

**MINUTES OF THE KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT
COMBINED MEETING
KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
555 BAY ROAD, DOVER, DE
LEVY COURT CHAMBER, ROOM 203
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

Call to Order

The Business Meeting of the Kent County Levy Court was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Banta.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mr. Howell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Angel.

Moment of Silence for our Troops

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

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Allan F. Angel	Commissioner
Eric L. Buckson	Commissioner - Absent
James E. Hosfelt, Jr.	Commissioner
Glen M. Howell	Commissioner
Terry L. Pepper	Vice President
George W. Sweeney, Sr.	Commissioner
P. Brooks Banta	President

There are six (6) Commissioners present; one (1) absent at Roll Call.

Adoption of Agenda

M-18-174 **Motion** to approve the Agenda as presented made by Mr. Sweeney; seconded by Mr. Angel; carried by Roll Call vote six (6) yeas; one (1) absent.

PRESENTATIONS

Resolution 3712 – Kent County Medal

The following was read into the record by Mr. Sweeney:

Kent County Medal for Audrey Hastings

Whereas, On July 18, 2018, 15-year-old Caesar Rodney High School sophomore Audrey Hastings performed an exemplary act of heroism by quickly responding to a medical emergency and administering CPR to a total stranger, who suffered a health emergency while driving along Wyoming Mill Road just west of Wyoming; and

Whereas, According to Kent County Paramedics, Audrey Hastings did by all accounts save the life of the driver, when she used her Girl Scout training and followed instructions given by Kent County 911 Dispatcher Richard Hand, who counted along with her as she administered critically important chest compressions until paramedics arrived on the scene; and

Whereas, Audrey Hastings has been recommended for a Kent County Medal in accordance with the provisions of Kent County Levy Court policy and the requirements thereof,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Kent County Levy Court does hereby recognize, commend, and award Audrey Hastings of Dover, Delaware with a Kent County Medal on this the 18th day of September, 2018.

M-18-175 Motion was made by Mr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Pepper to approve Resolution 3712; carried by Roll Call vote six (6) yeas; one (1) absent.

At this point in time Ms. Hastings and her family members were invited to join the Commissioners and County Administrator at the front for presentation of the award, comments and photos.

*Mr. Buckson joined those gathered at the front at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Sweeney: ***INAUDIBLE*** (Microphone did not work)

Mr. Pepper: ***INAUDIBLE*** (Microphone was switched out) But you're very young to receive this medal. The majority of the folks that receive this medal have done great things in their life and have been recognized here in Levy Court and so consequently what we're doing is expecting great things out of you for the rest of your life. So show this medal with honor, please don't forget to put it on

your resumes. As you grow older and go through college and seek employment don't forget to add this to your resume. Thank you and continue to do good things.

Mr. Angel: Yes, Audrey, thank you very much. You don't hear a lot of young people doing these kinds of things today. In fact a lot of them usually run to the phone and make a call instead of jump in and help somebody. So, thank you for your due diligence and tenacity. We do expect a lot from you and as Mr. Pepper said, use it well because it is something that we honor and cherish, giving this to you for what you've done. Thank you very much.

Mr. Buckson: My apologies for walking outside. But as I said earlier fantastic, we need more young people willing to step up and do the things that you were capable of doing. I know there were others there. But, you know when you don't panic when it hits the fan, that's a special characteristic so... I don't know what you plan on doing in the future; I think your options are broad. Good luck to you, okay?

Mr. Banta: Audrey, in today's world you have proven there is hope for America. Those of us standing here sometimes wonder about our future, the future of our nation. But with folks like you, the training that you've had has been used efficiently and so, because of that I believe there is hope for America. Thank you for what you've done.

Mr. Howell: So you got your training with the Girl Scouts? Or watching TV? Oh, that's remarkable. I really think that's commendable. Who knows, you might get the opportunity to do it again someday. Stick around. We might need it.

Mr. Hosfelt: Well, again congratulations. I was thinking on the same lines as President Banta. This is a time where we can all list a lot of things that are wrong with the world but you represent what is right, especially with Kent County. We appreciate what you've done. Thank you.

Mr. Petit de Mange: Audrey, life is a blessing, it's a precious blessing. But your decisive action meant the world to somebody and they're here today because of what you did. That's amazing and I just want to say congratulations. I think it's awesome, you are a wonderful person.

Mr. Sweeney: Audrey if you would step forward, I'd like to place this around your neck. They are numbered; this is number 31 so you can see how special this type of medal is that we hand out. It's engraved on the back with your name and the number 31 and today's date. Congratulations.

Audrey Hastings took the opportunity to say thank you upon being presented with the medal.

Mr. Hastings also added his thanks to everyone and stated they are all proud of Audrey and advised there is not a day that goes by where they are not surprised by her.

Recess to Committee Meetings – 7:14 p.m.

Reconvene Business Meeting – 7:41

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items from Public Works Committee

Mr. Howell:

1. Verona Woods-Tidewater Utilities Easement

M-18-176 I **Move** to grant a twenty foot wide permanent easement to Tidewater Utilities, Inc. through parcel LC-00-047.04-04-63.00, without compensation AND I Move to grant to authorize the President of Levy Court to sign the easement agreement upon concurrence of the Lessee Delaware Union and legal counsel review; seconded by Mr. Angel; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

2. Lab Services Contract Award

M-18-177 I **Move** to award the Laboratory Analysis Services contract to ALS Group USA Corp (dba ALS Environmental) with the unit prices bid and/or amended and authorize the President of Levy Court to sign said contract for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 with contract extension options for two years; seconded by Mr. Pepper; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

3. General Labor and Equipment Contract

M-18-178 I **Move** to authorize the President of Levy Court to sign Change Order No. 7 for the FY15/18 General labor and Equipment Contract with Asset Construction, LLC to amend and extend the contract for nine (9) months with Asset Construction, LLC under the same contract terms and conditions; and increase the contract amount by \$250,000.00 utilizing Operating Revenue; seconded by Mr. Pepper; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Petit de Mange: I just want to remind all the Commissioners that next Monday will be the Kent County Farm Bureau annual event at Felton Fire Hall. The event begins at 6:30 with dinner beginning at 7:00. We will be presenting the

Farm Family of the Year and the Outstanding Individual for Agriculture as well. Thank you.

Mr. Banta: Fortunately today a couple of us, Mr. Pepper and, three of us actually, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Angel and the County Administrator were able to attend the Economic Summit. I brought a copy of the brochure but I'll tell you it was pretty well attended. It was a lot about technology. It went very well. The one or two comments I made was, they say it's always good to have one-on-one conversations rather than always using your iPhones or your computers and number two, computer technology is not always private. Most of you that use computers understand that, just making you aware of it. Well attended.

Mr. Petit de Mange: I just concur with what you just said. It was a very enlightening morning and a lot of talk about disruptive technologies and some of the new wave technologies coming toward us that are going to be coming very fast. Things like artificial intelligence and different applications with artificial intelligence and electrified cars and things of this nature. I think some of these technologies are coming faster than people realize and this morning spent a lot of time talking about that. Thank you.

Mr. Angel: Last Friday Mr. Petit de Mange and I were able to attend at Leg Hall the Leadership of Delaware. And tonight I was opening up some of the thank you cards for what we talked about and one of the things that I had said ***INAUDIBLE,*** I mean, it hit me once they spit it back, I mean they pay attention, and that was don't let disagreement get in the way of common sense. That seemed to hit a nerve with a lot of them and they put that in the thank you note. Because politics sometimes gets in the way of common sense so it doesn't matter if it's disagreement or whatever it may be but use common sense to get through it. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – None

M-18-179 **Motion** to adjourn by Mr. Sweeney; seconded by Mr. Angel; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas. **7:48 p.m.**



Brenda Wootten
Kent County Clerk of the Peace