

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, FEBRUARY 17, 1998

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
Finley B. Jones, Jr.	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
George J. Collins	Member
Lynn J. Rogers	Member

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

M 080 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to  
Approve Agenda approve the Agenda, as presented.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 081 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to  
Approve Minutes approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated February 10, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:  
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CASA SAN FRANCISCO, MILTON, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter in appreciation of Human Service Grant.

WALTER W. BRITTINGHAM, JR., REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter commending employees of the Emergency Operations Center.

MARY F. C. CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT, REHOBOTH BEACH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter requesting public notice of all meetings of the newly appointed land use committee.

Keenwick West Street-lighting District Mr. Izzo, County Engineer, discussed a Proposed Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING KEENWICK WEST STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT". Mr. Izzo advised that the results of the referendum held on January 24, 1998, certify that the Keenwick West Street-lighting District was approved by a majority vote.

M 082 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to Adopt  
Adopt Resolution No. R 011 98 entitled "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
Resolu- KEENWICK WEST STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT".  
tion No.

R 011 98 Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Waste- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised Council that noti-  
water fication has been received from the Division of Water Resources,  
Advisory Financial Assistance Branch, Department of Natural Resources and  
Council/ Environmental Control, that the State's Wastewater Advisory  
Project Council is considering proposed changes to the Project Priority  
Priority List (PPL) criteria and ranking process. Mr. Archut explained  
List that the Project Priority List is adopted annually by the State  
Criteria prioritizing which sewer projects get State Revolving Loan (SRF)  
Proposal Funding. Mr. Archut outlined the concerns that the County has  
in regards to the proposed amendments to the ranking criteria:

- The proposed criteria minimizes the importance of providing sewer for existing unsewered communities.
- New criteria considers flows; flows would be averaged on an annual basis; areas with seasonal wastewater flows will be discriminated against.
- Incentive points are given for consistency with the goals of "Shaping Delaware's Future". These goals direct development away from critical natural resource areas and toward existing development; existing communities in rural settings will be penalized.
- Incentive points are given for water conservation and self-assessment; the County would not receive these points for unsewered areas as this information would not be readily available.
- Affordability is not included in the ranking process.

The County's main concern is that future projects may be precluded from receiving SRF funding based on the new criteria. Mr. Archut noted that the purpose of the SRF program is to reduce costs and provide affordable user charges. The proposed ranking system penalizes new sewer systems. Mr. Stickels and Mr. Archut stressed that the development of new criteria will be monitored closely by the County. Mr. Archut has requested that the Wastewater Council consider the County's concerns and either retain the current PPL criteria or make the necessary changes to the new criteria to assure that SRF financing will always be an option for Sussex County projects.

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Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, and Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, discussed proposed legislation that has been drafted and entitled "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 69, OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY, TO HEAR VARIANCES". This amendment would bring laws defining the powers of the Sussex County Board of Adjustment in conformity with other provisions in the State relating to approval of area variances. It was the consensus of Council to seek sponsors for this legislation.

Book-  
mobile

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that the County has taken possession of the new Bookmobile from Matthews Specialty Vehicles in Archdale, North Carolina. The total cost of the Bookmobile was \$94,586. The Bookmobile operates four days per week making 70 stops in a two-week period. Stops include adult care centers, child day care centers, mobile home parks, and communities not served by a library.

M 083 98  
Executive  
Session

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize an Executive Session to be held on February 24, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

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Report

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

1. County Council Meeting Schedule

The Sussex County Council will not meet Tuesday, March 3, 1998. Council members and staff will be participating in the National Association of Counties annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference will be from Friday, February 27, until Tuesday, March 3, 1998. On March 3 conference attendees will visit Senators Roth and Biden and Congressman Castle.

2. Airport Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Airport Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, in the Sussex County Offices West Complex, DuPont Highway, Georgetown, Delaware, at 10:00 a.m. There will not be an Airport Committee meeting in March. Mr. Calio and engineering staff will be attending the annual Airport Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

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3. Extended Hours

The only activity that took place during the extended hours on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, was one wedding license issued.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR AN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 9.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1236) filed on behalf of Beebe Medical Center. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 084 98 Council-  
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Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$500.00, \$250.00 each from Mr. Collins' and Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Accounts, to Sussex Central High School for Minority Action Committee scholarships.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 085 98 Council-  
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Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the Oak Orchard Riverdale Civic Association for a community sign.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 086 98 Council-  
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Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to give \$250.00 from Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Account to the Woodbridge Middle School for John W. Wheatley, Jr. to travel to Europe as a People to People Student Ambassador.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;  
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Work-  
shop

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that Council will be conducting a workshop on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of the County Council adopting Trash Collection Districts.

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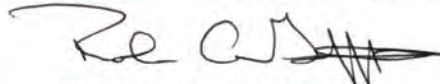
Mr. Dukes read the following correspondence:

DAVID SACKS, PRESIDENT, CROSSGATE VILLAGE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION,  
SEAFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter regarding proposed changes in trash collection for  
the unincorporated areas of Sussex County.

M 087 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to  
Adjourn adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council