

Freeholder Petillo read the below into the Record.

Due to public health issues arising from the coronavirus situation, the Sussex County Board of Freeholders will "meet" on Wednesday, April 8 at 4:30PMPM and will handle county government business remotely via a conference call.

County residents are invited to listen and will have an opportunity to make comments.

Residents are invited to attend this meeting by calling: 973-310-7191. The SCMUA Power Point presentation was posted last Friday to the County Web Site. The Web Site is sussex.nj.us. Visit the Freeholder page for Meetings and Agendas to view this presentation.

FREEHOLDER MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2020 AT 4:30PM  
REGULAR BUSINESS

**Item**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR**

- 2. ROLL CALL** Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Fasano, Freeholder Hertzberg,  
Freeholder Petillo, Freeholder Yardley

**Also present:** County Administrator Greg Poff, County Counsel Kevin Kelly and Clerk to the Board Teri Lyons

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**4. PUBLIC STATEMENT**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on March 30, 2020 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda made by Freeholder Fantasia  
Seconded by Freeholder Yardley  
(Voice Vote)- All voted in the Affirmative

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS**

**MOTION** to adopt the Proclamations by Freeholder Fantasia  
**Seconded** by Freeholder Hertzberg  
**(Voice Vote)- All vote in the Affirmative**

1. Recognizing Wear Purple Day – April 17, 2020 – Freeholder Fantasia read the Proclamation into the record. **165-2020**
2. Recognizing The Epsilon Charter is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday- Freeholder Yardley read the Proclamation into the record. **166-2020**
3. Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month- Freeholder Hertzberg read the Proclamation into the record. **167-2020**
4. Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2020- Freeholder Fasano read the Proclamation into the record. **168-2020**
5. Thanking Those On the Frontlines- Freeholder Petillo read the Proclamation into the record. **169-2020**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

SCMUA Landfill Operations & Financing- Power Point via Conference Call

Executive Director/Chief Engineer, SCMUA Thomas Varro thanked the Freeholder Board and said they would not be giving this presentation at such a trying time if they did not deem this matter to be important with regards to the continued proper and necessary management

of solid waste within the County of Sussex. The presentation includes portions of an overall land fill and site expansion plan that has been previously endorsed by the County of Sussex and has been approved by the DEP and is contained within both the Sussex County's Solid Waste Management Plan and the SCMUA's Solid Waste Facility's permit. SCMUA is recommending the implementation of both immediate and near future landfill expansion projects that will result in a level of assurance that the County's solid waste needs are affectively addressed. To accomplish this goal SCMUA will be asking for Freeholder consent for SCMUA to issue debt in the form of Notes and Bonds as supported by anticipated solid waste revenues and the projects associated with such debt. Presentation participants also included Consulting Engineer Ben Allen, Financial Advisor Anthony Inverso and Bond Counsel John Cantalupo. The presentation covered technical concepts and details and financial plans along with supporting projections and calculations. SCMUA has prepared a draft resolution to be considered at the next Freeholder meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Also, recognized for their attendance was County CFO/Treasurer Elke Yetter and from Auditing Firm Nisivoccia LLP; Raymond Sarinelli Jr. and Sr.

The PowerPoint can be viewed in it's entirely on our website at [www.sussex.nj.us](http://www.sussex.nj.us) under Freeholder page Meetings and Agendas.

7. **RESOLUTION RE: 170-2020**  
AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2020 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8

**MOTION** made Freeholder Fantasia  
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg  
**(Voice vote)- All voted in the Affirmative**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**2020 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS APPROVED**

**MOTION** to open Public Hearing for the 2020 Sussex County Budget as Approved by Freeholder Hertzberg  
**Seconded by** Freeholder Fasano  
**(Voice vote)** – Voted in the Affirmative

Freeholder Petillo stated before we open the hearing, we ask callers wanting to make a comment to first state their name and municipality. The Clerk will create a Roster and she will call each in the order received. Each speaker has a 3 minute limit.

**PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN**

Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2020 County Budget as Approved?

Mr. Gettler, Wantage in attendance at the meeting stated that the Budget Summary published in the newspaper is inaccurate and therefore the entire budget is invalid at this time.

CFO/Treasurer Yetter disagreed with Mr. Getter. The 2019 Budget was modified by all transfers. They match the column in the state budget from what was approved and reviewed by the Department of Local Government Services.

Mr. Gettler indicated that modified numbers are not a comparison between 2019 and 2020.

There were no other public comments.

**MOTION** that the Public Hearing be closed made by Freeholder Yardley.  
**Seconded by** Freeholder Hertzberg  
**(Voice vote)- All voted in the Affirmative**

9. **RESOLUTION RE: 171-2020**  
AMENDING THE 2020 COUNTY BUDGET AS INTRODUCED

CFO/Treasurer Yetter read the resolution into the record.

Ms. Yetter explained that these funds are being transferred due to covid-19 response from various departments to the office of emergency management and public health nursing.

**MOTION** to amend the 2020 County Budget as introduced by Freeholder Hertzberg  
Seconded by Freeholder Yardley

**On Roll Call the Vote**

Freeholder Fantasia Yes  
Freeholder Fasano Yes  
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes  
Freeholder Petillo Yes  
Freeholder Yardley Yes

**MOTION** to open Public Hearing for Amending the 2020 County Budget as introduced by Freeholder Fasano  
Seconded by Freeholder Yardley  
**(Voice Vote)**-All vote in the Affirmative

Freeholder Petillo stated before we open the hearing, we ask callers wanting to make a comment to first state their name and municipality. The Clerk will create a Roster and she will call each in the order received. Each speaker has a 3 minute limit.

**PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW OPEN**

Is anyone present to be heard regarding the 2020 County Budget as Approved?

No public comments

**MOTION** to close the Public Hearing made by Freeholder Fasano  
Seconded by Freeholder Yardley  
**(Voice Vote)**- All voted in the Affirmative

**10. RESOLUTION RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2020 SUSSEX COUNTY BUDGET AS AMENDED**

**Freeholder Director Petillo:** "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 \$117,371,761.70 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 2020 County Budget as Amended made by Freeholder Hertzberg  
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia

Ms. Yetter stated that the amount raised by taxation should be \$95,958,850. The total budget is \$117,371.70.

**(Roll call vote) Majority of the Full membership**

**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**  
**Freeholder Fasano Yes**  
**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**  
**Freeholder Petillo Yes**  
**Freeholder Yardley Yes**

**11. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

**Comments are limited to 3 minutes or less and must only address issues regarding agenda items. Please state your name, and print your name and municipality on the sign in sheet.**

**MOTION** to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fasano  
Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia  
**(Voice Vote)**- All voted in the Affirmative

No public comment

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fantasia  
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg  
**(Voice Vote)**- All voted in the Affirmative

**12. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

**Comments by Freeholder Fasano**

He thanked the public for joining the Freeholders for another virtual Sussex County Freeholder meeting. These are trying times. Our County, like all counties in New Jersey is dealing with a national health crisis in the form of a silent enemy in real time, and we are quickly acclimating to our role as being a pillar in defense against it as a county government operation. Our focus continues to be on the safety and well-being of our county and the people who call it home. He said it has been amazing to watch and it serves as a reminder that Sussex County will get through this challenge the same way we've gotten through all of our challenges in the past – together. For the last number of weeks, the county has been working diligently on coordinating with government agencies and healthcare providers on the challenges we are being faced with. He was pleased to hear the county is

receiving some support from state and federal representatives. In his view, the county has not received nearly enough support regarding federal aid. Over the last few days it was discovered that Sussex County was virtually excluded from the first round of \$82M in federal stimulus funding for county and municipal governments in New Jersey. This is unacceptable and it should not be this way and it shouldn't have to be said that Sussex County deserves so much better than this when it comes to federal aid. There are 140,488 people in Sussex County and there 140,488 reasons why we need state and federal support. He hopes that trend changes soon. He is grateful to his fellow freeholders, our legislative office and our administrative team who have been working hard every day for weeks to help us get where we need to be in putting this crisis behind us. For up to date information please go to [sussex.nj.us/covid19](http://sussex.nj.us/covid19) or call the SC Covid-19 hotline weekdays from 9-4 at (973) 579-9488 to speak with a division of health staff member or medical reserve corp volunteer.

#### **Comments by Freeholder Hertzberg**

Freeholder Hertzberg said these are scary times for everyone and we are trying to figure this out together while adapting to everything we learn as it comes. One thing in our country that seems to always be a constant is that when times get tough, our country comes together and is at her best.

He recognized a group called Sparta Helps Healthcare Heroes. This is a group of people who have worked together with a large number of volunteers to deliver necessary equipment, food, and support to our many hospitals and health care facilities. They have raised well over \$20,000 to help these frontline heroes, He also thanked all the essential workers who go to work every day potentially exposing themselves and their families to COVID19 for the greater good. He ended by saying we are committed to doing everything within our powers to help the citizens of Sussex County get through this and we will get through this together.

#### **Comments by Freeholder Yardley**

Freeholder Yardley thanked all involved in public safety. Personally thanked Sue Petrick for making a mask for his wife and himself. Next he read into the record, his letter Vice President Mike Pence regarding the first wave of federal funding for NJ from the COVID-19 Emergency Stimulus Package, which we and three other Counties were denied based on an antiquated Federal formula. (Attached)

#### **Comments by Freeholder Fantasia**

She spoke on the COVID19 Pandemic. Currently Sussex County is number 17 out of 21 counties in population yet we are 14<sup>th</sup> in the number of positive cases. We are a commuter county, in direct proximity to New York City, Bergen and Passaic. She said without the proper testing she feels our number do not reflect the true numbers and the impact on our county. Our constituents have been participating in our efforts in establishing a testing center here in Sussex County. She said there are three types of testing sites. Community Based testing sites and these are open to all New Jersey residents experiencing systems. There is one at PNC Arts Center and one in Bergen County. There are county testing sites. These could be limited to first responders and sometimes requires an appointment and prescription. As of today, there are 14 listed on the state page. Then there are private testing sites. You need to contact your health care provider for these. So it is miss information that Sussex County is the only county without a testing site.

All Sussex County residents who are experiencing homelessness and in need of immediate shelter during non-business hours can call 211 for assistance. Any resident who contacts the existing shelters in Sussex County that number is 973-940-8866 but if it is after hours you will be referred to 211. Disaster Responses Crisis Counselors are available through the Sussex County Division of Health COVID19 hotline that number is 973-579-9488. This number will not be open this Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday observance.

She said there was a \$2Trillion stimulus package and the first round released was \$82M and came to the state of New Jersey. Just to be clear this is not related to the individual stimulus that will be coming out. She explained that the first round was based upon the Housing Urban Development matrix which automatically excludes rural counties and COVID19 is not discriminating. There are some programs that we do not qualify through HUD. There was another \$26M that was an emergency solutions grant. She said to use an antiquated and outdated method of funding that automatically excludes rural counties cannot move forward. She has spoken with Congressman Gottheimer and he has informed her that moving forward that 100 of his colleagues have identified this and have forwarded it to the house speaker for reexamination. Because they are using an antiquated HUD or census based formula is being used is not fair and not equitable to Sussex County and it is our duty to advocate for our population.

The Sussex County Division of Health has set up a donation center to collect personal protection equipment. The Division processes these donations, track the inventory and share the information with the Office of Emergency Management. Materials have been distributed to most that are in need of the PPE. Donations can be brought to Mosquito Control at 150 Morris Turnpike in Newton, M-F between 10AM and 3PM. She thanked community members, businesses, public organizations for their donations. The Health department does recommend that cloth face coverings be worn.

Governor Murphy's Executive Order 118 that was issued yesterday which closes State Parks and Forest and County parks as well. She is not in agreement with this. Stokes State Forest water sourcing has been passed along by Senator Oroho to the DEP. She read her letter into the Record that was sent to Governor Phil Murphy. (Attached)

She thanked her towns that she is the liaisons to for keeping her up to date and she thanked her first responders, policy department and fire department in her home town Franklin Boro for doing a fantastic job.

She thanked everyone at the county for their hard work and all the residents, health care workers, gas station attendants and workers at the grocery stores for keeping things going.

Freeholder Yardley asked if the sidewalks around the Newton Green would be included in the Executive Order.

Freeholder Fantasia said she will reach out to the Sheriff to clarify.

### **Comments by Freeholder Petillo**

Thanked all who continue to work including: County Administrator, Greg Poff, Clerk to the Board Teri Lyons, County Counsel Kevin Kelly all of our County workers, Public Health Nursing Public Health Emergency Preparedness Team, Division of health, Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer Nurses, Disaster Response Crisis Counselors, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management Staff, First Responders – EMT;'s Police, All Medical staff, doctors nurses health care workers and all medical facilities.

Regarding the county budget that was adopted this evening; over the years the county has taken the appropriate steps to ensure that the organization reserves are well positioned as possible. The fund balance is up to an amount before the recession and we are able to deal with this crisis. All of this is possible thanks to a good management and throughout this year we are prepared to meet all of our goals. Thank you Greg Poff County Administrator, Elke Yetter CFO, and our Auditors Ray Sarinelli Sr and Jr.

Officials from the Board of Freeholders, Division of Health and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management are working hard to secure the needed test kits and PPE gear to allow for testing within the County. We are also receiving support from our state and federal representatives. Sussex County remains committed to increasing testing capacity with local health care providers and is in discussions with several laboratories that can provide the necessary support and capacity to activate a testing center. We will continue these efforts.

The Sussex County Hunger Coalition stakeholders and the Sussex County Human Services Advisory Council are collaborating to create a safe, efficient method of food distribution for those in Sussex County. To find an up-to-date list of food pantries please go to the county's website at [www.sussex.nj.us/covid19](http://www.sussex.nj.us/covid19). NORWESCAP Pathways 2 Prosperity is offering food deliver services every Tuesday and you can call 973-862-6680 or email [morrisond@norwescap.org](mailto:morrisond@norwescap.org) to get more information. You can also contact Jennifer Salt at [jsalt@zufallhealth.org](mailto:jsalt@zufallhealth.org) in order to find out how to contribute donations.

The Sussex County Social Services food pantry volunteers are working tirelessly to provide food for our residents during this stressful time. Residents may pick up food at Social Services Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. They are located at 83 Spring Street, Newton. The food pantry continues to provide weekend meals to our school children, who are studying from home, in six school districts. We are grateful for all of these services and all the volunteers in the community who have been so generous with their time and donations.

The Sussex County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated in supporting local businesses impacted by COVID19. You can visit their website at [www.sussexcountychamber.org](http://www.sussexcountychamber.org) for more information and you can reach out to [mail.sussexcountychamber.org](mailto:mail.sussexcountychamber.org) for assistance. The Chamber is now coordinating the Meals for our Heroes Campaign. If you are interested in contributing you can mail a check to the New Medial Foundation c/o Sussex County Chamber of Commerce. There number is 973-579-1811.

She asked the Freeholder if the Meeting on April 22 could be scheduled at 4:30PM. All were in agreement.

### **13. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None for this meeting**

### **14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – March 25, 2020

Freeholder Emergency Meeting – March 20, 2020  
Regular Session

Executive Session- March 20, 2020

**MOTION** to approve all three minutes made by Freeholder Fantasia

**Seconded** by Freeholder Hertzberg

**Voice Vote- All voted in the Affirmative**

### **15. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

#### **A. RESOLUTION RE: 172-2020**

APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD TOMKO AS FIRST ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. SAID

TERM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2023

**MOTION** to adopt said Resolution made by Freeholder Hertzberg

**Seconded** by Freeholder Fasano

**(Voice Vote)- All voted in Affirmative**

**16. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 173-2020**  
EMERGENCY SITUATION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE REQUIRED GOODS AND SERVICES WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 174-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO PROCESS AN INVOLUNTARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION
- C. RESOLUTION RE: 175-2020**  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIPARIAN MITIGATION CREDITS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE Q-06, MAIN STREET OVER WALLKILL RIVER, SPARTA TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,400.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: 176-2020**  
AUTHORIZING CONSENT TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF CHARITY M. THOMPSON V. WILLIAM R. LUNGER, JR., MICHAEL F. STRADA, ROBERT E. UNTIG, SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, LAW DIVISION, MORRIS COUNTY, DOCKET NO. MRS-L-520-18
- E. RESOLUTION RE: 177-2020**  
SALARY INCREASES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT REPRESENTED BY A BARGAINING AGENT FOR 2020
- F. RESOLUTION RE: 178-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$166,667.00, TO BE USED FOR HIRING A QUALIFIED CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE A FIVE YEAR UPDATE TO THE CURRENT SUSSEX COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**MOTION** to adopt said Resolutions A-F made by Freeholder Yardley

**Seconded** by Freeholder Fantasia

**(Roll Call vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

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

- A. RESOLUTION RE: 179-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) DUMP BODY WITH HYDRAULIC PUMP, CONTROLS SPREADER AND PLOW FROM TONY SANCHEZ LTD FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, OFFICE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,881.00
- B. RESOLUTION RE: 180-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TOP PAVER SPECIAL 35 TON GOOSENECK TRAILER BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR USE BY SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM CHERRY VALLEY TRACTOR SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,379.92
- C. RESOLUTION RE: 181-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VICTIM WITNESS PORTAL MODULES FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: 182-2020**  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFOSHARE DATABASE MODULES FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00

**E. RESOLUTION RE: 183-2020**

AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR THE KEOGH DWYER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO DIAMOND PHARMACY SERVICES FROM APRIL 11, 2020 UNTIL APRIL 10, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00

**F. RESOLUTION RE: 184-2020**

AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOT POUR CRACK SEALING MATERIAL AND RENTAL OF CRACK SEALING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SEALMASTER PRODUCT AND SERVICES FROM APRIL 24, 2020 UNTIL APRIL 23, 2021

**The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Award of Contract/Change Orders/Bids consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest.**

**MOTION** to approve Contracts A –F made by Freeholder Yardley

**Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia**

**(Roll call vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**18. FINANCIAL**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 185-2020**

PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST

April 8, 2020

**MOTION** to approve the Resolution made by Freeholder Fantasia

**Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg**

**(Roll call vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**B. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING- ORDINANCE 20-02**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$14,811,465 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,971,768) AND AUTHORIZING \$7,705,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF**

**MOTION** to adopt this Ordinance on first reading and authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on April 22, 2020 at 4.30 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Fantasia

Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

**(Roll Call Vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**C. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING- ORDINANCE 20-03**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$895,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$895,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING OF SUCH APPROPRIATION**

**MOTION** to adopt this Ordinance on first reading and authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative

Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on April 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Fasano  
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

**(Roll Call Vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**D. INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST READING- ORDINANCE 20-04**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971**

**MOTION** to adopt this Ordinance on first reading and authorize the Clerk to advertise this Ordinance as introduced for first reading, and also post same on the bulletin board in the lobby of the County Administrative Center, together with a Notice of Public Hearing stating that a hearing will be held on April 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. prior to final adoption of this Ordinance made by Freeholder Yardley  
Seconded by Freeholder Hertzberg

**(Roll Call Vote)**

Freeholder Fantasia	Yes
Freeholder Fasano	Yes
Freeholder Hertzberg	Yes
Freeholder Petillo	Yes
Freeholder Yardley	Yes

**19. PERSONNEL- No items for this meeting.**

**20. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Poff stated that he has been meeting with the County's Emergency Preparedness Team daily since March 12<sup>th</sup> even though the team has been meeting several weeks prior. This team is comprised of the County's Health Officer, Medical Corp. Coordinator, Public Health nurses and a Risk Communicator. This group is the county's frontline to this health crisis. Their work includes contact traces, preparation of press releases, communication with law enforcement and coordinating the county's overall responses. Sussex County remains committed to increasing its testing capacity with local healthcare providers. The county is now in discussions with labs that can provide the necessary support and capacity to activate a testing center. He was on a call with a laboratory this afternoon that has less invasive test kits that can be self-administered under the direction of a medical professional. They have the logistic capacity of a stand up a portal that can provide the necessary medical screening, appointment making and insurance processing for a testing site. A Collection Site Operational Plan which is required by the State of New Jersey has been developed in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management. This plan is being finalized and will be sent to the state Department of Health for its review and approval. He said we are grateful to our state and federal representatives who have committed to working with us. In addition to this, Mr. Poff participates on a daily call with the Governor's office and has done so for almost a month and the 20 other counties to review the current status of the pandemic with representatives from the Department of Health, the Department of Community Affairs and the State Office of Emergency Management. The guidance from these meetings is distributed to the appropriate county departments and communicated to municipal government. As a means of keeping our municipal government informed the county has hosted eight conference calls with the mayors throughout the county. An overview of the event and key messages are shared with our municipal partners. He is very appreciative of the support and cooperation he has had from all the mayors during this time. He will continue to keep the Board and the public apprised of their continued efforts moving forward and he thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their support. He also recognized all the county employees who have been working through these very difficult times and how we have been very successful in continuing to provide our much needed services to the most marginal in our county. In conclusion, he wished everyone a wonderful holiday season while observing the necessary social distancing.

**21. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT – no report this evening**

**22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**23. NEW BUSINESS**

**24. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

Before we open Public Session we ask callers wanting to make a comment to state their name and municipality. The Clerk will create a Roster and she will call each in the order received. Each speaker has a 3 minute limit.

**MOTION** to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fasano  
**Seconded by Freeholder Yardley**  
**(Voice vote)- All voted in affirmative**

Doreen Edwards, Vernon asked if anyone contacted Governor Murphy regarding the funding issue that precluded 4 Counties from receiving relief funding.

Freeholder Yardley said the certain criteria that were put into it led to rural communities not receiving the funding. He said this is the first time it has ever happened. Speaking as a Freeholder he does not think this is appropriate and we are entitled to funding.

Freeholder Petillo said the money that is coming from the Government is going to different departments. The department of HUD is something that Sussex County has never fit into. The first criteria was having a population over 500,000, the second criteria was having a city within the county having a population over 50,000 as you can see, we are not that type of county. We reached out to our federal representatives because it was federal money and they went back to review the criteria. They are now looking at discretionary funds that the Governor has to see if they can allocate some of those funds to the four counties that did not received anything for the HUD money.

Doreen finished up with saying to be mindful about the ticks that are out.

Mr. Gettler, Wantage he spoke on park ownership and Lyme disease.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business made by Freeholder Yardley  
**Seconded by Freeholder Fantasia**  
**(Voice vote)- All 4 voted in the affirmative**

**25. REMINDERS**

Please check the County’s website at [www.sussex.nj.us](http://www.sussex.nj.us) for meeting schedules.

**26. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session) - None**

**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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board expects not to take formal action after returning from Executive Session except to adjourn the regular meeting.

**MOTION** to adopt the Executive Session Resolution and enter into Executive Session  
**(Voice vote)**

**MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business  
**(Voice vote)**

**25. ADJOURNMENT - time is 7:58PM**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting made by Freeholder Hertzberg  
**Seconded** by Freeholder Fantasia  
(Voice vote)- All voted in the affirmative

**Dated: April 8, 2020**

Respectively submitted,

Teri Lyons,  
Clerk