

**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 6, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Harry Mirra, AMVETS, Post 118, in Morton. John Sheaffer, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 29, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Bids for a three (3) year contract to remove snow and ice from County Bridges, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase three (3) 2018 Ford Fusion passenger vehicles from Pacifico Marple Ford for the County's motor pool, on COSTARS Contract No. 026-097, and at a cost not to exceed \$54,792.00. 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 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to present the First Reading of Ordinance 2017-2, the 2018 County Budget.

Solicitor Maddren said today is the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-2, the 2018 County Budget.

This Ordinance establishes an Operating Budget of \$354,286,000.00 and a Capital Spending Program for the years 2018 through 2022 of \$151,926,000.00. That equates to a "no tax increase" millage of 4.714 mills or \$ .4714 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for General County purposes; .890 mills or \$ .0890 mills on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for Debt Services purposes; and a total of 5.604 mills or \$ .5604 on each one hundred of assessed valuation. The Ordinance also appropriates expenses for specific purposes and for the Capital Spending Program.

Copies of this Ordinance are available in the County Clerk's Office. There will be a Budget presentation this evening in this room at 6:00 P.M. and it will come before Council for consideration for adoption at next week's regular Council Meeting (December 13).

Solicitor Maddren said this concludes the First Reading of the 2018 Budget Ordinance 2017-2.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 9, Resolution 2017-10, exercising the Host County Option to preclude Video Gaming Terminals in Delaware County, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2017-11, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), approving a LERTA District created in Upper Darby Township by its Ordinance 2942, providing for the exemption of certain real estate taxes assessed on the value of certain improvements within the designated LERTA District and establishing a schedule for such exemptions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Adam Matlawski, of the Delaware County Authority, to speak on Agenda Item 11, Resolution 2017-12.

On behalf of the Delaware County Authority, Mr. Matlawski requested the approval of Resolution 2017-12 approving the financing by Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority to benefit Thomas Jefferson University and its affiliates. This is a multi-county Bond issue. There are refunds from previous financing and also some new projects in the amount of \$650,000,000.00. A small portion of their facilities are located in Delaware County and it is therefore a requirement that Delaware County Council approves this. This does not pledge any county funds and no tax dollars are involved with the approval of this Resolution.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2017-12, providing the County's consent, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the issuance by the Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority of its Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$650,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing a project for Thomas Jefferson University and affiliated entities. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the County of Delaware and S.J. Thomas Company, Inc. for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Building No. 11, deck repairs for a fee not to exceed \$170,292.96, pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), Contract No. KPN-201401JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13, an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Kelly & Close Engineers for additional Engineering & Surveying Services required for the construction administration services for the Darby Creek Stream Valley Trail, from the Swedish Cabin to Kent Park, for a fee not to exceed \$7,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Cathy Bittle, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Items 13, 14 and 15.

Mrs. Bittle said she is asking for Council's approval of Item 14, the renewal of contract with Newsbank Inc. They provide historic and current Southeastern Pennsylvania newspapers for our residents with access through the Delaware County libraries and at home. This contract is for the year 2018.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew subscription to Newsbank Inc. database collection, including the Delaware County Daily Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, plus other Pennsylvania and World newspapers, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the cost of \$40,045.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval of Item 15, the yearly subscription with EBSCO, an online database, for the year 2018.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the annual subscription to EBSCO for products including library enhancements and Masterfile Elite (magazine articles including back issues of Consumer Reports, Time and Sports Illustrated), for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the cost of \$63,573.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval of Item 16, the renewal of a contract with McNaughton Book Leasing who provides 250 high-demand best-selling books each month to our residents. This would be paid through State-aid grants.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the annual Book Leasing Contract with McNaughton Book Services, a Division of Brodart Company, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the cost of \$51,150.00. (Funding: State) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into an Agreement between the County of Delaware and Price Stevenson Acoustic Services for a term of three (3) years, beginning February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2021, at a cost of \$34,500.00 per year. The services would include handling the entire sound system and lighting detail for the Summer Concert Series. 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 18.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of three contracts with Service Providers for the Office of Behavioral Health, a fiscal audit for four Human Services Programs and one Subsidized Day Care Provider of Service.

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 appoint John McMullan, of Upper Darby Township, to the Delaware County Parks & Recreation Board to a term ending March 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint William F. Adams, Jr., of Nether Providence Township, to the Delaware County Drug & Alcohol Commission to a term ending September 2020, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Gregory C. Hume, of Prospect Park Borough, to the Community Transit of Delaware County Board of Directors with a term ending December 2020, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Quality Control Authority to a term ending January 2022:

Edmond J. Pisani	Ridley Township
John J. Lucas, Sr.	Marple Township

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Larry F. Patterson, of Darby Township, to the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority to a term ending January 2023, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Chester Waterfront Industrial Development Authority:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Deborah Love	June 2021
Wendell Butler	June 2022

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 25, a Resolution recognizing “Wills for Warriors” coordinators and volunteers.

Mr. Culp said, in Delaware County, we believe our veterans are national heroes. We value their service and we are committed to providing assistance to them as well as their families when they return home from bravely serving and protecting our country.

Delaware County Council is proud to have many dedicated staff who go above and beyond to help our county's veterans. This fall, the Register of Wills Clerk of Orphans Court and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs partnered together to host "Wills for Warriors," held at the Herbert W. Best VFW Post 928, in Ridley Township.

On October 11, eleven local attorneys, a notary, members of VFW Post 928 and members of the community joined Jennifer Holsten Maddaloni, Delaware County Register of Wills, and John Sheaffer, Director of Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to assist Delaware County veterans in preparing a Will, *free of charge*. By volunteering their legal expertise, these attorneys helped Delaware County veterans and their families plan effectively for the future.

For many, preparing a Will can be an emotional, daunting or costly expense but one that is necessary to properly care for our loved ones. We are grateful to the organizers and volunteers who spent the day to prepare a Will for our county's veterans.

Attending today's Council meeting was Jennifer Holsten Maddaloni, Delaware County Register of Wills, and John Sheaffer, Director of Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Culp called on Mrs. Maddaloni to come forward and introduce some of the individuals who helped in this project.

Mrs. Maddaloni thanked County Council for all their help enabling them to have this project move forward. When she mentioned this idea, everyone was onboard and offered their assistance. She thanked Dave White who took time out of his busy schedule to come and meet with the volunteers and the veterans. She thanked the veterans as well and our active military personnel.

She said they had numerous attorneys who volunteered their time. In fact, they didn't have enough space to accommodate them all on the day of the event, which is a very good thing. They will continue this project more often in the future.

Mrs. Maddaloni acknowledged the following attorneys who helped with this project: William Lutterell, Pete Rohana, Barry VanRensler, Rob DeLong, Mark Pinnie, Jennifer Simmons, Christopher Murphy and Marie Feindt. Some of the volunteers who helped with the project were Nancy Robert (Ridley Township Commissioner), Christopher Verdi, Nicole Garrison (Notary) and Carol Rogers (Herbert W. Best VFW, Post 928).

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to announce the Holiday Cheer to Troops Program.

Mrs. Morrone said Delaware County Council is once again thrilled to join our Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and all county employees to help spread cheer to Delaware County troops who are either overseas, stationed on base in the United States, or recuperating in a veteran's hospital.

For the past nine years, Mrs. Morrone said Delaware County Council and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs have collected and mailed thousands of holiday cards and gifts as part of the Armed Services Tribute Initiative. This year, County Council is once again partnering with the AMVETS Post 118, in Morton, to mail care packages to our troops serving on bases overseas or in the United States.

Every month since 2006, AMVETS Post 118 Past Commander Harry Mirra and his fellow veterans have been sending care packages to our troops. Their care packages initiative is supported by several organizations including Wawa, local senior centers, school groups and other veterans' groups.

We invite county employees and all residents to join us in participating in the annual "Holiday Cheer for Troops" Program. Items such as beef jerky, breakfast bars, socks, powdered drink mix, magazines, soap, toothbrushes, CDs, DVDs, pens, writing paper and holiday cards are being collected and will be shipped to troops throughout the holiday season. There is a collection box in the main lobby of the Delaware County Government Center and one at the Herbert Best VFW Post on MacDade Boulevard, in Ridley Township.

It's important to remember and honor our troops every day, but especially during the holidays when these brave men and women of the armed services who are fighting for our freedom are not with their loved ones. We hope that a care package and a message of appreciation will brighten their day and remind them of our county's gratitude.

Attending today's meeting was Harry Mirra, AMVETS Post 118; Jeff Elliott, Past Commander AMVETS Post 118; John Sheaffer, Director of Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Commander of the Herbert W. Best VFW Post.

Harry Mirra thanked County Council for giving AMVETS Post 118 the opportunity to help and support all our troops who live in our county. They have been doing this project for the last eleven years. He thanked Adrienne Marofsky, Kate Morrone and the Public Relations Department of Delaware County for collecting these items. He also thanked Peg Del Grassa, from the Delaware County Daily Times, who wrote a newspaper article about their Post's project that caused an amazing response of money, gifts, card, etc.

He asked that we remember our troops who are overseas or serving here in the states and to say a prayer for them. Freedom is not free. God Bless America!

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 27 announcing Delaware County effectively ending veteran's homelessness.

Mr. Culp said Delaware County Council supports our brave men and women serving our nation either overseas or on base in the United States and we know we have a duty to them when they return to civilian life. Everyone deserves a place they can call home, especially our veterans who deserve a home where they can be comfortable and feel secure after sacrificing so much on our behalf.

Today, Delaware County Council is proud to join our Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and our Delaware County Department of Human Services to announce that Delaware County has effectively ended veteran homelessness. This was confirmed recently by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

In 2014, Delaware County joined other counties across the United States in accepting the challenge set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to end veteran's homelessness. Since that time, the Delaware County Department of Human Services, Farea Graybill and several representatives from the Supportive Services for Veterans Program (SSVF), the Community Action Agency and the Salvation Army have worked tirelessly to create a coordinated system to identify, assess, connect and permanently house veterans experiencing homelessness. The Delaware County Housing Authority also played a key role in providing Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers to this population.

To date, Delaware County has placed 251 veterans experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness into permanent housing. To accomplish this, there was a team of dedicated people who developed a list of homeless veterans and tracked their progress at the weekly meetings for the past three years. Delaware County has created a system of care and capacity to quickly identify and house veterans experiencing homelessness. If a homeless veteran is identified in Delaware County, they will be rehoused within 90 days with existing resources.

We commend all of the partners who collaborated to strategically address this concern in our community. With the various systems and resources here in Delaware County, we can assist any homeless veteran in our county who becomes known to us and we can find them a place to call home.

Mr. Culp introduced the following individuals who attended this morning's meeting: Richard Ott, Deputy Regional Administrator, HUD Region 3; Joe Dougherty, Director of the Delaware County Department of Human Resources; Chris Seibert, Adult and Family Services; Linda Loughin, Adult and Family Services; John Sheaffer, Director of Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Larry Hartley, Executive Director of Delaware County Housing Authority; Laura Blackburn, Director of Housing Choice Vouchers, Delaware County Housing Authority;

Pam Hanes, Executive Assistant, Delaware County Housing Authority; and from the Community Action Agency - Sharon Grasty, Eileen McCoy, Danita Miller, Donna Lockings, Nicole Overby and Jamillah Sellers. Also attending were Nick Sacchetti and Harry Dorsey from the Salvation Army.

On behalf of Delaware County Council, Mr. Culp said Council is very proud to announce this accomplishment especially with the holidays coming up. No veteran should have to serve in a war or anywhere and come home and not have a safe place to live. We are very proud of this and thanks for all your efforts.

Mr. Ott thanked County Council for having them here today. On behalf of HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson and Regional Administrator Joseph De Felice, Presidential Appointee in Philadelphia for HUD, he congratulated everyone who made this significant achievement possible, along with County Council, the Departments of Human Services and Military and Veterans Affairs, Community Action Agency, the Salvation Army and the Housing Authority who have effectively ended homelessness among veterans in Delaware County.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 28, 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 one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatton Avenue, Lester (Tinicum Township), commented on Agenda Item 10, LERTA Resolution 2017-11 and asked if this would affect the school district. He also made remarks relating to the Philadelphia International Airport and a lawsuit that was filed in September 2016 by people representing the Henderson Group, which owns approximately 144 acres at the airport and that the City of Philadelphia wants to purchase.

Tom Brown, VFW Past State Commander of the State of Pennsylvania, said he believes County Council does an outstanding job. He asked that everyone take a moment to remember the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, which is tomorrow, December 7. None of us would be here today if it wasn't for the men and women who sacrificed their lives (unknowingly) on that Sunday morning. This is an important date for all Americans. That is the foundation of this country and we should never forget the great sacrifices.



Marina Dominguez-Cifuentes said she wished to expose a personal problem that her family is going through. She said help is needed by this county for services to help unify her family. She asked for an impartial caseworker to get in touch with her regarding her situation.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp thanked all our veterans and active military personnel for the sacrifices they make for us. He expressed how proud he is of everyone here today who helped an active military person or veteran. It shows how Delaware County stands up and helps our veterans.

Today, Mr. White said we celebrated our troops with the three Resolutions that we presented. We should honor our troops every day and County Council will continue to do so. Merry Christmas to everyone and whatever we can do to make Christmas and the holidays better for our troops, he can assure us that Council will work towards that end.

Mr. McBlain echoed the sentiments in regards to the honorees here today. He also wanted to make a few points. We had several Library Services items on the agenda today and he wanted to extend his congratulations to them on the great job they do for our residents.

As a lawyer, he congratulated all the lawyers who participated in the Wills Program. Occasionally, lawyers are at the receiving end of jokes (he is told), but this is a profession that always steps up and offers their services for free in the community in so many different ways.

Mr. McBlain recognized one of the attorneys who provided that service, namely Rob DeLong. He is the outgoing president of our Bar Association and congratulated him on a terrific job. Delaware County has always been recognized as one of the leading Bar Associations in the state. Mr. DeLong's leadership is just the latest in a long line.

Mrs. Morrone said she would continue to echo the sentiments of her fellow council members on the work that is being done for veterans and the military here in Delaware County. It's pretty amazing when an entire meeting can be devoted to recognizing the work that is surrounding military, from helping with Wills to sending cards, to our active troops and to the work that our Veterans Department does in housing veterans.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending this morning. We reached out to a lot of different groups, especially the veterans, and the attorneys of Delaware County. This is something that Delaware County Council has always taken pride in. As far as our veterans are concerned, we never made them feel we have forgotten them nor does the people of this county or the state of Pennsylvania. We are proud to participate in every program that we possibly can.

Chairman Civera thanked Tom Brown for his words about remembering the anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7. That is the greatest generation. They fought a war, went through a Depression and they made us what we are today.

As we approach the holiday season, this is the time of year that we reach out to help those who cannot celebrate with their families because they are doing something across the United States in the military or in a foreign country. We never want them to feel we have forgotten them.

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

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>Current Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Diana T. Meyers & Associates	Housing and Community Development Consultants	7/1/16-6/30/17 (Amendment)	\$15,000	\$29,968.02
Prospect CCMC, LLC (PCCMC)	Various Mental Health Services	7/1/16-6/30/17 (Amendment)	\$2,982,319	\$3,340,884
Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems	Residential, Family-based, Housing Support	7/1/16-6/30/17 (Amendment)	\$2,086,418	\$2,356,272
Mingis, Gutowski & Company	Audit (Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol Programs)	Year ended 6/30/17 (\$63,600) 7/1/17-12/31/17 (\$25,000)	\$86,200	\$88,600
Ivy League Academy	Subsidized Day Care	11/1/17-*	N/A	N/A

\*Contract contains no maximum dollar amounts-only approved per unit cost rates.

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