

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

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on May 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and was livestreamed. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Zidek stated that County Council has been in executive session five times to discuss Personnel issues, real estate and litigation. The dates of those sessions were April 23, 2020; April 29, 2020; April 30, 2020; and 2 sessions on May 6, 2020.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2020 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor made a motion to continue to use Kinetix Fire & Life Safety Experts, on COSTARS Contract No. 4400016435, to perform annual inspection of fire alarm systems, semi-annual and two (2) quarterly sprinkler/standpipe system inspections, annual fire pump inspections, annual fire extinguisher and kitchen suppression system inspections, annual backflow inspections, and to provide annual monitoring agreement to match buildings currently in place under monitoring contract with Kinetix for the period May 6, 2020 to May 5, 2021 in the amount of \$51,617.00. This motion was not seconded. This motion was not seconded; therefore, the motion fails due to lack of second.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Authorize Provident Energy Consulting to competitively solicit energy request for pricing from multiple licensed suppliers serving PA, and also ask for green options, via Renewable Energy Credits (REC). After receiving and recommending competitive supplier, subsequently authorize the County Council Chairman to execute the contract with the recommended supplier on May 7, 2020. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Advertise for the annual service and maintenance of elevators and alterations of elevators at Fair Acres and various County Buildings for the period of 5 years, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Accept Proposal from Gillan & Hartman, Inc. for engineering services for Computer Room Renovations at Government Center Complex for the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. This motion is Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was not seconded; therefore, the motion fails due to lack of second.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise the following Housing & Community Development Action Plan Amendment as it relates to the CDBG Program: Cancel funding of \$100,925.00 awarded to Trainer Borough for Ridge Road sidewalk installation. This motion is Subject to Solicitor's approval and a 30-day comment period. The motion is seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise the following Housing & Community Development Action Plan Amendment as it relates to the CDBG Program: Allocated an additional \$32,006.83 to Clifton Heights Borough for Parking Lot Reconstruction. Project funds will total \$157,566.83. This motion is Subject to Solicitor's approval and a 30-day comment period. The motion is seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise the following Housing & Community Development Action Plan Amendment as it relates to the CDBG Program: Allocate an additional \$25,818.00 to Middletown Township for East Old Baltimore Pike Improvements. Project funds will total \$145,468.00. The motion is Subject to Solicitor's approval and a 30-day comment period. The motion is seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Submit Grant Application to the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Municipal Grant Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a \$40,000.00 in kind (County) and \$10,000.00 (Municipal). Funding will be used for the preparation of a Corridor Master Plan for U.S. Route 13, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made Dr. Taylor to approve 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 to approve of Agreements with Child Guidance Resource Centers Inc. as per the attached list. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Mr. Madden and carried with an abstention vote registered by Ms. Reuther as she is on the Board of Child Guidance Resource Centers.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve the purchase to one (1) Chevrolet Tahoe PPV from Whitmoyer Auto Group, on COSTARS Contract No. 013-111, for a price not to exceed \$37,100.00. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Dr. Taylor made a motion to Accept \$329,616.60 from the Election Security Grant, as approved by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020, to purchase equipment, increase security and expand voter services, in connection with the 2020 elections, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Accept \$282,451.01 from the CARES Act Grant, as approved by Congress, to pay for increased election expenses arising due to COVID-19, including all expenses designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval of Grant Acknowledgement and Agreement with the Delaware Valley Regional Economic Development Fund for the acceptance of \$250,000.00 to be used in the County Emergency small business grant program, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval of Agreement with Archer Law Firm to serve as Solicitor to the County Jail Oversight Board at a monthly retainer fee of \$2,000.00 and additional fees for special assignments (some of which will be COVID-19 related) anticipated to exceed a total amount of \$25,000.00. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval of Agreement with Campbell Durrant, P.C. for provision of legal services in connection with COVID-19 emergency related labor matters, at hourly rates which are reasonably anticipated to exceed a total amount of \$25,000.00. The motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Katz of Edgemont sent remarks regarding the recommendation that the law firm of Duane Morris being retained as legal counsel for the Delaware County Bureau of Elections.

Laura Snyder, 1443 Gradyville Road, Glen Mills sent remarks regarding Council's consideration of awarding a contract to Duane Morris.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval of Agreement with Duane Morris Law Firm to serve as solicitor to the Board of Elections at a monthly retainer of \$3,000.00 anticipated to exceed \$25,000.00. This motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried with an abstention vote registered by Ms. Schaefer because of a preexisting professional relationship with Mr. Parks.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for approval of Agreement with Eastburn and Gray, PC to serve as special outside counsel on matters related to the County-wide reassessment at a discounted hourly rate, which is anticipated to result in total fees exceeding \$25,000.00. This motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor of Consulting Agreement with Gorenflo Consulting, Inc. for assistance in preparing a strategic plan for a proposed County Health Department, in an amount not to exceed \$44,978.00. The motion is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Advertise for an RFP for insurance brokerage services related to the County's health benefits, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Chief Administrative Officer Grace and Solicitor Martin spoke regarding Notes and Summary of Purchases pursuant to the Emergency Declaration.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint the following individuals to the Auxiliary Tax Assessment Board of Appeals: Ernesto Aguirre, Mark A. Barone, Bruce Bikin, Mary DiRomualdo, Patricia Dougherty, Alison Faga, Janel Feldman, Margaret Fullmer, Kenneth Hemphill, Molly Forrestal Hornsby, Jerome Johnson, Marian Kathryn Lewis, Michael McDermott, Suzanne Strickler, LeeAnn Sullivan and Andrew Wetzel. This motion is seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Beth Alois, Rosalind Jones-Johnson and Jeffrey Rudolph to the Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals to a term ending January 2022, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding posting the Agenda and supporting materials on the Website.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Erick Friedman, 2 Fallbrook Lane, Thornbury Township sent remarks regarding the Mariner East Pipeline.

Kashif Doward, Chester, PA; Braheem Shabazz, Chester, PA; Olujimi Osinupebi, Yeadon, PA; Learn Pray, Jr., Boothwyn, PA; Charles Fisher, 1400 MacDade Blvd.; Jason Ross, Media, PA; Shoshana Draine, Chester, PA; Anthony Moss; Ashley Weatherly, Holmes, PA; Joseph Hill, Philadelphia, PA; Sharay Harrison, Net Freeman, Mark Freeman, Media, PA; and Gregory Powell gave comments regarding the Mariner East Pipeline.

John Gorman sent comments regarding cost of living increase for retirees.

Susan Dunkin made comments regarding Jail Oversight Board and its new Counsel.

Mike Greek, 3159 Garnet Mine Road, Garnet Valley, PA sent comments regarding the City of Chester and the DCED on the sale of Chester Water Authority.

Nicole Whittaker, Darby Township Manager, sent comments regarding the non-notification of the morgue being relocated to Delaware County Training facility located in Darby Township.

Lora Snyder, Edgemont Township, sent comments regarding the Mariner East Pipeline.

Carl Balis sent comments regarding the reopening of Delaware County.

Kimberly Duffy, 26 Lynwood Circle, Glenolden, PA: left a comment regarding the RFP for health benefits and coverages.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Schaefer gave an update of the Small Business Support Program. Just as a reminder this is a \$1.75 million available in grants for businesses affected by COVID-19 for up to \$7500.00 for business with less than 50 employees to cover rent mortgage, utilities and inventory over the 3-month crisis. We have had 975 applications and underscores the need for our small businesses. Council has also committed to do a second round of funding.

Ms. Reuther spoke about National Nurse's Day and behalf on the County we thank you to all the nurses in Delaware County for caring for patients all year round and especially during this difficult time. You are heroes and we appreciate your dedication. Happy Nurse's Day.

Mr. Madden stated the next Jail Oversight Board will be this Tuesday and the time has changed from 4:30 P.M. to 4 P.M. We will be livestreaming with Zoom.

Dr. Taylor recognized May 3-9 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. There is a page on the County's website with resources on children's mental health for parents to learn more about talking to their kids about mental health and helping them through difficult times. You can go to [www.DelcoPA.gov](http://www.DelcoPA.gov) and look click on the "children's mental health awareness" button. Dr. Taylor also spoke regarding the 2020 census stating as of this afternoon we had an estimated 63% response rate in the county. Our goal is a complete and accurate count. It's crucial to Delaware County for several reasons most importantly every person counted equals approximately \$2,000.00 in federal funding to help fund programs and services vital to Delaware County residents. Dr. Taylor also gave an update on the steps taken to develop a County Health Department.

Chairman Zidek spoke regarding our appreciation for our nurses and the long-term care facilities that are taking care of our residents. We understand Staff are working in a stressful environment and residents aren't able to see their loved ones at a time when they need interaction and support from family and friends the most. We know how challenging this is and we want them to know that the County supports them. Delaware County has arranged for meals to be delivered to some of the facilities which have been impacted the most during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're also inviting the community to create cards, letters and artwork signs for staff and residents. The county will collect the items and distribute them to the dozens of long-term care facilities and personal care homes across the county. The community can mail cards, letters and signs to the following address: IAE Foundation, 2545 Market Street, Aston, PA 19014.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, Motion made by Ms. Reuther to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk