

**MINUTES OF THE KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT
COMBINED BUSINESS MEETING
KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
555 BAY ROAD, DOVER, DE
LEVY COURT CHAMBER, ROOM 203
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mr. Howell; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Masten.

Moment of Silence for our Troops and First Responders

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

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Allan F. Angel	Vice President
Eric L. Buckson	Commissioner – via WebEx
Jeffrey W. Hall	Commissioner
Glen M. Howell	Commissioner
Joanne Masten	Commissioner
George W. Sweeney, Sr.	Commissioner
Terry L. Pepper	President

There are seven (7) Commissioners present at Roll Call.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M-21-079 **Motion** to Adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Sweeney; seconded by Mrs. Masten; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

PRESENTATIONS

Resolution 3864 – Black Maternal Health Week

The following was read into the record by Lorri Tanaka:

Declaring April 11 through April 17, 2021 as Black Maternal Health Week in Kent County, Delaware

Whereas, in its fourth year, Black Maternal Health Week takes place annually from April 11 – April 17, and

Whereas, the month of April is recognized in the United States as National Minority Health Month; a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities, and

Whereas, Established in 2019, Black Mothers in Power formed in Delaware to increase awareness, to develop community programming, and to design regulations and policies to improve Black Maternal Care in Delaware, and

Whereas, Black Mothers in Power aims to decrease the mortality rate of Black infants and mothers and to improve their health throughout the State of Delaware, and

Whereas, Black Mothers in Power seeks to examine maternal health care of Black Women who identify with the following groups: Disabled, Mentally Ill, Immigrant, Homeless, HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, LGBTQ, Incarcerated, Military/Veterans, Teen Mothers, and Addiction, to understand the connections to being a Black Woman and health issues.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that the Kent County Levy Court hereby declares the week of April 11 through April 17, 2021 as Black Maternal Health Week in Kent County, Delaware.

M-21-080 **Motion** to approve Resolution 3864 was made by Mr. Angel; seconded by Mr. Sweeney; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

The Resolution would be forwarded to the organization as no one was present this evening.

Recess to Committee Meetings - 7:08 p.m.

Reconvene Business Meeting – 7:42 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Action Items from Public Works Committee

Mr. Howell:

- 1. Demand Response Award

M-21-081 I **Move** that we authorize to award the curtailment services to Centrica for a two-year term for the PJM Demand Response Program AND Move to authorize the President of Levy Court to sign the agreement or any associated documents upon County Attorney’s concurrence; seconded by Mr. Hall; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

- 2. Grass Cutting – Contract Bid Award

M-21-082 I **Move** to award the 2-year contract for Grass Cutting Services for the 2021 and 2022 Mowing Seasons to William T. Nicholson DBA Nicholson Lawn & Landscape in an estimated amount of \$61,743.90 based on the unit bid prices with options for two (2) one (1) year extensions. Funds will be FY2021 and FY2022 Sewer Fund operating revenue AND Authorize the President of Levy Court to execute the contract agreement subject to County Attorney’s concurrence; seconded by Mrs. Masten; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

- 3. Weatherstone Crossing Sewer Interceptor – Crop Loss Compensation Authorization – Blessings End of Potential Committee Meeting Action Items

M-21-083 I **Move** to authorize crop loss compensation for 2018-2022 to Melissa Blessing in the amount of \$2,265.27 for loss of income incurred on the Cannon property; seconded by Mr. Sweeney; carried by Roll Call vote seven (7) yeas.

End of Potential Committee Meeting Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Angel advised the NACo conference would be held live in July at the Gaylord Hotel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Angel wished to inform everyone that a very good friend of the family, Bernard Kozak recently passed away and he will be really missed.

