

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 October 28, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ed O'Lone, Controller. Barbara Nicolardi, of the County Office of the Services for the Aging, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract to furnish and deliver Office Supplies for the Delaware County Courthouse Complex, Media, PA to the lowest responsible bidder W. B. Mason Inc. and Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, PA, to the lowest responsible bidder Office Basics Inc. for a period of two (2) years. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 3 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for nine (9) Court Ordered refunds for the years 2014/2015 for properties in the Borough of Morton and the Townships of Haverford, Upper Chichester and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$5,974.16. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the VMWare Agreement with CDWG on the COSTARS Contract at a cost of \$32,360.00. This agreement covers the virtual environment at the Courthouse and the Disaster Recovery site. The agreement period is 11/1/2015 to 10/31/2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant Agreement to Nether Providence Township in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Marcellus Shale Funds for the Preservation of the Summit School Property. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10, designating the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union as a Depository of CID Evidentiary and designating Joseph Ryan, Chief of CID; Robert Fuss, CID Sergeant; and John A. Dowd, Treasurer as signatories. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of an amendment to *decrease* a contract amount for Transitional Housing with Community Education Centers, Inc. This amount reflects the actual cost versus the budgeted cost at the beginning of the year. He also asked for the approval of nine (9) Subsidized Day Care Providers.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11, 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. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving memorials to be erected on the graves of the following deceased service persons:

Edward W. Brennan
Nicholas Vincent Sardou

Upper Darby Township
Aston Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera announced the raising of the United States Marine Corps flag this morning.

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, Chairman Civera said we in county government are once again flying the flags of our five service 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 fifth and last opportunity of the year to fly a military flag is next month in commemoration of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps which was established on November 10, 1775. The U.S. Marine Corps flag will be raised next Wednesday on the flagpoles in front of the Courthouse and in the courtyard outside the Government Center to fly for one week to include the Marine Corps birthday on November 10.

Chairman Civera welcomed the following two veterans of the U.S. Marine Corps who attended this morning's meeting to represent veterans of the Corps in observance of its birthday: Springfield Township Police Chief Joseph Daly, who served consecutive one-year tours of duty in Vietnam. Chief Daly has been Chief of Springfield Police for seven years after serving as a member of the Lower Merion Township (Montgomery County) Police Force for 39 years, including 14 years as chief of police. Also, he is a member of the board of directors of the

Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association. Frank Carey, Director of the Delaware County Office of Employment and Training, served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to present a Resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. Culp said it is sobering and sad to learn that nearly one in four women and one in seven men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner. Last year, seven of the homicides in Delaware County were directly related to domestic violence.

Delaware County has always worked to prevent domestic abuse and assist abused victims, but this year the District Attorney's Office is focusing even more attention on domestic violence. In May, District Attorney Jack Whelan, County Council and partners in the community formed the "Domestic Abuse Review Team (DART)."

As a member of the DART team, Mr. Culp said he sees firsthand how devastating and costly domestic violence is to its victims, their children, their families, the workplace and the community.

The team has been meeting since May. One goal is to examine evidence-based prosecution and investigative techniques surrounding domestic abuse from the original response call by the police officer through the criminal justice system including Protection from Abuse Orders.

The committee is identifying areas where a domestic abuse victim is vulnerable. We want to develop plans to better identify and serve high-risk victims of domestic violence in partnership with the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County.

Working with DAP, we now have a countywide Lethality Assessment Program, which is an innovative strategy to prevent domestic violence homicides and serious injuries. We want to identify the victims who are at the highest risk of being injured or killed by their intimate partners and connect them with services.

The Lethality Assessment Program is a multi-pronged intervention where the evidence is assessed and responders are alerted to the unique circumstances of a high-danger victim so they can better help that victim.

For all of us, the goal is to reduce domestic violence and to raise awareness that all men, women and children have a right to be free from violence and abuse. October is the perfect time to shine a spotlight on this issue because it is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. Culp recognized many of the people who are working tirelessly on this issue in Delaware County. We are grateful for their expertise, their compassion and want to recognize their latest efforts to end domestic violence.

Attending this morning's meeting on behalf of domestic violence were the following individuals: District Attorney Jack Whelan; Chief Joseph Ryan, Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division; Marianne Grace, Executive Director of Delaware County; Rose Pucillo, Coordinator, District Attorney's SVU/PFA; Danielle Gallaher, Assistant District Attorney/SVU; Jennifer Green, Probation Officer, Delaware County Adult Probation & Parole; Sheriff Mary Hopper; Mary Wachterhauser, Board President, Domestic Abuse Project; Pearl Kim, of the District Attorney's Office; Matt Illich, DAP, Intern Associate Executive Director; Kris Ferraro, DAP Senior Manager, Legal Services; Shannon Marriott, DAP, Executive Assistant; Beth Coimbra, DAP Finance Director; Kelly Colvin, former DAP board member; Joyce Dale, Executive Director, Delaware County Women Against Rape; Candice Linehan, Director of Sexual Assault Services, Women Against Rape; WAR members Dana Leahan, Jennifer Stanfield and Lauren Ciatteo; Dr. Maria Edelberg, newly appointed Executive Director of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit; Joan Scanlon, Weed and Seed Program, Upper Darby Township; Theresa Agostinelli, Glen Mills Counseling Center; and Troy Brindle, Director of Business Development, Springfield Psychological.

D.A. Whelan said it's a great partnership that County Council and the District Attorney's Office has. Many times people do realize that County Council keeps the taxes low and creates jobs, but they do not know how often Council works with the different agencies, including his office, on anti-crime initiatives and issues dealing with how to better improve the criminal justice system.

They were looking to model a program after the Heroin Task Force and how they could get together and improve the issues they were dealing with on a daily basis. In 2014, it was obvious that they were seeing a large increase in domestic violence as well as domestic homicides. In a given year, they have over 4,000 Protection from Abuse Petitions filed, so that is strong evidence of severe domestic violence within Delaware County. So, the Domestic Review Committee was put together with an effort as to how they could better improve the system starting from the interaction with the police officer on the street and up and through the time that a person is found in violation of a Contempt Order or is placed on a Protection from Abuse Petition.

D.A. Whelan said they have seen issues and have seen accomplishments at this point and time, but have a little way to go looking at the Criminal System and as well as the Civil System as it applies to the issuance of protection from abuse.

As well as acknowledging the Domestic Abuse Project today which is key to this endeavor, D.A. Whelan recognized Women Against Rape, COSA and Senior Victims Services who all play a role in dealing with domestic abuse.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15, announcing the Medicare Open Enrollment counseling provided by APPRISE through the County Office of Services for the Aging.

Mr. McBlain said figuring out all the ins and outs of health insurance is a challenge for all of us, but for senior citizens who use Medicare, it's important to do your homework and review your plan each year. Enrolling or changing plans can be a daunting task and some seniors may be tempted to just stick with what they have; this might be a costly mistake.

Now is the time for Delaware County senior citizens to examine their 2016 Medicare coverage and possibly revise that coverage to meet changing healthcare needs. Open Enrollment for Medicare coverage started last Thursday, October 15 and runs through December 7, to give seniors enough time to review and make changes to their coverage before the New Year.

County Council, through the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and APPRISE which is a free health insurance counseling program for seniors, is offering to help people make informed decisions about their Medicare health insurance coverage. People with Medicare will see some significant changes to Medicare enrollment rules this fall. If they miss the opportunity to make adjustments to their plans now, they will have to wait another year.

It's critical for seniors to evaluate their Medicare options each year. Programs change, plus an individual's health or living situation can change. Having the wrong plan can be very costly to seniors, so we recommend they examine their coverage and take advantage of the counseling offered.

Mr. McBlain said we have a list of all of the *free* counseling sessions on the County website. For example, today there are sessions at the Stinson Towers, in Chester City, and the Friendship Senior Center, in Darby Borough. There are *free* sessions in almost every community, at a senior center, church or other gathering places through December. We invite our seniors to take advantage of this expertise.

To provide more information on Open Enrollment and APPRISE counseling programs, we have several representatives from our COSA office here today: Theresa Butts, Community Services coordinator; Barbara Nicolardi, Planner; Elaine Lawley, Communications; and Glenda Radical, the APPRISE Program Manager.

Ms. Nicolardi thanked County Council for inviting her here today to talk about Medicare Open Enrollment. The APPRISE Health Insurance Program is a program through the PA Department of Aging and it comes to Delaware County through COSA. COSA contracts with Senior Community Services to administer the program. It is available year round but certainly during the Open Enrollment period. She called on Ms. Radical to say a few words about the APPRISE Program.

Ms. Radical said the APPRISE Program is actually the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) that was created by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to assist Medicare Beneficiaries of any age to understand their health insurance options. The Pennsylvania Department of Aging created APPRISE to help Pennsylvanians with Medicare, Medicaid and other health insurance questions and/or concerns. The APPRISE Program has 14 locations where you can go and get individual counseling. Currently, they have 113 events that are going on in Delaware County.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 16 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 three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Police Chief Daly and Frank Carey for their service to our country. He also thanked District Attorney Whelan for his leadership and the entire DART team for tackling such a serious issue.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks as well as to thank the Women Against Rape, the DART team and the Domestic Abuse Project group for all their hard work. It is a very valuable contribution they do for these citizens of Delaware County. He also congratulated Dr. Maria Edelberg who was recently promoted to Executive Director of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. He said it's been a pleasure working with her as the Assistant and he is sure it will continue to be a good working relationship with her as the Executive Director.

Mrs. Morrone thanked everyone for coming today. Council looks forward to working with Dr. Edelberg.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming today.

DISCUSSION: Nate Much, President of the Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners, 118 Locust Lane, Media, thanked County Council for approving a Grant for Nether Providence Township for the Summit School Property, which consists of 9 acres. This property is currently owned by the Nether Providence School District and it is their hope to purchase this property from them to be used as Open Space with a possible community center including the police and administration offices at that location.

On behalf of the entire County Council, Chairman Civera said, as far as the challenge of Open Space in Delaware County, they want to do whatever they can to protect Open Space; it is their goal to achieve that.

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



**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>
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Transitional Housing	7/1/15-6/30/17 (amendment)	\$595,392	\$530,295
Child Care Information Services (CCIS) Providers (See List)	Subsidized Day Care	See List	N/A	N/A

CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES
REGULATED AGREEMENTS

<u>AGREEMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CCIS 280/15	Lets Imagine Child Development Center Inc	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 304/15	Butterfly Kisses Child Care LLC	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 326/15	Brandywine Child Care and Preschool Inc	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 404/15	Bright and Early Preschool & Learning Center	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 500/15	Nicole Jefferies	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 692/15	Brilliant Minds LLC	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 700/15	The Learning Lamp Center for Children at GJCTC	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 724/15	Color Me Leadership Academy	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 783/15	Erika McMillan	9/1/15 - *	N/A

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