

Letter to the Editor

**Levy Court Announcement**  
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**Incumbent for 5<sup>th</sup> District Levy Court**

The Delaware Primary is over and the 2016 campaign season has started in earnest. As the incumbent for Commissioner of the 5<sup>th</sup> Levy Court District, I am out walking and knocking on doors to get out my message. That message is, “Don’t just look at what I say I am going to do, look at what I have done”.

In the past eight years on Levy Court:

- We reduced our expenses from \$28 million to \$19.5 million per year
- We reduced the number of employees from 325 to 283
- While we raised taxes to cover the State-dumped dog control on the County, the very next year, we reduced taxes
- The County sewer program has not had an increase in nine years
- Working with the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, we introduced fairness in fire company funding, giving more funds to CWFC based on the number of houses in their District and the support runs out of district
- We reduced the red tape around applying for a permit for disability structures like ramps
- We took advantage of a vacant building to move our dilapidated library to a new building
- We partnered with the Greater Kent Committee to bring nearly \$18million in economic growth to Kent County with DE Turf in Frederica
- We expanded the Paramedic system to include a new outpost for southeastern Kent
- We partnered with the Delmarva Boy Scouts to keep nearly 160 acres of prime development land out of developers’ hands, creating the Akridge Reservation and Kesselring Farm Park
- We partnered with the Greater Dover Boys and Girls Clubs to build the best gym in the County, which was used this fall to host the Delaware Senior Olympics Pickleball Tournament
- We brought Kent County's first Dog Park to Tidbury Park
- We partnered with the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation to build a brand new facility that will teach school age children about space, the environment, and our planet
- We partnered with the Friends of Historic Camden to start preservation of the Goggin Mansion on Brecknock Park
- The new Kesselring Farm Park will expand walking trails from Brecknock Park to nearly five miles of beautiful wooded areas.
- Hundreds of constituents assisted with County, State and municipal issues or to navigate the County bureaucracy.

So what am I going to do? More of the same. Just ask yourself, “What has Jody and Levy Court done to help me?” If you think that I have done a good job for you, your development, or the County, please vote for Sweeney on November 8.