

**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 April 15, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Michael Murphy, a student at Penncrest High School. Barbara Harvey, of the Controller's Office, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for the Darby Creek Stream Valley Trail Construction from the Swedish Cabin through Kent Park, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2014 and 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 9 property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning, to speak on Agenda Items 7 and 8.

On behalf of the County, Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval to submit two grant applications (Items 7 and 8) to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Ms. Hill said Agenda Item 7 is a proposal to develop a signage manual for the County Parks System. It is a technical document that will be used to guide all the current and future efforts to create, improve and maintain clear and consistent signs in the county owned parks including park identification, trail and way finding and interpretive building signs among others.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, the submission of a Grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the "Community Conservation and Partnership Program" for the Delaware County Parks Signage Manual in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the term of 24 months. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mr. McBlain thanked Ms. Hill and the Planning Department for all the work that has gone into this. Over the past month, we have seen a tremendous number of items and action items that County Council is taking and will take regarding our parks and Open Space Planning. Hopefully, this month on Earth Day, we will adopt a roadmap for the County Parks and Open Space Planning for the next few decades as well as taking the steps (like we have today) to approve these grants. The DCNR grant deadline is coming up and that is why there has been a flurry of activity here and in other municipalities.

Mr. McBlain said we are going to make certain that Delaware County gets its piece of the pie when it comes to Open Space and Recreation dollars.

Ms. Hill said Agenda Item 8 is an application involving the development of a Master Park Plan for the proposed Upper Darby/Darby Borough County Park. The Plan will identify and map important natural resources, analyze existing conditions and make recommendations for the future development of this new county park.

The State requires a 50% match for each of these projects. If the applications are successful and both proposals are developed from and are consistent with the County's Open Space Recreation and Greenway Plan, their hope is it will be adopted later this month.

Mr. McBlain said Item 8 aids in another step for planning for the Upper Darby/Darby Borough Park. This is still in the development stage. The County wishes to work with Darby Borough to make sure they are comfortable with whatever plan we set out for the approximate 35-40 acres of new County Park we hope to have this year.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, the submission of a Grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the "Community Conservation and Partnership Program" for the development of a Master Plan for the proposed Upper Darby/Darby Borough County Park in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the period of 24 months. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Triad Fire Protection Engineering Corporation for engineering services required for the George W. Hill Correctional Facility in an amount not to exceed \$89,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the Microsoft Enterprise Software Assurance from CDWG at the cost of \$483,181.72. (This price reflects the CCAP Contract discount.) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11, a Grant to the Domestic Abuse Project in the amount of \$25,000.00, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mr. Culp commented on Item 11. Since 1976, a group of dedicated individuals have been fighting a battle against domestic violence in Delaware County. We all know from recent headlines that this battle continues today. One of the most recent incidents involved a local police officer whose girlfriend is charged with his tragic murder in March.

The staff and volunteers at the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County stress that individuals experiencing domestic violence are not alone, that help is available and that people can change their situation.

The Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County was founded by volunteers to respond directly to requests from victims of domestic violence for emergency assistance, protection and emotional support. Under the leadership of Rita Buckley Connolly, the Domestic Abuse Project seeks to prevent domestic violence and is committed to providing services that meet the needs of victims. It supports an empowerment process that enable victims to move toward self-sufficiency.

Since its inception, the Domestic Abuse Project has received the support of County Council and law enforcement in the county. Numerous programs have been established by the Domestic Abuse Project, including an emergency shelter which opened in 1984, a 24-hour hotline, crisis counseling, therapeutic counseling, support groups, legal services, criminal court advocacy for support and accompaniment to court, transitional housing, medical advocacy, prevention education and training.

Each year, the Domestic Abuse Project provides services to more than 4,500 residents in Delaware County. All services are free, including representation in "Protection from Abuse" hearings.

Delaware County Council supports the work of the Domestic Abuse Project and is pleased to provide a grant of \$25,000.00 to help the organization continue to provide services for the victims of domestic violence and their children.

Mr. Culp welcomed the following representatives of the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc., to this morning's meeting to accept the grant from County Council for 2015: Mary V. Z. Wachterhauser, President and Rita Buckley Connolly, Executive Director.

Ms. Wachterhauser said a few words to thank County Council for their kindness this morning. The word "intimate" evokes the joy of another's touch, the warmth of a shared love, a shared trust. Our intimate ties to others define us, complete us and give profound meaning to our lives. Victims of domestic violence have lost that shared intimacy that we all value, along with their autonomy, safety and security. Thanks to the generous support of Delaware County Council for many years, D.A.P. was able to work towards restoring trust and security for just under 4,000 victims of domestic violence in the last fiscal year.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant to Upland Borough in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a Community Message Board through Restricted Gaming funds. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Solicitor Maddren said he requested Item 13 be added to today's agenda due to some information he received after the Agenda Meeting yesterday. In particular, Ridley Township leases a plot of land near Notre Dame de Lourdes Church, off Fairview Road (Swarthmore mailing address) that is used as a park, which is open to residents throughout the County.

Ridley Township is in the process of obtaining grant money to improve the park. They believe they are in line for about a half million dollars in grants for the improvements to this park, known as Pritchard Park. However, in order to finalize the paperwork for that grant, they need to have a lease for the field for another 25 years.

Therefore, Solicitor Maddren asked for a Lease Agreement be added to today's agenda from the County to Ridley Township for Pritchard Field for a 25 year term at the current rate of \$1 per year.

Since this item was not on yesterday's agenda, it would be appropriate for Chairman Civera to take public comment so that members of the public have the opportunity to express any opinion they have on this agenda item.

Chairman Civera asked for public comment to be made at this time regarding Agenda Item 13. There was no public comment(s).

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13, a Lease Agreement to Ridley Township for Pritchard Field for a 25 year term for the amount of \$1.00 per year, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 14.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of 2 Foster Care Providers of Service with Children and Youth Services, 1 Residential Treatment Provider and 4 Subsidized Day Care Providers.

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. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Christopher Quinn, of Middletown Township, to the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority to a term ending December 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Josephine Laird, of Marcus Hook Borough, to the Planning Commission to a term ending January 2019, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Mario J. Civera, Jr., of Upper Darby Township, to the Economic Development Oversight Board to a term ending March 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with abstention votes being registered by Mr. Civera and Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Economic Development Oversight Board to a term ending March 31, 2018:

W. David Eckard, III  
Paul Mullen

Nether Providence Township  
Aston Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote being registered by Mr. McBlain.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to present a Resolution recognizing May 3-9 as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

In Delaware County, Mrs. Morrone said we are pleased to have an extensive System of Care, through our Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, that helps families and individuals access the services they need to address the mental health of children and youth.

We recognize that mental health is just as important as physical health. For many children in Delaware County and across the nation, mental health is a daily challenge in their lives. Each year, thousands of children receive licensed mental health services in Pennsylvania. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children has a mental health disorder. Also, the onset for 50 percent of adult mental health disorders occurs by age 14.

Research shows that early identification and intervention of mental health issues is a critical component of the health and well-being of children and adults. By raising awareness about children's mental health and the resources available to families, we support our children, their positive emotional development and their hope for a bright future. Our Department of Human Services has formed a System of Care that is a collaborative network of systems and supports that work with youth and their parents.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, May 3-9, they have planned several activities including a Children's Behavioral Health Fair on May 7, which is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

Mrs. Morrone said Council would like to recognize all of these efforts by presenting a resolution in recognition of Children's Mental Health Awareness. She asked Shannon Thomas, the county coordinator of Children's Mental Health and System of Care, to come forward with her partners and to tell us about all of the activities taking place that week. Also attending the meeting was Joseph Dougherty, Director of the Department of Human Services; Jeanne Ewing, Deputy Coordinator of System of Care, Office of the Behavioral Health/Human Services; Tracey Wolf, Supervisor of Pupil Services/Delaware County Intermediate Unit; and Jessica Elam, of the System of Care Leadership Team. Jonna DiStefano, Director of the Office of Behavioral Health, was unable to attend.

Ms. Thomas said National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is a key strategy of caring for every child's mental health which is part of the public awareness and support strategic initiative of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, as well as the Department of Health and Human Services.

Caring for every child's mental health seeks to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health so the children get help for mental health disorders with the same urgency as any other health condition and ultimately to reduce the impact of mental illness on America's communities. Awareness Day seeks to communicate positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to present a Resolution recognizing the Penncrest Hi-Q members as the Delaware County 2015 champions.

Mr. McBlain said the Penncrest High School "Delco Hi-Q" team was once again victorious in the Delco Hi-Q contest. In a nail-biting championship match on March 3, the Penncrest team vested the 2014 champs from Garnet Valley and the team from Haverford. The 2015 championship title is the 11<sup>th</sup> for Penncrest High School since 1959.

The Delco Hi-Q is an annual academic quiz competition featuring 20 Delaware County high school teams. The contest is sponsored by the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union along with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The contest originated in 1948, in Delaware County, under the sponsorship of Scott Paper Company and has since spread to many other locations in the United States. The contest tests a student's general scholastic knowledge and requires knowledge by the students which can be acquired either at school or elsewhere through private research and study.

This year, 21 parochial, private and public high schools entered the competition that began in December. After a series of matches that ran through March, Penncrest entered the final championship set with Garnet Valley and Haverford High Schools. By winning its 11<sup>th</sup> competition, the Penncrest Hi-Q team won a first prize of \$3,000.00 for their school; second place Haverford was awarded \$2,500.00; and third place Garnet Valley receiving \$2,000.00.

Mr. McBlain said, to give you an idea how tough the questions are and how broad the topics are, the sports question asked was the amount of money LPGA Champ Inabee Park won in 2012. Of course, we all know the answer is \$2,287,080.00.

Council is pleased to have the following members of the Penncrest team here today: *Team Captains* Raman Ishwar and Andrew Bernstein; *Team Members* – Julianna Bakker, Samantha Daugherty, Charles Frindt, Schafer Hudson-Ortyn, Kelly Long, Michael Murphy, Abigail Pearse, Ryan Shah; and *Faculty Advisor* Heather Ludwig.

Also attending today's meeting were the following: Rick Durante, Executive Director of the "Delco Hi-Q" Program and Franklin Mint Vice President; Karen Hassett, Hi-Q Coordinator; and Bill Taylor, Executive Director of the Wilbur C. and Betty Lee Henderson Foundation.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's agenda items.

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

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file one Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL:** Mrs. Morrone thanked Jessica Elam, Youth Leader with the System of Care Leadership Team, for her efforts on that team. She also congratulated the Hi-Q Team for their win and wished them the best of luck next year.

On Monday, Mr. Civera said Council traveled to the groundbreaking ceremony at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street West Terminal \$19.6 million Improvement Project, in Upper Darby. Mr. Civera pointed out that Delaware County puts in \$7-8 million per year for mass transit with \$7 million going towards the ridership program and approximately \$860,000.00 for capital improvements.

Due to the construction and improvement projects, he wanted our residents to know that the Media and Sharon Hill Lines will be closed for the summer (June through September) for repairs as it is affected by "the loop" at the terminal and the track repair that will occur during those months.

**DISCUSSION:** Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatton Avenue, Lester (Tinicum Township) spoke about issues at the Philadelphia International Airport including the Capacity Enhancement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement of 1998 (approved by County Council on September 22, 1998).

Solicitor Maddren said the County is involved in only 2 of the 6-8 agreements that Tinicum Township is involved in, namely the 4-Party Agreement with the school district and the airport and the Tax Stipulation Agreement. There are certain things that will happen in the 4-Party Agreement right away as far as guarantees of tax revenue with the specter of this project coming that the City will pay to the 3 taxing authorities.

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.

  
ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan



**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>
Tabor Children's Services	Foster Care & Supervised Independent Living	4/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Cornell Corrections of California, Inc.	Treatment Center	4/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Delta Community Supports, Inc.	Foster Care & Supervised Independent Living	4/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Yolanda Higgins	Subsidized Day Care	3/1/15-**	N/A	N/A
Amazing Mind of the Small Fry Inc	Subsidized Day Care	2/1/15-**	N/A	N/A
Kirra Erwin	Subsidized Day Care	3/1/15-**	N/A	N/A
Harold O Davis Christian School and DCC	Subsidized Day Care	3/1/15-**	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.