

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Call to Order      The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	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 396 96      A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Amend and Adopt Agenda      amend the Agenda by striking "CoreStates - Repurchase Agreement" and to adopt the Agenda, as amended.  
Motion Adopted:    4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 397 96      A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Approve Minutes      approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 17, 1996. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre-      Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence: spondence

JAMES D. GRIFFIN, ATTORNEY FOR MULLIGAN'S RESTAURANT & SPORTS PUB OF DELAWARE, INC., GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter advising Council of the restaurant's intent to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

BEN COTTRELL, IV, PRESIDENT, DELMARVA WATER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, INC., SALISBURY, MARYLAND.  
RE: Invitation to attend the next Delmarva Water Transport Committee General Membership Meeting which will be held at Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Secretary, Maryland, on Friday, October 18, 1996.

BETTY GOLDBACH, DEVRIES BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, LEWES, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter advising Council of this year's celebration of National Business Women's Week and inviting Council to attend a dinner on October 1, 1996, honoring the 1996 Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year.

JEFF DOLBY, LAUREL LIONS CLUB, LAUREL, DELAWARE.  
RE: Letter asking that Council proclaim October 11, 12, and

Corre- 13 as Lions Vision Days in Sussex County and requesting that  
spondence Council financially support their fundraising campaign "Vision  
(con't) Days".

JOAN N. LARRIVEE, DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER,  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, DOVER, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter responding to Council's request for approval of  
certain changes to the rehabilitation plans for the former  
Georgetown Post Office building.

DUKES FAMILY, LAUREL, DELAWARE.

RE: Thank you card in appreciation of the bibles donated in  
Silas Dukes' memory.

SELBYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SELBYVILLE, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Mr. Cole in appreciation of his donation to the  
library's building/repair fund.

Reloca- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, informed Council of the  
tion schedule the County will follow in its relocation from the  
Schedule Courthouse to the new County Administrative Office Building.  
to New County Administration and staff will move on October 31st and  
County November 1st; the rest of the County staff will move on  
Adminis- November 21st and 22nd. Mr. Stickels requested permission  
trative to close County Offices on November 21st and 22nd as the  
Office County would not be functionable to the public during the  
Building time that the move will actually take place. Mr. Stickels  
emphasized that all employees will report to work on these  
dates (with the exception of vacation/sick time).

M 398 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Benson,  
Authorize to authorize the closing of County offices on November 21st  
Closing and 22nd, 1996, for the purpose of relocating to the new  
of County Administrative Office Building.

County Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.  
Offices

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

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

1. Troop 4 Status Report - Month of August

The following hours of duty and enforcement were compiled  
by the uniformed patrol officers of Troop 4, Georgetown,  
Delaware, during the month of August 1996:

Total Hours on Duty	3,418.00
Hours Assisted Other Agencies	149.50
Total Traffic Arrests	858

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trator's  
Report  
(con't)

Total DUI Arrests	25
Accident Reports:	
Property Damage	60
Personal Injury	<u>26</u>
Total Accident Reports	86
Criminal Arrests:	
Felony	33
Misdemeanor	<u>91</u>
Total Criminal Arrests	124
Total 10-29 P's (wanted persons)	54
Total Number of Complaints	786

2. Planning and Zoning Workshop

The Planning and Zoning Commission has requested that the Public Workshop originally scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 1996, be rescheduled to Wednesday, October 30, 1996. The meeting will be held in the Court of Common Pleas, Courthouse, The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, at 7:30 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has left the record open from the Public Hearing that was held on Thursday, September 19, 1996, until the close of business on Friday, October 11, 1996.

3. Sussex County Administrative Building West Complex Open House

The Sussex County Council will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, at the Sussex County Administrative Building West Complex located on DuPont Highway, Georgetown, Delaware, at 1:00 p.m. Following the Ribbon Cutting, there will be a tour of the offices of Economic Development, Emergency Medical Services, and County Library Administration. The Open House will be from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. The public is encouraged to attend this Open House.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Baker discussed a Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SUSSEX COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF THE OCEAN WAY ESTATES EXPANSION OF THE BETHANY BEACH SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH". The Proposed Ordinance would authorize a loan for the cost of the construction and equipping of the Ocean Way Estates Expansion of the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District. The forty year loan would be with the Rural Development Administration in the amount of \$463,000; at a 4.5% interest rate; with quarterly payments of \$6,253.00.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Benson introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SUSSEX COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF THE OCEAN WAY ESTATES EXPANSION OF THE BETHANY BEACH SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for a Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m. on October 15, 1996.

Street-lighting District/ Nanticoke Estates Mr. Izzo, Acting County Engineer, and Ms. Deptula of the County's Public Works Division, advised Council of a letter that has been received petitioning Council to begin the process of forming a streetlighting district for the Rivershore Drive/ Riverview Circle section of the Nanticoke Estates subdivision off River Road, west of Blades.

M 399 96 Authorize Circulation of Petitions for Proposed Street-lighting District in Nanticoke Acres A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, that the Sussex County Engineering Department has verified that the subdivision known as Nanticoke Estates, satisfies the criteria of a suburban community, as defined in Paragraph 95-1 of the County Code; therefore, the Sussex County Council authorizes the circulation of petitions which seek to obtain estimates of costs and charges for streetlighting, for the purpose of establishing a streetlighting district for those properties abutting Rivershore Drive and/or Riverview Circle.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Change Order/ New County Administrative Office Building Mr. Archut, Director of Planning and Permits, and Mr. Clendaniel of R. Calvin Clendaniel Associates, discussed Change Order No. 8 to the new County Administrative Office Building Contract. Change Order No. 8, in the amount of \$25,810.45, includes the installation of sprinklers above the first floor ceiling and the second floor ceiling in the old Post Office building for fire protection purposes, the installation of drywall above the third floor ceiling in the new building for fire protection purposes, and other miscellaneous items. Council members expressed concern over the high cost of installing drywall above the third floor ceiling in the new building.

M 400 96 Approve Change Order No. 8/ New Administrative Building A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Benson, based on the recommendation of the Architect, R. Calvin Clendaniel Associates, and the County Engineering Department, that the Sussex County Council approves Change Order No. 8, in an amount not to exceed \$25,810.45, with the dry-wall portion to be done on time and material, to the County Administrative Office Building Contract, with no additional time required at this time, and with the approval being subject to Rural Development's approval.

M 400 96 Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.  
(con't)

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

M 401 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Stevenson,  
Council- to give \$500.00, \$250.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account  
manic and \$250.00 from Mr. Stevenson's Councilmanic Account, to the  
Grant Milford Parks and Recreation Department for the Youth Basket-  
ball Program.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 402 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to  
Council- give \$500.00 from Mr. Benson's Councilmanic Account to the  
manic Milton Parks and Recreation Division for the Milton Youth  
Grant Soccer Program.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

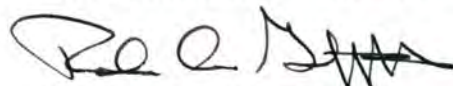
M 403 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to  
Council- give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account to the  
manic Boys & Girls Club of Western Sussex for the building project.  
Grant

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 404 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to  
Adjourn adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council