

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; David J. White, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of February 11, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilman White. Helen McGoohan, of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start the agenda items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase two (2) Hustler Kawasaki Mowers from PowerPro Equipment at cost not to exceed \$39,940.00 on the COSTARS Contract. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase Nexpose Enterprise Licensing from Rapid7 at a cost of \$43,040.00 on the COSTARS Contract. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2013 and 2014 County Real Estate Taxes for 3 property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, the ratification and approval of an Agreement between the County of Delaware and Elwyn Inc. to provide custodial services for the period of 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2015 at a cost not to exceed \$126,000.00 per year. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept \$47,400.00 from the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Preparedness Program for the period of 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Dougherty asked for County Council's approval of three (3) contracts with Kirkbride Center, Inc., InVision Customized Services and GSI Home Care Solutions LLC and five (5) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service with the following: Xaviers Family Childcare LLC, The Smart

Center of Child Development and Technical Education, Education Enhancement Enterprises Inc., Young Footprints Worldwide ELC and Kids Kampus LLC.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to present the resolution declaring February as Women's History Month.

Mrs. Morrone said County Council is once again pleased to partner with the Delaware County Women's Commission to recognize Women's History Month and to spotlight the accomplishments of women in Delaware County. This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives."

This year, we are celebrating the history of the Women's Commission itself, which is marking its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since 1985, the Delaware County Women's Commission has advocated for women, acknowledging their roles in the success of the county, empowering women in their roles both at home and in the workforce, and raising awareness about financial security, women's health and prevention of violence against women.

It was in 1984 that County Council created a Task Force to look at issues facing women and girls in the county. That Task Force made several recommendations in a report titled "Women and Girls in Delaware County: Looking at the Present, Planning for the Future."

Since then, the commission has worked on many issues impacting women. They crafted a report on child support enforcement in the county that resulted in several positive changes. They encourage women entrepreneurs and host an annual Womenomics event. They look at women's health issues, prevention of violence against women and have also published a women's resource guide. So, as we celebrate Women's History Month this year, we recognize the history of the Women's Commission and its partner, the Friends of the Women's Commission.

Mrs. Morrone welcomed the following members of the Women's Commission who attended today's meeting to accept resolution: Kelly Colvin, chair of the Women's Commission; Gina Sage, co-chair and chair of Women's History Month; Suzanne Hoffman, secretary; Chris Seibert, from the County's Department of Human Services who is the County's liaison to the Women's Commission; Emily Harris, from the District Attorney's Office; Caitlin Ganley; Kate Schramm; Mary McFall Hopper, Delaware County Sheriff; and Marie Feindt.

Mrs. Morrone read (in part) the following resolution:

*Whereas, in Delaware County, since 1985, the Delaware County Women's Commission has served as advocates for women, acknowledging their contributions to the history of the county, and empowering women in their roles both at home and in the workforce, raising awareness on issues such as child support, women's health, financial independence and prevention of violence against women; and*

*Whereas, the achievements of women in Delaware County should be told to encourage and empower girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give boys and men a fuller understanding of women's abilities and rights.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare March 2015 to be Women's History Month in Delaware County. We congratulate the Delaware County Women's Commission on 30 years.*

On behalf of the Delaware County Women's Commission, Ms. Colvin thanked County Council for honoring their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As Mrs. Morrone mentioned, this was started as a Task Force thirty years ago and that Task Force led to some meaningful policy changes. Therefore, Council made it more official and created the commission as you see it today.

March is Women's History Month and they honor women on that occasion. One person who is being honored this year is Janet Murnaghan as the 2015 Woman of Achievement.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on a resolution recognizing Janet Murnaghan as the Women's Commission "2015 Woman of Achievement."

In celebration of Women's History Month, Mr. Culp said the Women's Commission and its partner, the Friends of the Women's Commission, will host its annual breakfast on March 11 at the Towne House. They will present the annual Woman of Achievement Award and induct two new members into its Hall of Fame. Today we are going to present a brief preview of those awards and recognize the 2015 Woman of Achievement.

One woman being inducted into the Hall of Fame is Catherine Dowd Judge, a woman who exemplifies the role of a strong wife, mother and compassionate community participant who offered help wherever and whenever she saw a need. As her daughter said, "her kitchen table was her boardroom." So often the women who earn awards are CEOs, presidents and those who excel in their career. But it is women like Catherine Dowd Judge who are the backbone of our families and our communities. We, in county government, know that she was the "wind beneath the wings" of our Recorder of Deeds, Tom Judge.

The other Hall of Fame inductee will be Alice Maris Bird Baird, who founded a real estate firm out of her house in Swarthmore during the Great Depression. That real estate firm became Baird and Bird and is a successful third generation business today. Like Mrs. Judge, Mrs. Baird's story is the epitome of this year's Women's History theme of "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives."

The other award being presented by the Women's Commission is the Woman of Achievement Award. This year's recipient is Janet Murnaghan, a courageous mother, from Newtown Square, who made the news when she fought for her daughter, Sarah, to have a lung transplant.

Janet was nominated by U.S. Senator Pat Toomey who first met Janet and her husband (Fran) in 2013 at Children's Hospital, in Philadelphia, where they were fighting for their daughter's life.

Sarah has cystic fibrosis and was in desperate need of new lungs, but federal policy prevented Sarah and children under the age of 12 from being considered for a mature lung, which greatly reduced her chances.

Janet led the fight to remove that restriction for children. Not only did Sarah get a set of lungs, but she opened the door for other children by advocating that the transplant network revise the under12 policy.

We are extremely pleased to have Mrs. Murnaghan here today to accept a resolution from Council in advance of the Women's Commission breakfast. Delaware County is home to many courageous women and Janet is very deserving of the Woman of Achievement honor.

Mr. Culp said Janet is here today with her five children, including Sarah, who is also a courageous young lady and Janet's father Malcolm and his wife Paula.

Mr. Culp read the following resolution:

*Whereas, Delaware County has been blessed through the years with many citizens who passionately contributed their time, energy and resources to enhance the dignity and quality of life for their families and communities; and*

*Whereas, one such woman is Janet Murnaghan, a Newtown Square mother who demonstrated thoughtfulness, tenacity and passion caring for her daughter, Sarah, who in 2013 was battling cystic fibrosis and in desperate need of new lungs to save her young life; and*

*Whereas, Mrs. Murnaghan's advocacy for her daughter not only resulted in a lung transplant for Sarah, but resulted in a national policy change with the transplants network that will help other children across the country; and*

*Whereas, the dedication of Mrs. Murnaghan to her daughter, and all of her children, and her perseverance in changing national policy and regulations is recognized by the Women's Commission of Delaware County which has selected her the recipient of its 2015 Woman of Achievement Award, of which she is most deserving.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County hereby commend and congratulate Janet Murnaghan for her courage and tenacity as a woman, mother, wife and advocate, and we extend our sincere best wishes to her for continued success and health, for her daughter, Sarah, and their family.*

Mrs. Murnaghan said this is an incredible honor. She especially wanted to thank Senator Toomey for this recognition. Without the tremendous support of the leaders in Delaware County, their story would have turned out entirely different.

Chairman Civera said it was his pleasure to recognize the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

In 1920, just six months before women were guaranteed the right to vote, the League of Women Voters was founded by a woman named Carrie Chapman Catt.

The League's mission was to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. Today's young women take their right to vote for granted, and we hope they freely exercise that vote. It's important for our daughters and granddaughters to know the hard-fought struggle that earned them the right to vote, one that is not shared by women in many other countries.

This year marks the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the League of Women Voters. In Delaware County, the League continues to conduct various programs such as candidate forums and voter guides to help create an informed electorate. They also have men among their members.

Last month the League hosted a movie night and screened the documentary "The Hungry Heart," that addresses the impact of prescription drug addiction on our communities.

Members help welcome new citizens to the county by providing voter information at each of our Naturalization Ceremonies here at the Courthouse. The League also posts election information on its statewide site, Vote411.

This year the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a high school video contest demonstrating the importance of participation in the democratic process. The theme is "Democracy is not a Spectator Sport: Get in the Game!" It's good to see young people encouraged to participate in government at all levels, from their municipal towns on up.

Chairman Civera said County Council would like to recognize the Delaware County League of Women Voters on its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will enjoy discussing the issues of the day with them at the luncheon this afternoon. It is also appropriate that Council recognizes this anniversary during Women's History Month.

Chairman Civera acknowledged the following people who attended today's meeting to accept the resolution: Olivia Thorne, president of the Delaware County League of Women Voters; Marita Green, vice president of the League for Pennsylvania; and Kathleen Schmick, president of the League of Central Delaware County.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following resolution:

*Whereas, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1919 as an auxiliary to the National American Women Suffrage Association, at a time when only 15 states afforded women the right to vote; and*

*Whereas, on February 14, 1920, six months before the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing a woman's right to vote, which passed by one vote, the League of Women Voters was established as an independent, non-partisan organization that advocates for individual liberties and representative government; and*

*Whereas, the League of Women Voters of Delaware County encourages citizenship through participation in the County's naturalization ceremonies for new citizens, by offering non-partisan workshops on the election process, producing candidate forums, and by sponsoring an online voters' guide called Vote411; and*

*Whereas, Delaware County has benefited from the countless volunteer hours donated by League members who, in the words of League founder Carrie Chapman Catt, work to*

*ensure every "law-abiding adult has his or her inalienable and unpurchasable voice in government."*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby commend and congratulate the League of Women Voters of Delaware County.*

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with the agenda items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** No County business.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. McBlain said Item 8 on today's agenda involved the approval of an agreement between the County of Delaware and Elwyn. Over the years, Elwyn has provided the county with some people who work in our Housekeeping and Maintenance Departments. This is a great opportunity for the county to help provide employment to some of our special needs residents. We get a lot more from them than they get from us.

Anyone who knows these employees know they do a fantastic job and they can't help but to put a smile on your face. They are some of our best ambassadors that we have in this building. Therefore, County Council is very happy to support that continuing agreement with Elwyn.

**DISCUSSION:** No public comment(s).

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.

  
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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS  
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Original Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Kirkbride Center, Inc.	Drug and Alcohol Prevention Non-Hospital, Medically Monitored Detoxification & Residential Rehab Services	1/15/15-6/30/15	N/A	N/A
InVision Customized Services	Residential Services	1/21/15-*	N/A	N/A
GSI Home Care Solutions LLC	Home and Community Habilitation	2/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Xaviers Family Childcare LLC	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/14-**	N/A	N/A
The Smart Center of Child Dev & Tech Ed	Subsidized Day Care	12/4/14-**	N/A	N/A
Education Enhancement Enterprises Inc	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-**	N/A	N/A
Young Footprints Worldwide ELC	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-**	N/A	N/A
Kids Kampus LLC	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-**	N/A	N/A

\*Continuing so long as Provider meets each of the terms of the Contract between the County and Provider to which this signature page is attached or until the Contract is terminated as provided in the Contract.

\*\*Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.