

**PRESENT:** John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on September 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Council Meeting Room, Government Center Building located at 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA. Chairman McBlain called the meeting to order followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Tim Boyce, Director of Emergency Services. Allison McCord, of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Zidek to speak on Agenda Item 4, a Resolution recognizing September as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Zidek said, unfortunately, many of our lives have been touched by cancer. The diagnosis of cancer is devastating to anyone, but it's especially heartbreaking when the patient is a child. According to the American Cancer Society, 15,700 children will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Sadly, it's estimated that about 25% of them will not survive the disease. Childhood cancer is the second leading cause of death among children in the U.S., following car accidents.

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember children and families affected by cancer, to support those battling the deadly disease and to raise awareness and funds to help support research and care for patients.

One local organization that raises awareness and funds to help children battling cancer and their families is the HEADstrong Foundation. HEADstrong was founded in 2006 by Ridley High School graduate and lacrosse player Nicholas "Head" Colleluori from his hospital bed. He was just 19 years old, fighting non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He wanted to help others battling cancer. The visions and principles for HEADstrong were established by Nick and, as a promise made by his family, the Foundation now carries on in Nick's memory.

The Foundation raises money through lacrosse games, walks and other fundraisers. Funds support various programs, such as a grant assistance program for patients undergoing treatment who are experiencing financial hardships. HEADstrong also has an advocacy group to connect newly diagnosed patients with survivors who provide peer support. They also prepare and serve meals for cancer patients. To date, they have helped over 10,000 patients, families and medical staff.

In 2011, the Foundation opened Nick's House, a two-story facility in Ridley Township that offers complimentary living accommodations for up to two families with loved ones being treated for cancer in the area. Last year, they opened a second home in Swarthmore, which can accommodate up to seven families. Both are at full capacity.

Mr. Zidek called on Cheryl Colleluori, President of HEADstrong and Nick's mom, to come forward to say a few words and to accept a Resolution and some tickets to the Union Soccer Game on October 6 at Talen Energy Stadium to be shared by families touched by cancer.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Madden to speak on Agenda Item 5, a Resolution recognizing September as Emergency Preparedness Month.

Mr. Madden said (thankfully) Delaware County was spared the devastation of Hurricane Florence this past weekend. Natural disasters such as hurricanes are a reminder that we need to be prepared and have plans in place.

In Delaware County, our first responders, police dispatchers and staff at our Emergency Service Center are tested every day as they manage the response for hundreds of calls. Throughout the year, Delaware County Council works with our Department of Emergency Services, our Department of Intercommunity Health, Regional Emergency Medical Services and our partners in the community with one main goal – to keep our residents safe.

Each September, we reinforce the need for ALL citizens to be prepared during National Emergency Preparedness Month. Council uses this national recognition as a way to stress how important it is for individuals and families to be prepared. We want to encourage county residents to take simple steps to prepare themselves and their families for an emergency or disaster. The theme for this year's National Emergency Preparedness Month is "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How."

In recognition of National Emergency Preparedness Month, there are a few initiatives we want to highlight today.

The first is the County's Emergency Preparedness Guide, which is available to all residents, free of charge. The guide has information on how to evacuate or shelter-in-place, what supplies to keep on hand, how to assess damage after an emergency, how to create a family emergency plan and how to handle pets during an emergency. These guides have been distributed to local libraries and municipalities and are given out at various community events. Volunteer Management Coordinator, Ed Kline and some of our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are distributing the guides outside of the Courthouse today after the meeting. The guide can also be found on the county's website.

Mr. Madden said we want to remind residents to register for *DelcoAlert*, the county's emergency communication system. This system provides notifications about emergencies and impending disasters in the community. A link to register can be found on the county's website.

All residents, whether they have a medical background or not, can volunteer for the *Medical Reserve Corps* (MRS). More information is available on the county's homepage, by searching MRC.

Attending today's meeting to accept the Resolution was Timothy Boyce, Director of Emergency Services; Ed Kline, Volunteer Management Coordinator; Tom Morgan, of the Delaware County's Emergency Services; and volunteers – Tom Barrett, Patricia Kelly, Donna Burdett, Allison McCord, David Ingram and Maureen Ingram.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Lease Agreement between the County of Delaware and 529 Penn Associates, LLC for 18,000 square feet of office space, located at 529 Penn Street, Chester City, for the use as District Courts 32-1-20, 32-1-21 and 32-1-22 and office space for the Public Defender, District Attorney and CID, as well as satellite for County records storage. The term of the lease will be ten (10) years with two 5-year renewal options to the county. The rates are \$22.50 per square foot for years 1-3; \$24.00 per square foot for years 4-5; and \$25.00 per square foot for years 6-10 plus amortized fit-out costs. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit Grant Application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Senior Victim Services District Attorney's VOCA Grant for a term of 4/1/2019 to 9/30/2021 in the amount of \$126,494.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Senior Victims Services VOCA (Victims of Crimes Act) Enhancements for the term 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019 in the amount of \$54,334.00. 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, a contract between the PA Social Services Union, Local 668, SEIU, AFL-CIO and the County of Delaware for a three (3) year term retroactive to 3/1/2018 through 3/1/2021. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit Grant Application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Juvenile Court/Probation VS 2019-2020 (Grant No. 29119) for the term 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2020 in the amount of \$322,218.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept funds from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$1,004,146.00 to support the Restrictive Intermediate Punishment and Intermediate Punishment Programs for the term 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2020. There is a \$231,182.00 match that will be funded through the utilization of medical assistance and in-

kind services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13 to Advertise for Bids to deliver and pickup voting machines for the year 2019 in the Primary and General Elections in Delaware County, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Bids to furnish, deliver and install carpet tiles in various areas of the County of Delaware owned buildings for a period of two (2) years, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to authorize Provident Energy Consulting to competitively solicit natural gas pricing from suppliers serving PECO territory for Low Volume Transport Accounts ("LVT"). Subsequently, authorize the Chairman of County Council to execute the natural gas contract with the recommended supplier in early mid-October 2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 16 to purchase one (1) ExaGrid Storage Appliance from CDWG, on COSTARS Contract No. 003-032, at a cost of \$71,988.00 to provide a more efficient storage platform for our backup solution. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a five (5) year contract between the County of Delaware and Sunesys LLC (Crown Castle), pursuant to PA State Contract No. 4400018724, to provide a fiber connection to the Office of Workforce Development Career Link, located at 701 Crosby Street, Chester City, in the total amount of \$60,000.00 (Funding: State) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp. Discussion followed. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a five (5) year contract between the County of Delaware and Sunesys LLC (Crown Castle) to provide two-point fiber connections from the Courthouse to the Planning Department and the Courthouse to the Public Defender's Office. The contract is for \$2,200.00 per month for a five (5) year term; total amount of the contract is \$132,000.00, pursuant to PA State Contract No. 4400018724. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 19, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. Culp. A lengthy discussion followed. The motion was carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren said he had no County business today.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Ruane, 1250 Steel Road, Havertown, gave his opinion regarding the recent remarks about campaign donations.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Zidek reminded residents of two upcoming meetings that may be of interest. The first is the Election Board Meeting that is occurring on September 24, at 9:30 A.M. in this room (County Council Public Meeting Room). One of the issues that likely will be discussed at this meeting is the location of the polling place in Haverford 5-3. You may have read articles about this issue on Sunday's Front Page Inquirer or today's Delaware County Daily Times. It is his belief that polling places should be located in a manner to maximize the opportunities for all of Delaware County's citizens to vote and to do so conveniently and safely, whether they are 18 years old or 80 years young. If you are interested in this issue, he encourages you to attend this meeting. He would also ask our P.R. Department to record this meeting so that those who are not able to attend that meeting at 9:30 on a Monday are able to review the meeting if they wish to at a later time.

The other event he would like to highlight is our next Council Meeting. It will be held on October 3 at night. We are taking the show on the road again and we will be at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Road (Upper Chichester Township) starting at 6:00 P.M. Those who are interested in matters before this Council are encouraged to come out to this meeting.

Mr. Zidek thanked Mrs. Colleluori and to the folks at HEADstrong for the work they do on behalf of families struggling with their child with cancer. He also thanked the volunteers of our Medical Reserve Corps.

Mr. Madden asked that our thoughts, prayers and contributions be sent to the American Red Cross for those dealing with the tragedy in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. We never know when a tragedy will hit our own local community, so he thinks it is important to remember we are all in this together.

Mr. Culp thanked Tim Boyce (Director of Emergency Services) and Ed Kline (Volunteer Management Coordinator) for all their hard work. He also encourages everyone who can come out on Sunday morning for the HEADstrong Run/Walk the Park Challenge to come help support this event.

Mrs. Morrone said she was asked to give updates on the Health RFP and also the Pipeline RFP. She called on Executive Director Grace to give the update on the Health RFP and Tim Boyce to update us on the Pipeline RFP.

Executive Director Grace said she and the committee working on this Health RFP will be meeting in her office this afternoon to finalize the RFP. They had posted on the County's website for a 45-day period the draft of this RFP asking for public comment, which ended around August 6. Thirty-two respondents were received whereby those recommendations were noted, including mental health issues, suicide issues, opioid issues and environmental issues.

They made sure those issues were incorporated in our RFP. A tentative timeline was established and is still in draft form. She wants to share this with County Council with a projected date of approval at the October 3 County Council Meeting.

As we go along and get the number of responses from the RFP, Mrs. Morrone said she imagines that a timeline would be established so we will understand when we would expect it to be reviewed, be awarded and be conducted.

Mr. Boyce said he believes they are making strong progress on the Pipeline Assessment. Administratively he has assigned senior members of his team to get the information to G2. Performance Meetings are held weekly that he sits on to see what the tasks are and what accomplishments are being made. For a timeline, he said they began in early to mid-August, so they are still tracking about that 12-week deliverable. So far the feedback has been strong on the information available publicly. A couple other groups have approached him where we fit with them, but the current understanding with the engineers is that we do not need to take unsolicited public information from the vendors or the like. So they are trying to figure out how they can incorporate that into an annex that people wanted to add good comment to it.

He wouldn't say there are any significant heralds, but highlighted some of the things they are up against. He also noted that the Adelpia Program is still in a purchase negotiation, so we are still proceeding as natural gas, but that pipeline maybe up for sale in the interim.

On external notes, some of the things they are working on are a number of exercises underway with one being held yesterday on pipeline leaks. They are looking to do a communication in the field exercise in the upcoming months. So they are really trying to address those issues.

Mr. Boyce said the "draft" component will not take long, but will first be shared with County Council.

Chairman McBlain made a few comments on the Opioid litigation that the county filed in 2017. Delaware County was one of the first governments of Pennsylvania to file suit against a number of opioid manufacturers because of the deceptive marketing and sales practices, which in part has resulted in the opioid and heroin crisis that we now face. We sought relief that was both monetary in terms of reimbursing the county for costs that we had incurred because of their practices and also non-economic factors in order to change their behavior.

Last week there was a meeting of various counties that were leading the opioid manufacturer litigation with a series of representative clients including the City of New York, various large counties in New York, a city in Connecticut and Delaware County. We were brought together by two of the national mediators, which are special counsels – special court-appointed masters in the federal system, to begin to talk to the plaintiffs that are involved in order to frame some sort of relief that may be obtained from the defendants.

As monetary relief is important and here in Delaware County when we filed suit we pledged that any dollars received by Delaware County would go to treatment and recovery efforts, just as important are non-economic steps that these local governments want from these defendants on how they will change their marketing and distribution and what safeguards they will impose to make sure that this never happens again.

Based on this meeting, Chairman McBlain said he is very hopeful that we will see significant progress over the next year in order to get some relief for our federal, state, city and local governments such as counties to begin to hold these manufacturers and distributors accountable for their actions. We will provide more updates as they become available.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk