

Due to public health issues arising from the coronavirus situation, the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct this meeting remotely via a conference call. Callers are invited to listen and will have an opportunity to make comments by calling: 973-310-7191.

The Lake Hopatcong Commission/Foundation Power Point presentation scheduled for this evening has been postponed to a future meeting date.

FREEHOLDER MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2020 AT 4:30PM  
REGULAR MEETING  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

**Item**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR PETILLO at 4:30PM**

**2. ROLL CALL:** Freeholder Fantasia, Freeholder Fasano, Freeholder Hertzberg, Freeholder Petillo

Freeholder Yardley was absent.

Also on the line was County Administrator Greg Poff, County Counsel Kevin Kelly and Clerk to the Board Teri Lyons

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Freeholder Director Petillo.

**4. PUBLIC STATEMENT**

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on June 15, 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

**SECOND:** Freeholder Hertzberg

**DISCUSSION - None**

**(Voice vote) All Members present voted in the affirmative**

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

**MOTION** to approve the Proclamations/Presentations made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND-** Freeholder Hertzberg

**DISCUSSION** – Freeholder Fantasia read a comment from President Trump regarding PRIDE Month last June 2019. Freeholder Fantasia urges everyone to stop making this a political issue and then addressed an article from the New Jersey Herald alleging that the County will not fly a PRIDE Flag. Freeholder Fantasia reiterated that the County will only be flying the following flags from the County's flag poles: The Flag of the United States of American, the Flag of the State of New Jersey, P.O.W./M.I.A Flag, Killed in Action Flag. In closing Freeholder Fantasi read a quote by St. Mother Theresa relating to Constitutional freedom.

**(Voice Vote)- All Members present voted in the Affirmative**

**A. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Award of NJAC Scholarship to William Hendershot, read by Freeholder Fasano. William Hendershot was on line and thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for this opportunity.
2. June is Pride Month, Read by Freeholder Director Petillo **252-2020**

**B. PRESENTATION**

Marty Kane and Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Foundation - Annual Update- Power Point Presentation

Was postponed to a later meeting date.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

**8. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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municipality. The Clerk will create a Roster and will call each in the order received. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or less.

**MOTION** to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**

**DISCUSSION- None**

**(Voice Vote)- All Members present voted in the Affirmative**

No public comments.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND – Freeholder Hertzberg**

**(Voice Vote) All Members present voted in the Affirmative**

## **9. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS**

Freeholder Fasano stated that today Lake Hopatcong experienced a horrific accident and loss of life. His prayers go out to Kurt Mulch and his family. He acknowledged and thanked all the First Responders.

Next Freeholder Fasano gave an update on COVID19 Testing and reported that all of this information can be found at [www.sussex.nj.us/covid19](http://www.sussex.nj.us/covid19). In closing, Freeholder Fasano congratulated all Sussex County High School Graduating Seniors. He himself was there 8 years ago today.

Freeholder Hertzberg acknowledged today's PRIDE Resolution and current social environment. Our Freedoms are for all.

Freeholder Fantasia solely focuses on COVID. She said as of tonight midnight Travel Advisory is in effect for those traveling to NY, NJ and CT. You can visit the County's Web Site for more details. She then proceeded to include details from today's Press Release. Test Site results. 15.6% is County Death Rate and NJ overall is 7.6%. Reason is those who passed at Long Term Care Facilities. She said Bristol Glen should be a role model for Long Term Care Facilities. They are proof that COVID is not a death sentence for these facilities when managed property and carefully by the medical community.

Administrative Order 2020-16 will permit indoor portions of retail shopping effective Monday, June 29 and Executive Order 20-0117 permitted residents of Long Term Care Facilities to have outdoor visits from loved ones effective Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Executive Order 156 increased indoor and outdoor capacity limits. She said the Division of Health is providing guidelines and we pass that along to our businesses.

Freeholder Petillo started her comments expressing the sadness of Kurt Mulch's tragic loss of life today on Lake Hopatcong. She complimented Chief Bob Brennan and Lt. Robert Unhoch from the Hopatcong Borough Police Department as well as the New Jersey State Police and divers. Her heart and prayers goes out to family and co-workers.

Freeholder Petillo reported on additional COVID Resources and news that Morris County would close their COVID Test Site at Morris County Community College on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Until the site closes, Sussex County residents are still welcomed to be tested. Other local test centers are Zufall Clinic, CVS in Byram and Sparta and Rite Aid in Parsippany. Director Petillo suggested residents inquiring about Test location, to visit the County Web Site and review the Interactive Test Map on the County web site.

In closing Director Petillo provided a list of Health Clinics at Wheatsworth location for July and also congratulated the Class of 2020.

## **10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. RESOLUTION RE: 253-2020**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ENTITLED "COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SITE-BASED PROGRAM" (COSSAP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$840,068.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**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.**

**MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution A made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**

**DISCUSSION - None**

**(Roll call vote)**

**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**

Freeholder Fasano Yes  
Freeholder Hertzberg Yes  
Freeholder Petillo Yes

11. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 10, 2020 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** to approve the minutes made by Freeholder Fantasia  
**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**  
**DISCUSSION - None**  
**(Voice Vote) All Members present voted in the Affirmative**

12. **APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS**

A. **RESOLUTON RE: 254-2020**

REAPPOINTMENT OF MARYJEAN ELLIS, ESQ. AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023

**MOTION** to adopt Resolution A made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**  
**DISCUSSION - None**  
**(Roll Call Vote)**  
**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**  
**Freeholder Fasano Yes**  
**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**  
**Freeholder Petillo Yes**

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **RESOLUTION RE: 255-2020**

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE 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. FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2023

B. **RESOLUTION RE: 256-2020**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2020/21 STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AWARD #DOAS20SHF001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,560.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021

C. **RESOLUTION RE: 257-2020**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2020 AREA PLAN CONTRACT GRANT, AMENDMENT #2 FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$253,514.00 FOR CONTRACT #DOAS20AAA005 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

D. **RESOLUTION RE: 258-2020**

AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NJ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH FOR \$66,691.00 IN FUNDING TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO, COVID-19, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 20, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2021

E. **RESOLUTION RE: 259-2020**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX RELATING TO THE 2020/21 NJ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) LETTER OF AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,691.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 20, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2021

**MOTION** to adopt said Resolutions A-E made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**  
**DISCUSSION - None**  
**(Roll Call vote)**  
**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**  
**Freeholder Fasano Yes**  
**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**  
**Freeholder Petillo Yes**

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

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 260-2020**

AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS MOTOR OILS, GREASES AND ANTI-FREEZE FOR THE OFFICE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT TO PPC LUBRICANTS INC FROM JULY 01, 2020 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,700.00

**B. RESOLUTION RE: 261-2020**

AUTHORIZATION FOR ROAD SAFETY SYSTEMS, LLC TO PROVIDE FOR GUIDE RAIL INSTALLATION/REPAIR WORK FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00

**C. RESOLUTION RE: 262-2020**

AUTHORIZATION FOR PICKERING, CORTS & SUMMERSON INC., TO PROVIDE FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY BRIDGE D-38, CARRYING COUNTY ROUTE 519 IN FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,081.29

**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 Resolutions A-C Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND – Freeholder Hertzberg**

**DISCUSSION - None**

**(Roll call vote)**

**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**

**Freeholder Fasano Yes**

**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**

**Freeholder Petillo Yes**

**15. FINANCIAL**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: 263-2020**

PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST  
JUNE 24, 2020

**MOTION** to approve the Bills List made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**

**DISCUSSION - None**

**(Roll call vote)**

**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**

**Freeholder Fasano Yes**

**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**

**Freeholder Petillo Yes**

**16. PERSONNEL**

**RESOLUTION RE: 264-2020**

AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL AGENDA OF JUNE 24, 2020

**MOTION** to adopt the Personnel Agenda made by Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND- Freeholder Hertzberg**

**DISCUSSION- None**

**(Roll Call vote)**

**Freeholder Fantasia Yes**

**Freeholder Fasano Yes**

**Freeholder Hertzberg Yes**

**Freeholder Petillo Yes**

**17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Poff advised the Board and Public that the last formal meeting of The County's Emergency Preparedness Response Team was held last Thursday. For the past three months this Team has conducted weekly and semi-weekly meeting to address the pandemic. Mr. Poff said the Teams were comprised of very dedicated people and took a moment to recognize each by name. Carol Novrit, Jim McDonald, Lama Chaddad, Marty Baldwin, Julia Gurriell, Nick Kapetanakis and Jane Morse. Should the need arise with the pandemic we are ready to regroup, but this is a positive sign of the times.

**18. COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT - None**

- 19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None**
- 20. **NEW BUSINESS - None**
- 21. **PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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**MOTION** to open the floor for public comment made by Freeholder Fantasia **SECOND – Freeholder Hertzberg**  
**DISCUSSION - None**  
**(Voice vote) All 4 OK**

Comment Katie Rotondi, Hampton spoke of the PRIDE Proclamation and thanked the Board for their onsideration this evening. Ms. Rontondi also inquired if and when the Board would have information regarding the suspension of Byram Police Officer for an alleged disparaging social media post about the recent Black Lives Matters protests. Freeholder Petillo responded that this is a local matter with Byram Township and the Board does not have any involvement.

**MOTION** to close the floor for public comment and return to regular business – Freeholder Fantasia:  
**SECOND – Freeholder Hertzberg**  
**(Voice vote) All Member present voted in the affirmative.**

22. **REMINDERS**

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

23. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed Session)**

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

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

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

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

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:**
- X   (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney Client Privilege;  
Potential Litigation**
- X   (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:  
Division of Health, Personnel Policies**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (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 to/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 - DF

**SECOND - JH**

**DISCUSSION -None**

**(Voice vote) all 4 OK Time is 5:17 PM**

**MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Business – Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND** – Freeholder Hertzberg

**(Voice vote) All Members present voted in the affirmative.**

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time is 6:17 PM**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting: Freeholder Fantasia

**SECOND – Freeholder Hertzberg**

**(Voice vote) All Members present voted in the affirmative. \**

**DATED:** June 24, 2020

Respectively submitted:

Teri Lyons  
Clerk