

**At a Finance Committee Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the Law Library, 2nd Floor, Sussex Judicial Center
Thursday, January 20, 2011 – 4:15 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Harris L. Parker
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator
Henry A. Thompson, Sr., County Attorney
Deborah A. Davis, Assistant to County Administrator
Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety Coordinator
W. Travis Luter, Building Official

Item 1. Call To Order

The January 20, 2011 meeting of the Finance Committee of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Committee Chairman Fly. Chairman Fly advised that he would like to add the Waverly Rescue Squad Grant to the agenda as the first order of business.

Item 2. Waverly Rescue Squad

Committee Chairman Fly advised that at the last Finance Committee meeting held on January 10, 2011, there was an in depth discussion regarding Waverly Rescue Grant funding. As a result of the meeting, Mr. William Savedge has been invited to this meeting to provide additional information as it relates to the Waverly Rescue Squad.

Mr. Savedge shared with the Committee, a copy of the Squad's bank statement for their review. He advised that the Squad is working on a fee for services billing system.

The Committee held a lengthy discussion relating to the Waverly Rescue Squad grant and fee for services issue.

Item 3. Elementary School Construction Financing

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, distributed Davenport and Company's Plan of Finance for the elementary school project.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR PARKER, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried:
RESOLVED that the Finance Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors to provide

funding for the construction of an elementary school at the central site and build a second elementary school in the eastern part of the County as soon as funding is available; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding be derived from the following: \$7.4 million in restricted funds; \$800,000 from School Board funding and \$4.6 million to be financed.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Item 4. Mega Site Purchase

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, reported that the Director of Finance is unable to attend this meeting. He provided information from Davenport and Company regarding the potential financing for the megasite purchase.

Item 5. Director of Finance Pay Increase

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, advised that Jerry L. Whitaker, Director of Finance, provided a request for salary increase and had provided a copy of supporting documentation to the Finance Committee at the January 10, 2011 meeting.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FLY, seconded by SUPERVISOR PARKER and carried: RESOLVED that the Finance Director's request for a salary increase is hereby denied.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker

Voting nay: none

Abstaining: Supervisor Tyler

Item 6. Electric Cable Work – Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, reported that the electrical wiring issues in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office is extremely dangerous and requires immediate attention. Staff has received an estimate from Wayne Cook Electric under \$5,000.00. Staff has also requested an estimate for the wiring that needs to be done for the County Administration building and the cost is expected to under \$10,000.00.

Item 7. Other Matters

- A. George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator reported on Delegate Roslyn Tyler's amendment for the Department of Corrections payment in lieu of taxes issue.
- B. Supervisor Fly advised the Committee that the funds remaining in the Commonwealth's Attorney's budget due to the separation of the part time staff was used to increase the salaries of three staff persons in her office. He announced this as a point of clarification. He also recommended that all overtime be stopped, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department deputies working the selective enforcement program. Supervisor Fly also recommended that there be no hiring at this time and any current vacancies not be filled without prior approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Item 8. Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR PARKER and carried:
RESOLVED that the Finance Committee meeting shall hereby adjourn.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none