

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE – JUNE 21, 2000

Call to
Order

A special meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Lynn J. Rogers	President
Dale R. Dukes	Vice President
Finley B. Jones, Jr.	Member
Vance C. Phillips	Member
Robert L. Stickels	County Administrator

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

Welcome

Mr. Rogers welcomed everyone to the special session of Council for presentation of the Delaware Rural Health Plan and noted for the record that Councilman Cole elected not to attend the meeting.

Additional
Business

Mr. Phillips requested that the agenda be amended to include additional business. It was agreed that additional business would be conducted at the conclusion of the Delaware Rural Health Plan presentation.

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Mr. Joe Liefbroer, Chairman of the Delmarva Health Initiative, began by providing a little background on the establishment of the Delmarva Health Initiative. Mr. Liefbroer advised that in 1997 the three presidents of the hospitals in central and southern Delaware appeared before Council in a cooperative endeavor to put together a health summit that would address the health issues of the region, involving essentially the four hospitals serving the areas—Kent General Campus of Bayhealth Medical Center, Milford Memorial Campus of Bayhealth Medical Center, Beebe Medical Center, and Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. They joined forces with the Delaware Division of Public Health, and the Delmarva Health Initiative was created for the purpose of identifying and addressing the health delivery issues that are regional in nature and impact central and southern Delaware. The Delmarva Health Initiative also served as a Steering Committee in the formation of the Delaware Rural Health Plan. Initiatives of the Plan include, but are not limited to,

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increasing the availability of prenatal care, start-up and marketing of support groups for teens, providing more care for people with diabetes, and addressing senior health needs as the elderly population continues to grow in Sussex County.

Also present to comment on the Plan were Thomas R. Carper, Governor of the State of Delaware; Gregg C. Sylvester, M.D., Secretary of Delaware Health and Social Services; Edward Hancock, President, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital; Jeffrey M. Fried, President, Beebe Medical Center; and Paul Lakeman, Vice President for Planning, Bayhealth Medical Center.

Mr. Liefbroer took the opportunity to recognize and thank the members of the Delmarva Health Initiative for their dedication and work on the Plan. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Slam
Dunk
To The
Beach
Basketball
Tournament

Mr. Phillips introduced Mr. Bradley Layfield to address the Council. Mr. Layfield spoke regarding funding and the lack of participation by Sussex County schools in the annual Slam Dunk To The Beach Basketball Tournament. Along with Mr. Layfield was Mr. Woody Long, Sussex Central High School Athletic Director, who was also present to relay to Council concerns that have been expressed by athletic directors from all over Sussex County that their schools are not being asked to take part in the tournament. Participation has dwindled to the point that Cape Henlopen seems to be the only school included. It is felt that if one of the main goals of Slam Dunk is to showcase Sussex County athletes, that is not happening. Mr. Long requested some assistance in seeing that at least two or three Sussex County schools are asked to participate in the Slam Dunk To The Beach Basketball Tournament each year.

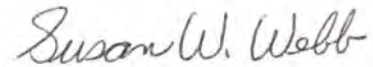
Mr. Stickels advised that with the adoption of the Sussex County Fiscal 2001 Budget, \$15,000 has been allocated to Slam Dunk To The Beach. However, the County's participation in the program is from an economic development standpoint, recognizing the benefits of the tournament to the eastern side of the County. It was the consensus of Council, nonetheless, that tournament officials be contacted and encouraged to invite participation from Sussex County schools in this yearly event.

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Adjourn

A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan W. Webb

Acting Clerk of the County Council