

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 December 2, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Tom Brown, State Senior Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania VFW. William Lovejoy, Director of Veterans Affairs, 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 November 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. 91615 for USP Medical Oxygen to the lowest responsible bidder Robert's Oxygen Company, Inc. for five (5) years with an annual cost of \$106,057.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on David Belanger, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Mr. Belanger said Item 6 is the request for approval to purchase 225 computers to replace the public access computers that are currently in Delaware County libraries. They are used over 400,000 times a year and so after seven years of service the computers are now at their end of usage. By replacing the current computers, this will allow us to continue to provide public access to the Internet and other research services, which are still being used heavily in libraries.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase 225 computers from State Contract at a cost of \$202,500.00. These computers will replace public access computers in our libraries, which are 7 years old or older. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for a refund for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 1 property owner due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to speak on Agenda Item 8, Proposed Ordinance 2015-2.

Mr. Maddren said this is the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-2, the County Budget and the County Tax Levy Ordinance for 2016. Copies of the County Budget are available at the

back of the meeting room. There will be a public presentation of the Budget on Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 P.M. in this meeting room. This is a no tax increase budget.

Ordinance 2015-2 states the following:

1. Sets the Operating Budget for 2016 in the total amount of \$345,121,000.00 and the Capital Spending Program for years 2016 through 2020 at \$109,987,000.00.
2. Levies a tax on all Real Estate property
 - a. Tax rate for General County purposes, the sum of 4.676 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.4676 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
 - b. Tax rate for Debt Service, the sum of .928 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.0928 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
 - c. Total millage for all purposes, the sum of 5.604 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.5604 on each one hundred collars of assessed valuation.
3. This Ordinance appropriates all the necessary amounts for the various spending programs within the Budget.

A copy of the Budget is available in the Office of the Budget Director and the Office of the County Clerk. Consideration of adopting this Ordinance will take place at the next regular County Council Meeting on December 9. This concludes the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-2.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a "Time Extension Only" for the "Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce Continuation Grant" for OJJDP extending the grant period from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Pamela Fritzsche for the IT Department in an amount not to exceed \$45,900.00 for a period of one (1) year beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving of Rental Fees for postage machines for the Administrative Office of Magisterial Districts and all the Magisterial District Judge Offices, a total

of 23 locations. This is a five (5) year contract with Pitney Bowes with annual costs of \$48,511.56. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mr. Dougherty asked for County Council's approval of ten (10) Subsidized Day Care Providers with the Office of Child Care Information Services. There is no County dollars associated with this request.

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. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Kevin O'Donoghue, of Concord Township, to the Brandywine Conference & Visitor's Bureau to a three (3) year term ending December 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Nathan Much, of Nether Providence, to the Community Transit of Delaware County Board of Directors to a three (3) year term ending December 2018, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint John J. Lucas, of Marple Township, and Albert J. Melfi, Jr., of Aston Township, to the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority to a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Daniel J. Lanciano, of Springfield Township, to the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Lackman to a term ending December 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 17, announcing the Holiday Cheer for Troops and Veterans Campaign.

During the holidays, it's important to remember the brave men and women of the armed services who are fighting for our freedom at home and overseas. With the recent acts of terrorism, we are all painfully aware of how precious our freedom is.

This is the time of year when we collect greetings and gifts for our Holiday Cheer campaign for troops and veterans. Delaware County Council and county employees will once again spread cheer to our troops who are either overseas, stationed on base in the United States or recuperating in a veteran's hospital.

For the past eight years, the Departments of Public Relations and Veterans Affairs have collected and mailed hundreds of holiday cards and gifts as part of the Armed Services tribute initiative.

We already received a large shipment of donations from Barbara McFadden, a Concord Township resident, who has generously written thousands of holiday cards and collected many items from her neighbors to turn over to County Council.

Once again, County Council is partnering with the Herbert W. Best VFW, Post 928, in Ridley Township, to mail care packages to men and women in the armed services. Members of the post volunteer to do a monthly mailing of care packages to various bases.

County Council is also partnering with the American Red Cross for their Holiday Mail for Heroes Program (HMFH) that urges people to "Give Something That Means Something." People are invited to send a card of thanks and support to members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

New this year, County Council is providing greetings and gifts for veterans at the Coatesville Veterans Medical Center.

We are pleased to be able to partner with these organizations to make the holidays a bit brighter for our troops and veterans.

Chairman Civera also wants to remind people to stop by our Armed Services Tribute Board where we honor active duty troops. Anyone who has a Delaware County family member serving in the armed services can submit their loved one's photo for display on our Tribute Board. Council will also send them a holiday greeting.

Attending this morning's meeting are the following individuals: Tom Brown, State Senior Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania VFW; Earl Johnson, Director of Volunteer Services, Coatesville Veterans Medical Center; Andre McCoy, Regional Manager, Service to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross; and Anna Brown and Monique Constantine, Best VFW Post 928 Auxiliary.

Mr. Brown thanked County Council for inviting them here today and for all their efforts. Yesterday, a Christmas party was held at the Coatesville Veterans Medical Center for the veterans, which included a luncheon and a lot of new clothing for the veterans.

On behalf of the Coatesville Veterans Medical Center, Mr. Johnson thanked County Council and all the guests here today for their support. At any given time, they have over 700 veterans staying overnight at the Veterans Medical Center. They receive close to \$1 million a year in donated items, which enhances their efforts a great deal. If you know a veteran who needs to enroll in the Coatesville Veterans Hospital, please encourage him or her to do that.

Mr. McCoy said one of the divisions of the Red Cross is the Services to the Armed Forces. The region we are in is the Eastern PA Region which covers 17 counties and 404,000 veterans. The services that the Red Cross SAF provides to the Armed Forces is the processing of a Red Cross message notification in a time of emergency. If you received a Red Cross message in the field in Afghanistan or Iraq, you know it has been verified and they are the only ones who do that by an Act of Congress. The commander will act on that and try to get the soldier home, sometimes within 24 to 48 hours. They work with the VA Hospitals and also cover briefings and veterans outreach. The Red Cross is a neutral body. No taxpayer money goes into the Red Cross; it is all done by donations. Over 90% of the organization is run by volunteers.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to present a Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA.

Mr. White said every day we hear stories about young people who need help, either they are struggling in school, tempted by drugs or crime, or they come from difficult family situations. When children are at risk of social or academic failure, one organization that offers help is Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of our region celebrates 100 years of helping young people, ages 7-14, who face adversity, living in poverty or facing incarceration. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide these children with strong, professionally supported one-on-one relationships that will change their lives for the better.

The Big Brother Association was formed under the leadership of Charles Edwin Fox, an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, who was working with Juvenile Court. Since then, the Association has served 120,000 children in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks, Chester and Montgomery counties.

The volunteer mentors get together with their mentees after school, on weekends or even during the school day. They share meals, go to sporting events, museums, and most importantly, they talk. Many of the young people say it's the advice from their mentor that makes the biggest difference. Over the last century, these mentor relationships have been shown to improve a young person's educational success, helped boys and girls avoid risky behaviors and inspired confidence. In today's world, these caring mentors can mean the difference between a safe, successful life and a life behind bars. In 2015, the Big Brothers Big Sisters matched up 215 Delaware County children with a mentor.

Today, County Council wants to commend the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization for the valuable work they do on behalf of our youth.

Mr. White read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, in 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania launched the Mentoring Partnership and Resource Center to help over 135 other youth mentoring organizations in the region with capacity building, technical assistance, training and advocacy; and

Whereas, for 100 years Big Brothers Big Sisters has made meaningful matches between adult volunteers, known as Bigs, and at-risk youth, known as Littles, supporting nearly 3,000 mentoring matches each year in pursuit of its commitment to improve the lives of children who are most in need of it.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, commend and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. White introduced the following individuals who attended today's meeting to accept the Resolution: Barbara Dyson, Chair of the Delaware County Regional Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters and a Big Sister; Ed Stefanski, a member of the regional board and a Big Brother; and Greg Burton, Vice President of Marketing Communications for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Burton said they serve over 3,300 children per year in the four county region. Delaware County is an empathies for them going forward. What they are really focused on is the most difficult to reach population like kids with incarcerated parents, kids facing public education issues and kids in foster care. The mentoring partnership is one of their biggest issues next year. They appreciate County Council's support. They are in desperate need of male volunteers to mentor young boys and donations.

Ms. Dyson said it is wonderful to see the impact that this organization has on these young children's lives helping them to be all they can be. They are our future, so they are very important.

Mr. Stefanski said he's been a "Big" for five years and has served on the Board for three years. He can say firsthand that it makes a big difference mentoring a young child. He thanked County Council for acknowledging Big Brothers Big Sisters and helping to spread more awareness specifically in Delaware County and Southeastern PA.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 19, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: No County business. Mr. Maddren took the opportunity to echo Mr. White's sentiments concerning Big Brothers Big Sisters and to say to Mr. Burton, Ms. Dyson and Mr. Stefanski that he was a "little brother" when he was young. The time he spent with his mentor was probably some of the most important time in his life. Thank you all for what you do!

COUNCIL: Mr. White said today County Council is honoring organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, VFW Post 928 and the Red Cross who help others. He congratulated them and wished them all a great holiday and looks forward to helping them next year.

Mr. McBlain thanked the honorees here today but also wanted to thank the County employees for their efforts. Our employees are the most charitable and patriotic people that he knows. We just completed a very successful Thanksgiving Food Drive where (in the most part) the employees collected the food and helped in packing it up for delivery.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending this morning's Council meeting. He congratulated our veterans and Big Brothers Big Sisters for their good work. It is always delightful when they attend our meetings.

On Friday, December 4 at 7:00 P.M. the Festival of Lights will open at Rose Tree Park and will run through Sunday, January 3 between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. We are very proud of this event in the park. If you are available on Friday evening, please come out and join the festivities. ACME Markets is one of the prime sponsors of this event. So, bring you family out to enjoy the lights and stop by to have a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

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>
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 789/15	Ric and Kym LLC	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 790/15	Funtastic Day Care LLC	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 791/15	The Childrens Club House	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 792/15	Katrina Alsbrooks	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 793/15	KCK Academy LLC	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 795/15	Stary-Dom-LLC	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 796/15	Little House On The Hill Day Care Center	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 797/15	Bessie Williams	9/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 798/15	Anointed Hands Child Development Center LLC	10/1/15 - *	N/A
CCIS 799/15	Early Childhood Educators of PA	10/1/15 - *	N/A

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