

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, APRIL 4, 1995

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Milton Public Library, Milton, 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.

Mr. Dukes recognized the Mayor of Milton, Rev. Grace R. Batten, who was present at the meeting.

M 153 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to
Approve approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 28,
Minutes 1995. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:
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THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., UNITED STATES SENATOR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: Letter addressing Mr. Stickels' concerns about the pro-
posed cuts in the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)
Title II program.

PAT KELLY, BOYS BASKETBALL COACH, INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL,
FRANKFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter asking Council to consider sponsoring Indian River
High School students for Summer Basketball Camp 1995.

PEGGY RALPH, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, LAUREL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
INC., LAUREL, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Mr. Dukes in appreciation of his Councilmanic
Grant to be used toward scholarships for seniors who will be
graduating in June.

LARRY GUM, CHIEF, MILLSBORO FIRE COMPANY, MILLSBORO, DELAWARE.

RE: Memorandum regarding the vacation of a portion of Washington
Street, Millsboro, Delaware.

Adminis- Mr. Clendaniel of R. Calvin Clendaniel Associates, and Mr.
tration Archut, Project Coordinator, provided Council with a brief
Building update of the status of the new Sussex County Administration
Update Building. Bids will be advertised in area newspapers on
March 31, April 4, and April 11, 1995; a pre-bid meeting

Adminis- will be held on April 13, 1995; bids will be received un-
tration til May 4, 1995, at which time bids will be opened; a bid
Building recommendation will be made to Council on May 9, 1995. Mr.
Update Clendaniel informed Council that all necessary permits have
(con't) been obtained and the plans are currently being printed.
The project is projected to be completed in August, 1996.
Mr. Clendaniel advised that pushing this date up any sooner
would affect the price of the project and would eliminate
some bidders.

Proposed Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read in its entirety a
Procla- Proposed Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 THROUGH
mation APRIL 15, 1995, AS 'NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK'."

M 154 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Stevenson,
Adopt to Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING APRIL 9
Procla- THROUGH APRIL 15, 1995, AS 'NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK'."
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Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

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

1. Bay Vista Archaeological Study

Included with this report was a copy of a press briefing for the archaeological investigation of the Bay Vista portion of the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District. On Friday, March 31, 1995, artifacts that have been discovered during this portion of the investigation were on display. Artifacts included seventeenth century earthenware, pipe stems, nails, and fragments of Dutch and English brick.

2. Building Code Department - Fire Company Notification

In an effort to make the fire companies more aware of zoning and development in their fire districts, the Building Code Department will send notification to each fire company when a commercial building permit has been applied for. It is the goal of the Building Code Department to have input from the fire companies prior to issuing approval for construction. It is hoped that the fire companies will become more responsive to these inquiries than they have been to rezoning comments.

Adminis-
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Report
(con't)

3. Paramedic Equipment

Mr. Stickels publicly thanked J. Benjamin Ewing, State Representative, 35th District, for his assistance in providing \$4,950 from his suburban street funding to purchase three traffic signal changing devices for the Paramedics.

1994
Annual
Paramedic
Program
Report

Mr. Stevenson, Paramedic Director, presented to Council the 1994 Annual Paramedic Program Report. The report showed a total of 8,876 responses for the five Paramedic Units located across the County; a 16 percent increase over 1993. The report detailed the system's call locations and types: 72 percent of the responses were for medical illness and 21 percent were trauma (accidents). Mr. Stevenson reported that in 1994 all five response units were in service 24 hours a day. Each of the five response units is staffed with two Paramedics. Staffing reached full strength in 1994 and each unit was equipped with dual sets of equipment allowing medics to split up and handle additional emergencies when required.

Employee
Pension
Plan
Recommen-
dation

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, reviewed the results of the valuation of the Sussex County Employee Pension Plan as of January 1, 1995, as performed by Alexander & Alexander, a Consulting Group. The purposes of the annual actuarial valuation are as follows:

- a. To determine the financial condition of the Plan and the recommended contribution; and
- b. To provide information for use in satisfying the requirements of State No. 5 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The recommended 1995 contribution, with a 4 percent cost of living increase assumption for retirees, is \$1,030,836, a \$112,700 increase over last year's recommended contribution. The recommended contribution breakdown for 1995 is as follows:

a. Current annual cost for additional year of service -	\$ 558,721
b. Amortization charges (for prior year contribution shortfalls) -	<u>\$ 472,115</u>
Total Recommended Contribution	\$ 1,030,836

The increase in the contribution rate from 13.51 percent of payroll in 1994 to 14.21 percent of payroll in 1995 is due to an increase in payroll during 1994. Payroll increased

Recommendation (con't) from 321 to 328 participating employees and payroll increased 1.5 percent above actuary assumptions. The increase in the contribution rate is also due to the pension fund performance which was primarily a result of poor performance of stock and bond markets during 1994.

Construction Package "C" Update West Rehoboth Project Mr. Wood, County Engineer, and Mr. Bozick, of George, Miles & Buhr, discussed the status of Construction Package "C" for the West Rehoboth Project. Construction Package "C" has been bid two times previously; the first bid was not awarded due to the fact that the bid of the first and second low bidder were not responsive and the bid of the third bidder was not approved by DNREC and RECD. The second bid was awarded to the low bidder, Lisbon Contractors; however, legal action by the second low bidder, Dugan Construction, over the issue of subcontractor licenses resulted in a preliminary injunction which prevented award to Lisbon Contractors. At the March 21, 1995, Council authorized the Engineering Department to reject all bids and the award of Construction Contract "C" and to rebid the contract with amended conditions and specifications pending approval of the approving agencies. Mr. Wood advised that advertisements for bids are being publicized in several newspapers; a pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for April 11, 1995; the bid opening is scheduled for April 24, 1995. The proposed completion date is December 1, 1995.

Proposed Beaver Dam Heights Street-lighting District Mr. Izzo, Director of Public Works, was in attendance to request permission to distribute petitions regarding the establishment of a Streetlighting District in Beaver Dam Heights in Seaford, Delaware. Mr. Izzo advised that residents of Beaver Dam Heights contacted the County to request the establishment of a Streetlighting District at the recommendation of the State Police following numerous break-ins in the area.

M 155 95 Authorize Circulation of Petitions for Proposed Beaver Dam Heights Street-lighting District A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Benson, that the Public Works Division of the Sussex County Engineering Department has verified that the subdivision known as Beaver Dam Heights, Sections I and II, satisfies the criteria of a Suburban Community, as defined in Paragraph 95-1 of the County Code; therefore, the Sussex County Council authorizes the circulation of petitions which seek to obtain estimates of costs and charges for streetlighting, for the purpose of establishing a Streetlighting District.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Agreement with V & L Partnership

Mr. Green, Director of Utility Construction, discussed an Agreement between Sussex County Council and V & L Partnership for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Services for wastewater facilities to be constructed in "The Pines of Long Neck", located in the Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District.

M 156 95
Execute Agreement with V & L Partnership

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, that the President of the Sussex County Council execute an Agreement between Sussex County Council and V & L Partnership, for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Services for wastewater facilities to be constructed in The Pines of Long Neck, located in the Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Bid Results Sussex County Project No. 94-10

Mr. Hawkes, Maintenance Supervisor - Engineering Department, reviewed the bid results for Sussex County Project No. 94-10 entitled "Single Ply Membrane Roof System for the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facilities", as follows:

Quality Exteriors, Inc. Harrington, Delaware	\$ 29,392.00 \$ 28,059.40	(Alternate Price)
H. K. Griffith, Inc. Newark Delaware	\$ 62,620.00	
R. L. Bertrand Construction Co., Inc. Frankford, Delaware	\$ 36,650.00	

(The Bertrand Construction Co., Inc. bid was rejected because it was received after the public opening and it lacked the required bid bond.)

M 157 95
Award Bid Sussex County Project No. 94-10

A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Collins, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that the bid for Sussex County Project No. 94-10, entitled "Single Ply Membrane Roof System for the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facilities" be awarded to the low bidder, Quality Exteriors, Inc., of Harrington, Delaware, at the amount of \$28,059.40.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

M 157 95 Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
(con't) Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 158 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to give
Council- \$500.00, \$300.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account and
manic \$200.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account, to the Cape
Grant Henlopen School District's Odyssey of the Mind School Program
to supplement state and local funding to send students to the
OM World Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 159 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Council- give \$250.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account to the
manic Roxana Volunteer Fire Company to help fund the purchase of
Grant new equipment.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 160 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to
Council- give \$200.00, \$100.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account
manic and \$100.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account, to the
Grant Cape Henlopen High School's Student Government Association
for a student's expenses associated with attending a con-
ference in Washington, D.C.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 161 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Council- give \$600.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account to the
manic City of Lewes to defray the City's expenses for the Small
Grant Cities Council Meeting in North Dakota and to assist in pur-
chasing shirts for a group of youth called Trash Busters.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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M 161 95 Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
(con't) Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

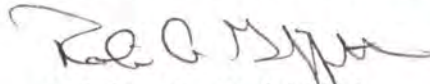
M 162 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson,
Council- to give \$125.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to
manic Laurel High School, Business Professionals of America, for
Grant a student's and teacher's expenses associated with attending
a conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 163 95 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to
Adjourn adjourn at 11:52 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council