

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 November 10, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mr. White. Gayle Oddi, of the Office of Behavioral Health, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 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 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 2 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 Agenda Item 6, a Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force in the amount of \$14,800,000.00 for the 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force in the amount of \$960,605.00 for the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). 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 of three (3) amendments to the Human Services contracts with Cobbs Creek Housing Services, Inc., PA Dept. of Human Services and Coelho Consulting; the approval of a contract with Mingis, Gutowski & Company LLC for the annual audit of the Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol Programs; and the approval of four (4) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service with Linda Smith, Tiny Lil Beginnings Daycare LLC, Spreading Our Wings Nursery & Child Care Center LLC and Kellys Ark of Safety Childcare LLC.

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 Agenda Item 9, a memorial to be erected on the grave of Francis Michael Corrigan, of Media, a deceased service person, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 10, a Resolution declaring November 15 as America Recycles Day.

Mr. Culp said recycling in various forms has been going on for centuries, but it was the Baby Boomers who were the ones to make recycling a major part of our culture, our environment and our economy.

In the 1960's, people turned away from the disposable "burn and bury" culture to one where people realized that by recycling, we could relieve the pressure on the earth's energy and resources. Recycling got a boost when the triangular Mobius strip was introduced as the universal symbol representing the three R's of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

In 1997, November 15 was declared America Recycles Day, a day when all communities, including Delaware County, encourage residents to recycle as much as they can.

Delaware County's Department of Recycling, operating through our Solid Waste Authority, is very proactive in creating and sustaining many recycling programs for county residents.

Under the leadership of Sue Cordes, the county was the first to have a program to collect cell phones for recycling and came up with the idea to give recycled phones to at-risk women through the Domestic Abuse Project.

Recycling is a grass roots activity that is best addressed at the local level. Our county department works with all of our municipalities to secure recycling grants and to expand their recycling programs while minimizing costs.

Each year, the county holds four Household Hazardous Waste Collections to give residents a safe way to dispose of all kinds of household waste from paints and pesticides to certain batteries and motor oil. Over the past five years, the Household Hazardous Waste Program has collected one million pounds of household hazardous waste and one million pounds of electronic waste – all to be recycled.

In 2002, when Delaware County had to create a Solid Waste Management Plan for the county, Mrs. Cordes opted to produce the plan in a CD format to send to the state, saving hundreds and hundreds of pages of paper and thousands of dollars.

The county has recycling igloos at 40 locations for residents to use, the staff presents educational programs at schools and civic associations, and we have a compost farm where municipalities can bring their leaf and yard waste. November is certainly the time of year every homeowner realizes the importance of disposing of leaves.

County Council wants to commend the work of our Recycling Department and we want to take the opportunity of America Recycles Day to encourage our residents to recycle. Not only does it reduce waste and preserve the environment, recycling has become an economic engine credited with creating thousands of jobs. The more recycling, the more jobs, the cleaner the environment.

Today, County Council is pleased to present the America Recycles Day Resolution to Sue Cordes, Delaware County Recycling Manager.

Mrs. Cordes thanked County Council for acknowledging America Recycles Day. Delaware County believes in recycling. They know it's important and its importance for the environment.

Delaware County was the first county in the state to start collecting paper, cardboard and other recyclables back in 1983, long before Act 101. Delaware County has not stopped being in the forefront since then.

Mrs. Cordes said it has been her pleasure to work for this department. The things they have done with regard to recycling are amazing. Each county had to submit a two-volume plan but with there being 67 counties in the state that would have taken up a lot of storage room. After she submitted Delaware County's Recycling Plan on a CD to the state, it became a requirement that each county would also submit their plan in a CD format.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 11, announcing the midpoint in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Mr. White said Delaware County employees have been partnering with Magellan Behavioral Health since 2003 to collect food for people in need at Thanksgiving time. Each year the food drive has expanded, both in participation and the amount of food collected.

This year, we are thrilled to report that the 2015 Thanksgiving Food Drive has literally grown by leaps and pounds! A midpoint food drop-off at the food cupboard at True Vine Missionary Full Gospel Baptist Church, in Chester, received 13,392 pounds of food on that day. That almost triples the amount we delivered at the midway point last year, which was 5,138 pounds.

The Food Drive was launched last month and since then we've been collecting non-perishable food items where we can. This year, each department is competing to see which employees can collect the most food. To date, the Domestic Relations Department is ahead, but the District Attorney's Office is coming in strong.

The Food Drive will continue through November 18 when the final delivery will be made to the First United Methodist Church, in Media. Last year, a total of 23,525 pounds was collected. Judging by the team efforts and enthusiasm this year, Mr. White said we have faith that this year's numbers will surpass last year.

Attending this morning's meeting representing the 2015 Thanksgiving Food Drive were the following individuals: Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services for Delaware County; Gayle Oddi, Food Drive Coordinator in the Office of Behavioral Health; Lisa Blair, of the Office of Behavioral Health; Jenn Wilson, Personnel Department and the main food pickup person here at the Government Center Building; Charles Hopkins, Domestic Relations employee who is receiving a certificate for his fundraising efforts; and our partners Leslie Harrison from the True Vine Food Cupboard, and Bonnie Scarborough, of the First United Baptist Food Cupboard. They were accompanied by our turkeys – Anthony Gavin and Linda Giannini.

Mr. White called on Gayle Oddi to say a few words about the Food Drive.

Ms. Oddi asked Leslie Harrison, from True Vine Food Cupboard, to first say a few words about the amount of food that was delivered on November 2.

Ms. Harrison said "Wow! You out did yourself this year." She has been working with this food drive for a number of years and this year there was so much food that came in, they hardly knew where to put it. She said the food is leaving their shelves quickly.

Ms. Oddi said Charles Hopkins has been instrumental in getting gift cards and donations to be used for the raffle.

She read (in part) the Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Harrison:

Presented to Charles Hopkins in recognition of his outstanding fundraising efforts to support the 2015 Delaware County Annual Food Drive.

"Hops" eagerness to pound the pavement in search of gift cards and cash donations to help the Food Drive are unmatched.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to return to the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 12, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file twelve (12) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file twelve (12) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Gayle Oddi and everyone that is involved in the Food Drive. It is a tremendous effort, which he got to see firsthand a week ago, and he commends them for their effort.

Mr. McBlain said County Council recently held their meeting at Monsignor Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School two weeks ago. It was a wonderful learning experience for the students. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Culp and he engaged in a friendly wager on the Bonner/O'Hara football game outcome. It didn't turn out to be much of a wager – Bonner won 20-0. So with that, Mr. Culp agreed to model a Monsignor Bonner student's sweater. Mr. Culp followed through on this wager wearing the Monsignor Bonner sweater today.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming this morning. The 2015 Food Drive is a great success and we are all proud of that. The recycling program and what is done at the Solid Waste Authority, makes the Southeast Region Number 1.

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 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>
Cobbs Creek Housing Services Inc.	Life Center Shelter	7/1/14-6/30/15 (amendment)	N/A	\$68,667
PA Department of Human Services	Management of the HealthChoices Program	7/1/12-12/31/16 (amendment)	N/A	N/A
Coelho Consulting	HMIS – Homeless Management Information System	7/1/14-6/30/15 (amendment)	N/A	\$191,755
Mingis, Gutowski & Company, LLC	Audit (Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol Programs)	FY ended 6/30/15 (\$62,000) 7/1/15-12/31/15 (\$24,200)	N/A	\$86,200
Linda Smith	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Tiny Lil Beginnings Daycare LLC	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Spreading Our Wings Nursery & Child Care Center LLC	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Kellys Ark of Safety Childcare LLC	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/15-*	N/A	N/A

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