

**ORDINANCE NO. 2399**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1: The Statement of Anticipated General Fund Revenues for the Fiscal Year  
Ending June 30, 2016 is as follows:**

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>	
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>	
Property – County	\$12,858,007
Property – Library	1,507,580
Realty Transfer	16,700,000
Fire Service	1,000,000
Penalties and Interest	140,000
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>	
Federal Grants	
Emergency Operations	160,000
Housing and Urban Development	1,704,484
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,000
State Grants	
Paramedics	4,081,528
Library	340,000
Local Emergency Planning Commission	66,950
Department of Health	10,000
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>	
Constitutional Offices Fees	
Marriage Bureau	134,000
Recorder of Deeds	3,300,000
Recorder of Deeds – Town Realty Transfer Tax	30,000
Recorder of Deeds - Maintenance	40,000
Register of Wills	950,000
Sheriff	2,250,000
General Government Fees	
Building Permit and Zoning Fees	1,325,000
9-1-1 System Fee	559,630
Manufactured Home Placement Fees	92,000
Building Inspection Fees	1,007,000
Airport Fees	463,300
Miscellaneous Fees	64,500
Dog Licensing	74,000
Private Road and Inspection Fees	560,000

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u></b>	
Contributions and Donations	\$ 25,000
Economic Loan Repayments	45,000
Fines and Forfeits	23,000
Investment Income	450,000
Reimbursements – Medicare	100,000
Rents other than Airpark	33,210
Miscellaneous Revenue	50,000
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>	
Reimbursements from other funds	300,000
Appropriated Reserves	3,000,000
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>\$53,449,189</u></b>

**Section 2. The Statement of General Fund Appropriations and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 is established as follows:**

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Administration</u></b>	
County Council Administration	\$ 611,565
Legal	500,420
Finance	500,000
Assessment	1,885,443
Building Code	1,568,802
Mapping & Addressing	741,490
Human Resources	748,410
Records Management	823,292
Buildings and Grounds	194,224
Information Technology	1,584,197
Constable	1,712,157
Dog Control	283,569
<b><u>Planning &amp; Zoning</u></b>	<b>742,546</b>
<b><u>Paramedics</u></b>	<b>1,355,276</b>
<b><u>Emergency Preparedness</u></b>	<b>13,625,093</b>
Administration	524,223
Emergency Operations	2,039,401
Communication Systems	403,549
Local Emergency Planning Committee	75,914

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>Engineering</u></b>	
Administration	\$1,193,775
Public Works	705,357
<b><u>Library</u></b>	
Administration	643,378
Operations	2,031,326
<b><u>Economic Development</u></b>	
Economic Development	221,330
Security	445,803
Airport and Industrial Park	732,492
<b><u>Community Development</u></b>	<b>1,999,746</b>
<b><u>Grant-in-aid (includes local libraries)</u></b>	<b>9,487,194</b>
<b><u>Constitutional Offices</u></b>	
Marriage Bureau	183,292
Recorder of Deeds	1,072,415
Register of Wills	541,958
Sheriff	586,052
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>	
Transfers Out	3,085,500
Reserve for Contingencies	600,000
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$53,449,189</u></b>

**Section 3. The Tax Rate, Firemen’s Enhancement Funding Program, and Cluster Fees for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 are established as follows:**

- (a) County Property Tax Rate \$ .4450 per \$100.00 of taxable assessed valuation.
- (b) Firemen’s Enhancement Funding Program – Building Permit surcharge of one-quarter of one percent (.25%) of construction values.
- (c) Cluster Fee for a density bonus.
  1. For the Town Centers and Developing Areas around Greenwood, Bridgeville, Seaford, Blades, Laurel, and Delmar - \$15,000 per unit in excess of two dwelling units per acre.
  2. For the Town Centers and Developing Areas around Milford, Milton, Ellendale, Georgetown, Millsboro, Dagsboro, Frankford and Selbyville - \$15,000 per unit in excess of two dwelling units per acre.
  3. For the Environmentally Sensitive Developing Area - \$20,000 per unit in excess of two dwelling units per acre.

**Section 4. The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 is as follows:**

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>	
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 4,299,085
Federal Aviation Grant	480,600
Federal Emergency Management Grant	500,000
Investment Income	20,000
State Aviation Grant	16,020
State Paramedic Grant	285,000
Interfund Transfer	<u>3,000,000</u>
<b><u>Total Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,600,705</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>	
<b>Administrative</b>	
CAMA System	\$ 800,000
Building Improvements	800,000
Multi-use Facility	1,000,000
West Complex HVAC	100,000
<b>Airpark</b>	
Drainage Improvements	131,250
Electrical Improvements	954,900
Water Plant Roof	10,000
Land Acquisition	1,650,000
Pavement Improvements	534,000
Airport Signage	100,000
Security Improvements	20,000
Wind Tree Replacement	20,000
<b>Engineering</b>	
Landfill Property Acquisition	350,000
Woodland Park I	200,000
<b>Emergency Operations</b>	
Mobile Command	800,000
Audio Visual System	180,555
<b>Paramedic</b>	
Buildings	750,000
Land Acquisition	<u>200,000</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,600,705</u></b>

**Section 5. The Statement of Enterprise Funds Budget Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 is as follows:**

	<b>Amount Year Ending <u>June 30, 2016</u></b>
<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>	
Finance Charges	\$ 1,000
Holding Tank Fees	292,000
License, Permit, and Review Fees	740,380
Miscellaneous Fees	203,861
Service Charges	20,512,148
<b><u>Non-Operating Revenues</u></b>	
Assessment Charges	9,234,648
Capitalized Ordinance 38 Fees	1,600,000
Connection Fees	3,472,853
Investment Results	232,100
Miscellaneous Revenues	202,500
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>	
Transfers In	85,500
Available Funds	467,056
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,044,046</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	
Administrative Costs	\$ 6,452,496
Operation and Maintenance Costs	12,697,525
Capital Expenditures	5,122,525
Debt Service	<u>12,771,500</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,044,046</u></b>

**Section 6. Unappropriated or unobligated General Fund expenditures requiring a transfer from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance require approval by not less than four-fifths of the members of Sussex County Council concurring.**

**Section 7. The County Pay Plan and Salary Structure for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 shall be adopted with this Ordinance.**

**Section 8. The County has invested \$10 million of Appropriated Reserves from Realty Transfer Tax funds with a goal to earn five percent per year. The fire companies are to receive a grant for the annual investment income from this investment up to four percent per year; these fire service grants are to be awarded annually based on recommendations from the Fire Resource Committee, but at the discretion of the Sussex County Council. Sussex County will receive the first one percent of the investment income earned. The fire service would receive investment income of up to four percent after Sussex County receives one percent. A four-fifths vote of the County Council is required to use principal for any other purpose. If there is a loss from the investments, then the principal balance must be restored before any additional grants are made from investment income in the future to the County or the fire service. Sussex County is to receive the investment income over five percent per year. These grants to the fire service will be awarded annually, based on the previous calendar year's annual investment results.**

**Section 9. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2015.**

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2399 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2015.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Re Griffith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**ROBIN A. GRIFFITH  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**