	No

**B. 2018 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED**

**MOTION** to open Public Hearing for the 2018 Sussex County Budget as Approved made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN**

Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2018 County Budget as Approved

**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.**

Freeholder Graham asked what is the percentage increase in the Tax Levy?

Mr. Poff said it is 1.9% when taken with the additional revenues that will be collected as a result of new construction. The amount that will be collected totals \$92,101,859.00.

Freeholder Graham questioned the percentage printed in the newspaper.

Mr. Poff said what was presented in the paper was the amount the budget is going up which is the total revenues and appropriations. What skews the budgets in terms of the total increase is due to various Grants the County receives. This year we are recognizing an excess of an additional \$1,000,000.00 worth of grants.

Freeholder Yardley questioned how much it will cost per household. Mr. Poff stated the increase to the average household will be \$17.00 compared to \$43.00 last year.

Freeholder Graham noted this amount also reflects having to maintain a supply of \$2.2 million to pay our solar bond obligations that will continue for the next 10 years.

Next, Mr. Poff gave a Power Point presentation of the 2018 Operations and Capital Budget. The presentation provided an overview from the preparation of the budget to this evening's final adoption.

The ultimate objective is to make sure the adopted budget meets the needs of the community and serves the best interest of the County and its taxpayers.

The 2018 Budget is within its state mandated budget caps; but it does reflect significant dollar increases in health insurance, salaries and wages and the maintenance of patients in psychiatric facilities. The County has taken action over the past few years to limit tax increases while still preserving services. Cost saving actions taken by the Freeholder Board included reducing staff levels, limiting operation expenses and considering new shared service agreements with other local governments.

In 2018 the County will receive \$1,573,906.00 from the State in the form of franchise tax on life insurance companies and principal and increase payments on County College bonds. The total 2018 Budget appropriations are \$109,661,854.85. Budget priorities included increasing an amount of money appropriated for the paving of County roads, professional services and fees associated with the accreditation for the Division of Health, preventive maintenance and repairs to the Safety Academy and a County membership to the Economic Development Partnership.

Mr. Poff said there were a number of appropriates deferred in order to meet the County's budget's requirements.

It was requested additional monies for the long line program that have been deferred and will be considered in subsequent years, along with additional funds to increase staff at the communication center, the Community College and Technical School requested additional funding for operations to increase programs but that funding was kept level in this year's budget.

The Capital Improvement Program which is an important part of the County's financial management plan. The funding for the capital improvement projects is done through a combination of current funds and debt funding. This year's capital improvement program totals \$10,308,250.00 which new debt not to exceed \$9,904,000.00. The program includes road surfacing, the technical school science labs, public safety paging and radio system enhancements, community college facility improvements and bridge construction and repair.

It is noteworthy that the County will receive more than \$3million in 2018 from the State of New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund to subsidize road resurfacing and bridge construction projects.

In 2018, the County budget calls for a tax rate increase of .0072 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Despite all the cost saving measures, the decision to increase taxes is carefully considered in the County's long term financial health. The County's tax rate represents a \$17 annual increase for an averaged assessed home of \$245,375.00.

Mr. Poff thanked all involved in preparing the County Budget.

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro and passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Graham said that the money we received from the Department of Transportation to rebuild our roads is not free money. Every \$1 we spend, about .25 of that dollar goes into our engineering costs. When our numbers go up on one side, we need to be able to move operating money into that funding. He said on a \$5million grant we receive, we need to come up with between \$1.1million to \$1.3million. The other consideration is we employ a very qualified engineering staff and they deserve to be paid comparably to the open market, otherwise we will lose them. The cost for mental health benefits have been increased substantially and the cost for health insurance and dealing with those increases as well. In order to deal with those increases with can either increase the taxes or reduce the work force and we have done a little of both.

**RESOLUTION RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED 199-2018**

**Freeholder Director Rose:** "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex that the Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$92,101,859.00 for the County purposes to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations."

**MOTION** to finally adopt the 2018 County Budget as Approved made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Yardley asked if Ray Sarinelli, County Auditor, would explain why the money from the sale of the Homestead cannot be part of the Fund Balance.

Mr. Sarinelli reported that the balance from the sale of the Homestead property is reserved on the balance sheet at \$7.6million. When the Homestead was sold, the proceeds were put into a Reserve on the balance sheet any be a Resolution it was agreed that these funds would be reserved and restricted for a one-time use and would require Freeholder authorization.

Mr. Sarinelli explained that the cash was used in theory from that Reserve to fund the acquisition of some of the debt from the solar project. It was portrayed that the cash was used from that Reserve to buy back notes for a better rate. However it really was not the Homestead cash that bought the Bond, it was the County's available cash in total.

Freeholder Graham clarified that the County has a \$7.6 million Bond; there is no cash in the bank in that amount of money.

Mr. Sarinelli said that is correct because we do hold as part of our available balance cash and investments and some of which is not cash in the bank but an investment in a bond that we repay ourselves through the MCIA each year.

Freeholder Graham said back in 2015 certain people wanted to make sure when the solar issue came up for settlement, that there would fund in place immediately so that the solar would be carried out. That would have required an additional \$10million. \$6million of that was this money.

In Freeholder Graham's opinion, the reason for that was they needed 2/3 of the Freeholder Board to vote in favor and they knew that would not happen; so MCIA put out \$6million in bonds and that money was moved over so we took the cash, bought a bond and we have been paying that bond off but we have been getting interest on that

bond. He thinks we are collecting about 1% on that money. Mr. Graham said we do have an asset but it really isn't an asset until we sale it.

He said it is working for us and we were trying to accrue a fund balance of \$18million. We just don't have the ability to cash it out unless we cash it out against MCIA and MCIA has to find somebody else to pay the bonds. We did back those bonds.

Freeholder Yardley expressed his displeasure with this rationale.

Mr. Sarinelli said the bonds that we have are an investment restricted to a specific reserve. He said the \$7.6million is not specifically restricted as it relates to that cash and investment. From the rating agent standpoint, what they have told us is that we get partial credit for other things. So the \$15 million in the fund balance is what they look at and they also give credits for other reserves because it is available for general purpose uses, they also look at your trust funds and your capital and give you credit. So the agency is giving you credit but not full credit. So the \$7.6million has been reserved by resolution and it was used once.

Freeholder Yardley said this money is so tied up it is not real money. You can't get that money tomorrow.

Freeholder Graham said we have a bond and that bond is an asset.

Freeholder Yardley said he feels some of that funding should be used for some of the projects in the budget whether they are capital project or fund balance.

Freeholder Graham said going forward it probably will.

**On Roll Call the vote was: (Roll call vote) Majority of the Full membership**

Freeholder Graham	Yes
Freeholder Lazzaro	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Director Rose	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	No

**C. FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE #18-03**

**Freeholder Director Rose:** "At our regular meeting held on March 28, 2018, we introduced for first reading the following Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of March 30, 2018 together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 7:00 PM:

**ORDINANCE RE: 200-2018** CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, BY, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$5,057,931.00 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2018 ANNUALTRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – COUNTY AID GRANT TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham and pass unanimously

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Ordinance? No one was present.

**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** that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** that this Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Graham **(Roll call vote) Majority of full body**

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Lazzaro said this is one of the primary functions of County government. It is important to make sure our roads and bridges are working and usable. He has toured every bridge in the County that has been on the list for repair and they are in horrendous shape. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. We will not get to all of them. The \$5million will cover part of what it cost to repair a bridge. We do not get engineering costs from any state allocations that come to us.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously. .

**D. FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE #18-04**

**Freeholder Director Rose:** "At our regular meeting held on March 28, 2018, we introduced for first reading the following Ordinance which was advertised in the New Jersey Herald issue of March 30, 2018, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating it would be held at this meeting at 7:00 PM:

<b>ORDINANCE RE: 201-2018</b>	BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCIENCE LABS AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$790,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$790,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING A PORTION OF SUCH APPROPRIATION
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**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be opened made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously

Is anyone present to be heard regarding this Ordinance? No one was present.

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**MOTION** that this Ordinance be finally adopted made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham **(Roll call vote) 2/3 vote for full Membership**

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as finally adopted, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center made by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**9. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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**MOTION** made at 9:12PM by Freeholder Lazzaro; seconded by Freeholder Petillo to Open the Public Session and passed unanimously.

Collin from Nielsen Auto Group came forward. He is in support of Sussex County Community College and thanked the Board for their forward thinking and attitude on what happen today. We want to give the students the opportunities for the future and we want to keep them in our communities.

Freeholder Rose asked Collin about the comments that he hears that working on cars is not a college level skill.

Collin said these skills and labor sets are more in demand. This is a valuable skill set.

**MOTION** made at 9:15 PM to close the Public Session by Freeholder Graham; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**10. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**Comments by Freeholder Yardley**

Mr. Yardley attended the public hearing in Byram from JCP&L. He said the men out there working on the lines did a great job. However the information that was coming from JCP&L during the storms was inaccurate. They are working on a plan to prevent this from happening again.

**Comments by Freeholder Lazzaro**

Mr. Lazzaro said up to date we had storm 35 and we have spent \$1,795,266.00 solely on storm clean-up response. He commended the road department on the tremendous job they did. A lot of road repaving will be starting soon.

**Comments by Freeholder Graham**

Mr. Graham said it has been five years this week that he has been a Freeholder. Prior to being a Freeholder, he was a councilman for seven years. It was always his intent to make sure the tax payers were treated the best they could be. You get here and then you end up voting for things that you wished you didn't have to vote for but that is our purpose.

Mr. Graham made a statement on bonds. He wishes to introduce in the coming weeks an ordinance/resolution to ensure that bonding to back bonds for non-public projects such as the solar build must go to public referendum. He said you would think that it would never happen again but two times it has come to this Board where someone wanted to do a private project and use public money. He said when we were approached; it was for more MCIAs bonds, for non-public, non-college technical or MUA bonds. They were bonds that were private enterprise and they came to us and said you back these bonds and you will never have to pay for anything and at the end you will own it but that it not how it works out. He said the solar bonds have costed Sussex County approximately \$33million and we are paying it back at a rate of about \$3.3million a year of which we have some money that is offsetting it so \$2.2 million is going into it this. He said this is reprehensible and it can't keep going on. It has been going on in other counties but Sussex County got hit hard and it is not going away anytime soon. Mr. Graham said that 2% of budget is nothing more than paying off lawyers, engineers and others who got their money years ago and we have no recourse.

Mr. Graham made a comment on Governor Murphy's \$1.6billion tax increase that he announced. He said 40 years ago there was a Gentleman by the name of Jarvis who passed an amendment called Proposition 13. It was for a 1% evaluation with an annual cap of no more than 2%. Mr. Graham feels it is time for a tax revolution in this state. It needs to start at the County level because the state has no control over the money they keep spending.

He referred to Resolution 11 C. This is on the agenda because they have changed how billing is done for mental health services in the counties. They have come up with a Fee-for-Service model. The problem with this is we do not have mental health professionals in Sussex County and because of that, people don't set up shop here. It is difficult for us to have that. For us to have Fee-for-Service for a certain amount of customers means that other customers are not taken care of. We need to better address how this is being done. He said our issues in Sussex County with addiction, with crime, school suspensions many of these stem from early awareness of mental health issues and if we do not have a way to addressing them, we can't solve them. The resolution that we are voting on is a way for the County to rethink how that model is being dealt with.

**Comments from Freeholder Petillo**

Ms. Petillo thanked Carol Novrit and her staff for all the planning and organizing for the first Human Services open forum. It was very well received and attended. There was a packet of information handed out to everyone that included contact numbers for all services available. The next forum will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM and it will be on mental health issues held at the Romano Health Center at the hospital.

Ms. Petillo thanked Mr. Poff and the finance staff for putting together a very good budget.

**11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 202-2018** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NJ TRANSIT FOR NJ JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (NJ JARC SFY 19 & SFY 20) ROUND 5, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30,2019; AND, ROUND 6, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020
  
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 203-2018** APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE FFY17 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,450.00 STATE SHARE AND \$13,817.00 IN KIND MATCH



- C.     **RESOLUTION RE: 204-2018**     THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS HEREBY REQUEST THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INCREASE CURRENT SERVICE RATES, EXPAND THE SERVICES THAT ARE BILLABLE, AND IMPLEMENT RATES WHICH COVER THE COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE MODEL AND REDIRECT FUNDING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS INTO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ENSURE ACCESS AND QUALITY OF CARE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED OF TREATMENT
- D.     **RESOLUTION RE: 205-2018**     AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO FILE A PROJECT PROPOSAL WITH NJ TRANSIT FOR A TRANSIT ON DEMAND PILOT PROGRAM UTILIZING A TRANSPORTATION NETWORKING COMPANY (TNC) FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD
- E.     **RESOLUTION RE: 206-2018**     AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDOVER BOROUGH FOR ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE NJ STATE UNIFORM FIRE CODE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.

**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 Consent Agenda made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**Discussion:**

Freeholder Graham put emphasis on Resolution 11 C. He said this Fee-for-Service model is very detrimental to Sussex County.

Freeholder Petillo said they went to see the Senator today to get this Resolution passed in all counties. We will inform all the counties to talk to their legislatures so if this issue comes up they will be able to know what the issues are in their own counties.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**12.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting- March 28, 2018 (Freeholder Petillo not eligible)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

Executive Session – March 28, 2018- (Freeholder Petillo not eligible)

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to approve the Executive Session minutes; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

13. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

None

(Roll Call Vote)

14. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE:** 207-2018 PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE EASTBOUND LANE OF CR 607 ON THE RIVER STYX BRIDGE IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG VETERANS BOAT TOUR
- B. **RESOLUTION RE:** 208-2018 PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- C. **RESOLUTION RE:** 209-2018 PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE
- D. **RESOLUTION RE:** 210-2018 PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 607 IN HOPATCONG BOROUGH FOR THE HOPATCONG DAYS PARADE
- E. **RESOLUTION RE:** 211-2018 PROVIDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 613 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA FOR THE ANNUAL GIRLS IN THE RUN NEW JERSEY NORTH 5K RACE
- F. **RESOLUTION RE:** 212-2018 DECLARING SURPLUS OF TWENTY FOUR (24) MOTOROLA XTS 5000 PORTABLE RADIOS BELONGING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND USED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL
- G. **RESOLUTION RE:** 213-2018 SEEKING REINSTATEMENT OF SECTION 7002 FEDERAL IMPACT AID FUNDING

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo to adopt Resolutions A-G; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Mr. Poff gave a brief description of the Resolutions.

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

A. **AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

- 1. **RESOLUTION RE:** 214-2018 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM SUPPLY AND LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO AMERICAN WEAR, INC. IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$44,640.00 FROM DATE OF CONTRACT AWARD UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018
- 2. **RESOLUTION RE:** 215-2018 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AERIAL LARVICIDING AND/OR ADULTICIDING FOR THE OFFICE OF MOSQUITO CONTROL TO REBECCA LYNN FLYING SERVICE FROM DATE OF CONTRACT AWARD UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2018 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,092.00
- 3. **RESOLUTION RE:** 216-2018 AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING TRADE SERVICES (CARPENTRY) TO BE PERFORMED BY G.L.GROUP, INC. IN AND AROUND VARIOUS SUSSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FROM MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019
- 4. **RESOLUTION RE:** 217-2018 AWARDED A CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO GATEWAY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FOR THE ADVERTISING ON THE SUSSEX COUNTY SKYLANDS RIDE TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES FROM APRIL 23, 2018 TO APRIL 22, 2019

Freeholder Lazzaro pointed out there was a typo in Resolution 15.1 Country should be County.

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Yardley to adopt Resolution 15. 1 as corrected.

**On Roll Call the vote was:**

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

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt Resolutions 15. 2-4; 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

**16. FINANCIAL**

- A. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS- List A  
218-2018  
(Roll call vote) (Freeholder Rose and Petillo not eligible)**

**MOTION** made Freeholder Lazzaro to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Graham

**On Roll Call the Vote was**

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

- B. **RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS – List B  
219-2018  
(Roll call vote) (All eligible to vote)**

**MOTION** made by Freeholder Graham to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Freeholder Lazzaro

**On Roll Call the Vote was**

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

**17. PERSONNEL**

**Division of Library Services**

- A. Request to create Librarian 1 position; part time 25/hours/week; \$19.491 per hour;
- B. Request to create Two (2) Principal Library Assistant position; full time 35 hours; week; \$28,846 annually;
- C. Request to create Senior Library Assistant position; part time 25 hours/week; \$14.808 hour
- D. Request to create Library Assistant position; part time 25 hours/week; \$14.042 hour
- E. Request to Upgrade position from Building Maintenance Worker to Senior Building Maintenance Worker; part time 25 hours; \$14.808 per hour

The above is for informational purposes only.

**18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

No report this evening.

**19. COUNTY COUNSEL**

No report this evening.

**20. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**21. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**22. 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 9:35 PM by Freeholder Petillo to open the meeting to the Public; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

Carol Novrit, Sussex County's Administrator of Health and Human Services recognized the Board and all involved in passing the Fee-for-Service Resolution.

**MOTION** made at 9:37 by Freeholder Lazzaro to close the Public Session; seconded by Freeholder Petillo and passed unanimously.

**23. REMINDERS**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM	UCC	FMR
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM	WQM	FMR
April 16 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	Planning Board	FMR
April 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM	Ag Board	FMR
April 17 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Musconetcong River Mgmt Council	Allamuchy Mun. Bldg.
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM	SC Youth Services	FMR
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Lake Musconetcong Reg. PB	Boro of Netcong Mun. Bldg.
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 PM	LACADA	FMR
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 PM	HSAC	PSS
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Regular Freeholder Meeting	FMR

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made at 9:37 PM to adjourn the meeting by Freeholder Petillo; seconded by Freeholder Graham and passed unanimously.

**DATED:** APRIL 11, 2018

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Teresa Lyons  
Clerk