

Employee Council elects 2017-18 Officers

The new members of Employee Council met for the first time on March 2, 2017 following the uncontested February election and selected its leadership for the upcoming year.

The group elected KRIS CONNELLY, Planning Supervisor in the Department of Planning Services, as President; ANDY RIGGI, Engineering Project Manager III in the Department of Public Works, as Vice-President; PAT ORONA, Deed Clerk II in the Recorder of Deeds Office, as Treasurer; and MICHELE GREEN, Planning Technician II in the Department of the Planning Services, as Secretary.

The remaining members of Employee Council are EARL BRIEL from the Public Safety Department, DEBBIE BYERS from the Finance Department, and JUSTIN HODGES from the Public Works Department, each of whom have one year remaining on their terms of office.

The new Council got right down to work by discussing various matters with County Administrator MICHAEL PETIT de MANGE and Personnel Director ALLAN KUJALA.

According to its bylaws, Employee Council was established by Kent County Levy Court in 1986 to “*discuss issues with and assist the Personnel Director and/or County Administrator with matters relating to personnel rules and employee relations*” and is also responsible for selecting the Employee of the Year.

Over the years, the group became very involved in planning, organizing, and hosting the annual Employee Picnic, Holiday Social, and Holiday Luncheon, but has decided to refocus on the original intent of the body. The events will be evaluated over the coming months, and reformatted. As a result, the various fundraisers regularly conducted by Employee Council have ceased.

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