

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; Howard Lazarus, Executive Director; William F. Martin, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on August 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and was livestreamed. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Zidek stated that County Council has been in executive session only one time to discuss litigation and personnel matters on August 19, 2020.

Discussion and explanation of CCHD's guidance recommending the closures of all schools in Delaware County until October 9, 2020 and outlining specific metrics to consider in deciding to operate virtually, hybrid or fully in person instruction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following people sent comments regarding the Chester County Health Department's guidance recommending the closure of all schools in Delaware County: Nancy Popko, 535 Gradyville, Road, PA Newtown Square, PA; Jennifer Paradis Behle, 21 Green Gable Lane, Newtown Square, PA; David J. Bloom, 40 Guernsey Road, Swarthmore, PA; Jessica Wirth Strine, 400 Riverview Road, Swarthmore, PA 19081; Stephanie McDonough, 11 Waterford Way, Wallingford, PA; Jacqueline Roe, 15 Benjamin West Avenue, Swarthmore, PA; Michelle Lowry, 224 Haverford Ave, Swarthmore, PA; Drs. Helge and Erum Hartung, 312 Ogden Avenue, Swarthmore, PA; Benjamin Carone, 542 Rutgers Avenue, Swarthmore, PA; Tom Dunkel, 410 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA; Joe Schanne, 332 Highland Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA; Monica Zeitz, 50 Forest Lane, Swarthmore, PA; Christine Gonzalez, 70 Roberts Road, Newtown Square, PA; Anne & Stephen Pratt, 393 Colket Lane, Wayne, PA; Roberta Winters, 326 Williams Road, Rosemont, PA; Kelly McCullough, 27 Oakford Road, Wayne, PA; Eve Weldon, 901 N. Providence Road, Media, PA; Laura Lane, 404 Dewey Lane, Wallingford, PA; Amr Mostafa, 11 Martins Road, Newtown Square, PA; Nicole and Ed Strauss, 333 Riverview Road, Swarthmore, PA; Barb Tague, 181 Wentworth Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA; Jamie Bartholomew Aller, 244 Highland Avenue, Wayne, PA; Michael Gowdy, 207 Arden Road, Broomall, PA; Sara Whitehead, 113 Lantoga Road, Wayne, PA; and Melissa Burkhart Zeserson, MD, 625 University Place, Swarthmore, PA;

Motion made by Mr. Zidek to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2020 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Ms. Halt read a statement on school guidance. There was a lengthy discussion and explanation of CCHD's guidance recommending the closures of all schools in Delaware County until October 9, 2020 and outlining specific metrics to consider in deciding to operate virtually, hybrid or fully in person instruction. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Zidek to request the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or the PA Secretary of Health close all service of Delaware County bars and restaurants other than take out service until October 9, 2020 and that all restaurants, casinos and gyms operating in the county close until October 9, 2020 seconded by Mr. Madden.

Ms. Reuther proposed an amendment to the previous motion that anybody that travels to the Jersey Shore between now and October 9, 2020 quarantine for two weeks before going to school, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried.

The motion made by Ms. Reuther is to request the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or the PA Secretary of Health close all service of Delaware County bars and restaurants other than take out service until October 9, 2020 and that all restaurants, casinos and gyms operating in the county close until October 9, 2020 and anyone traveling to the New Jersey Shore between now and October 9, 2020 must quarantine for two weeks before going to school, seconded by Mr. Madden. The motion failed 2-3. (Votes: 2 Yays – Zidek and Madden, 3 Nays – Taylor, Schaefer and Reuther)

Mr. Zidek stated we still need to vote on the original motion to request the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or the PA Secretary of Health close all service of Delaware County bars and restaurants other than take out service until October 9, 2020 and that all restaurants, casinos and gyms operating in the county close until October 9, 2020 which was seconded by Mr. Madden. The motion failed 2-3. (Votes: 2 Yays – Zidek and Madden, 3 Nays – Taylor, Schaefer and Reuther)

Ms. Reuther made a motion to add a Resolution to the Agenda in recognition of August as International Overdose Awareness Month and to recognize August 31st as International Overdose Awareness Day seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously. Ms. Reuther read the Resolution.

Chairman Zidek called on Mr. Lichtenstein of the Solicitor's office to read the First Reading and give a Summary of Ordinance 2020-7 expressing an intent to organize a municipal authority with the power to, among other things, receive certain interactive gaming revenues and apply such revenues to grants for projects approved by Council, and authorizing related action.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Grant Agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life, providing for a grant to the County in the amount of \$2,172,858.00 for the purpose of planning and operationalizing a safe and secure election administration in Delaware County in 2020. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to purchase one (1) Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid, from Whitmoyer Auto Group, COSTARS contract #013-110 for a price not to exceed \$36,500.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to purchase one (1) Ford F-650 truck with Morgan 18-foot box and hydraulic lift gate from Fred Beans Ford of West Chester, COSTARS contract #025-013, for a price not to exceed \$74,702.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to purchase IT equipment for various services for Department of Human Services Program Offices from Amazon/DEL in the amount of \$64,354.00. (Funding: State & Federal), seconded by Ms. Schaefer.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to amend the previous motion to purchase IT equipment for various services for Department of Human Services Program Offices from Amazon/DEL in the amount of \$64,684.83. (Funding: State & Federal), seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Advertise and issue a Request for Proposals for Economic Impact Study related to the formation of a County Health Department. The Coronavirus Pandemic has underscored the necessity to improve the delivery of public health services throughout the County, and the County Steering Committee on the formation of a County Health Department has recommended the formation of a County Health Department. An Economic Impact Study will give Council information useful in making the final decision whether to form a County Health Department as well as the size and scope thereof. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer And carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to increase the amount for PPE purchases from \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00 with the additional \$250,000.00 being committed to providing PPE to child care/early learning resources centers. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Award legal advertising. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer. Discussion followed. Ms. Schaefer suggested Council settle on a policy and give direction to the Executive Director to handle the legal advertising.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to amend the motion to read to approve the execution of legal advertising agreements with the Philadelphia Inquirer/Daily News; Tribune; Spirit; Press Publishing and the Daily Times with instructions to the Executive Director to utilize such methods of advertising as in his discretion meets the primary objective of appropriate notice to the public with the secondary objective to control the cost to the county, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to approve the execution of legal advertising agreements with the Philadelphia Inquirer/Daily News; Tribune; Spirit; Press Publishing and the Daily Times with instructions to the Executive Director to utilize such methods of advertising as in his discretion meets the primary objective of appropriate notice to the public with the secondary objective to control the cost to the county, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to purchase thirty (30) Dell OptiPlex 3070 PC's, forty (40) Dell 23" monitors and forty (40) 6' GA cables from Dell on the COSTARS contract to be installed at the new Chester Election Site at a total cost of \$26,005.60, seconded by Ms. Schaefer.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to amend motion and change to purchase thirty (30) Dell OptiPlex 3070 PC's, seventy (70) Dell 23" monitors and seventy (70) 6' GA cables from Dell on the COSTARS contract to be installed at the new Chester Election Site at a total cost of \$31,127.80, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to purchase thirty (30) Dell OptiPlex 3070 PC's, seventy (70) Dell 23" monitors and seventy (70) 6' GA cables from Dell on the COSTARS contract to be installed at the new Chester Election Site at a total cost of \$31,127.80, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Re-Advertise for Bids for Preventative Maintenance of County Bridge #16 (Media Station Road over Ridley Creek). Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Award Contract No: E-060420 between the County of Delaware and Mahoney & Mahoney Landscaping to provide landscaping at various County owned Bridges for a period of three (3) years at their bid price not to exceed \$54,050.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract No: E-060620 between the County of Delaware and Long Fence Company to provide Guiderail Repair for County Bridge #12 (Matson Bridge), County Bridge #16 (Media Station Bridge), County Bridge #117 (Tryon Lewis Bridge) and County Bridge #135 (Spyglass Bridge) at their bid price not to exceed \$120,830.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to submit Grant Application to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$322,264.00. This grant will allow the Department of Juvenile Court and Probation Service to add one (1) new position for a total of three (3) full time liaison positions. It further provides funding for the use of temporary staff and general operating expenses in serving victims of juvenile offenders. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of grant funding in a maximum amount of \$3,000,000.00 to assist child care/early learning providers throughout the County pursuant to program guidelines approved by the Executive Director. Such funds to be reallocated to such grants from amounts previously allocated from the County's Coronavirus Relief Fund moneys (received under then CARES Act) to the DelcoStrong Grant Programs (Rounds 1 and 2, and nonprofit grants). Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Agreement with Daymark Energy Advisors to provide expert advice and testimony before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) related to DELCORA asset purchase by Aqua Pennsylvania. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried with an abstention vote registered by Ms. Schaefer due to a conflict relationship with one of the parties.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Agreement with The Echo Group for public communication consultation in an amount of \$6,500.00 per month for twelve months beginning September 1, 2020. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for eleven (11) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint A. Richard Paul, Anne Searl and Harold Finigan to the Heritage Commission to a term ending September 2023, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Mary Quilter to the Heritage Commission to a term ending September 2022, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director Lazarus gave an update on happenings in the County and wanted to let the public know the County is hiring for election staff.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Martin gave an update on Trump Campaign litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following residents sent comments that were in favor of Election Drop Boxes: Arline Schoenberger, 301 Sparrows Ridge, Glen Mills, PA; Howard Brouda, 26 Hutton Lane, Garnet Valley, PA; Robert L. Krause, M.D., 508 Meadowlark Terrace, Glen Mills, PA; Lenore Forman, 511 Oakleaf Terrace, Glen Mills, PA; W. Roberts Richmond, 503 Meadowlark Terrace, Glen Mills, PA; Lee Anderson, 520 Meadowlark Terrace, Glen Mills, PA; Barbara Pope, 520 Meadowlark Terrace, Glen Mills, PA; DeWitte Shipley, 211 Aspen Square, Glen Mills, PA; John A Schoenberger, 301 Sparrows Ridge,

Glen Mills, PA; Matthew Horwitz, 801 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA; Stephanie Albero, 17 Morris Drive, Glen Mills, PA; Randall Ehman, 14 Mendenhall Drive, Glen Mills, PA; Antoinette Singleton, 1713 Garnet Mine Road, Garnet Valley, PA; Peggy Bradin Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA; Howard Brouda, 26 Hutton Lane, Garnet Valley, PA; Cymon Holzschuh, 6104 Chevers Drive, Glen Mills PA; Jennifer Kelly, 841 Malin Road, Newtown Square, PA; Ann Forster, 117 Fairfax Road, Bryn Mawr, PA; Kate Chapman, 1008 Brick House Farm Lane, Newtown Square, PA; Eric Friedman, 2 Fallbrook Lane, Thornbury Township; Edward Lovitch, 514 Bluebird Crossing, Glen Mills, PA; and Barbara Fagerstrom, 207 Oakleaf Terrace, Glen Mills, PA.

Helen McGrane, 212 Upland Way, Wayne, PA sent a comment regarding the Library Funding.

The following residents sent comments regarding the Mariner East Pipeline: Linda Emory Healy, 345 West Second Street, Media, PA; Lora Snyder, 1443 Gradyville Road, Glen Mills, PA; and Janice Mancuso, 28 Portsmouth Circle, Glen Mills, PA.

COUNCIL: Ms. Reuther spoke regarding Overdose Awareness Day. Ms. Reuther stated it is important for people to share when there is a death from an overdose, so we can help people grieve. We want to raise awareness with regard to this epidemic and to let the community know there are many things we can do, from treatment research and recovery programs, to public education to recognize the signs of overdose and know what to do to save lives. Ms. Reuther also spoke regarding the new municipal authority. We need people to serve on this authority. If you are interested in serving on this board, please consider submitting a resume.

Ms. Schaefer spoke regarding a RCAP Grant (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) application that the County submitted last week. Our grant was through DES and it is for \$6,000,000.00 and will go toward a new 911 Communications Center.

Dr. Taylor spoke regarding Covid testing. This week's testing site is at Interboro High School. Testing will be held tomorrow from 10am to 4pm at Interboro High School. Next week, public testing will be held at the John P. McBlain Community Center in Aldan on August 25, 26, and 27. These testing sites would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We truly embody what it means to be DELCO STRONG! To our new volunteers and also to those who have been volunteering for years—THANK YOU! You are the backbone of many of our grassroots community efforts.

Dr. Taylor also stated, Delaware County, in partnership with The Foundation for Delaware County and Johns Hopkins is hosting a Virtual Town Hall tomorrow at 4pm. We'll be presenting the findings of the Health Study and giving an update on the progress and timeline for establishing a County Health Department. We'll also be giving an update on COVID-19.

Mr. Zidek spoke regarding the public health crisis. He apologized to the children stating, we choose to keep bars and casinos open but close your schools. I want to say I am sorry, it feels like we are failing you.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk