

## **File for 3 Employee Council positions before Jan. 29 deadline**

Terms are expiring this year (2018) for three two-year Kent County Employee Council positions on the 7-member advisory group. The deadline to file for one of the expiring terms is Monday, January 29, 2018.

The 3 two-year positions include those currently held by DEBBIE BYERS, Accounting Supervisor in the Department of Finance; BEVERLY HAY, Library Technician II in the Department of Community Services; and BRANDON OLENIK, Emergency Management Administrative Officer in the Department of Public Safety.

Whoever is elected will join current members with one-year remaining on their terms: President KRIS CONNELLY, Assistant Director of Planning Services-Planning Division; Vice-President ANDY RIGGI, Engineering Project Manager III in the Department of Public Works; Secretary MICHELE GREEN, Planner I in the Department of Planning Services; and Treasurer PAT ORONA, Deed Clerk II in the Recorder of Deeds office.

Full-time classified employees interested in seeking election to Employee Council must inform Secretary MICHELE GREEN via e-mail or in writing between January 12-29. Individuals can be nominated by a co-worker, but the employee must agree to serve and should seek approval of his/her department head. If more than three eligible candidates file for the vacancies, an election will be held during the first two weeks of February.

If necessary, paper ballots will be sent to each Departmental Administrative Secretary or Payroll Coordinator on February 1 for distribution to each employee. Employees are required to deposit the original paper ballot (no copies or duplicates permitted) in the Employee Council ballot box located in the Administrative Complex mailroom. Ballots would then be counted by at least three representatives from various departments and offices on the morning of February 16.

Employee Council Rules of Procedure limit the number of members from a single department, so if multiple candidates run only the two (one if a department is already represented) with the highest number of votes can be seated.

If only three eligible individuals file for the Employee Council vacancies, then all three will be automatically elected and the election cancelled. The new members assume office in March and officers are elected at the first meeting.

The Purpose of the Employee Council is to regularly provide input to the County Administrator and Personnel Director on employee-related issues.

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