

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., 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 January 20, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Kaylee Overby, Girl Scout Junior from Troop 5244, Lansdowne Borough. Tim Mengel, Department of Regional Emergency Medical Services, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2016, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to purchase Hardware and Software Support from Commvault Backup Software from Vion on the COSTARS Contract at a cost of \$39,768.80 for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving 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.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Resolution PA-DCED-2016-01 for submission of a proposal for funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the Keystone Communities Program, Accessible Housing Grants. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 8, a Grant to the Delaware County Economic Development Oversight Board for calendar year 2016 in the amount of \$600,000.00 (Restricted Gaming Funds). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a Service Agreement with Justin Lazaroff, D.O. for Court Ordered Psychiatric Evaluations for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 at a rate of \$400.00 per evaluation, not to exceed \$104,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a Service Agreement with Catherine Surbeck, Ph.D. for Court Ordered Psycho-Sexual Evaluations for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 at a rate of \$494.00 per evaluation, not to exceed \$69,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving an annual Maintenance/Software Support Agreement with CourtSmart Digital Services for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 at a cost of \$95,519.64. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 12 to renew the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement from CDWG for 3 years at an annual cost of \$553,962.47. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to renew the Service and Support Agreement with MTS Software Solutions for 1 year for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 at a cost of \$115,068.81. 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 14.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of two (2) grant renewals with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a contract with Horizon House and seven (7) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service. There is no County dollars associated with the approval of these items.

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15.

Mr. McBlain said it was his privilege to present the recognition of Robert "Bubba" Hamilton as "2015 Educator of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

In Delaware County, we are very fortunate to have many dedicated men and women who bravely respond (at a moment's notice) to emergencies that threaten the health and safety of our residents. One particular group that makes sacrifices every day on behalf of others are those highly trained people in Emergency Medical Services.

County Council is proud of and grateful for our paramedics, our EMS responders, our EMT's and everyone on the front lines of emergency response.

Today, we are pleased to recognize one of our emergency responders, Robert "Bubba" Hamilton, who is also an educator, passing on his skill and knowledge to young responders. Mr. Hamilton was recognized late last year as the 2015 Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Services Educator of the Year.

He is a resident of Brookhaven and has been a paramedic for 24 years. When you look at his accomplishments on both the front lines of emergency response and in the classroom you can see why he was given this honor.

Mr. Hamilton has served as a critical-care paramedic, flight paramedic, 911 paramedic, and an EMS teacher for 19 years. He is the Paramedic Education Coordinator at Delaware County Community College. He is also on the staff of Drexel University College of Medicine as an EMS instructor and serves as an American Heart Association instructor for CPR, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support.

It goes without saying that Delaware County residents are privileged to have someone like Mr. Hamilton on the front lines during an emergency. He deserves much credit for teaching these skills so we can continue to have qualified, trained emergency responders helping our residents in a time of crisis.

We are pleased today to have Mr. Hamilton here to accept a Resolution from Delaware County Council. He is joined by his wife, Michele Hamilton, and mother-in-law Kathy Boyer; Elaine Karr Remington, Director of Emergency Services Education at Delaware County Community College; Dr. Lana DeRuyter, Dean of Allied Health Emergency Services and Nursing; Joe Perezi, DCCC faculty member; and Rebecca Whitpan, one of Mr. Hamilton's students. Also attending this morning's meeting were Tim Mengel, a faculty member at DCCC; Dr. George Avetian, Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor; and Lori Devlin, Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health.

Mr. Hamilton thanked County Council for the opportunity to serve as an educator for Emergency Services in Delaware County. There are a lot students who he has had the privilege to teach and he will continue to be a student of EMS. He has been surrounded by great educators and great providers and it is his goal to continue to hand that off to our future Emergency Services Providers in order to continue to serve the citizens of Delaware County.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 16, a Resolution declaring January 14 to March 13 as Girl Scout Cookie Sale Days in Delaware County.

Mr. White said this is an important time of the year for cookie lovers. Now through March 13, Girl Scouts of all ages will be seen throughout the county with their delicious cookies, from Thin Mints and Samoas to the newer gluten-free Toffee-tastic.

This year marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scout Cookie Program and we all know that this annual campaign involves more than cookies. The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches young girls about business and leadership, goal-setting and money management, while earning money for their trips, camps and other programs at the same time.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania includes many troops and more than 3,000 scouts in Delaware County. To keep up with the latest technology and sales techniques, the scouts are continuing their Digital Cookie platform they launched last year. You'll still see your neighborhood scouts going door-to-door or setting up booths, but you can also buy their cookies online. The revenue earned from the cookie sale remains with the local Girl Scout Council. The girls decide how to spend their troop money and reinvest it back into their neighborhoods through their service projects and other programs. So, when you buy a box of Girl Scout cookies, you are really investing in the community.

For many girls, the Cookie Program is their first experience in setting goals and working with others in a team. They learn to meet and greet people, keep accurate financial records and follow through on a promise to deliver the cookies people ordered. Most importantly, girls have fun while building self-confidence and important life skills.

After this morning's Council meeting, the scouts will be taken on a tour of the Government Center and the historic Delaware County Courthouse.

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

*Whereas, since 1912, Girl Scouting has worked to build courage, confidence and character in about 3.2 million girls and adult members in the United States, including 3,300 girls plus adult volunteers of Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, which includes Delaware County; and*

*Whereas, the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale provides important revenue that remains with each local Girl Scout Council to continue the organization's camps, trips, service projects and other worthwhile work with girls.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare January 14 through March 13, 2016 to be Girl Scout Cookie Sale Days.*

Attending this morning's meeting on behalf of Girl Scouts were the following individuals: Ken Anderson, Senior Director of Product Program, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania; Deirdra Rockemore, Membership Engagement Manager for Delaware County; (scouts) Natalie Maddren, Troop 53311; Emily Simkovich, Marple Newtown Cadette Troop 5342; Kaylee Overby, Lansdowne Junior of Troop 5565; Avery Singleton-Keyes, Yeadon Ambassador of Troop 5539; and Arianna Singleton-Keyes, Yeadon Cadette of Troop 5539. Also attending today's meeting was 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownie Troop 5783 (Ridley-Springfield) which included the following scouts: Emma Faustman, Jenna O'Hara, Hannah Brady, Hannah Barber, Sarah Place, Crista Murphy, Katarina Orloff, Emma Santivasci, Sophie Stockmal, and Kaitlyn Todd.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 17, 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 four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to file four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp extended his congratulations to Robert Hamilton for receiving the 2015 Educator of the Year award and for all he does to keep Delaware County safe and healthy. He thanked the Girl Scouts for coming in today and wished them good luck in their cookie sales.

Mr. White said Mr. Hamilton was well deserving of this recognition as "Educator of the Year." As for the Girl Scouts Cookie Sale, keep up the good work.

Mr. McBlain thanked the Girl Scouts for coming in today. He also recognized Jerry O'Conner, Director of IT (Information Technology) and his staff for continuing to push us to make sure that we are up to speed. We had several items on today's agenda (Items 11, 12 and 13) that relate to technology. One of the things this Council has tried to do is advance technology for our County government to bring us further into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

So as best we can to make it as easy as possible to deal with the county government through technology, we strive to do that. It also makes our government a more open and transparent government where records are easier to access and people can look at things such as tax records, property records, criminal and civil cases and all those types of things are now on the Internet and open to anyone to look at without having to go through a process.

Chairman Civera thanked Mr. Hamilton for what he does for Delaware County and congratulated him on being recognized as the 2015 Educator of the Year.

He said scouting is a great organization for young people; it is discipline and a way of the American life. He also extended thanks to the leaders and parents for what they do in teaching the young people on how to conduct themselves and the discipline that goes along with it.

**DISCUSSION:** Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatton Avenue, Lester (Tinicum Township) commented on several issues including the Courthouse clock that needs to be reset; agrees with the updating of the County's Internet technology and having the Council Meeting Minutes for the entire year posted online; taxes and the Philadelphia Airport Agreement; and the state of the PA Budget.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

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