

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 11, 1993

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 11, 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
William D. Stevenson, Sr.	Member

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

M 181 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Approve approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 4, 1993. Minutes Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

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

JACK F. OWENS, CAMPUS DIRECTOR, DELAWARE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GEORGETOWN.

RE: Commending the Sussex County Council on the recent Prayer Breakfast.

JOSEPH CONAWAY, PRESIDENT, CONSULTANTS UNLIMITED, MILLSBORO.

RE: Letter to Lt. Colonel R. F. Sliwoski, P.E., U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the permit request to cross the Bethany Beach Loop Canal at the Salt Pond property in Bethany Beach.

HAROLD BRITTON BARBER, BETHANY BEACH.

RE: Planned recreation park on Cedar Neck Road, Route 357, north of the Town of Ocean View (the James Farm).

James Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed the status of Farm the James Farm site. Sussex County was awarded a \$5,000 Site grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the Master Planning of the James Farm site although no grant request has been made by Sussex County. Three alternatives for the site were outlined, as follows:

1. Leave the site in an undisturbed state for the purpose of maintaining a natural wildlife habitat.
2. Complete a "base-mapping" project to delineate soils, wetlands, archaeological and heritage sites, and conduct a topographic survey. This would complete Phase One of a comprehensive Master Plan.

James
Farm
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3. Develop a complete Master Plan, which incorporates the data compiled in Alternative No. 2 and establishes long-range plans to develop the site.

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Leave
James
Farm
Site
In
Natural
State

A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to leave the James Farm site in its natural state for a period of one year.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

South
Coastal
Library
Proposed
Agree-
ment

Ms. Carol Fitzgerald, Director of Sussex County Libraries, and Mr. Dean Phillips, Town Manager, Town of Bethany Beach, were present to discuss the proposed Joint Use Agreement, for the new South Coastal Library facility, between the Sussex County Council and the Town of Bethany Beach. The proposed Agreement will be reviewed by the County Attorney.

Change
Order

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed Change Order No. 9A, in the amount of \$86,805.74, for the Courthouse Expansion and Renovation Project.

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Approve
Change
Order
No. 9A
Court-
house
Project

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, that the President of the Sussex County Council be authorized to execute Change Order No. 9A, in the amount of \$86,805.74, for the Courthouse Expansion and Renovation Project.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Proposed
Ordinance

Mr. Dukes introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY TO FURTHER DEFINE CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A PENSION". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Road
Naming
Project
Update

Mr. Norwood, Assessment Division, provided Council with an update on the Sussex County Road Naming Project. This Project will be the first step in getting Sussex County to a total readdressing for the 911 Enhanced System. The first phase of the Project is the road naming, which will be accomplished by fire district. The first fire district area to be renamed

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is Selbyville. Suggested names for roads and beginning and ending points have already been submitted by the Selbyville Fire Department. A public meeting date has tentatively been scheduled for June 10, 1993.

M 184 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, that Authorize the Sussex County Council authorizes an Executive Session to Executive Session be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1993, at 9:00 a.m., in the Sussex County Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Adminis-
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Report

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

1. Recent Newspaper Articles

Included with the report were copies of two articles that have recently appeared in State publications, The first one entitled "Sewer planning and infrastructure: Addressing Sussex County's need" appeared in the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Business Journal, April 16, 1993.

The second article entitled "Our View . . . Canine Control" appeared in the Sunday News Journal, May 9, 1993. It is the opinion of the editorial board of the Sunday News Journal that the General Assembly should legislate the program into financial stability before approaching the counties. The editorial believes the fees should be increased to \$10 to license a dog and a minimum fine of \$50 for failing to obtain a license. It should be noted that this is a change in philosophy of the News Journal editorial board.

2. Director of Accounting

Ms. Susan M. Webb has assumed the responsibilities of Director of Accounting effective May 1, 1993. Ms. Webb graduated from Salisbury State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to her degree, Ms. Webb is a certified public accountant. Prior to being employed with the County, Susan worked for Jefferson, Urian, Doane & Sterner, public accountants of Georgetown, Delaware. While employed with Jefferson, Urian, Doane & Sterner, Susan's responsibilities included many large audit engagements, from staffing, planning process, field work, to delivery of the audit report. Susan has

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been responsible for the County's audit for the last three years. Susan's activities and interests include membership in the Financial Womens' International Organization, Delaware Society of CPA's, and American Institute of CPA's. This is the first time that the County has employed a certified public accountant. The addition of Susan will compliment the County's professional staff.

Susan is replacing Mr. Jeff James. Mr. James has been transferred to the Engineering Department as Engineer Accountant. Mr. James will be responsible for overseeing all purchases, grant funding requests, and contracts. With the Engineering Department projecting to do \$100 million of capital improvements over the next five years, it is essential that the Engineering Department have someone dedicated full-time to financing.

Ms. Webb and Mr. James will work closely with Mr. David Baker, Finance Director, and Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, to ensure that the County stays financially stable.

Bid
Results
Design/
Build
Contract
West
Rehoboth
Expansion
of the
Dewey
Beach
Sanitary
Sewer
District

Mr. Wood, County Engineer, reported the following bid results for the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District, Design/Build Contract:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID PACKAGE INCLUDING LAND
George and Lynch, Inc. New Castle, Delaware	\$15,831,000
P G Construction, Inc. Orlando, Florida	\$16,066,332

The Bid Opening was held on May 10, 1993. The bids will be reviewed for a recommendation.

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Council-
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Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to give \$300.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account to the Town of Bethel to help offset the cost of a copy machine.

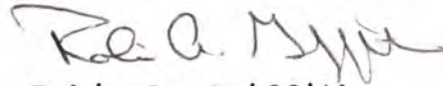
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

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M 186 93 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to
Adjourn adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council