



**Kent County Levy Court Business
Meeting Notice and Agenda
The Old State House, 25 The Green
Dover, DE 19901**

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

In honor of DE250, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Levy Court will convene in the Old State House, its original meeting place. The public is invited to attend this commemorative meeting in person. Because the historic building does not support virtual technology, WebEx and phone participation will not be available. Seating is limited due to the venue's size.

7:00 PM, BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for our Troops and First Responders

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Adoption of Agenda

Public Comments on Agenda Items

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Declaration of Independence Recitation
2. **Resolution 4250** - Recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America
3. Employee of the Month for July 2026

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introductions - May 2026

NO PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scott:

1. Introduction of Resolution 4174, A resolution to extend the Kent County Stormwater Maintenance District pursuant to Chapter 52, Title 9 of the Delaware Code and Section 90.4.E(10), Chapter 187 of the Kent County Code - "Griffith Lake Estates Subdivision" *for Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 21 at 7PM.*

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION ITEMS

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.



Kent County Levy Court

Resolution #4250

Recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and

WHEREAS, this semi quincentennial milestone provides an opportunity for all Americans to reflect upon the enduring principles of liberty, representative government, and individual rights that have shaped our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Kent County, Delaware—one of the original thirteen colonies—holds a proud place in the nation's founding story and continues to honor the sacrifices, achievements, and civic spirit that have guided the United States for two and a half centuries; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Levy Court recognizes the importance of celebrating this historic anniversary through public engagement, education, and community events that highlight the nation's shared heritage and its ongoing commitment to democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Levy Court hereby acknowledges and commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the United States, and encourages all residents to participate in activities and observances that honor this significant moment in our national history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting of the Kent County Levy Court.

Joanne Masten
Joanne Masten, President

Robert J. Scott
Robert J. Scott, Vice President

Allan F. Angel
Allan F. Angel, Commissioner

Jeffrey W. Hall
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Paul Hertz
Paul Hertz, Commissioner

Terry L. Pepper
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George "Jody" Sweeney
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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Division of Human Resources

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Levy Court Commissioners
VIA: Kevin Sipple, County Administrator
FROM: Trudena Horsey, Human Resources Director
SUBJECT: **July 2026** Employee of the Month
DATE: June 15, 2026



Derick Patterson

Kent County Department Heads have selected Derick Patterson from the Department of Administration – Information Technology Office as the **July 2026** Employee of the Month.

Derick currently serves as a Computer Programmer I and joined Kent County in October 2024. In a relatively short period of time, he has established himself as a dependable and valued member of the Information Technology team. His professionalism, positive attitude, willingness to learn, and commitment to excellence have made him an asset to both his department and the County as a whole.

In his role, Derick develops, maintains, and enhances software applications using C#, SQL, JavaScript, and Python to support County operations. He analyzes user requests, identifies operational challenges, and implements technology-based solutions that improve efficiency and service delivery. Derick also troubleshoots and resolves production-related issues to ensure the continuous operation of critical County systems, monitors application performance, recommends enhancements, and assists in training and supporting County employees on various computer applications and technology systems.

Derick has played a key role in several important internal projects. He has contributed to help desk initiatives, including efforts to improve the tracking and management of County IT inventory—work that requires accuracy, patience, and exceptional attention to detail. Most recently, he developed a practical application for the Facilities Division that allows staff to better organize and track daily tasks. The application also provides County employees with a centralized platform to submit requests, improving communication and helping streamline workflows across departments. His efforts have already enhanced day-to-day operations for both Facilities personnel and the employees who rely on their services.

According to Information Technology Director, Donna Barnes, *“Derick consistently demonstrates initiative, reliability, and a strong work ethic. His contributions reflect the qualities we value in our team members, and he has shown impressive growth and dedication early in his career. For these reasons, he is highly deserving of recognition as Employee of the Month.”*

Congratulations Derick on a job well done!

Derick resides in Commissioner’s Hall’s and Pepper’s districts.



Kent County Levy Court

July 2026 Employee of the Month

Derick Patterson

On this, the 23rd day of June 2026,
the Levy Court of
Kent County, State of Delaware, does hereby recognize
Derick A. Patterson
Computer Programmer I
Department of Administration – Information Technology Office
for his exceptional initiative, dedication, and conscientiousness in
the delivery of services to the citizenry of the County.

Joanne Masten

Hon. Joanne Masten, President

Robert J. Scott

Hon. Robert J. Scott, Vice-President

Allan F. Angel

Hon. Allan F. Angel, Commissioner

Jeff Hall

Hon. Jeffrey W. Hall, Commissioner

Paul Hertz

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Terry L. Pepper

Hon. Terry L. Pepper, Commissioner

George W. Sweeney

Hon. George W. Sweeney, Commissioner

Welcome TO THE COUNTY



Jesse Wallace, Jr. **Community Services**
Seasonal Parks Worker I

We are excited to welcome Jesse as our new Seasonal Parks Worker I. Jesse joined Kent County on 5/04/2026. He brings valuable experience from his previous role as a Owner/Operator with JW Services, LLC. Prior to that, he worked at Walmart as an Auto Technician.

Jesse resides in Commissioners Sweeney and Pepper's district.



Michael Arias Kurcan **Public Works**
Maintenace Mechanic I

We are excited to welcome Michael as our new Maintenance Mechanic I. Ronald joined Kent County on 5/18/2026. He brings valuable experience from his previous role as a Pro Shop/Maintenance Worker with Dover Par 3. Prior to that, he worked for Kent County Levy Court in the Parks & Rec Division as a Parks Worker.

Michael resides in Commissioners Sweeney and Pepper's district.



Ronald Charest **Public Works**
Eng. Project Manager II

We are excited to welcome Ronald as our new Engineering Project Manager II. Ronald joined Kent County on 5/18/2026. He brings valuable experience from his previous role as a Project Resident with Century Engineering. Prior to that, he worked for Zack Excavating as a Project Manager.

Ronald resides in Sussex County.

Welcome TO THE COUNTY



Paula Kohout
Library Clerk

Community Services

We are excited to welcome Paula as our new Library Clerk. Paula joined Kent County on 5/11/2026. She brings valuable experience from her role as a Speech and Language Therapy Paraprofessional with Caesar Rodney School District. Prior to that, she was an Instructional Paraprofessional with the same school district.

Paula resides in Commissioners Hertz and Pepper's district.



Robin Mills
Library Clerk

Community Services

We are excited to welcome Robin as our new Library Clerk. Robin joined Kent County on 5/11/2026. She brings valuable experience from her role as a Special Education Paraprofessional with Caesar Rodney School District. Prior to that, she worked in the same field with Capital School District.

Robin resides in Commissioners Scott and Pepper's district.

Welcome TO THE COUNTY



Joseph McMillon
Dispatcher I

Public Safety

We are excited to welcome Joseph as our new Dispatcher I. Joseph joined Kent County on 5/18/2026. Before joining the county, he was employed by Starboard Claw and Bethany Blues.

Joseph resides in Sussex County.



Kelly Martin
Dispatcher I

Public Safety

We are excited to welcome Kelly as our new Dispatcher I. Kelly joined Kent County on 5/18/2026. She brings valuable experience from her role as a Dispatcher III with Cecil County Dept. of Emergency Svc. Prior to that, she worked as an EMT III/FTO with St. Francis EMS.

Kelly resides in Commissioners Hertz and Peppers's district.

INTRODUCED BY: R. Scott
INTRODUCTION DATE: June 23, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 21, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING TIME: 7:00 p.m.
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 4174

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE KENT COUNTY STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 52, TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND SECTION 90.4.E(10), CHAPTER 187 OF THE KENT COUNTY CODE

“Griffith Lake Estates”

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 DEL. C. §5202 et. seq. and Chapter 187 §90.4.E.(1) of the Kent County Code, a Petition to extend the stormwater maintenance district for the areas known as Griffith Lake Estates, lots 1 through 11, has been submitted by a majority of the affected real property owners within the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 187 §90.4.E.(2), the Kent Conservation District inspected the stormwater management facilities for the proposed stormwater maintenance district, identified required repairs, and developed an Operation and Maintenance Plan; and

WHEREAS, all required repairs have been completed and inspected by the Kent Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 9 DEL. C. §5203 et. seq. and Chapter 187 §90.4.E.(9) of the Kent County Code, notices of the public hearing were posted and published containing a description of the area to be included within the proposed extended district and specifying the time and place where Levy Court would meet to consider the matter and hear all parties interested therein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on July 21, 2026, a full discussion of the matter was had, and all persons for and against the extension of the Stormwater Maintenance District – Griffith Lake Estates were heard; and

NOW, therefore, upon the evidence assembled and developed by the Levy Court and upon the evidence given at said hearing, and after due consideration of the maps and plans, reports, recommendations, and other data,

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the proposed stormwater maintenance district expansion is adequate and appropriate;
2. That all of the property owners within the district are benefited directly or indirectly thereby; and
3. That it is in the public interest to extend the stormwater maintenance district in the manner proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the Kent County Stormwater Maintenance District is hereby extended to include Griffith Lake Estates as described and delineated on Map 1 attached hereto;

2. That the stormwater maintenance infrastructure within Griffith Lake Estates, exclusive of that within Delaware Department of Transportation right-of-way, shall be maintained in accordance with the Operation and Maintenance Plan attached hereto and that maintenance shall include regular minor and major maintenance as well as emergency repairs as needed, as defined by Chapter 187 §90.4.B. of the Kent County Code;
3. That said Operation and Maintenance Plan may be revised upon the concurrence of the Stormwater Maintenance District Technical Advisory Committee;
4. That the County government shall assess the cost of maintaining the stormwater infrastructure in said district as a stormwater maintenance tax against all lots and parcels of land therein at the initial cost determined by the Levy Court per parcel per year. Billing will commence with the August 2026 tax bill at the rate adopted in Chapter 128, Fee Schedules. All subsequent billing will occur annually at the assessed rate set by Kent County Levy Court;
5. That the inclusion of Griffith Lake Estates within the Stormwater Maintenance District and the resulting infrastructure maintenance managed by the County shall take precedence over any homeowner obligation for stormwater management included in Declarations of Restrictions or similar development agreements. Any common open space or infrastructure within a community not maintained as part of a stormwater maintenance district shall remain the responsibility of the homeowners;
6. A perpetual easement agreement for Griffith Lake Estates granting the Stormwater Maintenance District access for the inspection and maintenance of the stormwater maintenance infrastructure has been recorded with the Recorder of Deeds Office;
7. The Levy Court may, without further public hearing, consolidate two (2) or more Stormwater Maintenance Districts into a single district; and
8. That this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE LEVY COURT OF KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

JOANNE MASTEN, KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. _____

ATTEST:

KENT COUNTY CLERK OF THE PEACE

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution establishes the Griffith Lake Estates Stormwater Maintenance District. This Resolution includes only residential properties within the described district and authorizes the County to direct the Kent Conservation District to maintain the Griffith Lake Estates stormwater infrastructure in accordance with the applicable Operation and Maintenance Plan. This Resolution further authorizes the County to establish a stormwater maintenance fee to be levied against all properties within the described stormwater district, pro-rata, and bill annually. The initial per unit annual fee for inclusion in the Stormwater Maintenance District will be determined based on the assessed rate set by the Kent County Levy Court. In the event of a discrepancy between the written description and Griffith Lake Estates Stormwater Maintenance District Map No. 1, the map shall govern.

Parcel Numbers:

5-00-18202-01-0100-00001
5-00-18202-01-0200-00001
5-00-18202-01-0300-00001
5-00-18202-01-0600-00001
5-00-18202-01-0700-00001
5-00-18202-01-0800-00001
5-00-18202-01-0900-00001
5-00-18202-01-1000-00001
5-00-18202-01-1100-00001
5-00-18202-01-1200-00001
5-00-18202-01-1300-00001



Kent County Levy Court

Map 1

Resolution 4174
Griffith Lake Estates

LOCATION AND ZONING MAP

Stormwater
Maintenance
District

Levy Court District:
4th - Scott

Location:

Located on the north
and south side of
Grapevine Way,
approx. 290 ft., east
of Wisteria Dr., west
of Milford

Number of Lots:
11

