

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 April 22, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Erin Perry. Emily Harris, Public Affairs for the District Attorney, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department request for refunds for the years 2014 and 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Danielle DiMatteo, Director of Juvenile Court and Probation Services, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Ms. DiMatteo asked for Council's approval to submit a Grant application to PCCD for the Victims of Juvenile Offenders, in the amount of \$163,616.00. The grant will be for an 18-month period of time. The grant aids in supporting a full-time position and two temporary support staff to comply with the mandatory rights of victims, to provide outcome notifications and services throughout their process with Juvenile Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 6 to ratify the submission of a Grant application to PCCD for the "Victims of Juvenile Offenders" Grant in the amount of \$163,616.00 for the period of 7/1/2015 to 12/31/2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Barbera, of Adult Probation and Parole, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Ms. Barbera asked for Council's approval to submit a Grant application to PCCD for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & State Intermediate Punishment Programs for the amount of \$784,226.00 for the period of 7/1/2015 to 6/20/2016.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7 to submit a Grant application to PCCD for Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & State Intermediate Punishment Programs for the amount of \$784,226.00 for the period of 7/1/2015 to 6/20/2016. The funding is State \$600,000.00, utilization of medical assistance and in kind \$184,226.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit and accept the 2014 "County Recycling Coordinator" Grant application to the PA Environmental Protection (DEP) for the partial reimbursement of the Recycling Coordinator salary and expenses in the amount of \$29,742.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 9, an Agreement with Tinicum Township, Interboro School District and the City of Philadelphia resolving outstanding issues related to the Philadelphia International Airport Capacity Enhancement Program. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval to adopt the Delaware County Open Space, Recreation and Greenway Plan as a component of the county's Vision Document "Delaware County 2035." The Plan establishes three overall goals: to guide Open Space, Planning and efforts in the County to conserve, enhance and connect. The Delaware County Planning and Parks Departments collaborated on this initiative working in tandem with our Steering Committee as well as focus group sessions, stakeholder interviews and a public survey. We are confident that the document is thorough and thoughtful and it will serve as an excellent guide in resource for Open Space and Greenway Planning throughout the county for many years to come.

Ms. Hill thanked Karen Holm, who is the Environmental Planning Manager of the Delaware County Planning Department, and staff members Steve Beckley and Ryan Judge for spearheading this enormous effort. She also thanked County Parks Director Marc Manfre who contributed countless hours of expertise and time to this effort.

Lastly, Ms. Hill thanked County Council for their hands-on approach in bringing this project to fruition.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Resolution to adopt the Delaware County Open Space, Recreation and Greenway Plan as a component of the Delaware County 2035 Comprehensive Framework Plan. The motion is subject to the Solicitor approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera thanked Ms. Hill, Marc Manfre and their staff for the work on this Plan. Work has gone into this Plan for over a year and a half, with public hearings being held throughout the county for the different municipalities. They did a great job on the outreach and keeping our citizens involved.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of an amendment to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement. This pertains to language changes for our Reinvestment Program, a new Affordable Care Act, Health Insurance data (which is part of the contract) and language regarding Medicaid expansion. There is no County dollars associated with the approval of this item.

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 Steven K. Gerber, of Radnor Township, to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee for a term to expire February 2017, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint David L. Hackett, of Nether Providence Township, to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee to a term ending February 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a memorial to be erected on the grave of John A. Wanner, of Lower Chichester Township, a deceased service person, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera presented a Resolution recognizing the Delaware County Historical Society and their fundraising concert on May 2.

Chairman Civera said the Delaware County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and protecting the history, traditions and culture of our county. They collect, protect and maintain the historical records and artifacts of the county to provide educational programs about the history and people of Delaware County.

The Delaware County Historical Society was founded by 83 men and women of Delaware County and has been in existence since 1895. Thanks to their hard work and dedication our residents can enjoy a piece of Delaware County's rich history. On County Council, we value their work to not only protect our history but to keep it alive for generations to come.

Throughout the year, the Historical Society holds concerts and other events to help fund their projects and programs. On Saturday, May 2nd they are hosting the *Spring Back to the '60's* concert at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, in Media. The concert will feature "The First Ladies of Rock and Soul." The group, backed by a 13-piece band will perform songs made famous by the Supremes, the Marvelettes and many other famous "girl groups" of the era. The gentleman who started this group (and a personal friend of Chairman Civera) is Lou Ballezzi.

Chairman Civera called on the following people who came to this morning's meeting representing the Delaware County Historical Society and the 60's Concert:

Delaware County Historical Society – Linda Houldin, Executive Director; Karen Carlson, Acting Chair; Gail Irvine, President; Tom Grubb, Board Member; and Karyn Confer, Education Director;

First Ladies of Rock and Soul (performers) – Patrice Hawthorne, Devon Lassifer and Michelle Cunningham; and

Lou Ballezzi, founder of the First Ladies of Rock and Soul; Steve Kurtz, of Crusin' WVLT 92.1 Radio; and Tommy McCarthy, of WOGL 98.1 Radio.

Chairman Civera read the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society was founded in 1895 for the purpose of acquiring and preserving property and information of historical value to the people of Delaware County; and

Whereas, through the efforts of the Delaware County Historical Society, generations of Delaware County residents can study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors and celebrate the history of our county; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society continues to preserve and protect the history, traditions and culture of Delaware County, including its partnership with the Delaware County Veterans Memorial and various schools to offer educational programs to teach students about our nation's and county's history; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society relies upon various charitable and fundraising events to support their valuable programs; and

Whereas, Lou Ballezzi, Steve Kurtz and Tom McCarthy have generously offered their time and talent for a fundraising concert on May 2, 2015 at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, in Media, Pennsylvania, featuring "The First Ladies of Rock and Soul."

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby commend the Delaware County Historical Society for their outstanding efforts to preserve and protect the history, traditions and culture of Delaware County.

On behalf of the Delaware County Historical Society, Ms. Houldin thanked Delaware County Council and Executive Director Marianne Grace for their support and for keeping history alive in Delaware County. She called on Mr. Ballezzi and asked him to say a few words about the First Ladies of Rock and Soul.

Mr. Ballezzi thanked County Council for recognizing the work they did last year with the fundraiser that starred Bobby Rydell and the Duprees and now the work they are doing this year with the "First Ladies of Rock and Soul" concert.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to present a Resolution recognizing Operation First Response and its "Walk for the Wounded" event on May 2.

In Delaware County, Mr. McBlain said we are dedicated to supporting our men and women in the Armed Services and the 39,000 veterans now living in our county.

A remarkable program that helps wounded veterans and their families is "Operation First Response," a national organization that serves all branches of our nation's wounded heroes, assisting them and their families with personal and financial needs.

In Delaware County, we are honored that Rose Tree Park is the setting for a major event, Walk for the Wounded, which raises funds for Operation First Response.

This year's "Walk for the Wounded" will take place on Saturday, May 2 in Rose Tree Park. This is the 8th year for this event that has been organized by Nick Constantino, senior advisor to Operation First Response, in partnership with our county official Marc Manfre, Director of Parks and Recreation Department and Tore Fiore, Executive Director of the Brandywine Conference and Visitors Center. Last year 1,500 people walked in this amazing event, including veterans of all ages. To date, "Walk for the Wounded" has raised over \$1.1 million dollars.

The day starts with a 5K run at 10 A.M., followed by a 2-mile walk at 11 A.M. and followed by an opening ceremony at noon. Residents can enjoy family activities, a military vehicle display, music and much more.

It is hard to comprehend what our servicemen and women face in a combat situation, or serving in a hostile country. It's just as hard to comprehend what it must be like to return to civilian life after suffering life-changing injuries, often followed by mounting bills.

The work of people like Nick Constantino and Operation First Response is truly commendable. The financial aid they offer is based on individual needs and can range from rent and utilities, to home alterations, to add accessibility, to clothing and travel expenses. The mission is to help these wounded heroes get through their recovery period and transition from military life to the civilian world.

Mr. McBlain said we are pleased to once again honor Operation First Response with a resolution. Attending today's meeting is Nick Constantino, Senior Advisor of Operation First Response; Marc Manfre, Director of the County Department of Parks and Recreation; Tore Fiore, Executive Director of the Brandywine Conference and Visitors Center; and committee members Marty Milligan and Jean Koroly.

Mr. McBlain read the following Resolution:

Whereas, the men and women of the United States of America embrace a patriotic tradition of answering the call of the nation to defend our freedom, risking their own personal health and safety in the service of our nation; and

Whereas, their courageous efforts to provide for the safety and well-being of our nation can result in the loss of life or severe injury, changing the lives of the injured who, along with their families, must endure ongoing physical and emotional anguish along with great financial sacrifice; and

Whereas, "Walk for the Wounded," sponsored by Operation First Response, Inc., recognizes and raises funds for wounded members of the armed forces in order to provide support for their personal and financial needs from the outset of injury throughout their recovery period and transition from military into civilian life; and

Whereas, the eighth annual "Walk for the Wounded" held in Rose Tree Park brings together thousands who are grateful to veterans for their service and sacrifice and to enables Operation First Response to continue to provide emergency assistance to our wounded heroes and their families.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare Saturday, May 2, 2015 to be Walk for the Wounded Day in Delaware County. We extend our sincere gratitude to those volunteers, sponsors and supporters of this most noteworthy endeavor held to show wounded veterans that Operation First Response "has their back" on the home front.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on the Resolution recognizing April 19-25 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Mrs. Morrone said Delaware County Council and the District Attorney are committed to the safety of our residents, and as part of that commitment, we work to assure the rights of victims of crime and witnesses to crime. Our officials and many of our residents through various private organizations have been in the forefront of providing programs and services to aid victims of crime.

During Victims' Rights Week, we like to recognize the various agencies and organizations whose mission is to support victims of crime. Much of the service is provided through the Victim-Witness Assistance Unit of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, Children & Youth Services, the Office of Court Services and the Victim Services Unit of Juvenile Court. We are also pleased to partner with organizations such as the Domestic Abuse Project, the Family Support Line, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Parents of Murdered Children, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole and Women Against Rape.

This week the groups acting through the Delaware County Victims Services Local Policy Board, of which District Attorney Jack Whelan is Chairman, and through their own organizations, will once again sponsor programs to draw attention to the plight of victims and of the services and assistance available to them.

An awards ceremony is scheduled for noon today (April 22) in the County Council Public Meeting Room, in the Government Center, by the Victims Services Local Policy Board. At this ceremony, two Delaware County non-profit organizations will be recognized for their efforts including Lesley Lane, the founder of Andrea's Attic, and the AIDs Care Group.

Lesley Lane established Andrea's Attic in memory of her daughter, Andrea O'Donnell, who was murdered over 20 years ago. It is the memory of her daughter Andrea that has encouraged thrift shop proprietor Lesley Lane to continue serving the community for over 10 years at her store, located in Marcus Hook. She and the volunteers at Andrea's Attic have committed their lives to helping the less fortunate.

Also to be honored is the AIDS Care Group, a non-profit organization that provides medical care, dental care and social services to uninsured and underinsured minority residents of Delaware County. The AIDS Care Group is one of the largest and most comprehensive fully dedicated HIV/AIDS service providers in Delaware County.

A vigil for all crime victims, organized by Parents of Murdered Children, will be held at 7 P.M. this evening in Courtroom One, the Honorable John V. Diggins Ceremonial Courtroom.

Attending this morning's meeting was District Attorney Whelan who was accompanied by Emily Harris, the DA's Public Affairs Officer; Elizabeth Tortorelli, Office Administrator and Kathy Hagan.

Mrs. Morrone read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the criminal justice system in Delaware County is committed to addressing crime and the traumatic impact of criminal actions on the victims of crime and witnesses to those crimes; and

Whereas, serious crime continues to ravage numerous American households each year with those victims of crime often facing serious financial, physical and psychological losses.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare April 19-25 to be Victims' Rights Week in Delaware County in order to inform county residents of the wide range of resources available to the victims of crime in Delaware County. We commend those persons and organizations who have undertaken the demanding challenge to better serve and support the victims of and witnesses to crime.

District Attorney Whelan commended the agencies and entities that came to this morning's meeting for their unwavering service to victims. Victims are the essence of the criminal justice system and in the District Attorney's Office we exist for the benefit of those victims. It is these agencies (that were previously mentioned) that serve the victims here in Delaware County and do so admirably and to the extent that they put themselves in situations where each and every day, day in and day out, they dedicate themselves to the rights of victims.

District Attorney Whelan recognized the following agencies and representatives who attended this morning's meeting on behalf of Victims' Rights Week:

Children & Youth Services - Beth Prodoehl; Court Services – Michael Raith/Director; Domestic Abuse Project – Rita Buckley Connolly/Executive Director, Mary Wachterhauser/Board

President, Jo Ann Massaro/Associate Executive Director and Kristen Ferraro/Legal Services Manager; Family Support Line – Patricia Kosinski/Executive Director; Juvenile Court & Probation Services – Danielle DiMatteo/Director, Meghan Sgro, Derrick Spence, Bill Soper, John Verdecchio and Diane Roedel-Brown; Parents of Murdered Children – Jane McPhee/Chapter Leader, Sharon Conroy and Marilyn Dougherty; Women Against Rape – B. Joyce Dale/Executive Director, Candice Lineham; Mothers Against Drunk Driving – Linda Sposato/Victim Services Specialist; District Attorney's Office – Erica Parham/Assistant District Attorney, Emily H. Harris/Public Affairs Officer, Elizabeth Tortorelli/Office Administrator and Kathy Hagan; and C.I.D. – Chief Joe Ryan.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried with an abstention vote by Mr. White as it relates to CM3.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren said it was scheduled today for County Council to receive public comment(s) as it relates to the Proposed 2015 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan.

The Plan was advertised on April 9 for public comment today. This is an opportunity for the public to give County Council their input on the Plan. It is worth noting that Council received an excess of \$7 million of requests for this year for the approximate \$2 million of funds available.

Solicitor Maddren said it is appropriate for Chairman Civera to call for public comment on the Annual Action Plan.

Chairman Civera said if anyone wished to make public comment on the Proposed Plan to please come forward and state your name and address and what organization you represent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED 2015 PLAN (CDBG)

Rohan Hepkins, Mayor of Yeadon Borough, who was accompanied by Borough Manager Larry Healy, made a request for CDBG funds to complete the borough's sewer project. They have already spent \$350,000.00 on a sewer system that is over 100 years old. Yeadon Borough has not received any money this year, but unless they get the CDBG money it will create a great hardship for the borough. He, therefore, asked that Council reconsiders the request they previously submitted for funds for use at this project.

Mr. McBlain stated Council had received Mayor Hepkins' email yesterday regarding the *revised* CDBG fund request of \$67,000.00. (The initial request was for \$807,000.00, which is obviously difficult to grant in a pot of money of just \$2 million.) He directed Mayor Hepkins (or Borough Manager Healy) to contact the Office of Housing and Community Development with the specifics on that project to make sure it is eligible so they can take a look at it.

Eileen McDonald, Executive Director of the Arc of Delaware County, located in Swarthmore Borough came this morning to ask Council to consider a funding request they submitted under the Block Grant in support of their Social/Recreation Program at the Arc.

For many years the Social/Recreation Program has been a main artery of that agency, as well as the entire disability community in the county. It is a program that is not funded in any way shape or form. One critical part of the program is that they are serving 100% of their participants who are low-income residents of the county. Another important piece is the number of people they are serving is currently over 200 unduplicated individuals in the county. So the program is a large program.

Ms. McDonald said this program brings social skill enrichment, which has proven to directly aid the participants in their social skills, their employability and their inclusion in the community. They are in dire need at this point to secure some funding to continue this program.

She, therefore, asked Council to look at their proposal and give them consideration, which she is 100% confident they will do to continue this program.

Mr. White asked Ms. McDonald to remind Council of the amount the Arc is requesting.

Ms. McDonald said they requested under \$40,000.00 (around \$38,000.00) to help support the program. The funding will take them through the end of this fiscal year and help them to serve the 200 unduplicated individuals).

Colleen Shepherd, President of the Arc Board wanted to add to Ms. McDonald's comments. Ms. Shepherd said she became involved with the Arc of Delaware County thirteen years ago when her brother John O'Malley (a former County employee) was involved in the Arc program specifically for the social recreation. Ms. Shepherd became more involved with the Arc because of what they gave to John and her family. She cannot stress enough the importance of the social recreation, not only what it does for the member, but what it does for the families. Inclusion is important. The social recreation is important plus the families need a break.

Erin Perry, a participant at the Arc of Delaware County, said a few words about her experience with the Arc Program. She enjoys the friends she has made there and the activities such as going to baseball games.

Chairman Civera asked if there was any other comments concerning the Proposed Plan. There were no further comments. The comment period was closed.

Mr. Maddren's second item of business was to ask Council's authorization to file six (6) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file six (6) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp invited residents to come out to the 1st Delaware County Community Day to Celebrate Prevention to be held on Saturday, April 25 at Rose Tree Park.

Mr. White thanked everyone who attended today's Council meeting. You all do such an important service for Delaware County and he wanted to assure them that all their work does not go unnoticed, certainly by this Council and by the residents of Delaware County from the Walk for the Wounded to the victim rights groups.

Mr. McBlain highlighted a few of today's items. First, he thanked Linda Hill and Marc Manfre and their staff for all the work that was done in adopting our Open Space, Recreation and Greenway Plan today. This is a document that has been several years in the works and with many public hearings. It's a very ambitious plan.

Second is the agreement with Tinicum Township and the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Airport. They will be meeting with Mayor Nutter this afternoon for a signing ceremony. This is something that comes to fruition after a long hard battle with the airport for many different topics going back seven or eight years.

What this means for Delaware County, first and foremost and a top priority, was to preserve the neighborhood in Tinicum Township, the 80+ homes that were threatened by the City, the FAA and the federal government for acquisition and tear down. That was our first priority and that is where we drew the line in the sand. We are thankful to Mayor Nutter and the City for finally recognizing that and to agree on our terms on the preservation of the neighborhood and the redesign of the Capacity Enhancement Plan.

It also preserves our tax base in Delaware County, Tinicum Township and Interboro School District. This agreement insures that not one dollar will be lost for any of those taxing agencies as a result of any plans by the Philadelphia International Airport and the Expansion Plans. Not only will we not lose any of our tax base, it is almost a certainty that our tax base will increase because of the planned improvements.

This is a financial win for the County and a win for our residents. It will also allow the Capacity Enhancement Program to proceed at the airport, which will mean (literally) tens of thousands of jobs for working men and women in Delaware County over the next decade or two. This is a big project; probably the largest construction project in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Lastly, we talked about the HealthChoices/Behavioral Health Agreement, which is a very important agreement in Delaware County. This enables the County to provide mental health and behavioral services to our residents. Delaware County led the way in the HealthChoices

Program followed by other counties. We have been able to leverage federal and state dollars in order to deliver mental health services to our residents.

Chairman Civera said Councilman McBlain was actively involved in the Philadelphia Airport Capacity Enhancement Project as his previous role as County Solicitor; he deserves a lot of credit for all his work.

Mrs. Morrone thanked all the non-profit and community organizations that attended this morning's meeting to recognize Victims' Rights Week. We appreciate all the services and the efforts they do here in Delaware County.

On Saturday, April 25, Mrs. Morrone announced that Delaware County will be hosting a Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Emergency Services Training Center. They will not be accepting electronics on this day, which is a change from previous HHW events.

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.


ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

**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>
Department of Public Welfare	HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement	7/1/13-12/31/16 (amendment)	N/A	N/A