

**PRESENT:** Brian P. Zidek, Chair; Dr. Monica Taylor, Vice Chair; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Council Member; Christine A. Reuther, Council Member; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Council Member by telephone; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Chief Administrative Officer; Robert W. Scott, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on March 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the County Council Meeting Room, Government Center Building located at 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Zidek stated we are stepping out of order on our agenda and asked Mr. Madden to present the first item.

Mr. Madden made a motion to appoint Rachel Ezzell Berry as the Register of Wills seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

President Judge Kevin Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Ezzell Berry.

Solicitor Scott asked the following items to be added to the agenda: 1) Consideration of extending the due date for County taxes from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and 2) Consideration of Appointing William Martin as Solicitor beginning April 1, 2020.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to add the following items to the agenda: 1) Consideration of extending the discounted due date for County taxes from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and 2) Consideration of Appointing William Martin as Solicitor beginning April 1, 2020, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment on these 2 items or any other comments pertaining to this Agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2020, the Special Meeting and Emergency Meeting of March 10, 2020 seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made Dr. Taylor to Accept Grant Agreement between the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program (HIDTA) in the amount of \$77,000.00 for the term of 01/01/20 to 12/31/21. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to advertise for bids for total replacement of the Roof on County Building #19, along with the HVAC equipment on the existing roof, located at 352 N. Middletown Rd, Media, PA 19063. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to purchase one (1) 2021 Ford F-650 18' dry freight box truck from Fred Beans Ford of West Chester on COSTARS Contract No.025-013 for a price of \$74,558.00.

The motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to accept Agreement with Verizon to continue services we currently subscribe to at the new rate of \$9.24 per line on COSTARS Contract No. 44000147601. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments with the with the Services for the Aging Providers of Services (COSA) as per the attached list. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to advertise a public hearing and consideration of a Resolution by Council to organize an authority under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act to receive certain revenues from interactive gaming and apply them to certain permitted grants, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to extend the term of the current AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement which expired on February 29, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving the payment of the annual dues to County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) for 2020 in the amount of \$34,316.00, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

County Council discussed in length the C-Pace Program (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) which is a financing tool for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation projects that result in consumption reductions and cost savings for commercial, agricultural and industrial properties.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Resolution 2020-6 approving entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Relating to Emergency Public Health Matters between Delaware County and Chester County pursuant to which (i) the Chester County Department of Health will provide Department of Health services to Delaware County relating to the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic; and (ii) Delaware County will pay Chester County 30% of all unreimbursed costs incurred by Chester County from the response to COVID-19 for both Counties during the term of the Agreement. This motion is Subject to Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Professional Services Agreement with Rosemarie Halt for Public Health Response Management Services. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's Approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Ms. Reuther gave an update on the upcoming election including asking for the election to be delayed until June 23, 2020 because of the COVID 19 Virus. We need to prepare the public for new machines, trainings for our election boards and the citizens of Delaware County. We have had to stop the hand on training because of the Coronavirus. There is a directional video on our website for all citizens to review. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2017, 2018 and 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for seventy-one (71) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

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

**Solicitor:** Mr. Scott asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

**Public Comment Pertaining to the added agenda items:** There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mr. Madden approving the extension for the discount due date for County taxes from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Madden approving the Appointment of William Martin as Solicitor beginning April 1, 2020, seconded by Dr. Taylor. Discussion followed. The motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kirstin Coons, 301 Virginia Avenue, Folsom, PA, spoke regarding the Coronavirus and the government center being closed.

Lynn Oliver emailed regarding gun permits.

Lanesha Martin, 585 Highland Corner, Wayne, PA: emailed regarding prisoners at George Hill Prison and safety measures being taken with the Coronavirus at the Prison.

Jane Holden, 216 Lamara Avenue, Wayne, PA: emailed regarding the Coronavirus and the need for information with this pandemic. I hope to see plans for a County Health Department.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Reuther spoke on the drop boxes outside the county buildings for filings etc. The Park Police will handle all paperwork dropped off and make sure it gets to the correct department.

Ms. Schaefer stated that today is was announced that Delaware County businesses are eligible to apply for SBA economic injury loans. You may find more information at [www.SBA.gov](http://www.SBA.gov) for more information.

Mr. Madden made an announcement regarding social distancing and Recovery and Unity Recovery will be holding virtual meetings for recovery. There is information on our website with times and how you can join. Mr. Madden also stated that we as a county and country will come through this together. We are all in this together and we will emerge together.

Dr. Taylor gave an update on the Coronavirus. Dr. Taylor also gave an update on Delaware County's Citizens Corp.

Chairman Zidek spoke regarding Delaware County COVID 19 Response Fund to be a partnership for public and private partnership. 100% of proceeds will go to vulnerable communities in Delaware County. You may reach the foundation at [www.delcofoundation.org](http://www.delcofoundation.org). Mr. Zidek also stated that the County has asked the PA Department of Health to allow Chester County to help us regarding the Covid 19 outbreak. We have just received word that the State is allowing Chester County Health Department to take control of the public health response, recovery and mitigation needs for the Delaware County community for the Covid 19 Response.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Madden to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk