

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JANUARY 26, 1993

Call to Order      The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, January 26, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
George J. Collins	Vice President
Ralph E. Benson	Member
George B. Cole	Member
William D. Stevenson, Sr.	Member

The meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

M 032 93      A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to  
Approve      approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated January 19,  
Minutes      1993. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Letters      Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:

SUSAN M. BRUNO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PARENT EARLY EDUCATION CENTER, REHOBOTH  
RE: Appreciation for Human Service Grant award.

LILLIAN L. DEAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUSSEX COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, GEORGETOWN  
RE: Appreciation for Human Service Grant award.

CLIFFORD T. CROUCH, PRESIDENT, KENT-SUSSEX INDUSTRIES, INC.  
RE: Appreciation for Human Service Grant award.

REHOBOTH ART LEAGUE, INC., REHOBOTH BEACH  
RE: Request for councilmanic support in the amount of \$500.00 for the 20th Members' Fine Craft Exhibition.

GENE D. BOOKHAMMER, CHAIRMAN, VISION 2000 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, BEEBE MEDICAL CENTER, LEWES  
RE: Appreciation for \$1,000.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account.

ROBERT W. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, NEWARK  
RE: Appreciation for hosting the recent site tour of Sussex County's Inland Bays Wastewater Treatment Facility.

CARRIE W. BENNETT, FRANKFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.O., FRANKFORD  
RE: Appreciation for contribution from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account toward the purchase of additional playground equipment and invitation to visit Frankford Elementary when the playground project is complete.

Change Order Mr. Green, Director of Utility Construction, and Mr. Bozick, George, Miles & Buhr, discussed Change Order No. 5 for the Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer District.

M 033 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, that Issue based on the recommendation of the Inspection Engineer, George, Change Miles & Buhr, and the Sussex County Engineering Department, Order that the Sussex County Council authorizes the President of the No. 5 Sussex County Council to issue Change Order No. 5 for the Dagsboro/ Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer District, to David A. Bramble, Frankford Inc., for office furniture changes and the installation SSD of crown molding at the ceiling line, for an amount of \$1,799.12, increasing this contract amount to \$1,962,701.97.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Agenda Item Stricken The agenda item entitled "Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer District, Construction Administration Contract" was tabled until a later date.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 115, THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, BY AMENDING ARTICLES IV, AND XI, WHICH MAKE REFERENCE TO REGULATIONS AND PERMITTED USES OF SIGNS". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 034 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, that Impose the Sussex County Council impose a construction moratorium on Mora- all off-premise signs until the conclusion of public hearings torium and Council's action relating to pending ordinance changes. Off- Premise Signs

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Road Naming Project Mr. Norwood, Assessment Division, discussed the proposed Sussex County Road Naming Project. This Project would be the first step in getting Sussex County to a total readdressing for the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center and would be carried out over a two and one-half year period. The first phase of the Project would be the road naming; the second phase would be the readdressing. The County has received a \$150,000 grant from the State of Delaware to start the Project. Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that the County is not committed to do the readdressing just because the \$150,000 is used for

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the road naming. Lobbying efforts will continue for legislation to support a monthly surcharge on customers' telephone bills. This surcharge would help fund the cost of the project. Mr. Strickland, Diamond State Telephone Company, was in attendance to advise Council of the telephone company's view of the proposed surcharge. Several Public Hearings will be held in an effort to obtain input from the public and to inform the public of the progress of the Project. Mr. Stickels asked the Councilmen if there were any objections to going forward with the Road Naming Project. There were no objections.

M 035 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, that Executive Session the Sussex County Council authorizes an Executive Session to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 1993, at 9:00 a.m., in the Sussex County Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

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Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, reviewed a proposed Resolution authorizing Brad Hawkes, Maintenance Supervisor, to file application for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance as a result of the December 11-14, 1992, winter storm.

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A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to Adopt Resolution No. R 006 93, as follows:

R 006 93

"BE IT RESOLVED BY County Council of Sussex County, Delaware, that Brad Hawkes, Maintenance Supervisor, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Sussex County Council, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Delaware, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT Sussex County Council, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof."

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

M 036 93 (con't) Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Adminis- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, reviewed the following  
trator's information in his County Administrator's Report:  
Report

1. Automated Surface Observation System

Work has begun on the installation of Sussex County's Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) one month ahead of schedule. Because of wet grounds at the Ocean City Airport where work was to begin on their ASOS, the company installing the system found the Georgetown Airport more suitable to begin work.

The ASOS provides automated aviation weather observations 24 hours a day. The system works nonstop updating observations every minute, continuously reporting significant weather changes as they occur. The ASOS measures various weather parameters, processes the information, and provides data archiving. The system disseminates the information to users via direct ground-to-air synthesized voice broadcasts, telephone dial-up, and long line transmission.

The ASOS is a cooperative effort of the Departments of Commerce, Transportation, and Defense to support the National Weather Service (NWS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the U. S. Navy. As the lead agency, the NWS will install and maintain this service. FAA will fund the \$300,000 project and will maintain the equipment. The cost to the County for electric is expected to run \$1,000 annually.

The ASOS will be beneficial not only to the airport users, but to the Emergency Preparedness Office. This system will provide up-to-date information on any natural disasters that the County may have to deal with.

2. Utility Billing Division Procedure

The Utility Billing Division is continuing its efforts to implement cost-saving procedures. With the February 1, 1993, billing, the Utility Billing Division will implement the use of mailers in all sanitary sewer and/or water districts. Mailers are currently being used in the Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District and have proven to be more cost-effective by eliminating the need for outgoing envelopes, return envelopes, and billing forms as separate

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components. Once the mailers are printed, collated, and burst, they go directly to the post office for mailing. Mailers do not have to be stuffed or processed through the postage machine, saving three workdays in the billing process. Six employees times three days times four quarterly billings translates into significant savings for the sanitary sewer and/or water districts.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR MEDICAL OFFICES TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 5.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #1028) filed on behalf of Dr. Harry J. Anagnostakos. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Benson introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR STORAGE AND SALES OF VIDEO GAMES AND MACHINES TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 40,000 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #1029) filed on behalf of Carlton E. Seward and Shirley B. Seward. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR THE SALE OF WESTERN APPAREL AND TACK TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN NANTICOKE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 6.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #1030) filed on behalf of Raymond G. and Mary Ann Bryan. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Announce- President Dukes announced that Councilman Collins has been  
ment elected President of the Delaware Association of Counties.

PRMC It was the consensus of Council that Councilman Collins  
Board of continue in his capacity as representative of Sussex County on  
Trustees the Board of Trustees of the Peninsula Regional Medical Center  
for the year 1993.

M 037 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to  
Council- give \$1,000.00 (\$200.00 from each Councilmanic Account) to the  
manic Delaware Technical & Community College Roadrunners baseball  
Grant team to help defray costs of their annual spring training trip.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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M 037 93 Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
(con't) Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

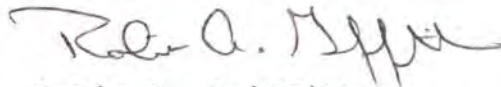
M 038 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to  
Council- give \$800.00 (\$160.00 from each Councilmanic Account) to  
manic Families In Crisis to assist with costs associated with their  
Grant 10th Annual FIC Conference.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 039 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to  
Adjourn adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council