

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, OCTOBER 8, 1996

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, October 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
George J. Collins	Vice President
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 425 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to Adopt the Agenda.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 426 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to Approve Minutes approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated October 1, 1996. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:

THOMAS A. GRAVES, JR., DELAWARE ARTS STABILIZATION FUND CAMPAIGN, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of the funds Council has appropriated in the FY '97 budget for the Delaware Arts Stabilization Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DOVER, DELAWARE.

RE: Public Notice regarding proposed changes to its hazardous waste post-closure permit for Site WP-21.

FOSTER AND PAMELA HOFFMAN, REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter advising Council that restaurants in Oak Bluffs Harbor in Massachusetts (Martha's Vineyard) include a statement on their menus advising "Due to the septic crisis in the Town of Oak Bluffs, we are forced to impose a \$.50 fee per guest check". The letter suggests that this could be implemented in Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey Beach to help defray some of the sewer fee costs.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes/ George-town Mr. Pepper, Mayor of the Town of Georgetown, and Mr. Coyman, Town Manager of the Town of Georgetown, were present to accept from Council a check in the amount of \$5,000 representing payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Stickels, County

Payment in Lieu of Taxes/ Town of Georgetown Administrator, advised that expansion needs have resulted in the County purchasing properties in the Town of Georgetown. These purchases have resulted in a loss of revenue to the Town of Georgetown. As part of a cooperative effort between the County Council and the Town of Georgetown, Council agreed to pay \$5,000 to the Town of Georgetown as payment in lieu of taxes.

Laurel Lions Club Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed a letter from the Laurel Lions Club asking for Council's support of their fundraising campaign "Lions Vision Days".

M 427 96 Adopt Proclamation "Lions Vision Days" A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 11, 12, & 13, 1996, AS 'LIONS VISION DAYS' IN SUSSEX COUNTY".  
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.  
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea; Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 428 96 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$200.00, \$100.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account and \$100.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account, to the Laurel Lions Club for the Low Vision Research and Development Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute, with the check to be made payable to L.V.R.F.  
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.  
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea; Mr. Dukes, Yea

Local Law Enforcement Program Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that no action was taken following the Public Hearing held on October 1, 1996, regarding the applications for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance.

M 429 96 Authorize Expenditures for Local Law Enforcement Program A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, that the County Council authorizes the expenditures for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program, totalling \$90,820.96, as presented on October 1, 1996.  
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.  
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea; Mr. Dukes, Yea

Grant/  
Sussex  
Conser-  
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District

Mr. Buehl, District Coordinator of the Sussex Conservation District, and Mr. Vanderwende, Chairman of the Sussex Conservation District, were in attendance to accept from Council a grant in the amount of \$75,000. Mr. Buehl stated that the funds will be used to assist with drainage projects throughout Sussex County; to assist in maintenance and construction costs of tax ditches; to replace deteriorated crossing pipes; to help repair eroded ditch banks; to help with educational events; to distribute information; and to demonstrate new technologies. This \$75,000 grant will be matched by the State of Delaware.

Change  
Orders/  
County  
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trative  
Office  
Building

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised Council of three change orders that he has approved in accordance with a Change Order Procedure adopted by Council on August 13, 1996. The change orders are as follows:

Change Order No. 9 - \$ 953.35

Reconfigure rainwater draining system serving windows on post office.

Change Order No. 10 - \$1,222.45

Relocate six heat pumps as requested by the County's Maintenance Department.

Change Order No. 11 - \$1,178.75

Reconfigure base connection of two bent beams in Stairs A and B.

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Report

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

1. Sussex County Council Art Purchase Awards

The following works of art have been selected for the 1996 Art Purchase Award Program in coordination with the Sussex County Arts Council:

- A. "Scotch Golfer" - Robert Larkin;
- B. "Garden" - Laura Hickman;
- C. "Apple Blossom" - Waya Wissman;
- D. "Gathering Blueberries" - Paulina L. End.

These works of art are currently being displayed in the Theater Lobby, Delaware Technical and Community College, until the end of October.

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2. Government Office Closing

Sussex County government offices will be closed Monday, October 14, 1996, to allow employees to observe Columbus Day. County offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 1996.

3. Telephone Outage

Mr. Stickels wanted to publicly thank the Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance on Saturday, October 5, and Sunday, October 6, 1996. As a result of a construction accident, 1,500 homes in the Millsboro area were left without telephone service. The loss of telephone service obviously resulted in residents not having 911 calling capabilities. To help reduce response time, the Stockley paramedic officers were relocated to the Millsboro Fire Station. The cooperation between the Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company and the paramedic unit was helpful in assuring residents that they would get quick response should an emergency arise.

4. Land Use Plan Workshop

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be conducting a Public Workshop on Thursday, October 17, 1996. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Court of Common Pleas in the Courthouse on The Circle in Georgetown. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss written input the Commission has received regarding the Public Hearing held in September. This workshop will be in addition to the workshop that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 1996.

Bids/  
Window  
Treat-  
ments

Mrs. Webb, Director of Accounting, advised Council that on Monday, October 7, 1996, bids were opened for the window treatments in the new County Administrative Office Building. The bids were as follows:

Draperies, Inc., Milford, Delaware	\$31,100.00
Savannah Road Fabricating Lewes, Delaware	\$31,400.00
Affordable Elegance Seaford, Delaware	\$32,624.11

Following a review of the bids, it was recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Draperies, Inc. Mrs. Webb noted that Ms. Massey, the County's design consultant, will oversee the installation of the window treatments.

M 430 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, that Award Bid/ Window Treat- ments the Sussex County Council hereby approves awarding the contract to Draperies, Etc. for window treatments in the new County Administrative Office Building in an amount not to exceed \$31,100.00.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Proposal to Enhance Computer Upgrade Mrs. Smith, Director of Data Processing, advised Council that the Data Processing Division is prepared to purchase the hardware upgrade to the County's computer system, as authorized by Council on August 27, 1996. This upgrade, at a cost of \$32,500, was purchased to accomodate a new accounting software package. Mrs. Smith requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Systems Software Technology to enhance the upgrade at a cost of \$14,672. Enhancements would include Raid, an internal back-up system; Migration, for the transferring of data from the old system to the new system; UPS, uninterrupted power supply; diskette drive, for the transferring of files; and an 8 MM tape drive, for unattended back-up. Mrs. Smith noted that the total cost of the enhancements will be paid out of revenues generated by the Data Processing Division.

M 431 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, that Authorize Proposal to Enhance Computer Upgrade the Sussex County Council hereby authorizes an additional \$14,672 to be spent to enhance the upgrade to the County's computer system.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Cost Estimate Report/ Proposed Possum Point Sanitary Sewer District Mr. Archut, Director of Planning and Permits, and Mr. McCabe of the Engineering Department were in attendance to present to Council cost estimates for the Proposed Possum Point Sanitary Sewer District. As directed by Council, the Engineering Department has prepared a table top study estimating the cost for providing sanitary sewer service. It was anticipated that wastewater from this area would be treated at the Town of Millsboro's existing wastewater treatment plant. This alternative resulted in a high annual service charge due to the requirement to pay out-of-town rates. A second alternative was evaluated assuming wastewater treatment at the County's existing Piney Neck Wastewater Treatment Facility. This resulted in higher pipeline construction costs due to the longer distance to

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the treatment facility; wastewater treatment costs, however, were reduced. The cost estimates provided assume financing the project with a low interest loan through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Service. This is a relatively small project and there should be sufficient funds in the State of Delaware's allocation to finance the project.

Waste-water Facility Planning Grant/ Proposed Ellendale Sanitary Sewer District

Mr. Archut, Director of Planning and Permits, and Mr. McCabe of the Engineering Department discussed an application for a Wastewater Facility Planning Grant in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the Proposed Ellendale Sanitary Sewer District. This amount is fifty percent of the cost. Mr. Archut advised that the potential cost of this project and its impact on the residents and property owners of Ellendale has been a major concern. The Engineering Department has investigated many different alternatives to determine the most cost-effective means of serving the area; the Town of Milton has recently been identified as another potentially cost-effective and feasible wastewater treatment alternative that the Engineering Department wants to evaluate. Mr. Archut asked for Council's authorization to make application for the Grant and to pursue the Milton Alternative Planning Project. A Proposed Resolution was read for Council's consideration.

M 432 96 Adopt Resolution No. R 021 96

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt Resolution No. R 021 96 entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MILTON ALTERNATIVE PLANNING PROJECT AND GRANT REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED ELLENDALE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT."

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Bid Report/ Laurel Landfill Site Care

Mr. Izzo, Acting County Engineer, and Mr. McCabe of the Engineering Department reported on bids received for Sussex County Project Number 96-11, Laurel Landfill Site Care:

Edward J. Kaye Construction, Inc.	\$ 74,928.88
A.P. Croll & Sons, Inc.	\$ 105,895.00
David G. Horsey & Sons, Inc.	\$ 110,599.88
Daisy Construction, Inc.	\$ 125,715.00
Melvin L. Joseph Construction	\$ 150,755.00
Barbella Environmental Technology	\$ 193,730.00

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The Engineering Department recommends that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Edward J. Kaye Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$74,928.88.

M 433 96  
Award  
Bid/  
Laurel  
Landfill  
Site  
Care

A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, that Sussex County Project Number 96-11, Laurel Landfill Site Care, be awarded Edward J. Kaye Construction, Inc. at the contract amount of \$74,928.88, as referenced on the bid form dated October 7, 1996.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 434 96  
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Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to give \$300.00, \$150.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account and \$150.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account, to Charity Lodge No. 27 to provide financial support so that they can continue their program of lending hospital and sick room equipment.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

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A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$250.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the Millsboro Little League, Inc. for operating expenses.

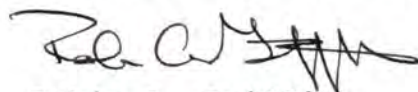
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 436 96  
Adjourn

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council