

**At a Recessed Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Thursday, September 24, 2013 – 7:00pm  
General District Courtroom – Sussex Judicial Center**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie E. Caple, Jr.  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
John A. Stringfield  
Raymond L. Warren  
Steve White

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator  
Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety Coordinator  
Deste J. Cox, Deputy Treasurer  
Deborah A. Davis, Assistant to County Administrator

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**Item 1. Call To Order [7:06:53 PM](#)**

The September 24, 2013 meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Warren.

**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.

(Chairman Fly entered).

**Item 4. Approval of Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR WARREN, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the agenda of the September 24, 2013 meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors is hereby approved as presented.

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

Voting nay: none

**Item 5. Communication System Presentation**

The presentation relating to the County's Communication System was provided by Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety Coordinator. He reported that two studies have been conducted to look at the County's system to identify issues that we currently have; identify community

problems and also to identify how we want to move forward. The first study involved looking at coverage area of our current system, currently 13% coverage in the County. Through that study, we identified several issues, towers, tower heights, coverage of our system; obsolete back bone of our system. The second study addressed the locations of the towers. Mr. Vick explained that an RFP may need to be compiled, advertised so that we can get cost estimates for the “backbone” of the system.

(A copy of the Coverage Report dated January 2013 is retained in the Board file).

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the County Administrator to move forward with a Request For Proposal to replace the hardware (the “backbone”) which includes the three (3) additional channels.

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

Voting nay: none

By general consensus, the Board agreed to allow staff to communicate with Prince George Electric with regard to reserving space on their tower.

#### **Item 6. Citizens’ Comments**

There were no citizens’ comments.

#### **Item 7. Other Matters**

Supervisor White introduced that Mr. David Warren, who works with the Commonwealth of Virginia (VITA Public Safety). He is currently working with the Department of Corrections putting in a new system at Sussex I and II State Prisons, who shared information that he has regarding communications system. Mr. White asked if the County Administrator will write a letter of support to the Department of Corrections.

Supervisor White and County Administrator Harris will meet to discuss to further discuss the letter of support.

#### **Item 7. Citizens’ Comments**

There were no citizens’ comments.

#### **Item 8. Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR WARREN, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the September 24, 2013 meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors is hereby adjourned.

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

Voting nay: none

