

**MINUTES OF THE KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
555 BAY ROAD, DOVER, DE
LEVY COURT CHAMBER, ROOM 203
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Call to Order

The Regular Business meeting of the Kent County Levy Court was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Banta.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mr. Ennis and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sweeney.

Moment of Silence for our Troops

A moment of silence was observed for our Troops led by Mr. Eaby.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Allan F. Angel	Vice President
P. Brooks Banta	President
Harold K. Brode	Commissioner
Eric L. Buckson	Commissioner
Brad S. Eaby	Commissioner
Richard E. Ennis	Commissioner
George W. Sweeney, Sr.	Commissioner

There are seven (7) Commissioners present.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Adoption of the Agenda

M-060-10 Motion was made by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Brode and carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas to adopt the Agenda as written and presented.

Consent Agenda 10-07

Items on the agenda were discussed in committee. They are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Levy Court. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner so requests, in which event the item shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Items from April 6, 2010 Committee Meetings

- Houston Landfill Update
- FY 09/10 General Labor & Equipment Contract Change Order No. 7
- South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company Parking Lot Pavement Improvement Bid Contract Award
- Southern Bypass Easement Agreement Authorizations and Munce Easement Valuation Revision
- C-08-11 Randy & Jennifer Ridgely, Auction Facility – Reconsideration of Conditions
- Housing Rehabilitation Project Change Order
- Banking Services RFP

M-061-10 Motion was made by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas to approve Consent Agenda 10-07 as presented.

Approval of Regular Business Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2010

M-062-10 Motion was made by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Brode and carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Resolution 3086**, Kent County Medal for Meritorious Service presentation to Gov. Peterson *For the Record - actual presentation to the recipient is planned for during Kent County Youth in Government Day on Thursday, April 22nd at approx. 8:30am*

Mr. Peterson could not be present for the presentation this evening, however, Mr. Angel read the Resolution into the record. Russell Peterson has been and continues to be devoted to protecting the environment of his State, the nation and the entire world. As Governor of Delaware he was instrumental in securing passage of the landmark Coastal Zone Act in 1971. After his term as Governor he continued to serve the public interest as chair of the President's Council on Environmental Quality and as president of the National Audubon Society. He has been recognized for his tireless devotion to environmental conservation by numerous organizations.

M-063-10 Kent County Levy Court awards former Governor Russell W. Peterson with a Kent County Medal for meritorious Service. The formal medal presentation will occur on Youth in Government Day in Kent County and is coincidentally and appropriately Earth Day 2010 as a befitting tribute to his enduring commitment to preserve the planet for future generations. That is my **motion**, states Mr. Angel; seconded by Mr. Sweeney; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas to approve Resolution 3086.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

Not yet being 7:15, Mr. Banta moved into **New Business**:

Mr. Sweeney:

1. **Resolution 3085**, Supporting Legislation to extend the deadline for large Public Works Contracts

Resolution was read by Ms. Tanaka. Large Public Works contracts are often complex projects involving multiple vendors and/or multiple contract awards. The process is a time consuming and work intensive one. The public bid award process includes scheduling a public bid opening, bid evaluations and qualifying of bidders. All meetings of the public body must be advertised and are subject to public Levy Court discussions at both the Committee and Business meetings. School districts are afforded 60 days to respond to bids on large public works projects while local governments, by statute, are only afforded 30 days. Kent County Levy Court agrees to support legislation that extends the reporting date of local governments for large public works projects from 30 to 60 days and they are united in their support for such legislation.

M-064-10 Mr. Sweeney **recommended approval** of Resolution 3085 in support of legislation to extend the deadline for large public works contracts; seconded by Mr. Angel; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

TAX EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

All requests presented by Mr. Lou Cox.

Mr. Sweeney:

1. M.F. Chase Unity Memorial Church Organization, Inc., Parcel No. 7-00-094.19-01-32.00

Property located on Peachtree Run, adjoining church's existing property and is a manufactured home; to be used for religious education classes and other functions of the church; Polytech and CR were notified and took no position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend approval of exemption; if approved, exemption would become effective as of June 1, 2010; County's portion of annual ad valorem taxes on property if taxable would be \$83.70; no delinquent taxes are posted.

- M-065-10** Mr. Sweeny **recommended approval** of tax exemption for M. F. Chase Unity memorial Church Organizations, Inc., Parcel No. 7-00-094.19-01-32.00 based on BOA recommendation and Staff; seconded by Mr. Buckson; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

2. Milford Housing Development Corporation, Parcel Nos. 7-00-103.07-03-01.00 through 35.00.

This covers all of Harmony Hill Subd., containing 31 lots with a typical area of 7,500 sq. ft., plus four open space parcels; all located on Peachtree Run; MHDC is developing this and will subsidize the construction of houses for qualified low-income buyers; upon completion of the dwellings they will be transferred to the buyers and placed back on the tax rolls; Polytech nor CR took any position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend approval; if approved exemption would become effective as of 6/1/10; annual ad valorem on a individual lot would be \$1.24 with total county tax approximately \$38.44; no delinquent taxes are posted to any of the lot accounts.

- M-066-10** Mr. Sweeney **recommended approval** of Milford Housing Development Corporation tax exemption as to parcel 7-00-103.07-03-01.00 through 35.00 based on no position on the request and unanimous recommendation from BOA; seconded by Mr. Buckson; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

We will now move back to the regular Agenda, states Mr. Banta.

7:15 P.M., PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Eaby:

1. **Ordinance LC10-12, An Ordinance amending The Code of Kent County, State of Delaware, Volume I, Chapter 128 – Fees, §128-45 – Receiver of Taxes, to increase certain fees relating to Monitions**

Ms. Durham gave a brief summary. This increase is for additional costs that are incurred because of the mandate for e-filing monitions.

Mr. Brode verified that this is the same thing they discussed with Ms. Kidner – no changes, correct?

Yes, answered Ms. Durham.

Ms. Kidner had nothing more to add. Nothing has changed since we went over numbers at Committee Meeting.

Mr. Eaby stated the primary reason for the request was because of the Superior Court of the State of DE moving to an electronic filing system. As part of that there is additional paperwork preparation requirements and there are additional fees charged by Superior Court to your office, which in turn is then passed through to the person or entity that is not paying the real property tax.

This new requirement is of January of this year, said Ms. Kidner. Many other types of cases had to be electronically filed in the last few years but this is the first year monition actions have to be filed that way. All monition actions are held in the Superior Court of the State of DE. There will be hard costs associated with that from the software company that runs the electronic filing program from the Court itself and additional work to get through the process.

This is a **Public Hearing on Ordinance LC10-12**, states Mr. Banta.

IN FAVOR, other than those who have just spoken

None

IN OPPOSITION

None

Public Hearing is Closed on Ordinance LC10-12

M-067-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve Ordinance LC10-12, An Ordinance amending The Code of Kent County, State of Delaware, Volume I, Chapter 128 – Fees, §128-45 – Receiver of Taxes, to increase certain fees relating to Monitions on the basis of no pubic opposition; recommended by the Attorney that handles our tax monitions and based on my review of the monition statute and no problems with the e-filing system; seconded by Mr. Ennis.

Roll Call:

Mr. Angel – yes, reasons stated

Mr. Brode – yes, reasons stated

Mr. Buckson – yes, will vote in favor but want to be very specific; it is in response obviously to what has been logically requested which is a request for an increase in fees due to the fact that the cost of the collection of the monitions which is basically the cost of delinquent taxes has gone up and we are covering the expense of that, not actually seeking to raise the revenue. I support it.

Mr. Eaby – yes, reasons stated

Mr. Ennis – yes, reasons stated

Mr. Sweeney – yes, reasons stated

Mr. Banta – yes, reasons stated

Roll Call reveals 7 yeas.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Move back to balance of the tax exemptions.

Mr. Eaby:

1. Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, Parcel No. 2-05-076.07-01-14.00

Property is located at 101 Jefferson CT in Dover and was acquired by HH from the City of Dover; it is currently being renovated and will eventually be sold to a qualified family; Polytech nor Capital took no position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend approval; property has been exempt from county property tax since its acquisition by the City of Dover in 2/08 and continues to be exempt from municipal property taxes. The purpose of this application is to continue the property's existing exempt status on Kent County's assessment lists under the ownership of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. There are no delinquent taxes posted.

Mr. Eaby asked if the property would be placed back on the tax rolls at the time it is deeded from HH to a purchaser.

Yes, once it goes into the hands of a private individual it becomes taxable again, answered Mr. Cox.

How will we know it has sold, asked Mr. Angel?

Property transfers occurring by deed, will, or court order, come through the assessment office, answered Mr. Cox. We change ownership and check the

taxable status of every parcel that comes through our office. We are aware when that happens.

M-068-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve the request for exemption by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity for tax parcel #2-05-076.07-01-14.00; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

2. Bayhealth Medical Center, Inc.:
 - a. Parcel No. 2-05-077.13-01-18.00/001

This is a commercial building located at 567 S. Gov. Ave. and used as administrative offices for hospital personnel; Polytech nor Capital took a position; City of Dover reports property is exempt from municipal taxes; BOA voted unanimously to recommend approval of exemption; if approved would become effective 6/1/10; ad valorem taxes would be \$901.79; no delinquent taxes posted.

M-069-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by BayHealth Medical Center as to parcel #2-05-077.13-01-18.00/001; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

- b. Parcel No. 2-05-077.13-01-52.00/001

Property is located at 622 S. State St. and used as offices for the hospital's Facilities Planning and Construction departments; Polytech nor Capital took a position; City of Dover reports property is exempt from municipal taxes; BOA voted unanimously to recommend exemption approval and if approved will become effective 6/1/10; ad valorem taxes would be \$125.86; no delinquent taxes posted.

M-070-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by BayHealth Medical Center as to parcel #2-05-077.13-01-52.00/001; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

3. YMCA of Delaware, Inc.:
 - a. Parcel No. 2-05-077.17-05-57.00

Property is located east of South State Street adjoining the existing YMCA facility; YMCA plans to build on this and the adjoining parcel 58.00, a 20,000 sq. ft. structure with associated parking to house a gym, fitness center and multi-purpose space; Polytech and Capital took no position; YMCA plans to apply for exemption from City of Dover property taxes; BOA voted unanimously to recommend exemption approval and if so will be effective as of 7/8/09; ad valorem taxes would be \$31.31; no delinquent taxes posted to account.

M-071-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by the YMCA of Delaware as to parcel #2-05-077.17-05-57.00; seconded by Mr. Ennis;

carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

- b. Parcel No. 2-05-077.17-05-58.00

This is the adjacent parcel to the one previously done. All information is same except ad valorem taxes would be \$30.38.

- M-072-10** Mr. Eaby **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by the YMCA of Delaware as to parcel #2-05-077.17-05-58.00; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

Mr. Brode:

- 1. Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity
 - a. Parcel No. 6-09-170.20-03-56.01

Continuing with requests from HH this property is located on RR Ave. in Harrington. It is a vacant lot and HH plans to construct a dwelling for a low-income family; Polytech and LF took no position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend exemption approval and if given would become effective 6/1/10; ad valorem tax would be \$10.23; no delinquent taxes posted.

- M-073-10** **Motion** made by Mr. Brode to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity as to parcel #6-09-170.20-03-56.01; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

- b. Parcel No. 6-09-179.08-02-12.00

This property is located at 223 Commerce St., Harrington. HH acquired this through a donation in November 2009 and is currently completing minor repairs on the structure and plans to sell the property eventually to a qualified family. Polytech and LF took no position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend exemption approval and if given will become effective as of 6/1/10; ad valorem taxes would be \$107.88; no delinquent taxes posted.

- M-074-10** Mr. Brode **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity as to parcel #6-09-179.08-02-12.00; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

Mr. Buckson:

- 1. Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity:
 - a. Parcel No. 5-16-183.07-01-38.00

HH property located at 212 N. Rehoboth Blvd., Milford; currently constructing dwelling for a low-income family; Polytech and Milford took no position; City of Milford reports exemption from municipal taxes; BOA voted unanimously to recommend exemption approval and if approved would become effective as of

6/1/10; ad valorem taxes would be \$15.19; no delinquent taxes posted.

M-075-10 Mr. Buckson **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity as to parcel #5-16-183.07-01-38.00; seconded by Mr. Ennis; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

b. Parcel No. 8-08-141.06-04-56.00

Another property from HH; vacant lot located on Jackson Street in Frederica; intend to construct a dwelling for a low-income family; Polytech and LF took no position; BOA voted unanimously for exemption approval and if given would become effective 6/1/10; ad valorem tax would be \$9.61; no delinquent taxes posted.

M-076-10 Mr. Buckson **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity as to parcel #8-08-141.06-04-56.00; seconded by Mr. Angel; carried by Roll Call vote 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ennis).

c. Parcel No. 8-08-141.06-04-57.00

This parcel is also on Jackson St. in Frederica, adjacent to the previous one and a dwelling being constructed for a low-income family; Polytech and LF took no position; BOA voted unanimously to recommend approval of exemption and if given would be effective 6/1/10; ad valorem taxes would be \$0.62; no delinquent taxes posted.

M-077-10 Mr. Buckson **moved** to approve the request for exemption from property taxes by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity as to parcel #8-08-141.06-04-57.00; seconded by Mr. Sweeney; carried by Roll Call vote 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ennis).

END OF TAX EXEMPTION REQUESTS

Mr. Buckson:

1. Introduction of **Ordinance LC10-11**, An Ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Plan Map Designation and the Official Zoning map of Kent County, Delaware pursuant to the provisions of Kent County code, Vol. II, Chapter 205 Zoning, Article III, Section 205-8 and Section 205-9, and Article XXVIII (changes and amendments) effective December 01, 2000, as amended (ref: CZ-10-03)

Mr. Buckson introduced the Ordinance by reading it into the minutes. It is scheduled for Public Hearing on April 27, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Vote to go into Executive Session immediately following the Business Meeting for preliminary discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement; legal strategy session regarding collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation; and personnel matters pursuant to 29 Del.C. 10004(b)(2), (4), and (9)

M-078-10 Mr. Angel moved to go into Executive Session immediately following the Business Meeting for preliminary discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement; legal strategy session regarding collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation; and personnel matters pursuant to 29 Del.C. 10004(b)(2), (4), and (9).

Mr. Pepper believes the motion indicated following the meeting; I thought we were going into Executive Session immediately, now.

We are going into it right now, said Mr. Banta.

Second, said Mr. Buckson; carried by Roll Call vote 6 yeas 1 absent (Ennis).

We will go temporarily into Executive Session and then return to the Regular Business Meeting stated Mr. Banta. **8:02 P.M.**

RECONVENE 8:35 P.M.

First, let me make a correction said Mr. Banta. The introduction by Mr. Buckson on Ordinance LC10-11 will not go to Levy Court at this time. It will go to RPC for their process and then back to Levy Court at a date not yet determined. He then asked Mr. Eaby to move on with the meeting by doing the introductions of the FY2011 Operating Budget.

Mr. Eaby:

FY2011 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Introductions of the following Ordinances and Resolutions pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for public hearing on April 27, 2010 at 7:15 P.M.:

1. Resolution 3077, FY11 Property Tax Rate
2. Resolution 3078, FY11 Old Mill Acres Suburban Park District Tax Rate
3. Resolution 3079, FY11 Royal Grant Suburban Park District Tax Rate
4. Resolution 3080, FY11 Eagles Nest Suburban Park District Tax Rate
5. Resolution 3081, Kent County Disposal District No. 1 User Rates
6. Resolution 3082, FY11 Kent County Library District Tax Rate (unincorporated areas)
7. Resolution 3083, FY11 Milford Library District Tax Rate

- 8 Ordinance LC10-14, An Ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget for Kent County Delaware, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011
9. Ordinance LC10-15, An Ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Library Tax District of Kent County, Delaware for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010
10. Resolution 3084, Command to Receiver of Taxes to collect Sewer Delinquent Accounts by District as of March 31, 2010

All Resolutions and Ordinances were read into the record by Mr. Eaby as introductions for Public Hearing on April 27, 2010 at 7:15 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Angel:

Action Items from April 6, 2010 Administration Committee Meeting:

1. Medical/Health Insurance Request for Proposals (RFP)

M-079-10 Mr. Angel **moved** to rescind the medical/health insurance proposal offer to April 21 at 5:00 P.M. because under the RFP we have there is a stipulation for a final and best offer and we would like to see it come back at a better rate; seconded by Mr. Sweeney; carried by Roll Call vote 6 yeas, 1 nay (Buckson).

2. Request for change from 35 to 40 hours a week for Clerk of the Peace Hourly Paid Personnel

This was discussed in Committee states Mr. Angel. Is there further discussion?

M-080-10 Mr. Angel then made the **motion** that the employee (Ms. Loretta Wootten's employee, Clerk of the Peace office) be added the five hours as discussed in Committee; seconded by Mr. Brode. Roll call was taken with 5 yeas (Angel, Brode, Buckson, Ennis, Sweeney) and 1 nay (Eaby). When Mr. Banta's name was called he stated that the request before them is not necessarily inappropriate but he has to concur with the County Administrator and his recommendation, as well as the cost containment measures we have had in place for some time now, which allows this County, unlike many Counties across America, to be solvent. Thirdly, one of my concerns is that I believe this is going to set a very dangerous precedent. I believe in a short period of time other requests will come forward. I do not know how you will be able to resolve those issues when they come up. I have a lot of respect for that agency; I have a lot of respect for the lady that handles the process but unfortunately the time is just not appropriate. My vote is no.

Mr. Buckson said he had tax exemptions and insurance on the brain. My apologies. I fully understand what we are voting on and as I expressed in Committee I do not support the change in hours so I would like to change my

vote to no.

Final Roll Call reveals 4 yeas (Angel, Brode, Ennis, Sweeney), 3 nay (Buckson, Eaby, Banta) approving request for change from 35 to 40 hours a week for Clerk of the Peace hourly paid personnel.

Someone asked when it would become effective and Mr. Banta asked Mr. Petit de Mange.

Mr. Petit de Mange said he took the motion to be immediately.

So be it then, said Mr. Banta.

Mr. Brode said he voted for this but he thought it would be effective when the Budget year started.

Mr. Pepper thought a motion to re-consider would be in order to clarify when this change will be effective since the deciding vote had a differing opinion as to its effective date.

So, asked Mr. Banta, do we need to get the maker of the motion and the second to withdraw it?

Mr. Petit de Mange said if it was the intent to have this become effective with the yet to be adopted Budget then I would submit that this whole action tonight is moot and we deal with it when we adopt the Budget in a couple of weeks. My understanding though, from the Clerk of the Peace, was there was an interest in having this start now, prior to the start of the new Budget. I thought that was why it was before you now.

Ms. Wootten said it was to start now because the re-classification had been in the Budget and it didn't go so this was to give us help immediately. I really need this now.

Mr. Banta asked Mr. Pepper what he thought would be the appropriate way to untangle this web.

He suggested that Commissioner Brode make a motion to re-consider the prior vote and a Commissioner second it and the motion be amended to specify with clarity the effective date of the change.

Mr. Brode stated he would not re-consider. It was my understanding when we did this – I'm in favor of it but I want to do it the best way for the Budget. That is why I said July 1, but, if I can make a motion to make it effective May 1, I will do that if I am not out of order.

I would interpret that as a motion to re-consider, said Mr. Pepper, since the motion that was adopted was interpreted to be effective immediately.

I am not going to go through all that stuff for two weeks so just forget it, said Mr. Brode.

Being said, thank you Commissioner Brode, said Mr. Banta. You are always honest and forceful and straightforward as usual and I respect that, Sir, so we will leave it as it is.

Other Business – cont'd.

2. Vote to have Executive Session following the Committee Meetings on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, pursuant to 29 Del.C. 10004(b)(2), (4), and (9); for preliminary discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement; Legal Strategy Session regarding collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation; and personnel matters

M-081-10 Mr. Eaby **moved** to have Executive Session following the Committee Meetings on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, pursuant to 29 Del.C. 10004(b)(2), (4), and (9); for preliminary discussion on site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement; Legal Strategy Session regarding collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation; and personnel matters; seconded by Mr. Brode; carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student Day and County Government Day will be next week. I haven't missed one of those in 13 years but I have a commitment that day and will not be able to be here, said Mr. Banta. Mr. Ennis will make an effort to be here; Commissioner Angel will arrive a little late; Commissioner Sweeney will be here. He asked Mr. Kujala to contact some other Directors to see if they could have some people here to help out. I am sure Mr. Petit de Mange will help with that as well and I appreciate that.

Mr. Petit de Mange reminded the Commissioners that the Delaware Assoc. of Counties meeting will be this Thursday evening beginning at 5:30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Sweeney wanted to publicly thank Mr. Petit de Mange for backing out of the employer's support of the Guardian Reserve this coming Sunday because I get to

go on a flight on a C130.

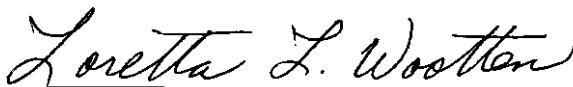
Mr. Angel said there was a three hour meeting here on Saturday in Room 220 for the people of Kitts Hummock and along Kitts Hummock RD for sewer. Staff was very well prepared; it was a very cordial group and they can't wait to get started. They are pleased that Levy Court waived the hook-up fee under this proposal. I am going down the road to see if we can get more people to buy into the sewer and that would lower the rates. Anything west of the trailer park was not in the district at that time.

Mr. Banta had the good fortune of going by Big Oak Park on Sunday around 2 – 2:30. There were at least 150 people there. It was a great thing to see – so many utilizing our park.

It is a little premature, but, I want to extend a sincere congratulation to the County Administrator, our Finance Director and all Directors for the work they did to get us through the Budget process. I read in the County magazine that there are very few counties across this nation that are solvent; they are struggling; having major battles and issues because they haven't done what is called cost containment. You have stuck to your guns and I commend you for that. We do have a balanced budget and it is due to you and all Directors throughout the building. Thank you.

ADJOURN

M-082-10 **Motion** was made by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Eaby (if effective immediately) and carried by Roll Call vote 7 yeas to adjourn the meeting. **8:54 P.M.**



Loretta L. Wootten
Kent County Clerk of the Peace

M-062-10

29 Del.C. §10004(e)(2). The Agenda items as listed may not be considered in sequence. This Agenda is subject to change to include additional items including Executive Sessions or the deletion of items including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.