

**SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**MAY 5, 2026**

**The Sussex County Council held a Budget Workshop on May 5, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Public Safety Complex in Georgetown for the purpose of discussing the Proposed FY 2027 Budget.**

**The following were present:**

<b>Douglas B. Hudson</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>John L. Rieley</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Matt Lloyd</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
<b>Jane Gruenebaum</b>	<b>Councilwoman</b>
<b>Steve McCarron</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
<b>Todd F. Lawson</b>	<b>County Administrator</b>
<b>Gina A. Jennings</b>	<b>Finance Director</b>
<b>Kathy Roth</b>	<b>Deputy Finance Director</b>
<b>Andrea Wall</b>	<b>Accounting Manager</b>
<b>Traci Lynch</b>	<b>Financial Reporting &amp; Internal Control Officer</b>

**Mr. Lawson stated that the purpose of the Budget Workshop was to hold an open discussion among the County Council, County Administrator, and staff regarding budget matters and initiatives which will affect the FY 2027 Budget.**

**A brief overview of FY 2026 Budget accomplishments and details of the Proposed FY 2027 Budget were presented which included the new building permit fee for schools.**

**Department presentations were provided by the following departments: Planning & Zoning.**

**M 177 26 At 11:55 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Rieley to recess.**

**Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas**

**Vote by Roll Call: Ms. Gruenebaum, Yea; Mr. McCarron, Yea;  
Mr. Lloyd, Yea; Mr. Rieley, Yea;  
Mr. Hudson, Yea**

**M 178 26 At 1:00 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Rieley to reconvene.**

**Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas**

**Vote by Roll Call: Ms. Gruenebaum, Yea; Mr. McCarron, Yea;**

**Mr. Lloyd, Yea; Mr. Rieley, Yea;  
Mr. Hudson, Yea**

**Department presentations were then provided by the following departments: Engineering - Water and Sewer (Operating and Capital) and Public Safety. Presentations were also given on Grants and Capital projects.**

**There were no public comments.**

**No action was taken.**

**The workshop concluded at 3:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tracy N. Torbert  
Clerk of the Council**