



SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDAS & MINUTES

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, AUGUST 18, 2009

**Call to
Order**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Vance Phillips	President
George B. Cole	Vice President
Joan R. Deaver	Councilwoman
Michael H. Vincent	Councilman
Samuel R. Wilson, Jr.	Councilman
David Baker	County Administrator
Susan M. Webb	Finance Director
Hal Godwin	Deputy Administrator
J. Everett Moore	County Attorney

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order.

**M 485 09
Amend
and
Approve
Agenda**

A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to amend the Agenda by deleting the following items under William Lecates, Director of Community Development and Housing:

1. Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update
2. Additional Funding for Community Development Rehabilitation Program;

and to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

Minutes

The minutes of August 11, 2009 was approved by consent.

Corre-

Mr. Moore read the following correspondence:

spondence

DAVE THOMAS, BETHANY PRESERVE, BETHANY BEACH, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter thanking the Building Code Department (Andy Wright, Acting Director) for “your quick attention to our problems concerning the Poolhouse/Community Room”.

**Corre-
spondence
(continued)**

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS SCIENCE & TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

RE: Invitation to a presentation on the existing and potential future land use in Sussex County at the next meeting of the Committee on Friday, August 21, 2009.

**Sussex
Conserva-
tion
District
Grant
Request**

Mr. Baker reported that the County has received a letter of request from the Sussex Conservation District and the State of Delaware for additional grant funds to be used for tax ditch projects. In previous years, a State grant for an additional \$100,000 was approved; however, it was contingent on a matching grant from the County. Mr. Baker advised that, this year, the State grant was again approved but it is not contingent on a matching grant from the County. Mr. Baker noted that the letters of request ask that the County consider matching the State’s \$100,000 grant. Mr. Baker reported that, this year, the County did not include the \$100,000 in the budget since the State had not yet approved the grant when the Budget Committee was preparing the budget.

Mr. Baker explained that the County is required by law to provide \$75,000 to the Sussex Conservation District, which is in the budget. In addition, the County provides additional grant funding for staffing costs, which is also in the budget. He noted that this request for funding is in addition to the funding already provided in the County’s budget.

Wendy Baker was present on behalf of the Sussex Conservation District Board of Supervisors to request that the Council consider its annual funding contribution of \$100,000 for tax ditch maintenance. She advised that the \$100,000 would be used as cost-share by over 100 tax ditch organizations in Sussex County. She noted that the tax ditch system in the County provides drainage to approximately 390 square miles (42%) of the County.

M 486 09

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to support the Sussex Conservation District and to continue the \$100,000 grant funding.

**Continue
Discussion/
Withdrawal
of Motion**

Mr. Phillips stated that, in accordance with decisions made during the budget approval process, it was determined that the intent of Administration is to consider additional funding requests later in the Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Deaver retracted her Second to Mr. Cole’s Motion.

M 487 09

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to amend the

Approve Contri- bution to Conser- vation District M 487 09 (continued)	<p>prior Motion (M 486 09) to approve a contribution of \$50,000 to the Sussex Conservation District for tax ditch programs and to revisit the request for additional funding at a later date.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea</p>
Federal Energy Grant	<p>Mr. Baker announced that Sussex County is one of the first 20 counties nationwide to be awarded a Federal Energy Grant. The grant funding is to be used to establish an energy efficiency and conservation strategy. Total grant funding could reach \$688,600. The first part of the grant is in the amount of \$40,000 and is to be used to hire a consultant to help the County develop an energy strategy and to determine what projects can be pursued to improve the County's energy efficiency. The next step is to solicit proposals for a consultant through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Mr. Baker reported that, by November 30, 2009, the County must submit another grant request for specific projects that will be determined with the help of the consultant.</p>
Dog Control Options	<p>Mr. Baker asked for direction from the Council in regards to dog control. The County will become responsible for dog control as of January 1, 2009. He noted that, due to this short time frame, it is important that the Council decide what direction the County will pursue, providing services in-house or outsourcing the program.</p> <p>Mr. Baker reported that in accordance with a consensus of the Council on August 4, 2009, the County is moving forward with providing dog licensing services in-house.</p> <p>Mr. Baker recommended that the County out-source dog control services for a period of one year, with two one-year extension options. This recommendation is due to the short time frame to develop a program and the substantial costs involved in establishing a dog control program.</p>
M 488 09 Authorize Preparation of RFPs for Dog Control Services	<p>A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, that the Sussex County Council authorizes the preparation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for dog control services for one year with two one-year extensions at the option of the Sussex County Council and that County staff will handle dog licensing in-house.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea</p>

**Adminis-
trator's
Report**

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

1. Delaware Solid Waste Authority Report

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

As per the attached notice from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, 23,992 pounds of recycled material was received during July at the Georgetown West Complex site.

2. Runway 10-28 Grand Opening

On August 25 at 1:00 p.m., a Grand Opening is scheduled for Runway 10-28, the new crosswind runway at the County's Georgetown Airport. This project funded with Federal, State, and County dollars will provide a new crosswind runway that replaces the smaller existing crosswind runway. We would like to invite the press and anyone else interested to attend this ceremony at the airport in Georgetown. The new runway became operational today.

3. American Association of Airport Executives – Jim Hickin

Mr. Jim Hickin, County Airport Director, completed a course this summer offered by the American Association of Airport Executives. We wish to congratulate Mr. Hickin on certification by this organization that he pursued on his own and at his own expense.

4. Beneficial Acceptance

The Engineering Department has granted Beneficial Acceptance to the following projects:

- The Meadows, Agreement No. 650, was granted Beneficial Acceptance on July 31, 2009. The developer is Jack Corrozi Builder, and the project is located on Reba Road in the Millville Expansion of the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District, consisting of 17 single-family homes.**
- Nassau Grove, L.L.C. – Phase 2, Agreement No. 511-1, was granted Beneficial Acceptance on August 3, 2009. The developer is K. Hovnanian Homes of Delaware, L.L.C., and the project is located southwest of the intersection of Route 1 and County Road 265 in the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District, consisting of 30 units, MR-RPC.**
- Coral Cay at Harmon Reach, a/k/a The Villas at Harmon Bay, a/k/a Harmon Bay (Revised), Agreement No. 575-1, was granted Beneficial Acceptance on August 12, 2009. The developer is Harmon Bay, L.L.C., and the project is located 4,963 feet**

southwest of the intersection of Road 273 and Route 1 in the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District, consisting of 32 single-family units.

(Attachments to the Administrator's Report are not attachments to these minutes.)

**M 489 09
Reimburse
Costs for
Course/
Jim
Hickin**

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to reimburse Jim Hickin, Director of Airport and Industrial Park Operations, for the cost of the course he took which was offered by the American Association of Airport Executives.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

**Draft
Ordinance/
Golf
Village SSD**

Mrs. Webb presented a draft ordinance establishing the annual assessment rate for the Golf Village Sanitary Sewer District (for collection, an assessment rate per billable front foot of \$1.79).

**Introduction
of Proposed
Ordinance**

Mr. Vincent introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE GOLF VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

**Local Law
Enforce-
ment
Grant
Request**

Mr. Godwin presented the following grant request through the Local Law Enforcement Grant program:

Town of Fenwick Island	\$15,000	Operational costs and safety equipment for new vehicle
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**M 490 09
Approve
Local Law
Enforce-
ment
Grant**

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, that the Sussex County Council approves a disbursement in the amount of \$15,000 from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program to the Town of Fenwick Island for operational and equipment expenses.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

**Lease
Agreement/
Bennett**

Mr. Hickin, Director of Airport and Industrial Park Operations, reported that the lease of Everett and James Bennett for Lot B at the Airport expired on August 9th. Mr. Hickin explained that the lease is a 25-year ground lease that originated with New Process Fibre Company, which was assigned to the Bennetts two years ago. One of the terms of the lease was that, at the

expiration of the lease, any improvements to the property would revert to the County; the improvement is a 2,500 square foot hangar. Mr. Hickin reported that the Bennetts wish to continue using the hangar and, in accordance with the Lease Assignment, if they wish to stay, they have to negotiate a new lease with the County and pay the rent that is applicable to similar properties at the Airport.

**Lease
Agreement/
Bennett
(continued)**

Mr. Hickin stated that he offered the Bennetts a one year renewable hangar lease at a rate of \$584.00 per month; however, the Bennetts turned that offer down since they want a longer term lease. Mr. Hickin noted that the problems with a long term lease are that this is a hangar lease and the lot and adjacent lots are under-utilized.

Mr. Hickin advised that the Bennetts have expressed an interest in developing this property for the County and they have requested a six month lease at \$750.00 to allow time for them to prepare a development proposal.

**M 491 09
Authorize
Lease
Agreement/
Bennett**

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, that the Sussex County Council authorizes the Council President to execute a new six month Hangar Lease Agreement with Everett and James Bennett under the same financial terms of their Lease Agreement that expired on August 9, 2009; the new lease terms are to include the development proposal requirements presented by Jim Hickin, Director, Sussex County Airport and Industrial Park.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

**Proposed
Sewer
Agreement/
The
Vineyards,
Sandbar
Village &
Sussex
West**

Michael Izzo, County Engineer, presented a Proposed Agreement between Sussex County and three developments along Route 9, The Vineyards, Sandbar Village, and Sussex West. The purpose of the Agreement is to perform certain sewer improvements along Route 9 which is needed due to insufficient capacity for the proposed growth in the area.

Mr. Izzo explained that, given the financial climate, the developer of The Vineyards has stated that it is difficult to come up with major funding at the beginning of the project to fund sewer improvements. It is being proposed that temporary connections be allowed since there is some capacity available (300 EDUs for The Vineyards, 20 EDUs for Sandbar Village and 25 units for Sussex West.

Mr. Izzo explained that, in accordance with the Proposed Agreement, as these units connect to the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District, transmission fees will be collected and placed in an escrow account. When The Vineyards reaches 300 EDUs or some other time in the future, the County will take the collected funds and go to the

developer of The Vineyards at which time and in accordance with the Proposed Agreement, they will bid out the sewer line improvements.

**M 492 09
Approve
Agreement/
The
Vineyards,
Sandbar
Village,
Sussex
West**

A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Cole, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that the Sussex County Council approves the Agreement with The Vineyard Communities, LLC, Sandbar Village, LLC, and Sussex West, LLC to design, construct and fund certain upgrades to the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District and to further establish an escrow account to receive the transmission portion of the system connection charges collected with said Agreement, subject to the approval to form by the Assistant County Attorney.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Nay.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Nay; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

**Sussex
County
and
City of
Rehoboth
Joint
Sewer
Project**

Mr. Izzo, County Engineer, and Dennis Hasson of Whitman, Requardt & Associates presented a Regional Planning Report to assess a joint Sussex County and City of Rehoboth land application project. Their power point presentation reviewed the alternatives and costs for the City of Rehoboth and the County for the North Coastal Planning Area (Inland Bays and Wolf Neck Regional Wastewater Facilities):

Alternative #1A – Raw wastewater to Wolfe Neck Regional Wastewater Facility with treatment at the Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility.

Alternative #1B – Raw wastewater to Wolfe Neck Regional Wastewater Facility with treatment at a private service provider.

Alternative #2A – Treated effluent to Wolfe Neck Regional Wastewater Facility with treatment at the Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility.

Alternative #2B – Treated effluent to Wolfe Neck Regional Wastewater Facility with treatment at a private service provider.

Alternative #3 – Separate treatment and disposal.

The presentation included flow schematics for each of the alternatives and preliminary user rates for Dewey Beach, Henlopen Acres, and Rehoboth Beach.

In response to questions raised by the Council, Mr. Izzo stated that Alternative No. #2A is best for the County and Alternative No. 3 is best for

the City of Rehoboth.

**Sussex
County
and
City of
Rehoboth
Joint
Sewer
Project
(continued)**

Sam Cooper, Mayor of the City of Rehoboth, stated that the flows from Dewey Beach and Henlopen Acres are approximately 40 percent of the flows to the City of Rehoboth's wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Cooper stated that both the County and the City are looking for the most cost effective alternative. In response to questions from the Council, he stated that his preference is the Ocean Outfall and that this matter has not yet been taken to the City Council.

Mr. Izzo stated that on June 3, 2009, the County Council voted to support spray irrigation (Joint Sussex County/Rehoboth Spray Irrigation).

Mr. Baker stated that there is a \$10 million capital cost differential for the County to send excess flow from West Rehoboth to the Inland Bays. Mr. Cole suggested that the County seek additional grant funding for this option since the County has been planning for this alternative for years.

In regards to the Ocean Outfall option, Mr. Izzo reported that \$75 million of the \$92 million is the County's cost share.

Mr. Phillips referenced the \$28 million in land purchases the County has made over the past years for spray irrigation purposes and the \$900,000 design contract which was recently approved for the expansion of these facilities. Mr. Phillips stated that the only missing element is a RFP, which would have provided up-to-date figures.

Mr. Izzo responded that a Motion was previously passed by the Council to authorize County staff to issue a RFP for cost alternatives for wastewater treatment and disposal services for the Wolfe Neck Treatment Facility and the City of Rehoboth. Mr. Izzo stated that without knowing whether or not the City of Rehoboth is part of this process, the RFP option could not be advanced.

Mr. Vincent stated that the County needs to do the least costly alternative for its users.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Council would consider this matter at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Izzo stated that the Engineering Department needs direction from the County Council and the City of Rehoboth.

**Milton
Library
Project**

Russell Archut, Project Coordinator, presented Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$500.00 to a contract with Studio JAED for the Milton Library Project, Second Floor Completion.

**M 493 09
Approve**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department and its

C/O for Milford Library Project **Consultant, Studio JAED, that Change Order No. 3 for Sussex County Project No. 07-04, Milton Library Second Floor Completion, be approved, which increases the Contract amount by \$500.00 to \$723,957.00.**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

M 493 09 (continued) **Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

Golf Village SSD **Brad Hawkes, Director of Utility Engineering, presented a request from A.P. Croll & Son, Inc. for Substantial Completion for the Golf Village Sanitary Sewer District Project.**

M 494 09 Grant Substantial Completion/ Golf Village SSD **A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, based upon the recommendation of the Engineering Consultants, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, and the County Engineering Department, that the Sussex County Council grant Substantial Completion, effective July 28, 2009, for Sussex County Contract No. 08-05, Golf Village Sanitary Sewer District to A.P. Croll & Son, Inc. and that final payment be made and any held retainage be released in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents.**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

Fenwick Island SSD Pump Station 31/ C/O **Brad Hawkes, Director of Utility Engineering, presented a Balancing Change Order in the amount of \$2,060.00 for the Fenwick Island Sanitary Sewer District, Pump Station No. 31 Improvements. The Balancing Change Order, which decreases the Contract amount to \$294,700.00 is for final quantity adjustments and the close-out of the Contract.**

M 495 09 Approve Balancing C/O for Fenwick Island SSD Pump Station 31 **A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department and its Consultant, Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP, that the Balancing Change Order for Sussex County Contract No. 08-04, Pump Station 31 Improvements, with Hopkins Construction, Inc. be approved, which decreases the Contract by the amount of \$2,060.00 for a new Contract total of \$294,700.00; that Substantial Completion is granted effective June 30, 2009; and that final payment be made and any held retainage be released in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract documents.**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;**

Mr. Phillips, Yea

Angola Neck SSD/ Bid Award M 496 09 Award Bid for Angola Neck SSD

Brad Hawkes, Director of Utility Engineering, presented the bid results and recommendation for the Angola Neck Sanitary Sewer District, Contract No. 09-08. Mr. Hawkes noted that there will be a total of five contracts bid for this project.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Vincent, based upon the recommendation of the Engineering Consultants, Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP, and the Engineering Department, that Sussex County Project No. 09-08, Angola Neck Sanitary Sewer District – Angola Road, Camp Arrowhead Road, Pump Station 315 and 316, be awarded to American Paving of Eden, Maryland, at the Alternate Bid Two amount of \$4,377,901.60, contingent upon the receipt of approval from the funding agencies.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

Requests

Mrs. Webb presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.

M 497 09 Community Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Cole's Community Grant Account to the Town of Dewey Beach for planting trees and flowers along Coastal Highway.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

Jane Hovington, Project Director for Shechinah, Inc., presented a funding request for their Prison Recidivism Program.

M 498 09 Community Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to give \$1,250.00 (\$250.00 from each Community Grant Account) to Shechinah, Inc. for their Prison Recidivism Program.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea**

Barbara Vaughn, Councilwoman, Lewes City Council, was present and spoke in support of the City's proposal to declare the parks, playgrounds and possibly the beaches smoke-free.

M 499 09 Community Grant **A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to give \$2,000.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Community Grant Account to the City of Lewes for cigarette butt chimneys and No Smoking signs.**

M 499 09 (continued) **Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.**
Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

M 500 09 Community Grant **A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$250.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Community Grant Account to the Victory & Praise Worship Center for the purchase of school supplies for their Back to School Celebration.**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.
Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

M 501 09 Community Grant **A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$200.00 (\$100.00 each from Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Phillips' Community Grant Accounts) to the Sussex Central Wrestling Boosters for operating costs.**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.
Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

There was no additional business.

M 502 09 Go Into Executive Session **At 5:02 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to recess the Regular Session and to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion Pending/Potential Litigation and Land Acquisition**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.
Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

Executive Session **At 5:04 p.m., an Executive Session of the Sussex County Council was held in the Caucus Room of the Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing Pending/Potential Litigation and Land Acquisition. The Executive Session concluded at 5:25 p.m.**

M 503 09
Reconvene
Regular
Session **At 5:26 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the Regular Session.**
Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

M 503 09
(continued) **Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;**
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

Proposal/
Sussex
County
Land
Trust and
The Nature
Con-
servancy **Mr. Baker reported that the County has received a proposal from the Sussex County Land Trust to consider contributing towards the purchase of a property to be owned by The Nature Conservancy. The 30± acre parcel would be an addition to the Nature Conservancy's Middleford North Preserve. The property is located at the headwaters of the Nanticoke River and is a high priority site for the protection of plants and animals. Mr. Baker noted that The Nature Conservancy is requesting 50 percent of the cost of the purchase price, which is \$58,325.00.**

Wendy Baker of the Sussex County Land Trust and Kate Hackett of The Nature Conservancy presented their preservation partnership proposal.

M 504 09
Authorize
Funding for
Purchase
of Land/
The
Nature
Con-
servancy **A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, that the Sussex County Council authorizes \$58,325.00 towards the cost of 30± acres of land adjacent to the Middleford North Preserve to be preserved as open space.**
Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.
Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea;
Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea

M 505 09
Adjourn **A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the Council