

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JULY 18, 2000

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 10:00 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
George B. Cole	Member
Finley B. Jones, Jr.	Member
Vance Phillips	Member
Robert L. Stickels	County Administrator
David Baker	Finance Director
Eugene Bayard	County Attorney

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

M 352 00 A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to approve
Approve the Agenda, as distributed.
Agenda

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 353 00 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve
Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2000 meeting, as distributed.
Minutes

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Corre- Mr. Bayard read the following correspondence:
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REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC., REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Sussex County Emergency Operations Center in appreciation of assistance with the July 2nd fireworks event.

LEWIS DAY.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Councilmanic Grant.

Corre-
spondence
(continued)

BRIDGEVILLE APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL, BRIDGEVILLE,
DELAWARE.

RE: Letter requesting funding for the Bridgeville Apple-Scrapple
Festival.

M 354 00
Authorize
Executive
Session

A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to
authorize an Executive Session to be held in the Caucus Room of the
Sussex County Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office
Building, Georgetown, Delaware, for the purpose of discussing
personnel.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Proposed
Procla-
mation

Mr. Stickels read a Proposed Proclamation recognizing Delaware's Small
Business Person of the Year - Ruth Ellen Miller, President of NoUVIR
Research, Inc. NoUVIR Research, Inc. manufactures fiber optic lighting
systems which are used to protect some of our nation's most important
exhibits in museums.

M 355 00
Adopt
Procla-
mation/
Ruth
Ellen
Miller

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Jones, to Adopt the
Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2000,
AS A DAY TO HONOR RUTH ELLEN MILLER".

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Library
Advisory
Board

Mr. Stickels advised that the term of Patricia Reichert on the Library
Advisory Board expired on June 30, 2000. Mrs. Reichert has completed
her second term and is not eligible for reappointment.

M 356 00
Appoint
Michelle
Roenke
to the
Library
Advisory
Board

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to appoint
Michelle Roenke to the Library Advisory Board for a term of three years.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Adminis-
trator's
Report
(continued)

In addition to the regular patrol hours, officers from Troop 4 participated in monthly meetings with Pollybranch neighborhood residents, Troop 7 Neighborhood Watch leaders, and the Strong Communities Initiative.

3. Sussex County Regional Planning Meeting

The next meeting of the Southeastern Regional Planning Group will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fenwick Island Town Hall. The southeastern planning area includes the towns of Dagsboro, Frankford, Selbyville, Fenwick, South Bethany, Bethany, Ocean View, Millville, and unincorporated areas. The purpose of the regional meetings is to assist the County's Planning Department with the development of the new Land Use Plan that is scheduled to be completed October 2002. All Regional Planning meetings are open to the media, as well as the public.

Location
of
Meetings

Mr. Phillips questioned whether the location of the meetings of the Southeastern Regional Planning Group should be rotated to encourage increased attendance from the western towns. It was the consensus of Council that the meetings are well attended.

Proposed
Resolution

Mr. Baker discussed resolutions authorizing four new bank accounts for the Community Development Block Grant programs.

M 357 00
Adopt
Resolution
No.
R 026 00
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A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to Adopt Resolution No. R 026 00 - A entitled "AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FROM FUNDS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON DEPOSIT WITH THE DELAWARE NATIONAL BANK BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF ANY TWO OF LYNN J. ROGERS, PRESIDENT; DALE R. DUKES, VICE PRESIDENT; OR D. B. BAKER, FINANCE DIRECTOR; AND A SIGNATURE MAY BE A FACSIMILE PROVIDED ONE LIVE SIGNATURE IS ON CHECK OR WITHDRAWAL".

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Abstention.

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

Bid
Results

Mr. Thomas, Director of Emergency Operations, reviewed the bids received for the Fire/EMS Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, as follows:

Bid
Results/
Computer
Aided
Dispatch
(CAD)
System

**Logistic Systems, Inc.
Missoula, Montana**

Proposed CAD System	\$ 458,745.00
Optional Purchase Items	<u>\$ 223,600.00</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 682,345.20

**IBM Corporation/New World Systems
Berkley Heights, New Jersey**

Proposed CAD System	\$ 964,107.00
Optional Purchase Items	<u>\$ 58,370.00</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$1,022,477.00

**Printrak International, Inc.
Anaheim, California**

Proposed CAD System	\$1,199,426.00
Optional Purchase Items	<u>\$ 350,144.00</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$1,549,570.00

**Tritech Software Solutions
San Diego, California**

Proposed CAD System	\$ 754,655.00
Optional Purchase Items	<u>\$ 222,309.00</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 976,964.00

All bids have been turned over to RCC Consultants who will in turn review all bids thoroughly. Mr. Thomas will report back to Council with a bid recommendation within thirty days.

Harbeson
Street-
lighting
District/
Change
in
Lighting

Mr. Archut, Assistant County Engineer, advised Council that a letter has been received from the Harbeson Streetlighting District requesting an upgrade to the streetlights from mercury vapor to high-pressure sodium. In 1996, the State took over the streetlights in the district which were located at the intersection of Routes 9 and 5, and upgraded the lights to high-pressure sodium. At that time, the residents of the district were not in favor of upgrading the other lights. Now the residents want to pursue the option of changing the lights. Currently, the annual cost per home is \$20.14; the upgrade will increase the annual cost per home to \$24.76.

M 358 00
Prepare
and Post
Notices/
Harbeson
Streetlighting
District

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, that the Sussex County Council has reviewed the estimated costs and assessments for the proposed modifications and authorizes the Sussex County Engineering Department to prepare and post notices for a Public Hearing to be held on August 22, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., to propose an upgrade to the nineteen streetlights in the Harbeson Streetlighting District, per the Sussex County Code, Section 95-7, as presented on July 18, 2000.

M 358 00
(continued)

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Plantation
Park/
Request
for
Petitions

Mr. Archut, Assistant County Engineer, discussed a request from the Plantation Park Homeowner's Association requesting petitions to submit the question of organizing a sanitary sewer district in the area. Mr. Archut advised that the County is looking at the potential for two sewer districts in this area. One of the areas is south of the town of Ocean View; this area would fill in between the Town of Ocean View, the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District, and the South Bethany Sanitary Sewer District. The County currently does not have a request from this area. The other area is located south of Bear Trap Dunes. There are several subdivisions in that area including Plantation Park I and II.

Mr. Archut advised that sanitary sewer service for this area was discussed in 1994. At that time, the cost of the project was a concern and there was no grant money available. Residents were not interested in proceeding with the project. Interest is now being expressed in sanitary sewer service for the area as grant money has been made available for Cedar Neck and Ocean View.

Mr. Stickels emphasized that the homeowners should base their decision on the project without grant funding as there are no assurances that grant funding will be available.

Mr. Archut reviewed the proposed boundaries for the project: Plantation Park I and II, Starlight Woods, adjacent lots, and smaller communities.

Once petitions have been returned, a public hearing will be scheduled and held.

Mr. Archut advised that Bear Trap Dunes will include a regional pumping station and a force main to the County's South Coastal Facilities. This will reduce the cost of this proposed sanitary sewer district project.

M 359 00
Approve
Preparation
of and
Circulation
of Petitions

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Cole, that the Sussex County Council approves the preparation and circulation of petitions to submit the question of organizing the Miller Creek Sanitary Sewer District to include Plantation Park I and II, George C. Moore, Malcom's Manor, Plantation Park Marina, lands of Harold E. Marvel, Starlight Woods, lands of Raymond Banks, Ocean Air, and Chevy Chase Subdivisions, to a vote of electors in that district.

M 359 00
(continued)

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Health
and
Safety
Related
Issues
Concerning
Abortions

Mr. Hank Myer discussed the Resolution the County Council adopted urging the Delaware General Assembly to review health and safety related issues concerning abortions in the State of Delaware. Mr. Myer advised that a Bill was drafted addressing these points; however, the Bill did not progress beyond committee. Mr. Myer further advised that the Resolution passed by Council has been forwarded to the Department of Health and Social Services. In addition, House Resolution No. 93 was passed by voice vote at the end of the spring sessions, requested the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services to review and summarize State regulatory provisions and public safety relating to surgical procedures which are performed in out-patient settings. The report is due to be released December 1, 2000.

M 360 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$200.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account to the Delaware State Police – Troop 7 for neighborhood watch programs.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 361 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to give \$300.00, \$200.00 from Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Account and \$100.00 from Mr. Phillips' Councilmanic Account, to the Sussex Central Football Boosters for the purchase of tee-shirts.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 362 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to give \$650.00 from Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Account to the Bridgeville Apple-Scrapple Festival for expenses.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

M 362 00
(continued)

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

M 363 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to give \$200.00 from Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Account to the Avalon Woods Homeowners Association for a neighborhood watch program.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 364 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to give \$200.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account to the Laurel Lions Club for repairs to the town clock.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Trap
Pond

Mr. Dukes advised that he is receiving a lot of correspondence from residents in the Trap Pond area in support of some type of water-theme park to attract families to the area since there is no swimming allowed. Mr. Dukes asked that Council support this initiative. Mr. Phillips expressed his concern that the area should not become too commercialized. Mr. Stickels advised that he will try to schedule a meeting with the following attendees: Mr. Dukes, Mr. Phillips, Senator Venables, and Representative Lee

M 365 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to give \$500.00 from Mr. Rogers' Councilmanic Account to the Slaughter Neck United Methodist Church for an improvement project to enlarge the church.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 366 00
Recess

At 11:15 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to recess and go into Executive Session. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

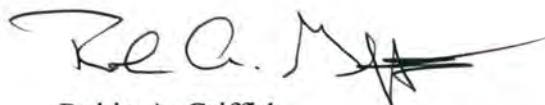
Executive Session

An Executive Session of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 11:20 a.m., in the Caucus Room of the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

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Dale R. Dukes	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
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Vance Phillips	Member
Robert L. Stickels	County Administrator
David Baker	Finance Director
Eugene Bayard	County Attorney
Dennis Cordrey	Personnel Director
Robert Reed	Sheriff

The Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel. The Executive Session concluded at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council