

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors  
Held in the Social Services Conference Room  
on Friday, May 26 28, 2023 – 8:00 am

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
Wayne O. Jones  
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr  
Steve White, Tie Breaker (Virtual)

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Susan B. Seward  
Debbie P. Jones

**STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Douglas, County Administrator  
Ernest Giles, Sheriff  
Nick Sheffield, Emergency Services Chief  
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/  
Clerk of the Board

**Item 1. Call to order/Determine Quorum (**

The May 26, 2023 Special meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman W. Jones.

**Item 2. Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Tyler.

**Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Item 4. Agenda Amendment**

There were no agenda amendments.

**Item 5. Approval of Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried:  
RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approved the May 26, 2023 Special meeting agenda as presented.

## **Item 6. EMS Contract**

County Administrator Douglas stated that staff, the County Attorney and Consultant Tommy Hicks had discussions multiple times over the last few weeks in regards to the contracts with LifeStar--contracts with services as well as billing and revenue collection.

He noted that there some serious questions of integrity regarding the billing and revenue collection process. He stated that they collectively, after much consideration, need to ensure that the County could continue providing services for our residents. He stated that their recommendation is to terminate the contract with LifeStar services, specifically to enact the 60 day termination clause of the contract as amended in January, 2022, with an effective date of July 31, 2023.

There was discussion of whether there will be mechanism put in place to prevent this from happening again. There was inquiry as to whether once the contract ended and put out for bids, whether they could submit a bid. There was inquiry of performance. There was discussion of the billing collection process.

There was inquiry as to whether there has been any conversation or dialogue regarding there professionalism.

County Administrator Douglas stated that Mr. Sheffield had been in contact with Waverly.

County Administrator Douglas recommends multiple levels of provisions of service.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby terminate the contract with Lifestar to provide emergency medical services to Sussex County, by enacting the 60-day termination clause of the contract, with an effective end date of July 31, 2023. All Board members present voted aye.

## **Item 6. Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizens' comments.

## **Item 9 Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourned the May 26, 2023 Special Meeting at 8:19 a.m. All members present voted aye.