



## *Sussex County Council Agendas & Minutes*

### **SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL-GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE-MAY 23, 2006**

#### **Call to Order**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

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| <b>Lynn J. Rogers</b>       | <b>President</b>            |
| <b>Dale R. Dukes</b>        | <b>Vice President</b>       |
| <b>George B. Cole</b>       | <b>Member</b>               |
| <b>Finley B. Jones, Jr.</b> | <b>Member</b>               |
| <b>Vance C. Phillips</b>    | <b>Member</b>               |
| <b>Robert L. Stickels</b>   | <b>County Administrator</b> |
| <b>David B. Baker</b>       | <b>Finance Director</b>     |
| <b>James D. Griffin</b>     | <b>County Attorney</b>      |

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

#### **M 389 06 Approve Agenda**

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve the Agenda, as distributed.

**Motion Adopted: 4 Yea; 1 Absent.**

**Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Jones, Absent;  
Mr. Rogers, Yea**

#### **Local Law Enforce- ment Funding Request**

Mr. Godwin, Administrative Assistant, presented a request for funding through the Revenue Sharing for Local Law Enforcement Program as follows:

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| <b>Town of South Bethany</b> | <b>\$1,047.97</b> | <b>Computer Adaptors &amp;<br/>Emergency Equipment</b> |
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#### **M 390 06 Approve Local Law Enforce- ment**

A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to approve a Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$1,047.97 for the Town of South Bethany, as presented.

**Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.**

**Grant**

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

**Adminis-  
trator's  
Report**

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

**1. Memorial Day Holiday**

**Adminis-  
trator's  
Report  
(continued)**

Sussex County offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2006, to allow employees to observe the Memorial Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Special Council Meeting**

The Sussex County Council will meet on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. for a special Council meeting. Council will be in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

**Fiscal  
2007  
Budget  
Presentation**

Mr. Stickels presented the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 and the accompanying budget letter (both of which are available for download and/or view on the County's website at [www.sussexcountydela.gov](http://www.sussexcountydela.gov)). Assisting Mr. Stickels with the budget presentation were Mr. Baker and Susan M. Webb, Director of Accounting. The theme for the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 budget is "The Next Generation." Three areas of particular focus include employee longevity, building expansion, and energy cost increases. It was also noted that the budget contains no increase in the County's tax rate for the eighteenth consecutive year. Mr. Stickels concluded with a powerpoint presentation that provided an overview of the proposed budget.

Mr. Stickels encouraged the members of the County Council to review the Proposed Annual Operating Budget carefully prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2006.

On behalf of Council, Mr. Rogers congratulated Mr. Stickels and staff involved in the development of the budget on a job well done.

**Introduction  
of Proposed  
Ordinance**

Mr. Jones introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007." The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing on June 20, 2006.

**Introduction**

Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES, ANNUAL

**of Proposed Ordinance**      **ASSESSMENT RATES FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION AND/OR TREATMENT, AND CONNECTION CHARGES FOR ALL SUSSEX COUNTY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS.” The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing on June 20, 2006.**

**M 391 06**                      **A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn at**  
**Adjourn**                      **11:10 a.m.**

**Motion Adopted:      5 Yea.**

**M 391 06**  
**(continued)**      **Vote by Roll Call:    Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;**  
   **Mr. Dukes, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;**  
   **Mr. Rogers, Yea**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Susan W. Webb**  
**Acting Clerk of the Council**