

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 21, 1996

Call to Order      The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 21, 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
William D. Stevenson, Sr.	Member

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

M 220 96      A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt Agenda      Adopt the Agenda, as presented.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 221 96      A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Amend and Approve Minutes      approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated May 14, 1996, with the exception that the last paragraph be amended to read as follows:

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

Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence      Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:  
SUSSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.  
RE: News Release regarding a fire alarm activation and fire extinguisher release at the Milton Middle School on May 20, 1996.

Library Automation Contract      Ms. Fitzgerald, Director of County Libraries, presented a recommendation to Council to award the library automation contract to Ameritech Library Services in the amount of \$698,876.00.

M 222 96      A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, Award Library Automation Contract      based on the recommendation of the County Department of Libraries, that the President of the Sussex County Council be authorized to enter into a contract with Ameritech Library Services in the amount of \$698,876.00 for the

M 222 96 conversion of library records and purchase and installation  
(con't) of hardware and software for an integrated automated library  
system, subject to the review of final Federal and State  
funding.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Proposed Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, presented a Proposed  
Procla- Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 19 THROUGH  
-ma- MAY 25, 1996, AS 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK'". The  
-tion purpose of "Emergency Medical Services Week" is to recognize  
"EMS all the members of the emergency medical services team who  
Week" devote their lives to saving the lives of others.

M 223 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to  
Adopt Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF  
Procla- MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 25, 1996, AS 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
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Week"

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Present to accept the Proclamation were Mr. Dixon of the  
Delaware Volunteer Ambulance Association, Mr. White of the  
Sussex County Volunteer Ambulance Association and Mr.  
Stevenson, Sussex County EMS Director.

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

1. Memorial Day Schedule

Sussex County government offices will be closed Monday,  
May 27, 1996, to allow County employees to observe the  
Memorial Day holiday. Offices will reopen 8:30 a.m. on  
Tuesday, May 28, 1996.

There will not be a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 28,  
1996. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will  
be Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Utility Tax

House Bill 517, which would exempt the State government,  
Federal government, and all local governments. including  
the County, has been released from the Finance and

Adminis-  
trator's  
Report  
(con't)

Revenue House Committee. On Wednesday, May 15, 1996, the Finance Appropriations Committee tabled the legislation after their public hearing. It was the consensus of the Committee members that the legislation should be supported, but the Committee wanted to wait until all revenue projects have been finalized.

It is Mr. Stickels' understanding that Governor Thomas R. Carper supports the concept of exempting the local utility tax for governments, which includes the school districts. The State of Delaware collects approximately \$1,470,000 from the three levels of government.

Included with this report is a chart that indicates of the \$1.4 million, the State of Delaware pays \$880,000 to itself. Mr. Stickels will continue to monitor this legislation. The Sussex County General Fund and sewer districts would receive approximately a \$30,000 benefit from the exemption.

Intro-  
duction  
of  
Sussex  
County  
Fiscal  
1997  
Budget

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, introduced to Council the Sussex County Fiscal 1997 Budget for General Fund, Bond Issues, Community Development and Housing Grant Programs, Sewer and Water Districts, and Capital Improvement Programs. Mr. Stickels presented Council with copies of the Proposed FY '97 Budget and with copies of his budget letter, which he read in its entirety. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. At that time and place, all persons interested shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Stevenson introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SERVICE, ASSESSMENT, AND CONNECTION CHARGES FOR ALL SUSSEX COUNTY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Stevenson introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A FLORIST SHOP AND GARDEN CENTER TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN GEORGETOWN HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 1.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1159) filed on behalf of Acorn Properties, LTD. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1

Proposed Ordinance (con't) AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPANE STORAGE TANKS (EXPANSION TO AN EXISTING PETROLEUM STORAGE FACILITY) TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CEDAR CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 8.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1160) filed on behalf of H. R. Phillips, Inc. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 224 96 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$600.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account to the City of Lewes to help defray expenses the Mayor will incur at the Small Cities Council Meeting to be held in Illinois.

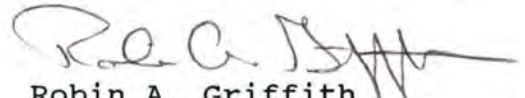
Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Open House Mr. Dukes reminded everyone of the Open House, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Wolfe Neck Wastewater Treatment Facility.

M 225 96 Adjourn A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council