

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 14, 1996

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 14, 1996, 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

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

M 211 96
Approve
Agenda

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Agenda.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 212 96
Approve
Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 7, 1996. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre-
spondence

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

LETTER TO GOVERNOR CARPER FROM D & B PRODUCTS OF GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter commending the State and County for the assistance they received when, due to a fire, they had to relocate their business to the Coastal Stock Building in the Industrial Park in a short period of time.

DOROTHY GODWIN, PRESIDENT, ZWAANENDAEL CLUB, LEWES, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Mr. Benson in appreciation of his Councilmanic Grant.

DELORES SPRINGER, THE PINK RIBBON CANCER CLASSIC, MILFORD DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Mr. Collins in appreciation of his Councilmanic Grant.

Sussex
Central
High
School
Public
Safety
Film

Mr. Thomas, Acting Chief Dispatcher, Emergency Operations Center, and Mrs. Barlow, a teacher at Sussex Central High School, were in attendance to present to Council for viewing a Public Safety film produced by Mrs. Barlow's students. The purpose of the Public Safety film is to educate the public on the use of the 911 Emergency Operations Center. (Due to a power outage, it was not possible to view the film. The film will be viewed by Council at a later date.)

Power
Outage

The power outage continued for the remainder of the meeting and therefore the proceedings were not taped.

Green-
wood
Library/
Grant
Appli-
cation

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed a Grant Application for the Greenwood Library. The Grant Application, in the amount of \$3,675.00 is for the 1996 Adult Public Education About the Law Mini-Grant Program from the American Bar Association. Funds will be used to hold six workshops on legal topics and to purchase additional consumer legal reference materials. No cash match is required; matching funds listed on the Grant Application are in kind (staff time and value of rental of meeting place where programs will be held).

M 213 96
Authorize
Green-
wood
Library/
Grant
Appli-
cation

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to authorize the County Administrator, on behalf of the Greenwood Library, to apply to the American Bar Association for a grant in the amount of \$3,675.00 for the 1996 Adult Public Education About the Law Mini-Grant Program.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Adminis-
trator's
Report

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

1. FY '97 Budget

The proposed FY '97 budget will be presented at a special briefing to the media on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. During this meeting the press will be given an opportunity to review the entire budget and to ask in-depth questions. The Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, will start at 10:30 a.m. Public comments will be received on the proposed FY '97 budget at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 1996, in the Sussex County Courthouse on The Circle.

2. Open House - Wolfe Neck Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Sussex County Council will be hosting an Open House at the Wolfe Neck Wastewater Treatment Facility for the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend this Open House and review the most up-to-date wastewater facility in the State of Delaware. During the Open House festivities, the Sussex County Council will receive a Clean Water Partnership Award from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

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(con't)

3. Special Meeting - Planning and Zoning Commission

The Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a special meeting on Thursday evening, May 16, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 115 of the Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, to discuss an ordinance amendment to Chapter 115, known as the proposed C-2 Zoning. The public is permitted to attend this special meeting.

4. Local Records Management Grant

Mr. Stickels informed the Council that the Assessment Division has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,150 from the Delaware Bureau of Archives and Records Management as a result of the Division's application for funds through the Delaware Local Government Records Management Improvement Grant Program. This funding will be used to purchase a motorized microfilm reader for the Assessment Division.

Deferred
Compen-
sation
Plan

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, and Mr. Caldwell of PEBSCO, an affiliate of Nationwide Insurance, discussed for Council's consideration, a Deferred Compensation Plan sponsored by the National Association of Counties. (NACo has selected and contracted with PEBSCO, an independent third party administrator qualified to fulfill the responsibility for all administrative requirements necessary for the successful operation of the Program.) The Deferred Compensation Plan, a Retirement Savings Program, is a voluntary program for employees to set aside compensation for a retirement account that is tax-deferred for Federal and State income taxes. Mr. Baker reviewed advantages of the Plan, as follows:

- o Federal and State income taxes are deferred on amounts deposited into the Plan.
- o Employees can supplement retirement pension and Social Security with this program.
- o Voluntary program for employees with no cost to the County.
- o Earnings on amounts saved through this program are tax deferred until they are withdrawn.
- o Many investment options including:
 - Fixed Annuity Option
 - Variable Annuity - Mutual Funds
 - Life Insurance
- o NACo sponsored Program - Funds are monitored by NACo.

- Deferred Compensation Plan (con't) It was noted that there are various risks associated with whatever investments are made in this Plan. These investments are not federally insured or guaranteed. Mr. Baker reviewed a Proposed Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN".
- M 214 96 Adopt Resolution No. R 016 96 Deferred Compensation Plan A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to Adopt Resolution No. R 016 96 entitled "RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN".
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Absent;
Mr. Dukes, Yea
- IRB/ Release of Collateral Mr. Baker, Finance Director, discussed a release of collateral request in regards to an Industrial Revenue Bond issued to Alfred L. Jones, Jr. and Janet L. Jones in 1986. The release of collateral was approved by the lender, PNC Bank, Delaware. It was noted that there will be no risk or exposure to the County resulting from this action. Mr. Baker reviewed a Proposed Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, \$300,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND (ALFRED L. JONES, JR. AND JANET L. JONES PROJECT) SERIES 1986".
- M 215 96 Adopt Resolution No. R 017 96 IRB/ Release of Collateral A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt Resolution No. R 017 96 entitled "RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, \$300,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND (ALFRED L. JONES, JR. AND JANET L. JONES PROJECT) SERIES 1986".
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Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Absent;
Mr. Dukes, Yea
- South Coastal Area Planning Study/ Modification No. 1 Mr. Izzo, Director of Public Works, discussed Modification No. 1, in the amount of \$31,600.00, to an Agreement between Sussex County Council and George, Miles & Buhr, for Engineering Services for the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facilities. This Amendment is a result of a request to expand the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District to include Savannahs Landing. The Engineering Department has determined that a planning study must be undertaken to properly evaluate and respond to this request. This study is intended to be an Amendment to the South Coastal Area Planning Study.
- M 216 96 Approve Modification No. 1 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that Contract Modification No. 1, with George, Miles & Buhr, be approved in the amount of \$31,600.00, to complete an Amendment to the South Coastal Area Planning Study.

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M 216 96 Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.
(con't)

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Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Absent;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 217 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Council- give \$420.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account to the
manic Bethany Beach Police for rental expenses for a portable sound
Grant stage for the 1996 "National Night Out Against Crime".

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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M 218 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to
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Grant funding of the procurement of two automated external
defibrillation (AED) devices.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

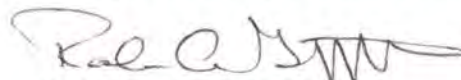
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National Guard activities, and observed Guard members per-
forming their responsibilities.

M 219 96 At 11:15 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr.
Recess Benson, to recess until 1:30 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice
Vote.

Adjourn/ Due to the fact that the power outage continued, at 1:30
Postpone p.m. the County Council meeting was adjourned. The Public
Public Hearings scheduled to commence at 1:30 p.m. were postponed
Hearings and will be rescheduled for June 11, 1996.

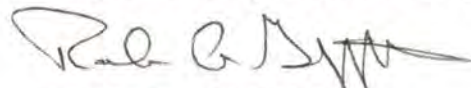
Respectfully submitted,



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