

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 10, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Michael H. Vincent	President
Samuel R. Wilson, Jr.	Vice President
George B. Cole	Councilman
Robert B. Arlett	Councilman
Todd F. Lawson	County Administrator
Gina A. Jennings	Finance Director
J. Everett Moore, Jr.	County Attorney

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Vincent.

**Call to
Order**

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order.

**M 228 16
Approve
Agenda**

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the Agenda, as posted.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

Minutes

The minutes of May 3, 2016 were approved by consent.

**Public
Comments**

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Paul Reiger commented that County ordinance does not reference tires and he stated that there should be a regulation stipulating how many tires are permitted on a lot. Mr. Reiger also commented that all ordinances should be enforced.

Dan Kramer commented on (1) politicians putting up illegal signs (referencing an article in the Cape Gazette), (2) other sign regulation violations, (3) violations in general and (4) the County's lack of enforcement.

**Bayhealth
Foundation
Presentation**

Lindsay Rhodenbaugh, President of Bayhealth Foundation, and Mike Metzger, Vice President, Corporate Support Services, Bayhealth Medical Center, were in attendance to give a presentation on Bayhealth's plans to build a new health campus on a 165 acre parcel of land off of Route 1 in Sussex County and the economic impact of this \$300 million project on the County. The new health campus is proposed to open in 2019. Mr.

Bayhealth Foundation Presentation (continued)	Rhodenbaugh stated that it is their hope that a portion of the cost of this project will come from the communities in Sussex County and they have set a goal to raise \$15 million of the total cost of the project from philanthropic support from the community. To date, more than \$8.5 million has been committed. Mr. Rhodenbaugh asked that the Sussex County Council consider supporting this project.
Proclamations	Mr. Lawson noted that the Proclamations for Relay for Life of East Sussex/Coastal DE Day and for Soil & Water Stewardship Week will be presented at a future date.
Community Action Month	The Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS 'COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH'" was presented to Kaneisha Trott of First State Community Action Agency.
Agenda Item Deferred	The agenda item "Lewes Scenic Byway Endorsement" was deferred due to Councilwoman Deaver's absence.
Administrator's Report	<p>Mr. Lawson read the following information in his Administrator's Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County</u> <p>The Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County will meet May 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, 21911 Rudder Lane, in Georgetown. Joe Thomas, Director of the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, will be presenting "<i>Learn How the New Smart911 Emergency Response System Can Save Your Life!</i>" The Conference Planning Subcommittee will also meet at 11:30 a.m. at Arena's at the Airport to continue planning for their annual conference scheduled for October 19th. A copy of the agenda for each meeting is attached.</p> <p>[Attachments to the Administrator's Report are not attachments to the minutes.]</p>
CAFR Award	Mrs. Jennings announced that, for the 14th consecutive year, Sussex County Government has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. Mrs. Jennings noted that the award reflects the collaborative efforts of many County employees.
Financial Report 3/31/16	Mrs. Jennings presented the Financial Report for the Third Quarter Ending March 31, 2016.

Pinetown Proposed SLD	<p>Patricia Deptula, Director of Special Projects, reported on the election results for the Pinetown Proposed Streetlighting District. Out of a total of 26 eligible votes, 11 votes were cast; the total number voting in support of the Streetlighting District was 10 and the total number voting in opposition was 1. Ms. Deptula reported that the final count reveals that the property owners are in favor of the project. Ms. Deptula also reported that the Council previously approved the estimated annual billing rate of \$66.20 for the proposed district, contingent on the election of the district. Based on affirmative results of the election and in accordance with Chapter 95 of the Sussex County Code, the Engineering Department recommends that the District be established.</p>
M 229 16 Adopt R 008 16	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to Adopt Resolution No. R 008 16 entitled "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PINETOWN PROPOSED STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT".</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
Grant Requests	<p>Mrs. Jennings presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.</p>
M 230 16 County- wide Youth Grant	<p>A Motion was made Mr. Arlett, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to give a \$1,000.00 Countywide Youth Grant to Sussex Academy for their Odyssey of the Mind Team.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
M 231 16 Council- manic Grant	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$600.00 (\$300.00 each from Mrs. Deaver's and Mr. Wilson's Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to VFW Post 2931 for their annual scholarship fundraiser.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
Council Members' Comments	<p><u>Council Member' Comments</u></p> <p>Mr. Arlett advised that the Delaware State Police will send a Troop Commander to a Council meeting each quarter for the purpose of updating the Council on public safety issues.</p>

Comments (continued) **Mr. Arlett referenced an article stating that there are 55,000 undocumented citizens (based on the 2014 Census) in the State of Delaware and he questioned how many are in Sussex County.**

M 232 16 **At 11:05 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to**
Go Into **recess the Regular Session and to go into Executive Session for the purpose**
Executive **of discussing matters relating to personnel, pending litigation, and land**
Session **acquisition.**

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea;
 Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
 Mr. Vincent, Yea

Executive **At 11:10 a.m., an Executive Session of the Sussex County Council was held**
Session **in the Basement Caucus Room for the purpose of discussing matters**
 relating to personnel, pending litigation, and land acquisition. The
 Executive Session concluded at 12:15 p.m.

M 233 16 **At 12:20 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to**
Reconvene **come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the Regular Session.**
Regular
Session

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea;
 Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
 Mr. Vincent, Yea

E/S Action **There was no action on Executive Session matters.**

M 234 16 **A Motion was made by Mr. Arlett, seconded by Mr. Cole, to adjourn at**
Adjourn **12:20 p.m.**

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Absent; Mr. Cole, Yea;
 Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
 Mr. Vincent, Yea

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the Council