

**At a Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Held in the General District Courtroom on  
Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie E. Caple, Sr.  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
Robert E. Hamlin  
John A. Stringfield

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT DURING VOTE**

Raymond L. Warren

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Deborah A. Davis, County Administrator  
Millard D. Stith, Interim Deputy County Administrator  
Michael F. Kaestner, County Attorney  
Raymond Bell, Sheriff's Office  
Rodney Berry, Director of Instruction  
T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance  
John Broderick, School Board Office  
Brenda H. Drew, Housing Coordinator  
Anne K. Ellis, Accounts Payable Clerk  
Tracey Gilchrist, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Julius Hamlin, Sussex Elementary School Principal  
Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Division Superintendent of Sussex Public Schools  
Bill Jenkins, General Registrar  
Alvina Matthews, Sussex Central High School Principal  
M. E. Morris, Jr., School Board  
Adriene Stephenson, Sussex County Public Schools Director of Human Resources  
Morris Taylor, Sussex Middle School Principal

**Item 1. Call To Order/Determine Quorum (7:10 p.m.)**

The April 30, 2015 Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Hamlin.

**Item 2. The Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Caple.

**Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Item 4. Agenda Amendments - none**

**Item 5. Approval of Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the April 30, 2015 Budget Work Session agenda as presented.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: none

Absent during vote: Supervisor Warren

**Item 6. Acceptance and Appropriation of 2015 Positive Discipline Mini Grant for Social Services, \$400.00**

The Sussex County Department of Social Services is in receipt of the 2015 Positive Discipline Mini Grant in the amount of \$400.00. The grant is supported by the Center for Effective Discipline which is a program of the Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center.

Per Ms. Chequila H. Fields, Director of Social Services, there is no required match.

Recommendation: To accept and appropriate the 2015 Positive Discipline Mini Grant supported by the Center for Effective Discipline, in the amount of \$400.00.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts and appropriates the 2015 Positive Discipline Mini Grant supported by the Center for Effective Discipline in the amount of \$400.00

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: none

Absent during vote: Supervisor Warren

**Item 7. Adoption of School Board's FY 2016 Budget**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and appropriates the Sussex County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$17,920,480.00, which includes \$7,994,170.00 in local funds.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: Supervisor Fly

Absent during vote: Supervisor Warren

**Item 8. County Budget**

Chairman Hamlin opened the floor for discussion of the Sussex County FY 2016 budget.

There was no discussion at that time.

**Item 9. Public Comments**

Comments were heard from the following:

Bill Jenkins, Sussex County General Registrar  
Kevin Bracy, Courthouse District

**Item 10. Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourned the April 30, 2015 Budget Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: Supervisor Fly

Absent during vote: Supervisor Warren

Supervisor Fly noted that there was no offer of discussion before vote to adjourn. Per County Attorney Michael Kaestner, one of the four (4) members who voted on the prevailing side would need to make a motion to reconsider the motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Fly requested that the records reflect that Supervisor Warren was absent due to extenuating circumstances. However, Supervisor Warren was en route to the meeting. Supervisor Warren entered at 7:29 p.m.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR HAMLIN, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors approves reconsideration of motion to adjourn in order to have discussion.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield, Warren

Voting nay: none