

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, OCTOBER 22, 1996

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, October 22, 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 455 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt 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 456 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, Approve Minutes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated October 15, 1996. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

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

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.
RE: Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning the issuance of a Department of the Army permit. (Applicant: Ronald Ritthaler. Waterway: Lewes and Rehoboth Canal)

REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.
RE: Invitation to the 1996 Rehoboth Beach Hometown Christmas Parade.

GUY N. LONGO, MAYOR, CITY OF SEAFORD, SEAFORD, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter in appreciation of Mr. Dukes' donation of \$1,000.00 to the Nanticoke Little League Football Association.

RONNELL S. BEAL, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, HARDWARE DIVISION, ORGILL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.
RE: Letter in appreciation of information received on Sussex County.

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE OF DELAWARE, DOVER, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter responding to Mr. Stickels' letter of October 2, 1996 to David Hugg relating the action of the County Council regarding an extension of the deadline for completion of the

(con't) County Comprehensive Plan. The letter advises that the request will be honored.

Sussex County Specialized Transportation Program (CHEER) Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed the \$50,000 budget shortfall reported by Sussex County Senior Services, Inc. (CHEER). Mr. Stickels reported that he has received notification that the Delaware Transit Corporation will waive, for Fiscal Year '97, the 10% Administrative and 2% Overhead cap for Sussex County Senior Services, Inc. The new limits for Fiscal Year '97 are 15% Administrative and 8% Overhead; these new limits are permitted in accordance with policy. Mr. Stickels reviewed the original and the proposed amended budget, as follows:

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Purchased Transportation	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Operated Transportation		
a. Salaries & Benefits of Drivers	164,931	188,528
b. Fuel and Oil	23,500	27,400
c. Vehicle Maintenance	35,000	40,000
d. Vehicle Insurance	33,000	38,478
Volunteer Transportation	6,000	5,000
a. Wages & Benefits of Administrative Personnel	51,123	57,922
b. Overhead	<u>27,266</u>	<u>31,492</u>
TOTAL	\$340,820	\$390,820

M 457 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, based on the recommendation of the Delaware Transit Corporation, that the Sussex County Council authorizes the increasing of Sussex County Senior Services' Reimbursable Transportation Budget for FY '97 from \$340,820 to \$390,820, as amended.

Reimbur- Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Specialized Transportation Program/Audit Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that the Delaware Transit Corporation has stated that an audit should be performed for Sussex County Senior Services, Inc. Mr. Stickels suggested that the State Auditor's Office be requested to perform an audit of the entire program, including program procedures, salaries and purchasing.

M 458 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that Request Audit/"CHEER" Program the Sussex County Council, having met in public session, requests that the Delaware State Auditor's Office audit the Sussex County Reimbursable Transportation Program, to include program procedures, salaries, and purchasing.

M 458 96 Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.
(con't)

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

NETWork Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, provided a brief overview
96 Con- of the NETWork 96 Conference he attended on October 18th at
ference Delaware Technical & Community College. The Conference agenda
Report included issues affecting Sussex County; business, government
and education.

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

1. Proposed Possum Point Sanitary Sewer District

Representatives of the Sussex County Engineering Department will present a cost estimate report to the Possum Point Civic Association at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 1996, at the Millsboro V.F.W., Route 113, Millsboro, Delaware. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting.

2. Proposed Ocean View Sanitary Sewer District

Representatives of the Sussex County Engineering Department will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed boundaries of the service area and the estimated costs of providing service for the proposed Ocean View Sanitary Sewer District. The Public Hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 1996, at the Bethany Beach Fire Hall, Hollywood Street, Bethany Beach, Delaware. Residents of the proposed sanitary sewer district are encouraged to attend this meeting.

3. County Administrative Office Building - Change Order No. 12

The State Fire Marshal's Office has mandated that the contractor for the County Administrative Office Building do additional calculations due to low test results. The contractor was required to do the retesting because the original results were lower than those which were provided by the Town of Georgetown to use for design purposes. The total cost for the recalculations was \$533.60.

4. Sussex County Status Report - Delaware State Police - Third Quarter

The following hours of duty and enforcement were compiled by the State Police in Sussex County from July 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996:

Adminis-
trator's
Report
(con't)

	<u>T-4</u>	<u>T-5</u>	<u>T-7</u>
Total Hours on Duty	10,888.0	14,228.0	14,380.5
Hours Assisted Other Agencies	316	120	114
Total Traffic Arrests	2,684	2,990	3,134
Total DUI's	82	114	146
Accident Reports:			
Property Damage	162	221	380
Personal Injury	<u>60</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>138</u>
Total Accident Reports	222	301	518
Criminal Arrests:			
Felony	63	85	143
Misdemeanor	<u>290</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>654</u>
Total Criminal Arrests	353	509	797
Total 10-29 P's			
(wanted persons)	168	256	184
Total Number of Complaints	2,303	3,563	4,928

During that period, over 250 felony arrests were made and more than 300 drivers were arrested for DUI.

5. Senior Citizens Government Day

On Wednesday, October 23, 1996, the Sussex County Council will be hosting Sussex County Senior Citizens Government Day. Approximately 30 senior citizens throughout the County will participate in a mock County Council session. The seniors will be faced with questions that the County Council has confronted during the year. The day-long activities will start at 9:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers. The media is invited to attend.

Council-
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Grant/
Town of
Dagsboro

Mr. Collins discussed a \$500.00 Councilmanic Grant he previously awarded to the Town of Dagsboro for the purpose of moving a historic corn crib from one location to the new park. The Town of Dagsboro has advised that the corn crib has been burnt to the ground prior to it being moved; however, the Town Council would still like to utilize the \$500.00 grant for the new park.

M 459 96
Purpose
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Changed/
Town of
Dagsboro

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to authorize a change in the use of the \$500.00 awarded to the Town of Dagsboro from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account; authorizing the funding to be used for the new park instead of the relocation of a historic corn crib.

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

Recess At 10:41 a.m., Mr. Dukes declared a recess until 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing/ Proposed Expansion to West Rehoboth At 11:00 a.m., a Public Hearing was held on a Proposed Expansion of the West Rehoboth Expansion of the Dewey Beach Sanitary Sewer District to encompass a certain piece, parcel, or tract of land owned by Gary L. and Julie M. Wilson. There were no public comments in opposition to the proposed expansion. The Public Hearing was closed.

M 460 96 Adopt Resolution No. R 023 96 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to Adopt Resolution No. R 023 96 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARY OF THE WEST REHOBOTH EXPANSION OF THE DEWEY BEACH SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT TO ENCOMPASS A CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR TRACT OF LAND OWNED BY GARY L. AND JULIE M. WILSON, CONTIGUOUS TO THE WEST REHOBOTH EXPANSION OF THE DEWEY BEACH SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT, SITUATE IN LEWES-REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE.

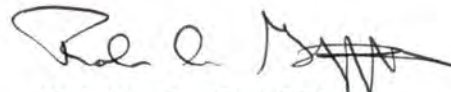
Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 461 96 Adjourn A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Ribbon Cutting At 1:00 p.m., a Ribbon Cutting and Open House was held at the County Administrative Building West Complex, located on Dupont Highway in Georgetown, Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council