SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL-GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE-JANUARY 30, 1990

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, January 30, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware with the following members present:

William D. Stevenson, Sr. R. James Mariner Ralph E. Benson George B. Cole Dale R. Dukes

President Vice President Member Member Member

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

M 053 90 Approval of Minutes A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence Mr. Jones, Assistant County Attorney, read the following correspondence:

JERRY LYNCH, LYNCH'S TRASH REMOVAL INC., REHOBOTH RE: Questions regarding the incinerator proposed for the landfill on Route 20, individuals burning trash in fifty-five gallon drums, and burning trash building materials at building sites.

KAREN FERRIER, JEFF MITCHELL, TABATHA CORDREY, MILFORD RE: As students of a journalism class at Delaware Tech, they attended the January 23rd Sussex County Council meeting. They are requesting more information on the Recycling Recognition Program and the Courthouse Building Committee Report to complete their lesson plan. The County Administrator will send this information to the students.

JAMES BENNETT, BENNETT ORCHARDS, FRANKFORD RE: A workshop for farmers and members of the agricultural community to discuss the Beach Access Study will be held Wednesday, January 31st, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Roxana Fire Hall.

LAWRENCE E. ELLIOTT, PRESIDENT, AND JEFF HILL, 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF, LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., LAUREL RE: Laurel Fire Department's application and guidelines for a tentative position for a career ambulance attendant.

Family Literacy Project Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, described the Family Literacy Project and the proposed Bell Atlantic/ALA Family Literacy Project application. The County Librarian and County Coordinator for Project READS were present to answer questions concerning the application.

Milton Public Library has been selected as the site for the Family Literacy Project. It is intended to reach low income families with preschool and early elementary age children. A parent-child workshop will be developed focusing on teaching parents how to read to their children and to develop activities related to reading. This workshop will provide parents the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their local library, library procedures, resources available, and programs offered by the library. Research indicates that parents who read to their children at an early age help to provide a better foundation for the child when they begin formal instruction in school and it also develops a closer parent-child relationship. Milton is primarily rural agricultural with food processing plants the primary industrial activity. Approximately 38% of the population is black and ethnic minorities. Migrant workers are also part of the service area. Department of Public Instruction figures that approximately 2,000 adults are without a high school diploma in Milton and the surrounding area.

M 054 90 Grant Application for Family Literacy Project A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, authorizing the Sussex County Director of Libraries to submit a Grant Application to Bell Atlantic/ALA Family Literacy Project in the amount of \$5,000. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

MOU with DNREC for Land Application of Sludge Mr. Robert Zimmerman, DNREC, reviewed the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Division of Water Resources, DNREC, and the Sussex County Council concerning granting permits for the land application of sludge.

In accordance with the MOU, the Division of Water Resources, DNREC, proposes to:

- Inform the County of all proposed sludge application sites being considered in Sussex.
- Submit a County road map clearly showing the boundaries of the proposed site before they advertise receipt of the application.

MOU with DNREC (Con't.)

- 3. Conduct any necessary hearings in accordance with 7 <u>Delaware Code</u>, Chapter 60.
- 4. Supply pertinent data available to the County as requested.
- 5. Manager of the Waste Utilization Program of the Pollution Control Branch will be the primary contact for consultation.
- 6. Direct all communications concerning this MOU through the County Administrator.

The MOU further states that the County will:

- 1. Issue a public announcement stating that the County has been notified of a proposed sludge application site.
- 2. Provide written notification to property owners within 200' of proposed site stating the site is being considered for land application of sludge.
- 3. Assist DNREC in obtaining information as requested on proposed site.
- 4. County Administrator will direct all communications concerning this MOU through the Manager of the Waste Utilization Program.

Additional stipulations further understood in the MOU are:

- Information supplied to the County by DNREC will be furnished in accordance with the Division's applicable authorities and policies and regulations in accordance with other local, state, and federal rules and regulations.
- 2. Personnel, facilities, and funds of the DNREC are to be under the administrative control of the Division.
- 3. Neither DNREC nor the County are to be bound by an obligation in the MOU or other appropriate arrangements that involve the expenditure of funds.
- 4. All matters that may require administrative action or approval by DNREC will be handled through the established procedures of the Division as required in the <u>Guidance and Regulations Governing the Land Treatment of Wastes</u>, August 1988.

MOU with DNREC (Con't.)

- 5. The MOU will be reviewed annually by all parties concerned.
- 6. The MOU can be modified or terminated at any time by mutual consent of both parties in writing, or can be terminated by either party alone by giving sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other.

It was the consensus of the Council that the following changes need to be made in the Memorandum:

- 1. A Public Hearing to be held automatically for every proposed land application of sludge; for example, if one landowner filed one application for six (6) different sites a public hearing would be held on each individual site.
- 2. Written notification to property owners of the proposed sludge application site should be greater than 200 feet.
- Application time allowed during a twenty-four (24) hour period should be established.
- 4. Standards for acceptable noise level of the application process should also be established.

The possibility of DNREC conducting a Public Meeting at Delaware Technical and Community College, Southern Branch, to discuss the application of sludge to farmland was addressed. Mr. Zimmerman agreed with this suggestion.

Action was deferred on the Memorandum of Understanding as submitted by DNREC. It will be placed on the Agenda again after DNREC has time to consider the changes proposed by the Council.

M 055 90 PGH Appointment A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Cole, to appoint Councilman Cole to the Peninsula General Hospital Medical Center Board of Trustees. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Executive Session Requested Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, requested that an Executive Session be scheduled for the discussion of sewer easements and litigation concerning Sussex County Council and Planning & Zoning Commission.

M 056 90 Executive Session Scheduled A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to schedule an Executive Session for the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, February 6, 1990 starting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss South Bethany Sanitary Sewer District Easements and litigation concerning MacNamara vs. Sussex County Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Mariner, Yea;

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

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

- 1. Notice of a Public Hearing to be held by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. The application of citizens of the State of Delaware to establish a banking corporation will be considered. The name of the proposed bank will be "County Bank" and will be located on Route 1, Rehoboth Beach.
- 2. The Sussex County Local Emergency Planning Committee will host a workshop for industrial businesses, local governments, and fire services to assist them in meeting requirements for the Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). The workshop will be held in the Theatre at Delaware Technical and Community College, Georgetown on Tuesday, February 6, 1990, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. The Delaware Association of Counties will be holding their regular meeting in Wilmington on Thursday, February 1st. The President and Vice President of the National Association of Counties will be in attendance.

Boundaries
W. Rehoboth
Extension
of the
Dewey
Beach
Sanitary
Sewer
District

Mr. Wood, County Engineer, and Mr. Archut, Chief of Planning and Permits, reviewed the boundaries for the West Rehoboth Extension of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District. Boundaries were posted by the Engineering Department in October of 1989, and a Public Hearing was held in November. The Hearing was held open for comments and allowing time for DNREC to set boundaries for the moratorium area. Boundaries were set by DNREC on December 29th. To meet State regulations that boundaries must be established within thirty (30) days after posting, the proposed boundaries for the Extension of the Sewer District must be posted again.

M 057 90
Re-post
Notices
for
Extension
of Dewey
Beach
Sanitary
Sewer
District

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, authorizing the Sussex County Engineering Department to re-post Notices for the Extension of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District to include the West Rehoboth Area along the Route 1 Corridor from the Red Mill Pond area to the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal in accordance with Title 9, Delaware Code Annotated, Section 6502 (a). Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Mariner, Yea;

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

Contract Proposal Action was deferred on a contract proposal for George, Miles & Buhr to start work immediately on Preliminary Services and a Topographic Survey for West Rehoboth Extension of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District. Two previous studies were done on the area by George, Miles & Buhr, and there was a question if this would be a continuation of a contract or is it necessary to rebid the job. Mr. Jones, Assistant County Attorney, will review the previous contracts and make a determination on this.

Sewer Cleaning Truck Mr. Wood, County Engineer, in response to the Council's request that leasing figures be obtained for a sewer cleaning truck, reported that there would be considerable savings realized by the County by an outright purchase.

M 058 90 Award Bid -Sewer Cleaning Truck A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, based upon the recommendation of the Engineering Department, that Sussex County Council award the Sewer Cleaning Truck contract for South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facilities, Sussex County Project No. 89-17, to Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems, the low bidder, at a cost of \$105,148.00. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Mariner, Yea;

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

Proposed Ordinance C/U #930 Mr. Cole introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A HUNTING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT RETAIL STORE TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #930) filed on behalf of Daniel G. McMunn. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance C/Z #1058 Mr. Benson introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 0.65 ACRE, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1058) filed on behalf of Earl E. Davis, Anna M. Davis, and Helen M. Burton. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance C/Z #1059 Mr. Benson introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A LI-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 24,230.5 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1059) filed on behalf of Atlantic Screen, Inc. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance C/Z #1060 Mr. Benson introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1060) filed on behalf of Coolsprings Partners. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance C/Z #1061 Mr. Cole introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 2.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF A 7.93 ACRE TRACT" (C/Z #1061) filed on behalf of Abel A. Rodriguez and Stephen W. Rodriguez. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 059 90 Recess A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to recess at 11:40 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Reconvene

President Stevenson called the Council back into session at $1:30\ p.m.$

Proposed Ordinance C/U #927 A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A COUNTRY CRAFT SHOP TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CEDAR CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #927) filed on behalf of William L. Tribbitt.

M 060 90 Adopt Ordinance No. 654 C/U #927 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to Adopt Ordinance No. 654 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A COUNTRY CRAFT SHOP TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CEDAR CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/U #927) filed on behalf of William L. Tribbitt with the following stipulation:

1. The site plan shall be required to be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Mariner, Yea;

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

Findings of Facts C/U #927 The findings of facts and the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission are hereby incorporated into the record and into the findings of facts of the Council. By adopting this Ordinance, it has been found that the use is of public or semi-public character and is essential and desirable for the general convenience and welfare.

Public Hearing C/Z #1042 A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROAD CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 4.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1042) filed on behalf of D. Edward Dukes and Donna K.Dukes.

M 061 90 Adopt Ordinance No. 655 C/Z #1042 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Mariner, to Adopt Ordinance No. 655 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROAD CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 4.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1042) filed on behalf of D. Edward Dukes and Donna K. Dukes. Motion Adopted: 4 Yea; 1 Abstention.

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

Findings of Facts C/Z #1042 The findings of facts and the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission are hereby incorporated into the record and into the findings of facts of the Council. By adopting this Ordinance, it has been found that the change of zone is appropriate legislative action based upon the following findings of facts:

- The proposed land use promotes health, safety, and morale of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County. The site is appropriate for an on-site septic system and well.
- 2. The proposed land use promotes the convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County in that there are other business, commercial, and industrial uses in close proximity. No negative impact on surrounding properties or the area is anticipated. The site is appropriate for a retail business due to its location on Route 9 and its proximity to residential developments.
- 3. Congestion of roads or streets will not be affected by this change of zone.

Public Hearing C/Z #1043 A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 0.762 ACRE, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1043) filed on behalf of James Harold and Elaine S. Bowen.

M 062 90 Adopt Ordinance No. 656 C/Z #1043 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to Adopt Ordinance No. 656 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 0.762 ACRE, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1043) filed on behalf of James Harold and Elaine S. Bowen. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

Findings of Facts C/Z #1043

The findings of facts and the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission are hereby incorporated into the record and into the findings of facts of the Council. By adopting this Ordinance, it has been found that the change of zone is appropriate legislative action based upon the following findings of facts:

- The proposed land use promotes health, safety, and morale of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County.
- 2. The proposed land use promotes the convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County in that no adverse impact is anticipated on the neighborhood or on property values. The site is in close proximity to other commercial or business uses.
- 3. Congestion of roads or streets shall be controlled or lessened by a service road serving several lots in a strip development along Route 9. There is adequate area for parking.

Public Hearing C/Z #1044 A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A GR GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN INDIAN RIVER HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 64.36 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (C/Z #1044) filed on behalf of R. Marvin Ingram. The Public Hearing was closed and action was deferred.

Public Hearing -Amend Ordinance No. 90 A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 90, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE', TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSPECTION OF WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER OR HIS AGENT AND TO PERMIT THE IMPOSITION OF FEES THEREFORE".

M 063 90 Adopt Ordinance No. 657-Amends Ordinance No. 90 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to Adopt Ordinance No. 657 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 90, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE', TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSPECTION OF WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER OR HIS AGENT AND TO PERMIT THE IMPOSITION OF FEES THEREFORE" with the changes as recommended by the Sussex County Engineering Department to the Planning and Zoning Director and the effective date of the Ordinance being April 1, 1990. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Mr. Stevenson, Yea

Findings of Facts -Ord. 657 The findings of the facts and recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission are hereby incorporated into the record and into the findings of facts of the Council. The Council found that the amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance is appropriate legislative action in that it promotes and protects the health, safety, convenience, orderly growth and welfare of the citizens of the County; assists in the proper development, conservation of property values and use of land in the County to encourage the preservation and conservation of farmland, and to assure that future schools and other public buildings, community facilities, and residential developments and commercial and industrial areas will be conveniently and properly located.

The Council found that the County Engineer now has no involvement in inspecting private water and sewer systems in Sussex County, resulting in a lack of knowledge by County officials as to the design, and sometimes the existence, of such systems. This lack of knowledge becomes significant as the County attempts to install public water and sewer systems. The County Engineer has insufficient information to determine whether an existing private system can be properly connected to a new public system. Furthermore, the Council found that inspection of such systems by the County Engineer will allow the Engineer to determine whether the systems comply with nationally recognized standards, thereby permitting easy connection to future public systems.

Findings of Facts (Con't.)

The Council found that representatives of water utilities did not oppose the ordinance change as long as suggested amendments by the County Engineer be incorporated. Those amendments merely provide clarification as to inspection procedures. No persons or groups opposed the ordinance change or amendments.

The Council adopted the Ordinance, together with amendments proposed by the County Engineer.

M 064 90 Adjourn A Motion was made by Mr. Mariner, seconded by Mr. Cole, to adjourn at $3:15~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E. Rogers

Clerk of the County Council