

PRESENT: Brian P. Zidek, Chair; Dr. Monica Taylor, Vice Chair; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Council Member; Christine A. Reuther, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Chief Administrative Officer; William F. Martin, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on April 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and was livestreamed. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Chairman Zidek stated that County Council has been in executive session five times to discuss Personnel issues and litigation. The dates of those sessions were April 5, 2020; April 9, 2020; April 10, 2020; April 16, 2020 and April 22, 2020.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2020 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made Dr. Taylor to approve Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Providers of Services as per the attached list. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve of Agreements with Child Guidance Resource Centers Inc. as per the attached list. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried with an abstention vote registered by Ms. Reuther as she is on the Board of Child Guidance Resource Centers.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve the purchase of one Scanner Station from Hart Intercivic at the price of \$56,645.00. Purchase will comprise of 2 Hart Verity Central Clients, 1 Okidata B432dn series printer, 1 Canon DR-G1100 Central Scanner, 1 Verity Workstation and 1 License & Support Fee for Central-Client. This purchase is due to the influx of by mail ballot requests due to Covid 19. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Dr. Taylor stated The Delaware County Board of Elections has approved a measure to include postage on the return envelopes of requested absentee and mail-in ballots for the June 2, 2020 General Primary. The approved vote was based on health concerns to voters due to COVID-19. Each ballot return envelope will require \$0.50 postage, based on an estimated 100,000 ballots for a total cost of \$50,000.00. In addition, the Bureau of Elections is requesting an additional \$25,000.00 for postage to cover the increase of ballot requests by mail due to the COVID-19 virus.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve an additional \$75,000.00 for postage to cover the increase of ballot requests by mail due to the COVID-19 virus. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Domestic Relations Department and the Office of the Sheriff specifying services required by the Cooperative Agreement for the purpose of federal reimbursement at the rate of 66% for salaries, fringes and operating costs. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to allocate \$1,100,183.00 in ESG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19, along with approval of an amendment to the 2019 Housing and Community Development Action Plan to include Emergency Solutions Grant funds made available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in accordance with the attached list. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer, and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Authorize Grant Application in the amount of \$300,000.00 and commit matching funds in the amount of \$305,000.00 to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Mineral Hill Park Expansion – Open Space Acquisition. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Commercial Lease Agreement between the County of Delaware (Lessor) and Pennsylvania Resources Council (Lessee) for 2 offices approximately 250 square feet located on the second floor of the Leedom House at Rose Tree Park for one year with two (2) one (1) year Lessee Renewal Term Options to begin May 1, 2020 at the annual rent to the County in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be paid monthly in the amount of \$500.00. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Ordinance 2020-2 authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the issuance of the General Obligation Notes, 2020 Series, through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000.00 and award a Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement related to the 2020 Notes seconded by Ms. Schaefer.

Chairman Zidek stated it would be appropriate to take public comment at this time. There was no public comment regarding this Ordinance.

Solicitor Martin read the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-2 authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the issuance of the General Obligation Notes, 2020 Series, through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000.00 and award a Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement related to the 2020 Notes.

This borrowing will be used for all or some of the following proposed uses including certain capital projects of the CIP (collectively, the "2020 Project"), consisting of (i) construction of and renovations to buildings and parking garages, (ii) acquisition of equipment and vehicles, (iii) construction of and renovations to prison and juvenile detention facilities, (iv) construction of and improvements to facilities of the Fair Acres Geriatric Center, (v) funding of projects of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, (vi) improvements to County parks, (vii) preservation of open space, (viii) Countywide reassessment of real estate values, (ix) 911 Center capital projects including the 911 radio system, (x) payment of interest expenses during construction, and (xi) payment of the costs of issuance of the 2020 Notes, will benefit the health and welfare of the residents of the County.

Lucien Calhoun of Calhoun Baker gave a presentation on this Ordinance.

Councilman Madden made a motion to Amend Ordinance 2020-2 to amend the Amortization Schedule to provide more level annual debt service as stated by Mr. Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Dr. Taylor. The motion to amend the Ordinance is carried unanimously.

Dr. Taylor made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2020-2 as amended seconded by Mr. Madden. A roll-call vote was taken by County Clerk Coogan with the following votes registered: Reuther-Yay, Schaefer – Yay, Madden – Yay, Taylor- Yay and Zidek – Yay. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2018 County Real Estate Taxes for 2 property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Chief Administrative Officer Grace and Solicitor Martin spoke regarding Notes and Summary of Purchases pursuant to the Emergency Declaration.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval to increase the pool of qualified residents to serve on auxiliary boards of tax assessment appeals from 15 persons to 18 persons, as permitted by law, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to table item #17 to appoint Tax Assessment Appeals Auxiliary Board Members, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to table item #18 approval of appointments to the Board of Assessment Appeals to a term ending January 2022, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to extend the discount period for the collection of County Real Estate Tax Bills from April 30, 2020 to July 1, 2020 and the deadline for standard payment from June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, seconded by Ms. Reuther. Discussion Followed.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to amend agenda item #19 to the extend only the deadline for the collection of County Real Estate Tax bills for standard payment of taxes from June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 seconded by Mr. Madden and carried with a nay vote being registered by Ms. Schaefer.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to the extend the deadline for the collection of County Real Estate Tax bills for standard payment of taxes from June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kimberly Duffy, 26 Lynwood Circle, Glenolden, PA: left a comment regarding unemployment.

Rainey DiGiacomo left a comment regarding compensation for court coordinators.

Richard Blye, 274 Kent Road, Upper Darby, PA: left a comment regarding the celebration of Juneteenth.

COUNCIL: Ms. Reuther spoke about the election and the ability all residents have to vote by mail. She is encouraging everyone who does not wish to go to the polls to please vote by mail. You may find information on our County's website on the Election Bureau's webpage and at pavotes.com. She also spoke about the County's need for election day workers. If you would like to serve on an election board, please email delcoelection@co.delaware.pa.us. Please give your name and address because we need to verify you are a resident of the County. And lastly, she is asking everyone to fill out your census if you haven't done so. It is important to Delaware County to receive their fair share of funding.

Ms. Schaefer spoke regarding small businesses. She stated the County has developed a program, DELCO Strong Small Business Support Program. The website is delcostrong.delcopa.org. There is \$1.75 million available in grants for businesses affected by COVID-19. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$7500.00 and grants may be used for rent mortgage, utilities and inventory. Ms. Schaefer also spoke regarding the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Mr. Madden spoke regarding how our community has stepped up during this difficult time. The Brandywine Valley SPCA is holding a drive through pet pantry at Chester Township Building. Mr. Madden also spoke about Food for the Front Line. You can find information on our website. Mr. Madden also wanted to thank all of our employees during this difficult time.

Dr. Taylor spoke regarding the Telehealth Helpline which has been set up to provide emotional support to the Delaware County Community. The helpline will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To speak to a certified peer specialist or mental health professional, the Telehealth Helpline can be reached at 1-855-464-9342.

Dr. Taylor also stated that Delaware County Council along with our Department of Human Services and Emergency Services has been working to coordinate food resources for those in need in Delaware County. Yesterday the along with the PA National Guard, we were able to deliver pallets of food to Interboro High School, Drexel Hill Middle School and Chester City Hall. The delivery was made to supplement various food donation programs that have been coordinated across the county. County Council wishes to thank everyone for your assistance throughout this process. Information regarding this program can be found on our website.

Chairman Zidek spoke regarding National Crime Victims Week. He stated District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer announced that Delaware County has selected long time CASA volunteers Ruth Ann and George Dreyer and Mothers Against Drunk Driving volunteers Rich and Roseann DeRosa to receive the County's Annual Victims' Rights Award. District Attorney Stollsteimer expressed his office's appreciation and respect for the many individuals and organizations that work throughout the year to advocate for and support victims of crime and County Council wishes to thank the Dreyers' and the DeRosas' for their remarkable contribution to the citizens of Delaware County.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, Motion made by Dr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk