

**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 November 16, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Dave White. Helen McGoohan, Department of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one (1) 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV from Whitmoyer Auto Group on COSTARS Contract No. 026-054 for a price not to exceed \$40,700.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase six (6) 2017 Dodge Caravan vehicles from Videon Dodge on COSTARS Contract No. 026-065 with the total price not to exceed \$136,368.00 for use in Children and Youth Services. 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 refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 8 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Hill said the County has provided matching funds from a PA DCNR grant to develop a Master Park Plan for the latest addition to our County Park System, known as the Little Flower Manor for now. The purpose of a Master Plan is to guide the development of this 33-acre site and provide recommendations on how to best meet the needs of open space and recreation for this area. It will include an assessment of reuse of the Woodburne Mansion and bike and pedestrian connections to the Darby Creek Trail.

Along with the Parks and Recreation Department, she recommends Council's award of this contract to TPW Design Studios at a cost of \$75,000.00 for a 24-month period.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 8 to enter into an Agreement with TPW Design Studios for the preparation of the Little Flower Manor Master Site Development Plan at a cost of \$75,000.00. (Funding: Act 13 and DCNR Grant.) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Adam Matlawski, of the Delaware County Authority, to speak on Agenda Item 9, Resolution 2016-10.

On behalf of the Delaware County Authority, Mr. Matlawski asked for Council's approval of Resolution 2016-10, the issuance by the Delaware Authority of bonds in the amount of \$160,000,000.00 for the benefit of Haverford College. This is an approval that is sought as a requirement under the Internal Revenue Code. It does not affect any tax monies of Delaware County.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2016-10, the issuance by the Delaware County Authority of the Authority's Haverford College Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$160,000,000.00, estimated to be sufficient to provide for the 2016 Project including financing expenses. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Danielle DiMatteo, Director of Juvenile Probation Services, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Ms. DiMatteo said Delaware County Juvenile Court Probation Services seeks Council's approval to submit the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Grants-in-Aid Grant, in the amount of \$684,044.00, for the annual funding that support's delivery and operational expenses pertaining to Evidenced-Based Probation Services. This submission is pre-approved, non-competitive and carries no County match.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit a Grant application to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Grants-in-Aid Grant for the term 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017 in the amount of \$684,044.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Michael Raith, Director of Adult Probation, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Raith asked for Council's approval to accept from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency \$1,461,284.00 for the County's Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & State Intermediate Punishment Grant of which our Drug Treatment Court is part of. This grant runs from 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2018. The funds are used for staffing, treatment, drug and alcohol detection and community service.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11 to accept the Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based RIP & State Intermediate Punishment Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the term of 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2018 in the amount of \$1,461,284.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the PA Department of Health and the County of Delaware which supports the Delaware County Regional EMS Office for the fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$204,476.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a three (3) year renewal agreement with Maximus Consulting Services for the preparation of the County's 2016, 2017 and 2018 Annual Central Services Cost Allocation Plans to support and administer federal and state programs. The contract total is \$47,775.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a five (5) year Agreement between the County of Delaware and Pitney Bowes for a postage machine for the Department of Human Services under PA State Contract No. 44000115965 not to exceed \$32,701.20 over the five (5) year period. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 15.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of two contracts for the Office of Workforce Development. No funds from the County's General Funds will be utilized with the approval of these contracts.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Paul Mullen, of Aston Township, to the Redevelopment Authority of Delaware County to a five (5) year term ending October 2021, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Patrick Larkin, of Marple Township, to the Redevelopment Authority of Delaware County to a five (5) year term ending October 2021, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 19, the Resolution declaring November 17 as Great American Smokeout Day.

Today, Mr. White said we are challenging every smoker in Delaware County to quit tomorrow, November 17, or at least for one day.

November 17 is the Great American Smokeout. This nationwide campaign started in 1977 in San Francisco, California. Since that day, the American Cancer Society has spread the Smokeout nationwide which has prompted nearly one-million smokers to quit for the day....and hopefully forever.

Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. Tobacco kills 480,000 people each year and its costs the United States about \$170 billion in health care expenditures. These are deaths that can be prevented.

Today, we encourage all our residents, young and old, to quit smoking for one day and that refers to all tobacco products including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco like chew and the newer e-cigarettes. *There is no safe way to use tobacco.*

Mr. White said we are pleased to partner with the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition to raise awareness about the health dangers and economic impact of smoking and secondhand smoke pollution. Our Office of Behavioral Health and our Department of Intercommunity Health partner with the Coalition on many initiatives including the Great American Smokeout.

The Coalition meets the first Tuesday of every month. Their mission is to prevent, reduce or eliminate tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke pollution.

It is Council's hope that smokers in Delaware County quit the habit for one day, just one day, tomorrow for the Great American Smokeout. We encourage them to take advantage of all of the smoking cessation programs and medical products that will help them lead healthier, nicotine-free lives.

Mr. White asked the following Coalition members to come forward to receive a Resolution: Melissa Maier, Co-Chair, Delaware County Tobacco Free Coalition; Mike Barnard, Community Health Educator, ChesPenn Health Services, Co-Chair Delaware County Tobacco Free Coalition; Dave Perri, Drug & Alcohol Prevention Specialist, Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health; and Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of Delaware County Intercommunity Health.

Mr. Barnard said tobacco is a big issue in this county, this state and this country. It is a hidden addiction whereby the tobacco companies have created a lethal product that is highly addictive. When we get the children writing these essays, we are hoping to prevent a few more of the kids from starting to smoke.

The Coalition also wants to help the folks that are sort of “chained to” a tough addiction. It doesn’t get the same notoriety of other addictions such as opioids crisis in the county.

Ms. Maier said the Coalition appreciates County Council’s support in this endeavor. They want to make sure to get this message out to the children in Delaware County. They have asked children in kindergarten through eighth grade to write a letter to someone in their lives asking them to quit smoking, whether it’s their mom, their grandfather, a neighbor, a teacher. These kids are great motivators that get someone to quit smoking and to think about it. The real goal is to talk to those kids about not smoking and not using smoking products.

Many times we see tobacco as an “old issue” and we know the numbers have gone down in the use of the tobacco. However, that number has stayed stagnate and we now know that if we don’t continue to talk about it those numbers are going to rise again.

In the last few years, we have seen what is called “electronic nicotine delivery systems” on the market, things like the e-cigarettes and the vaporizers. In the last two years, we have seen the use of those products exceed the use of tobacco products in our youth. In Delaware County alone, tobacco use among high school seniors was at about 8.5 percent (which we still think is too high) and the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers at 18.8 percent.

The increased use of these products among young people in our country has increased ten-fold in just five years. They are very appealing to young people. There are over seven-thousand flavors offered in these products such as those you get in chewing gum and candy and there is lounge-like places for the young people to hang out and use these products. She did a search to see where these products can be found and within a ten-mile radius there were 10 places and in a twenty-five-mile radius there are 62 places. These products are very accessible, unfortunately.

We cannot stop this conversation and that is the why we have these contests, such as the letter writing contest, because we open the conversation to kids. The children need to know these products are dangerous.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 20, the Resolution recognizing David Chominski, President of the Polish American Heritage Association.

Mr. McBlain said Delaware County is a community of rich diversity and culture. Many people know that I am proud of my Irish roots, but not many know that I am one-quarter Polish.

Since the first Polish settlers arrived in America on October 1, 1608, Polish Americans have been a vibrant part of America’s history, culture and communities. In fact, the histories of the United States and Poland are intertwined as adopting the first and second democratic

constitutions in the world. In May, there was a ceremony held at the historic Chester Courthouse when Delaware County residents commemorated the Polish Constitution.

In 2016, Polish Americans celebrate the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of the American Cavalry.

In Delaware County, we are proud to have a very active and proud member of the Polish American community, David Chominski. He is a native of Chester and currently lives in Boothwyn. David currently serves as the president of the Polish American Heritage Association of Delaware County, St. Hedwig's Society, the Delaware County representative to the Polish American Congress and a member of the Polish National Alliance. This year, he also served as the Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade, held on October 2 in Philadelphia. When he is not promoting the Polish tradition and culture, he is working in the Durable Medical Equipment business.

Not only does he believe in preserving the rich traditions of his heritage for future generations, he also feels it is important to remind people what happened in Poland in 1939. He has visited Auschwitz-Birkenaw, the largest of the Nazi exterminations camps. We are fortunate to have people like David who help today's generation learn about the past.

Mr. McBlain called on David Chominski to come forward to accept the Resolution. He was accompanied by his mom, Helen Chominski; Judy Kuchinski, Vice President of the Polish American Heritage Association (PAHA); Hanna Sewruk, PAHA board member; Jan Szymczyk, PAHA board member; Stanley Zoltak, President of the St. Hedwig's Catholic Club; and Fran Kwapicz, PAHA member.

Mr. Chominski said he always says he is an American first, but is also proud of his Polish roots. He is the third Delaware County resident to be Grand Marshal of the Polish Day Parade out of eighty-three parades. He thanked County Council for recognizing him with this Resolution.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving 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.

Mr. Maddren said for over a year his office has been working on an agreement for a software package for the Office of Register of Wills. They finally got it done and approved it yesterday, which was a little late to get on today's agenda.

The Register of Wills Office has been working off of an antiquated system and with the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, he is hoping that Council will consider an additional Agenda Item this week.

**Additional Item No. 22A reads as follows:** An approval of a contract between the County of Delaware and PropertyInfo Corp. to provide software for the Register of Wills and the Marriage License Department, including the cashier system, installation, maintenance, training and the software and support services. This would be a \$112,131.00 cost for the systems and \$119,900.00 cost for a five (5) year maintenance agreement.

Mr. Maddren said if Council is ready to vote on this additional Agenda Item, it would be appropriate for Chairman Civera to take public comment on this item since it was not part of yesterday's Agenda Meeting.

Chairman Civera asked for public comment(s). There was none.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to approve a contract between the County of Delaware and PropertyInfo Corp. to provide software for the Register of Wills, Orphans Court and Marriage License Departments. This agreement includes software for a cashier system, installation, training, maintenance and support services. The cost is \$112,131.00 for the systems and \$119,900.00 for a five (5) year maintenance contract. This contract is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jon Erik Kramer, 109 Ridgefield Road, Newtown Township, made comments regarding the use of what is called "Special Exception" (permitted use that can have some restrictions on it) by Newtown Township for the erection of a front yard fence and the \$800.00 application fee. He pointed out that all other municipalities in Delaware County charge no more than \$75.00 for the same application.

Chairman Civera said Delaware County has no jurisdiction over a municipality when it comes to zoning.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. McBlain thanked all the honorees who came today. He also commended Register of Wills Jennifer Holsten Maddaloni for her work. Since being elected to that position, she has done a tremendous job bringing that office into the modern times and upgrading much of the software and the cash management system.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming in today. Next week, County Council will not be in session. He wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. He also noted that the Delaware County budget will be coming out soon and there will be no tax increase for 2017.

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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