

**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 September 16, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Annamaria Glisson, of the Marcus Hook Preservation Society. Elizabeth Sloan, of the Controller's Office, 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 September 9, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for Bids to purchase four (4) Arjo Maxi Move Mechanical Lifts for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for Request of Proposals to furnish and deliver UPS Medical Oxygen to Fair Acres Geriatric Center for a period of five (5) years, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 2 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval of a Grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development under the Federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program. Grant funds will be used as a pass through to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, which will assist households that are experiencing a housing crisis by providing them with homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services, including landlord mediation, short-term financial assistance, utility assistance as well as financial and social service counseling.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8 to accept a Grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (Grant Title: Emergency Solutions Program) in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Sub-Grant to the Community Action Agency. 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 9.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of two Provider Services Agreements with Human Services (Homeless Management Information Services and Behavioral Health Service Provider) and to accept a grant from the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol (a five-year grant).

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.

Mr. Dougherty announced that the Human Services Department will be holding a Provider Resource Fair, sponsored by the Delaware County Office of Intellectual Disabilities, on Wednesday, October 7 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. This is a good way for people to come and see what services and providers are available for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Chairman Civera announced the raising of the United States Air Force flag prior to this morning's Council Meeting.

Chairman Civera said the brave men and women serving in the American military continue to preserve and protect our freedom, both at home and on foreign soil. In Delaware County, we are committed to showing our appreciation of their dedication, sacrifices and patriotism.

During 2015, we in county government are once again flying the flags of our five services branches, the Army, Navy Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, to observe their anniversaries and in tribute to those who served since our nation's founding.

The third opportunity of the year to fly such a flag is this week in observance of the founding of the U.S. Air Force on September 18, 1947. The U.S. Air force flag was raised this morning on the flagpoles in front of the Courthouse and in the courtyard outside the Government Center to fly for one week to include the Air Force birthday of September 18.

Joining us this morning to represent those who served in the U.S. Air Force is retired Brigadier General Daniel Van Wyk, who we are now proud to have as a member of our county government staff.

General Van Wyk was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1978 and served on active duty for six years, joining the Delaware Air National Guard in 1984. He was activated for Desert Storm in January 1991, activated again for the Global War on Terror shortly after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and activated a third time in 2002 for Operation Enduring Freedom. He was appointed Vice Wing Commander of the 166<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in 2002 and Network Welfare Commander for the Delaware Air National Guard in 2010, serving in that position until he retired in 2012. General Van Wyk currently serves as Chief Counsel of the County Office of Support Enforcement.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on a Resolution recognizing September as History Month in Delaware County with focus on the Archaeology Festival at the Newlin Grist Mill.

In Delaware County, Mrs. Morrone said we have bragging rights to being the first place where William Penn, the founder of our Commonwealth, first set foot on land. Since then, our county has enjoyed a rich legacy of history and culture.

Two years ago, leading up to Delaware County's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Delaware County Planning Department partnered with the Heritage Commission and the Delaware County Historical Society to declare September as History Month in Delaware County. Last year, we held a 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary party right here at the Courthouse and Government Center.

This year, we are continuing our History Month observance by recognizing the Newlin Grist Mill, in Concord Township. The Newlin Mill is partnering with our Planning Department to hold an Archaeology Festival on Saturday, September 19. The Heritage Commission and Historical Society are also participating.

The mission of the festival is to give children and adults a chance to *"dig in, get dirty and discover the rich archaeological heritage that lies right beneath our feet."*

This is a free, hands-on, family-friendly event that celebrates not only Delaware County's history but also the environmental benefits of preserving these 160 acres of natural land and water in Concord Township.

Various archaeology groups are participating along with some of our historical organizations to preserve our exciting history and to keep that legacy alive for generations to come.

Mrs. Morrone welcomed the following people who are helping to put this event together and who attended this morning's meeting: Linda Hill, Director of Delaware County Planning Department; Beverlee Barnes, Manager of Preservation Planning for the Delaware County Planning Department; Laura Proctor, of the Delaware County Planning Department; Karen Micka, Delaware County Heritage Commission; Linda Houldin and Karen Confer, of the Delaware County Historical Society; and from Newlin Grist Mill - Keith Doms, Site Manager and Staff Archaeologist and Madeline Karp, Director of Programs.

This year, Madeline Karp said will mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Newlin's Grist Mill Archaeology Festival. They are thrilled to be part of Delaware County's History Month celebration. The archaeology festival excavations will focus on a mystery building on the hill beside the Trimble House and the area between the Grist Mill and their archive.

Visitors are invited to participate in both the excavation and in an archaeology lab where they can assist with the cleaning and identification of artifacts. Visiting families are also invited to

participate in the kids dig simulation sandbox excavation that is designed for archaeologists ages 12 and under. Archaeology has proven to be popular with the public and helps to engage visitors in historic sites.

Last, she thanked the Delaware County Planning Commission for sponsoring the festival and the Delaware County Historical Society and the Delaware County Heritage Commission for their support as they continue to expand.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 12, a Resolution recognizing Preservation and Pirates in Marcus Hook Borough.

Mr. Culp said it's not every day that we have pirates entering the Government Center through our metal detectors, but today we welcome them with open arms.

Our very own Borough of Marcus Hook was once home to real pirates and on Saturday, September 19 pirates will once again congregate in Marcus Hook to bring history to life.

According to oral history, infamous pirate Blackbeard and his crew would celebrate their plunders in Marcus Hook because it was just outside the reach of government authorities in Philadelphia. It's said that Blackbeard often stayed at the home of a Swedish woman named Margaret on Market Street.

Fast forward to 2004 when Michael Manerchia, a borough councilman, and his wife, Patty, bought a house at 221 Market Street. His home renovation project quickly became a preservation project when he discovered he owned a plank house made from logs salvaged from a ship back in the 1700's.

The Plank House is thought to be the home of Blackbeard's lady friend. Whether that's true or not, the house is still a remarkable example of an early 18<sup>th</sup> century house constructed with sawn planks and joined with dovetail joinery. The site has been a treasure trove for archaeologists.

Mr. Manerchia ended up donating the Plank House to the Marcus Hook Preservation Society. Manerchia is president of the Preservation Society and he continues to work to raise funds to preserve the Plank House and the artifacts found in its soil, to create an artifacts library, to offer tours and to celebrate all things "piratical" at the annual Pirate Festival held each September.

This year's Pirate Festival takes place on Saturday, September 19. Each year about 6,000 people attend the festival, including dozens of pirates. Manerchia himself will dress as Edward "Blackbeard" Teach.

As part of History Month in Delaware County, Mr. Culp said we are pleased to recognize the Marcus Hook Preservation Society and its tireless efforts to preserve the colorful, maritime

history of Delaware County. Its family-oriented events, like the Pirate Festival, make our county such a great place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Manerchia was not able to attend today, but the following representatives from the Preservation Society and Marcus Hook Borough Council attended to accept the Resolution: Josephine Laird, Marcus Hook Council President; Preservation Society members - Annamaria Glisson, Ginny Hughes, Marie Horn and Lorraine Daliessio; and Paula Manerchia, volunteer.

On behalf of the Preservation Society, Ms. Glisson thanked County Council for the honor of recognizing the hard work and efforts of the Marcus Hook Preservation Society. They appreciate Council's support of their organization and with this Resolution it proves to solidify the relationship between the County and Borough of Marcus Hook.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the filing of two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp thanked Mr. Van Wyk for his service to our country. He wished the pirates and everyone good luck and good weather this weekend. Lastly, he thanked the representatives of the Newlin Grist Mill for coming in; it is a great place to visit.

Mr. McBlain announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event that will take place this Sunday, September 20 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Penn State Brandywine Campus, located at 25 Yearsley Road and Route 352, Middletown Township.

This is the third of four HHW events for Delaware County residents to remove toxic products from their homes for disposal in a safe manner at the annual household hazardous waste collections.

Residents should take note that it is with regret that the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority announces it can no longer accept electronic waste such as TV's or computers at these HHW events due to a change in PA law. Residents who have electronic or e-Waste to dispose of should contact their municipality to see if they are hosting an e-waste event, permanent drop-off or curbside collection. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) also advises residents to check with local retailers, such as Best Buy, for recycling options.

The four events offer an easy and convenient opportunity to dispose of hazardous items in a responsible manner. Acceptable items include the following: Oil-based paints, sealers, thinners, turpentine, lawn & pool chemicals; 3 lb. (camp size) propane cylinders or any item labeled DANGER – TOXIC- HAZARD. There is no charge to residents to drop off the acceptable materials, however businesses and commercial products will be turned away.

Residents can obtain more information including driving directions and recycling options at [www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle) or contact Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627.

Mr. McBlain extended his thanks to Human Services Director Joe Dougherty and his staff for the quick handling of a recent family issue that was posted on social media and that needed services which the County Human Services Department could provide. They registered two children with physical and intellectual disabilities for services with the County. Their home is currently in peril due to a mortgage foreclosure, but we have been able to connect them with one of the counseling services that is available to help residents deal with this type of situation.

Mrs. Morrone said there is a lot of going on in Delaware County this weekend. It looks like you can go to Concord and visit the Newlin Grist Mill; Marcus Hook for the Pirate Festival; and drop off Household Hazardous Waste at the Penn State Brandywine Campus. Enjoy the events that are happening out there that recognize Delaware County history and culture.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming to this morning's Council meeting. We are proud of the people who come into these meetings throughout the year; this was certainly a very exceptional meeting.

**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 Mr. Culp 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>
Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol	DDAP Grant Agreement	7/1/15-6/30/20 (5 yr. agreement)	N/A	\$16,658,459
Coelho Consulting	Homeless Management Information Services (HMIS)	7/1/15-6/30/16 (amendment)	\$161,495	\$231,495
Child and Family Focus, Inc.	Transition to Independence Process (TIP)	9/1/15-12/31/18	N/A	\$400,000