

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 October 14, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by David Goldstein, of Upper Providence Township. Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one (1) Blade Server and Storage from Eplus on the COSTARS Contract at a total cost of \$54,596.46. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department requests for four (4) Court Ordered refunds for the year 2015 for properties in the Townships of Edgmont, Haverford, Upper Chichester and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$1,974.48. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7, Resolution 2015-10, a Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Trainer Police Department to fund the purchase of traffic cameras, body-worn cameras, patrol rifles and other equipment through Restricted Gaming Funds. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval to apply for a H.U.D. grant for fiscal year 2016/2017 for Homeless Assistance Services and also to accept the H.U.D. grant for Rapid Re-Housing that would put thirty families into permanent housing. He also asked for the approval of four (4) Subsidized Day Care with the following Providers of Service: Extraordinary Scholars Academy LLC, Tanya Wilson, Vera Rowland and Veronica Wilkerson.

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 reappoint Dominic A. Pileggi, of Concord Township, to the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority to a term ending October 2020, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Richard Nolan, of Upper Darby Township, and John Hosier, of Middletown Township, to the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority to a term ending October 2020, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10 to reappoint the following individuals to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee to a term ending October 2018:

Betty Lou Bettner
Martha B. Shields
Ida McCausland
Clarita Landaiche

Thornbury Township
Concord Township
Middletown Township
Concord Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Kari Shields, of Chester Heights Borough, and Joyce Bufano, of Bethel Township, to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee to a term ending October 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 13, a Resolution recognizing the Freedom Medal Award winners of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association.

Mr. Culp said Delaware County is home to countless veterans who have answered the nation's call since the American Revolution. Our county has been home to veterans of all wars including World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and today's conflicts in the Middle East.

Today, we have 35,000 veterans of all military branches living in Delaware County and who continue to serve their communities through their work, their church, their schools and their families.

In 2013, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, located in Newtown Square, became the newest monument in the county dedicated to veterans. The memorial has approximately 2,000 names of veterans inscribed on its walls. There is a display about the memorial in the Government Center Lobby outside the Veterans Affairs Office.

County Council is partnering with the Veterans Memorial Association to host the second annual Freedom Medal Awards Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, November 12 at the Springfield Country Club. The Freedom Medal Awards Dinner is one way that the Veterans Memorial Association pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed services, in addition to its educational programs that ensure future generations will know about this nation's military history and sacrifice.

The following individuals are the 2015 Freedom Medal Award winners: U.S. Navy veteran Charles "Bud" Burns, U.S. Army veteran Rusty Carter, U.S. Marine Corps veteran John Cook,

U.S. Army veteran William Hilton, U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Rev. Dr. Wylie W. Johnson and U.S. Army war nurse Marge Lozinak Lawrence.

Community awards are also being presented to Anna Wright, who is receiving the President's Award; Dr. Merle Horowitz, who is receiving the Education Award; and PECO, which is getting the business award.

This is certainly an amazing group of people who so bravely served our nation and who now serve our county. This morning, we are recognizing these award winners and the members of the Veterans Memorial Association for their efforts.

Mr. Culp invited the following representatives to come forward: Guy Fizzano, Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Board President; DCVMA board members Nicole de Botton Robinson, Jeannine Welsh, and Springfield Township Police Commissioner Joe Daly; 2015 Freedom Medal Award winners Reverend Wylie Johnson and Anna Wright; veteran and supporter Vince Barbieri; Claude de Botton, supporter; and Karyn Confer, Education Director for the Delaware County Historical Society.

On behalf of DCVMA, Mr. Fizzano thanked County Council, and (in particular) U.S. Air Force veteran Mario Civera, who serves on the DCVMA Advisory Board, for co-hosting the 2nd Annual Freedom Medal Awards Dinner. He thanked Claude de Botton, DCVMA's number one contributor and benefactor to the memorial for all the work he and his family and his company participates with them.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution declaring October 24 as "Give Kids Sight Day" in Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone said vision is one of the senses that we all value and sometimes take for granted. Across the country, millions of men, women and children experience vision loss or are affected by low vision or blindness. Regular eye exams are one way to prevent or address vision loss.

The American Optometric Association encourages parents to have a comprehensive eye exam for their children starting as early as six months of age. Another time that is critical for a child's eye exam is right before they start kindergarten or first grade.

To encourage preventative eye care in children, several organizations partner each year to offer a free eye care and eyeglasses clinic at Wills Eye Hospital, one of the world's premier eye care facilities. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 to help raise awareness. County Council is declaring October 24 as "Give Kids Sight Day" in Delaware County. The free clinic is open to all children in the five-county region. Last year, 102 children from Delaware County participated. The event is open to all children, whether or not they have insurance.

We are pleased that our Department of Intercommunity Health is a member of the Children's Vision Care Coalition that organizes this free clinic. The other partners in the event are Wills Eye, the Eagles Youth Partnership, the Public Citizens for Children and Youth and Visionworks.

Our Intercommunity Health staff has distributed fliers through our schools, clinics and libraries to let families know about this clinic. We hope that even more families and children take advantage of this service this year.

Attending today's meeting to accept the "Give Kids Sight Day" Resolution were the following individuals: Dr. George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor and Acting Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health; Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health and a member of the Children's Vision Care Coalition; Colleen McCauley, Health Policy Director for the Public Citizens for Children and Youth; and Dr. Cynthia Alley, Pediatric Ophthalmologist who has an office in Springfield and who is volunteering at the "Give Kids Sight Day" event.

Ms. McCauley said they are happy to receive this Resolution. They understand this is an important issues for children. Eighty percent of what we learn is through our eyes and, therefore, they want to make sure that our children have the best chance to do well in school. She asked that the word be put out about this upcoming clinic.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15, a Resolution declaring October as White Cane Month in Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain said White Cane Month is observed each October to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired. The White Cane is used by the blind to enable them to travel independently and to alert motorists to exercise care.

In Delaware County, White Cane Month is also an opportunity to raise awareness about the achievements of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and to inform people about the valuable services that help people prevent, prepare for and adapt to vision loss.

There are more than 19,000 residents in Delaware County who are either blind or visually impaired. We are fortunate to have the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired here in Delaware County, located in the City of Chester.

Since 1941, the Center has offered comprehensive services to people who are blind or visually impaired. Some of these individuals are blind from birth and others developed visual impairments, some from illnesses such as macular degeneration, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy.

The Center has some excellent, innovative programs including the new IDEAL Transition Program where young adults live on-site in the CBVI dormitory to learn the skills they need to

transition into college or the workplace. This summer, nine young adults who are blind or visually impaired attended the IDEAL Transition Program.

They also have a toilet paper factory, a janitorial service, a lawn maintenance service, a transportation service and a Computer Access Technology department.

None of us expects to lose our vision, but the reality is vision loss happens to people every day, in children and adults. The services provided by the Blind Center are invaluable in helping people maintain their independence and quality of life.

Mr. McBlain said we are also fortunate to have a service organization like the Lions Club and the Lioness Club who participate in an international campaign to support the needs of the blind through the White Cane Program. Proceeds from the White Cane Drive are used in projects designed to prevent blindness and to aid those who are blind.

Attending this morning's meeting on behalf of the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and White Cane Month were Mary Sue Boyle, Administrative/Development Director at the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; David Goldstein, a CBVI client; Joseph Saunders, President of the CBVI Board; Estella Kristiniak, Lions 14A District Governor; and David Tansey, of the Media Lions Club.

Mr. McBlain read (in part) the following Resolution:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare October 2015 to be White Cane Month in Delaware County. We appeal to all sighted residents to respect the white cane and we support the independence of all those with vision limitations.

So far this year, Ms. Boyle said 309 clients have gone through the Computer Assisted Training facility. Computer Assisted Technology allows all individuals, visually impaired and blind, to be placed in a very valuable slot and to be competitive with their sighted peers in the field of computer technology.

The Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has grown in the last seventy-four years serving the blind and visually impaired community in Delaware County. They have grown in all technologies made available to assist the visually impaired and blind to remain independent. They help their clients prepare for and adapt to their visual impairment and blindness. Their youngest client is 5 years old and the oldest is 106 years old. CBVI prides itself on individual care they give each and every client that joins their family.

Ms. Boyle asked David Goldstein, a recent graduate of the Computer Assisted Technology Training Program at CBVI, to say a few words about his experience in the computer program.

Mr. Goldstein said this program basically helps people like himself to use a computer. During his 4-5 weeks of training at the Center, he did word processing, worked on spreadsheets and surfed the Internet. This is important in order for the visually impaired and blind to be able to go out and compete for jobs or just to fit in socially with everyone else. This training will help him in the future and he will be able to stay in contact with friends or run a business or whatever else.

Chairman Civera announced the Pennsylvania Veterans Outreach Services Van will be visiting the Courthouse today. In keeping with its goal to serve veterans in Delaware County, County Council will host this Mobile Veterans Outreach Van from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. today in front of the Courthouse on Front Street at Veterans Square.

Chairman Civera said veterans service officers (VSOs) from the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, along with VSO's from Delaware County, will provide information and assistance to veterans and family members regarding a wide variety of benefits and services.

We always want to help our veterans learn about state and federal benefits they may be eligible for and we want to help them access those benefits. While we do this every day in our county Veterans Affairs office at the Government Center, having this large, visible veterans van spend a day here is another way to raise awareness of veteran's services and how to apply for them.

Benefits might include service connected disability compensation, improved pensions, death pensions, VA health care benefits, burial benefits, education benefits, vocational rehabilitation and more. Veterans and members of their family are invited to visit the van while it is at the Courthouse.

The Mobile Veterans Outreach Van travels to shopping centers, county fairs, festivals and other events in communities across Pennsylvania.

In Delaware County, we support our brave men and women when they serve our nation either overseas or on base in the United States. We also have a duty to them when they return to civilian life. We want to make it easy and accessible for them to get the care and services they need.

Chairman Civera thanked Bill Lovejoy, Director of the Delaware County Veteran's Affairs Office, for arranging to have this mobile van here today.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 17, a request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: No County business.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated the Freedom Medal Award winners and thanked the members of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association for their hard work they do. He wished a successful "Give Kids Sight Day" on October 24; best wishes to the Lions and Lioness on White Cane Month; and said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Veterans Outreach Services Van.

Mr. McBlain echoed Mr. Culp's comments and extended his personal congratulations to all the honorees here today and specifically to the Lions and Lioness. This is the second time in a month he had the privilege of presenting a Resolution that involves honoring the Lions and their good work. When Council was in Aston Township two weeks ago, they honored the Lions and Lionesses for their work. They are truly the fibers that we have here in Delaware County with so much being done due to the Lions Organization.

Mrs. Morrone extended her congratulations for the outreach that Delaware County and Bill Lovejoy, in our Veterans Affairs Office, does as well as the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association for the work they do to recognize the veterans here in Delaware County and to bring attention to the needs and to recognize the service through the awards they have created. It is especially nice to recognize "Sight Awareness Day" in a couple of different ways as sight is very important to all of us.

Last, Mrs. Morrone said one way to stay healthy is to get a flu shot. On Friday, at the Haverford YMCA, the County is hosting a *free* Flu Clinic from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Chairman Civera said, in the atmosphere of today's society, it is hard to get people to volunteer their time to our service organizations. He thanked the Lions for all their time and hard work they do on a yearly basis.

Concerning the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, Chairman Civera said Claude de Botton and his family have been strong supporters of this memorial and the organization. If you haven't already visited the Veterans Memorial, in Newtown Square, he encourages everyone to stop by.

DISCUSSION: There was no public comment or discussion.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Culp 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>
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	FY 2015 Homeless Assistance Grant Application	Funds available for FY 2016/2017	N/A	\$4,581,158
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Rapid Re-Housing Grant	10/1/15-9/30/16	N/A	\$616,061
Extraordinary Scholars Academy LLC	Subsidized Day Care	8/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Tanya Wilson	Subsidized Day Care	7/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Vera Rowland	Subsidized Day Care	9/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Veronica Wilkerson	Subsidized Day Care	9/1/15-*	N/A	N/A

*Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.

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