

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL-GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE-OCTOBER 8, 1991

Call to  
Order

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
Ralph E. Benson	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
George J. Collins	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 430 91  
Approval  
of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre-  
spondence

President Dukes had received a copy of a newspaper article from Bridgeville with a notation that it be kept on file for future use. The article addressed propane storage tank farms. After review, it will be placed in the Planning and Zoning files. There was no additional correspondence.

Research  
and Educa-  
tion  
Center -  
Substation

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, introduced Mr. Mark Isaacs, Acting Director, University of Delaware Research and Education Center [Substation]. Mr. Jay Windsor, Sussex County Agricultural Extension Agent and County Coordinator, and Mr. Edward Ralph, Assistant to the President, were also in attendance. Mr. Isaacs briefly summarized the relatively new administrative changes that have taken place at the Substation, the University of Delaware and the School of Agriculture. There is a strong commitment on the part of these people to increase the presence of the University to Sussex County residents. A committee has been formulated to evaluate goals and make long-range plans to better serve the County and increase academic potential for students.

In addition, Mr. Isaacs thanked Council for the financial support they have provided the Substation over the years. The support has greatly helped in strengthening their services and has provided for higher quality programs. They look forward to working cooperatively with the Council in the years ahead.

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Research  
and Educa-  
tion  
Center -  
Substation  
(Con't.)

A check in the amount of \$79,269, designated in the FY-92 Budget for Agricultural Extension Work, was presented by President Dukes to Mr. Isaacs, Acting Director of the Research and Education Center (Substation). It was emphasized by President Dukes that the grant was made possible by Sussex County taxes and it was the intent of the Council that it be used only for Sussex County programs.

Proposed  
Proclama-  
tion

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read a Proposed Proclamation in its entirety relating to proclaiming October 19, 1991 as "Lions Candy Day" in Sussex County. This is the Lions' primary fund raising activity and is designated for sight projects, with the major portion of the contributions earmarked for the Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc.

M 431 91  
Adopt  
Proclama-  
tion

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 19, 1991, AS LIONS CANDY DAY IN SUSSEX COUNTY." Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 432 91  
Grant -  
Lions  
Candy  
Day

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, that the Sussex County Council authorize the distribution of \$200 from the Grant Fund to District 22 Lions for support of "Lions Candy Day" to be held October 19, 1991. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Emergency  
Operations  
Center -  
Encoder

Mr. Edward Carey, Emergency Operations Director, reviewed a summary of work that has been taking place at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center. In 1987 a three phase plan was introduced to improve radio communications problems. The request today focused on consideration being given for the purchase of an integrated home alarm/siren encoder. This purchase would complete the second phase of the plan. Mr. Wally Evans, Call Board Committee Co-Chairman, and Mr. Glenn Gillespie, Deputy Chief Dispatcher, were present and endorsed the proposal. In addition, the recommended system has been discussed with the Paramedic Director and he too is in agreement with Mr. Carey's recommendation.

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M 433 91  
Authori-  
zation  
for Bids -  
Encoder

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the Sussex County Council authorize the solicitation of bids for an integrated home alarm/siren encoder. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Art  
Purchase  
Awards

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, distributed a list of the Sussex County Council Art Purchase Awards for the 11th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition. This annual event featuring Sussex County artists is sponsored by the Sussex County Arts Council. The winners of this year's Council Purchase Awards are:

"Brandywine Shoales" - Vaya Wissman  
"Cannonball House" Lewes - Lois Lantz  
"Delaware Breakwater Low Tide" - Bud Graves  
"Lewes Harbor" - Kitty Lawlor  
"Trap Pond" - Toni Brittingham

Councilman Cole made the suggestion that the County Administrator seek the help of local art teachers in making the Arts Council Purchase Awards in the future.

Adminis-  
trator's  
Report

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, reviewed the following information included in his Administrator's Report:

1. Subdivision Approval - On Thursday, September 26, 1991, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved Oakmont Estates Subdivision - 179.5 (plus or minus) acres were subdivided into 105 AR-1 lots. All properties will be serviced with on-site septic systems and on-site wells. The Department of Natural Resources and the State Fire Marshal's Office did not require this subdivision to have a central water system. The State Fire Marshal's Office will require dwellings of less than 3,000 square feet to have a 30 foot separation between dwellings. Single family dwellings in excess of 3,000 square feet, or three floors high, or 35 feet in height shall be required to have a 50 foot separation between dwellings. Fire department access shall be provided in such a manner so that fire apparatus will be able to be located within 100 feet of the front door of each single family dwelling.

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(Con't.)

A request was made by Councilman Cole that a Proposed Ordinance be drafted amending the Subdivision Ordinance that would place limitations on the number of lots that could be created without the establishment of a central water system within a subdivision. The County Administrator was directed to have the Proposed Ordinance prepared for introduction.

2. Lieutenant Governor's Outstanding Adult/Family Literacy Awards Ceremony - The Sussex County Department of Libraries' program, Parents Actively Reading to Youths, was one of two programs in the State cited for outstanding achievement incentives on Monday, October 7, 1991, by the Lieutenant Governor's State Review Panel. Parents Actively Reading to Youths is a parent/child program that encourages parental involvement in reading related activities with their children. It provides parents with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their local library. Goals of the program include (1) giving parents confidence to share books with their children, (2) familiarizing parents with the library and promoting future library use, (3) sparking children's interest in stories to increase their desire to hear more, and (4) encouraging the building of home libraries. Carol Fitzgerald, Director of County Libraries, and Christel Shumate, Literacy Coordinator, are to be complimented for the fine work they have done with this program.
3. Clerk of the County Council - Mrs. Doris E. Rogers has announced that she will be resigning her position as Clerk of the County Council effective December 31, 1991. The Sussex County Personnel Department will be accepting applications until November 1, 1991 for this position.

Proposed  
Ordinance

Mr. Archut, Planning and Permits Division Director, and Mr. Richard Berl, Attorney at Law, reviewed a Proposed Ordinance relating to absentee balloting in Sussex County Sanitary Sewer and Water District elections.

Intro-  
duction of  
Proposed  
Ordinance

President Dukes introduced Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTING IN SUSSEX COUNTY SANITARY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT ELECTIONS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF." The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

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M 434 91  
Council-  
manic  
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to give \$500, from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account, to Laurel Little League to help with expenses to purchase property and build their new complex. Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Good  
Humor  
Award

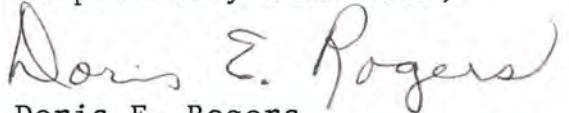
Mrs. Til Purnell requested time to give an award to Councilman Stevenson. She prefaced the "Anti-Incinerator Award" with the hope that it would be taken as it was given, in good humor. The award included a quart of Mrs. Purnell's canned tomatoes plus the reading of the following poem she had written.

Bill has the solution to landfill pollution,  
That wives in this land stay home and can!  
I obeyed, I was smart, now I've done my part,  
I've pickled and canned and jellied and jammed.  
No need to tolerate a nasty new incinerator!

M 435 91  
Adjourn

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Doris E. Rogers  
Clerk of the County Council