

**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 January 21, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilman White. Jerry O'Connor, Director of the IT Department, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start the agenda items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2014 County Real Estate Taxes for four (4) property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for seven (7) Court Ordered refunds for the year 2014 for properties in the Boroughs of Brookhaven and Clifton Heights and the Townships of Aston, Bethel, Upper Chichester and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$18,929.36, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Ms. Hill requested County Council's approval to amend the County's Community Development Action Plan by incorporating the following changes to the Community Development Block Grant Program: cancellation of a land acquisition project, Eddystone Borough, that is no longer feasible; add Phase III Streetscape Improvements to the Marcus Hook Borough; two recreational projects at the Primos Playground and Eddystone Borough; add storm drainage improvements in Norwood; and the demolition of a vacant/blighted structure in Chester Township. All these projects are designed to benefit the County's low and moderate income residents. These changes were subject to a 30 day comment period.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the following Housing and Community Development Action Plan Amendments: allocate \$153,000.00 for Marcus Hook Phase III Viscose Village Streetscape Improvements; \$180,000.00 for Upper Darby School District Improvements to Primos Playground; \$135,900.00 for Norwood Stormwater Drainage Improvements; \$40,000.00 for Chester Township for demolition of a blighted structure; \$50,000.00 for Eddystone rehabilitation of recreation fields; and eliminate \$260,000.00 for land acquisition in Eddystone that cannot move forward. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with a partial abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Chairman Civera called on District Attorney Jack Whelan to speak on Agenda Item 8.

D.A. Whelan said Item 8 is the application and also the approval of HIDTA Grant funding. This is an annual grant that we are able to obtain with the help of Delaware County Council. HIDTA stands for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, which is a relationship that we have shared for many years with Camden, Philadelphia and Chester County where intelligence and law enforcement come together to fight drug trafficking in our region.

D.A. Whelan further said the money is typically utilized for undercover operations. Currently, our narcotics task force has over 60 officers spread across Delaware County working on a daily basis trying to fight the infiltration of drugs and to take drug dealers off the streets through these undercover operations.

He thanked County Council for all their past support of these efforts and for their partnership with the District Attorney's office on many of their crime fighting initiatives, including the drug trafficking issues throughout Delaware County.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 8 to apply for and accept \$50,000.00 as sub-grantee for the Office of National Drug Control Policy for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program for the grant period 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the annual Maintenance/Software Support Agreement with CourtSmart Digital Services for the period of 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015 at the total cost of \$95,519.64. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on David Belanger, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Items 10 and 11.

Mr. Belanger said Items 10 and 11 relate to purchases for public libraries in Delaware County.

Item 10 is a renewal of a lease agreement for popular best-selling books. This program allows us to have the books on the shelf when people need them. For example, Library Services just leased 30 copies of "I am Malala" which will be used in our reading program. They are returned after the use diminishes.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 10 to renew the annual Book Leasing Contract with McNaughton Book Services, a Division of Brodart Company, for the period of 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015 at an annual cost of \$51,150.00, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mr. Belanger said Item 11 is a subscription service to EBSCO which allows patrons to do research on information that can't be found on the general internet. It is proprietary information and allows students to research Consumer Reports. It also adds content to our catalog for the 1.5 million items owned by the public library.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11 to renew the annual subscription to EBSCO products including Masterfile Elite, a copy written database of magazine articles, including exclusive access to back issues of Consumer Reports, Time and Sports Illustrated at a cost of \$58,184.00 for 2015. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mr. Belanger also announced it has been a good week for grants in libraries. He received a \$10,000.00 check from the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Fund for our Library Foundation to help them with some work. Five libraries in Delaware County received \$1.1 million in construction grants from statewide projects.

Chairman Civera called on Denise Stewart, Director of the Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Ms. Stewart asked for County Council's approval for the Professional Services Agreement with COSA and the Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and the Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging (PCA) to enable COSA to invoice PCA, the region lead agency, for services provided relative to the statewide Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for the period of 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Jonna DiStefano, Administrator of the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Ms. DiStefano asked for County Council's approval to amend two contracts (Crozer Chester Medical Center and Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems). The Department of Human Services is the recipient of a federal grant to enhance some of the prevention activities in Delaware County. This is for the prevention of underage drinking and prescription drug abuse. She also asked for the approval of 3 Providers of Subsidized Day Care with the following: Candice Wattlely, Joan Mitchell and A Children's Learning Place Center Inc.

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. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 14, the announcement of "All Delco Reads" Book Initiative.

Mrs. Morrone said communities across Delaware County have launched reading programs that encourage one state, one city or one county to read a special book selection and then discuss it. The goal is to promote literacy and to bring communities together through their mutual interest in one book. In Delaware County, we call our One Book/One County Program "All Delco Reads." This year, we are encouraging Delaware County residents to read the inspirational story, "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban."

County Council is partnering with the Delaware County Reading Council and our Library System to get young people and adults to read "I Am Malala," and to discuss the book among friends over dinner, in organized book clubs or in library settings.

The theme for this year's All Delco Reads Initiative is "Ordinary People Can Change the World." There are various books that exemplify this theme, but one of the most compelling is "I Am Malala."

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistan girl who at the age of 15 was shot in the head by the Taliban while riding the school bus home. Not only did she survive, but she has become a global symbol of peace, the right to an education and is the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mrs. Morrone said she is looking forward to reading this book with her eleven year old daughter. They are currently reading "Anne of Green Gables," which is a very long book. Malala's story is the next book on their list to read.

Today, we are pleased to promote this great literacy program along with members of the Reading Council, our Library Services and three of our member libraries - Middletown Township, Rachel Kohl Library (in Concord Township) and the Ridley Township Library.

Mrs. Morrone acknowledged the following people: Delaware County Library System Director David Belanger and Coordinator of Youth Services of DCLS Margie Stern; Dr. Susan Kulp, of the Delaware County Reading Council, a reading specialist and gifted support teacher from Eddystone Elementary School (Ridley School District); Middletown Township Library Director Mary Glendening; Rachel Kohl Library Director Amy Abella; and Mary Tobin, Assistant Director of the Ridley Township Library.

Mr. Belanger said they encourage reading at all times. The Delaware County Library System is pleased to be partnering with the Delaware County Reading Council and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit to make this truly a community wide event and encourages everyone to check out this book, "I Am Malala." He believes they will be inspired by this story.

Dr. Kulp said, as a member of the Delaware County Reading Council, they wanted to bring something in the area of literacy out to the community. As a teacher in the Ridley School District for many years, they had a program called "Read GREEN," which stood for "Grade Reading Enriches Every Neighborhood." With this idea in mind, she went to the Delaware County Reading Council and suggested they take this idea out into other communities across the county.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to give an update on the Heroin Task Force.

Mr. Culp said, just over two years ago, the Delaware County Medical Examiner, Dr. Fredric Hellman, reported he was seeing an alarming number of heroin-related deaths, 52 fatalities in total for the year 2012 as compared to 19 heroin fatalities in 2007.

District Attorney Whelan partnered with Delaware County Council to form the Heroin Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to reduce the number of heroin related deaths by education and prevention.

Mr. Culp said he first became aware of the epidemic as a Springfield Township Commissioner and sat on the Public Safety Committee chaired by Springfield Township Police Chief Joe Daly. Upon his appointment on County Council, he was excited to learn that he would be a member of this Heroin Task Force. He had the opportunity to sit down with D.A. Whelan and other members of the Task Force and discuss some of the accomplishments that have incurred since its inception.

Mr. Culp gave the following update on the Task Force. Twenty-seven Medicine Drop Boxes have been installed in local police stations across Delaware County. Since the inception, in October 2013, over 3,200 pounds of drugs have been placed in these drop boxes. These are drugs such as Oxycontin and Vicodin, which could have gotten into the wrong hands; it's great to get them off the streets.

They are currently working on supplying these drop boxes to every police department throughout the entire Delaware County with the hope to have this done by spring of this year.

Another initiative that has had remarkable life-saving results is supplying our local police departments with the life-saving drug, Naloxone. In the seven weeks since police in Delaware County have been equipped with Naloxone, or Narcan, 14 overdose victims have been revived. This initiative started last March when county and state officials came together at the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office to pledge their support for legislation that would permit police officers in Pennsylvania to carry and administer nasal Naloxone. Naloxone is a drug that reverses an opiate overdose and brings an unresponsive person back to life. Pennsylvania law previously prohibited unauthorized individuals from administering prescription drugs, including police officers.

David's Law was signed on September 30, 2014, which provided police with access to Naloxone and provided Good Samaritan immunity from prosecution to those who seek help when someone overdoses.

The most recent save was just last Friday evening, January 16, when a 24 year old man was revived in Haverford Township. That evening the victim's mother called police when she found her son unresponsive, face down on the bathroom floor. Officer Todd Howe, of Haverford Township Police Department, administered nasal Naloxone to the overdose victim, who was revived within minutes.

In Delaware County, Naloxone rescues have been made by police in Bethel, Haverford, Marple, Nether Providence, Ridley and Upper Darby Townships, along with Glenolden, Lansdowne, Marcus Hook and Upland Boroughs.

Mr. Culp looks forward to working with District Attorney Whelan and the Task Force in working on this important public health effort.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** No county business.

**COUNCIL:** Mrs. Morrone said it was with pleasure and appreciation that she reported that David Belanger, Director of the Delaware County Library System, was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association. This is the highest award that this statewide association bestows and it is given in recognition of exceptional service to the libraries of the Commonwealth.

For 20 years, David has served the libraries of Delaware County, overseeing a staff of 17 and working with both a Library Board and county officials. He collaborates with 26 member libraries and has helped secure over \$3 million in grants over the years to supplement services and help libraries directly.


David is always thinking forward and is instrumental in keeping our libraries on the technical edge of reading and literacy. In fact, when people said the Internet would mean the demise of libraries, David saw just the opposite. In fact, the Internet has actually enhanced the mission of our libraries here in Delaware County.

He has mentored more than a few young librarians in the state, and has managed to do all of this with quite good humor and endless patience.

Mrs. Morrone said County Council wished to extend congratulations to him on receiving this award.

**DISCUSSION:** No public comment(s).

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.

  
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ANNE M. COOGAN County Clerk

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**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS  
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Original Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Crozer Chester Medical Center	Drug and Alcohol Prevention	7/1/11-6/30/15 (amendment)	\$721,100	\$608,295
Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems	Prevention	7/1/11-6/30/15 (amendment)	\$526,492	\$749,112
Candice Wattley	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-*	N/A	N/A
Joan Mitchell	Subsidized Day Care	12/1/14-*	N/A	N/A
A Children's Learning Place Center Inc	Subsidized Day Care	11/1/14-*	N/A	N/A