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Kent County Levy Court Workshop
Meeting Notice and Agenda
555 Bay Road , Dover, DE 19901
Caucus - Room 230
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

6:00 PM, WORKSHOP

Location: Caucus Room
The public is welcome to attend in person, via WebEx, or by phone.
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CALL TO ORDER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Kent Economic Partnership 2025 Update
Housing Presentation, Mike Rieman, Home Builders Association
Paramedic Trainee Salary Funding
Signage at Wastewater Treatment Facility (cont'd)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

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Posted by: L. Tanaka
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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.

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LEVY COURT WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 6, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Linda Parkowski, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Information / Discussion Item

AGENDA SECTION: WORKSHOP ITEMS:

SUBJECT: Kent Economic Partnership 2025 Update

ATTACHMENTS:
KEPMemo to KCLC Workshop 1.6.26.docx

Memo

To: **Levy Court Commissioners**

From: **Linda Parkowski**

cc: **Kevin Sipple**

Date: **January 6, 2026**

Re: **Economic Development Presentation for Workshop**

KEP will be presenting their work for 2025 and their priorities for 2026.

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SUBMITTED BY:	Sarah Keifer, Planning Services
ITEM TYPE:	Discussion/Direction
AGENDA SECTION:	WORKSHOP ITEMS:
SUBJECT:	Housing Presentation, Mike Rieman, Home Builders Association

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LEVY COURT WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 6, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Lorri Tanaka, Public Safety

ITEM TYPE: Funding/Grant Request

AGENDA SECTION: WORKSHOP ITEMS:

SUBJECT: Paramedic Trainee Salary Funding

ATTACHMENTS:
Trainee funding v2.pdf

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MEMORANDUM

January 6, 2026

To: Levy Court Commissioners

Via: Kevin Sipple, County Administrator

From: Chief John A. Tinger, Director Dept of Public Safety

RE: Funding Request – Paramedic Trainee Positions

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Levy Court's approval to create six (6) Paramedic Trainee positions within Kent County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

In Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), Kent County EMS utilized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support Paramedic Trainee salaries. Those funds have since been exhausted. As a result, Kent County EMS is currently using available Paramedic full-time equivalent (FTE) funding to support trainee salaries, which has reduced the number of Paramedic FTEs available for hiring certified paramedics. This has been possible due to low staffing numbers.

Currently, Kent County EMS has four certified out-of-state paramedics and two paramedic students seeking employment. Additionally, because of active recruitment and retention efforts, Kent County EMS has only two (2) available Paramedic FTEs.

To address this issue, the Department of Public Safety is requesting to add six (6) Paramedic Trainee positions to the EMS Budget, which will open full-time positions allowing Kent County EMS to hire certified paramedics and upcoming graduates while continuing to support trainees already in the pipeline.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The ANNUAL estimated cost to fund six (6) Paramedic Trainee positions is $372,000, inclusive of salary and benefits.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

The funding source for these positions will be the current EMS Operating Budget after Ordinance creating positions is passed.

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SUBMITTED BY: Lorri Tanaka, Public Works

ITEM TYPE: Discussion/Direction

AGENDA SECTION: WORKSHOP ITEMS:

SUBJECT: Signage at Wastewater Treatment Facility (cont'd)

ATTACHMENTS:
Signage for WW Treatment Facility.pptx

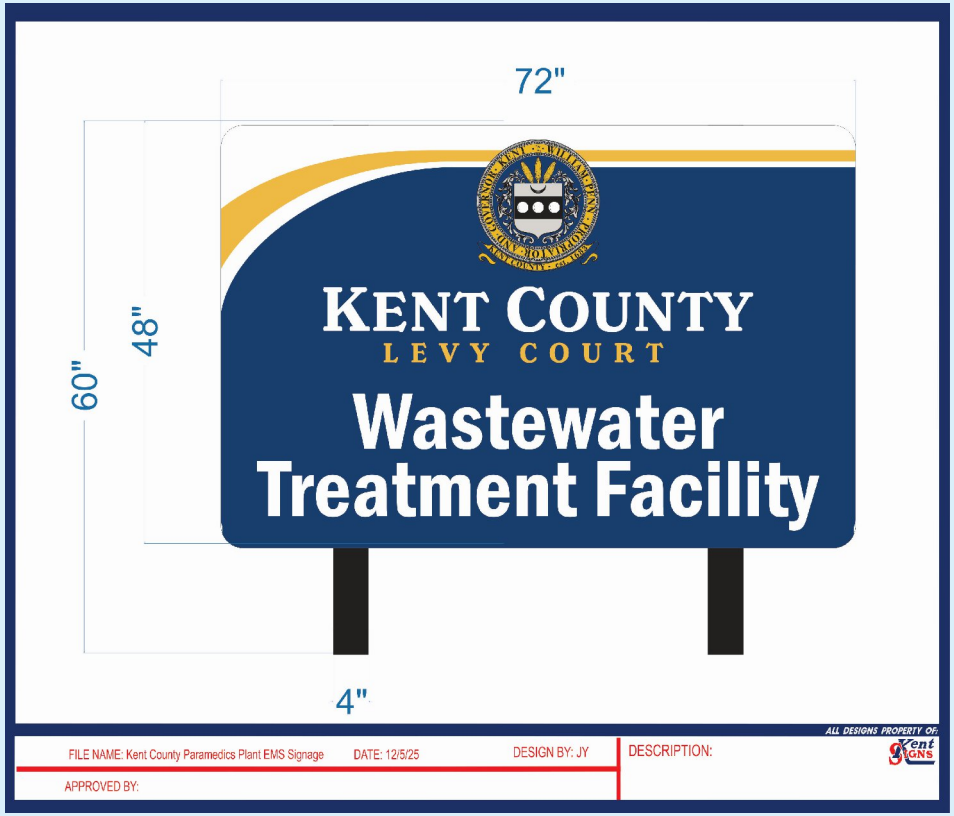


Signage for Wastewater Treatment Facility

Sam Bautista, P.E., Director of Public Works
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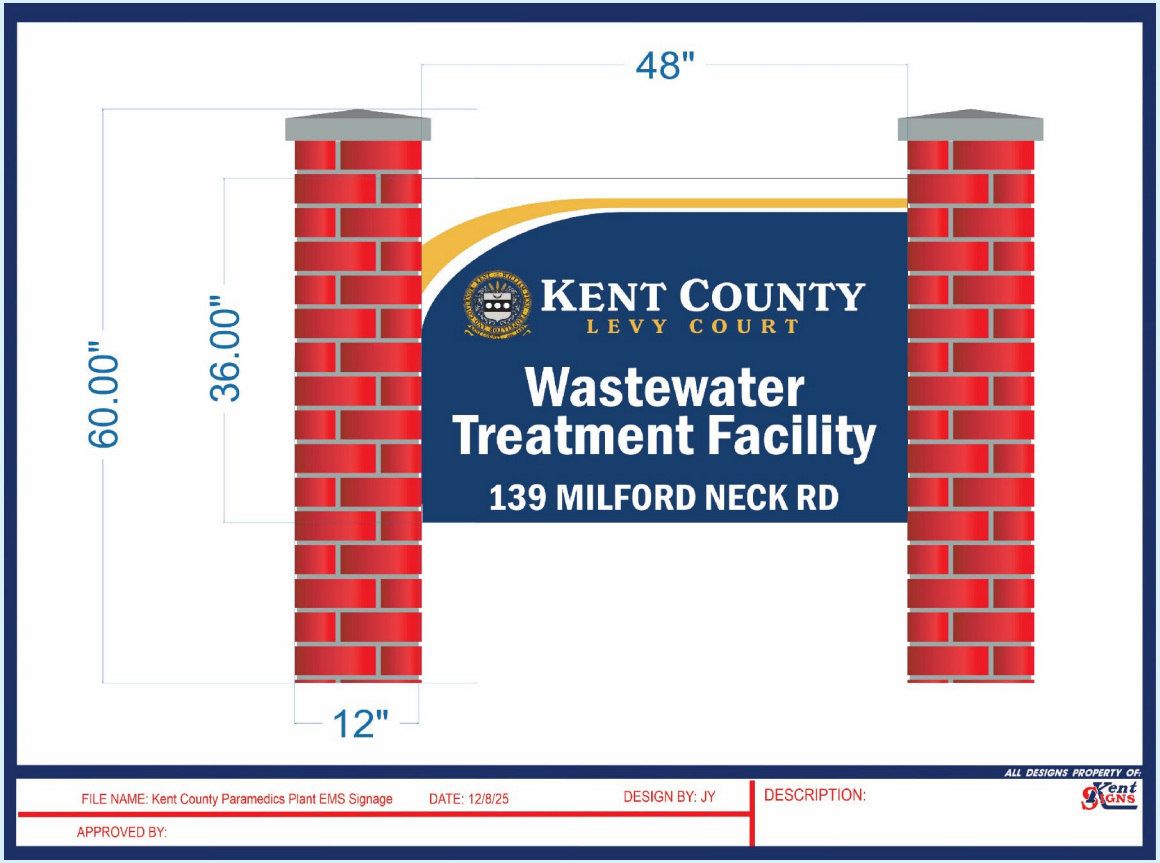
Signage





Cost: $1,200

Signage



Cost:

Sign: $1,200
Brick: $7,000

Total: $8,200



Questions

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