

**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 June 17, 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 twice one on June 14, 2020 and once today, June 17, 2020 to discuss Personnel Issues and Litigation. Ms. Schaefer participated in some of the meetings and was requested from any discussion regarding DELCORA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2020 seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Ms. Schaefer gave a short synopsis regarding the Ethics Committee Reforms.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve to Renew Prosecutor Management System Licenses, Maintenance and Support from Corrections Development Inc. for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$35,000.00. The project scope are changes to the current Prosecutor Management System to meet the District Attorney's needs, maintenance on daily/weekly checks of Prosecutor Management System Application and Services and Support such as training, questions and web sessions occurring during this period. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Accept a Grant in the amount of \$58,008.00 from the US Department of Justice and execution of a standard Grant Agreement for the Program, such agreement to be in form and substance acceptable to the Solicitor. This grant is made available by the DOJ-OJP-BJA to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The funding will be used to purchase thermometers, masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and plexiglass dividers for use by the Park Police. No County funds are required. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of additional grant funding in a maximum amount of \$10,000,000 to for profit businesses and \$4,000,000 to nonprofit businesses to provide necessary economic support as a result of business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures and other secondary effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The Economic Development Oversight Board will assist in administering the grant program with additional assistance from The Foundation for Delaware County for grants to nonprofits. Grants anticipated to be funded with monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of program parameters recommended by the Economic Development Oversight Board for the maximum \$10,000,000 additional grant funding program to for profit businesses, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to amend Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Bennett G. Preston, M.D. for work performed at the Medical Examiner's Office for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, for an increase of \$75,000.00 to a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 due to Covid-19. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to amend Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Khalil Wardak, M.D. for work performed at the Medical Examiner's Office for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, for an increase of \$75,000.00 to a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 due to Covid-19. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to submit a Grant Application to the US Department of Justice's Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program for funds to help improve forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services. The grant application is anticipated to be in the amount of \$250,000.00 (the maximum permitted under the program). This Grant Application is Subject to the Solicitors approval, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Designate the Department of Human Services to apply for and administer the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's CARES Rent Relief Program for renters in the County. Program will assist tenants: (1) unemployed after March 1, 2020 with incomes up to area median income; or (2) experiencing 30% or more reduction in annual household income, in each case because of the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Ms. Reuther 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, subject to the Solicitor's approval seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve to Purchase furniture for the new Children and Youth Services office in Eddystone from Your Office Connection under State Contract #4400017037 at a cost of \$31,869.98, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract No. CP-042820 for the removal of trash and recycling from designated areas within the County of Delaware, also various sizes of construction containers as needed, for a period of three (3) years as per the attached list. (Accurate Trash at a cost of \$122,811.00; BFI Waste Services of Pennsylvania LLC at a cost of \$391,070.25). This Contract is Subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

County Council accepted Public Comment on the Proposed FY 2020 Housing and Community Development Plan.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Martin read public comment letters from Yeadon Borough, Darby Borough and Colwyn Borough.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Approve to Grant Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund to provide Safety Mulch for two playgrounds in Morton Borough in an amount of approximately \$4,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Accept an Agreement between Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Delaware County of a 2019 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant Award, project #3120190084, valued at \$323,000.00 to provide training and standardization of 911 Telecommunicator protocols and procedures between the Counties of Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of the selection of CentralSquare Technologies to provide IP-based interoperability to the computer-aided dispatch systems currently utilized in the 911 centers for Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties for \$964,387.71 (plus ongoing service and maintenance). Delaware County is the fiscal agent for this six-county group under a PEMA grant and all costs (including ongoing service and maintenance) are to be paid by such grant. The selection was approved by the regional 911 managers of the six-county group based upon a scoring team recommendation. Grant acceptance was previously approved by Council. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Witt O'Brien for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to provide consulting and advisory services related to COVID-19 with respect to maximizing reimbursement under federal and state grant programs including FEMA and CARES Act and assisting with expense documentation and other tasks, subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Mr. John VanZelst, Assessment Manager and Joan Price, of & Price gave a Presentation on the status of the County's orders that the County shall conduct and implement a Countywide Reassessment of Properties effective January 1, 2021.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for the approval of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for eleven (11) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor for the approval of Central Tax Collection Department's request for two (2) Court Ordered refunds for the year 2019 for properties in the Borough of Trainer and the Township of Lower Chichester in the total amount of \$9,753.32, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Aquila Strategy Operations Group, LLC in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the provision of MCM Covid-19 planning, coordination and support with specific focus on All Hazards Preparedness. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther. Discussion Followed.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to table item #24 approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Aquila Strategy Operations Group, LLC in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the provision of MCM Covid-19 planning, coordination and support with specific focus on All Hazards Preparedness, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Renew a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Aquila Strategy Operations Group, LLC supporting the County's Medical Countermeasure Emergency Program not to exceed \$40,000.00. Contractor will develop an MCM Technical Assistance Action Plan as required by the CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, prepare and complete the 2020-21 ORR by June 30, 2021. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Renew a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Aquila Strategy Operations Group, LLC supporting the County's Medical Countermeasure Emergency Program not to exceed \$40,000.00. Contractor will develop an MCM Technical Assistance Action Plan as required by the CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, prepare and complete the 2020-21 ORR by June 30, 2021. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was not seconded. The motion fails.

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

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Appoint James Kern to the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) to a term ending January 2025, seconded by Ms. Reuther 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. Martin asked for Council's authorization to file one (1) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther approving the filing of one (1) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin spoke regarding the two outstanding Emergency Declarations, one for Civil Disturbance and one for the Covid-19 Emergency Declaration. I have prepared a termination of the Civil Disturbance Declaration. It is my recommendation that we wait to terminate that Covid-19 Declaration until the County turns to green. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to terminate the Civil Disturbance Declaration, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin stated that on Monday the United States Supreme Court approved a significant decision prohibiting discrimination because of sex and providing employment protection to gay and transgender employees. Mr. Martin also stated that the Solicitor's office will review to the County policies to make sure the County is in full compliance with the change of the law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lora Snyder, 1443, Gradyville Road, Edgmont, PA made comments regarding well water contamination with regard to Sunoco's Mariner East 2 construction.

Frances M. Sheehan, President of The Foundation for Delaware County, 200 East State Street, Media, PA: made a statement saying the Board and staff at the Foundation for Delaware County appreciates the opportunity to assist with the non-profit grants.

Mironda Presswood, Borough Manager, Yeadon, PA 600 Church Lane, Yeadon, PA made additional comments regarding the CDBG monies.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Schaefer gave an update on the Bringing Back Delco Task Force. It was created to support the Delaware County business community to ensure a safe reopening of the local economy. We have created kits for people to get back to work. Due to the high demand, two additional distributions have been set up. Business owners can order these items online at a discounted price and pick up the kits on either June 22 or 23 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Broomall Fire Department. You need to order them ahead of time.

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> there is a free webinar at 10am. The presentation will include information on the Paycheck Protection Program, the Main Street Program and Round #2 of Delco Strong Grants. More details and a link to register can be found on the main page on the County's website: [www.DelcoPA.gov](http://www.DelcoPA.gov)

Ms. Schaefer also spoke about the formation of a countywide Special Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform which will be led by DA Jack Stollsteimer. It has been formed to address criminal justice reform and systemic injustice. This is the beginning of much needed and long overdue change that we are hopeful will lead to equality and spark unity in our communities. We feel this will lead to lasting change.

Ms. Reuther stated the Philly Phanatic was at Fair Acres yesterday and the Phillies sent the best Mascot to give a shout out to all the employees and the residents for all their work during this Pandemic. It was very uplifting and Ms. Reuther thanks all of the employees for all their hard work, it is very much appreciated.

Ms. Reuther also spoke about the flying of the flags of our five service branches, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, to observe their anniversaries and also pay tribute to those who have served since our nation's founding. Last week, we raised the first of the five flags to be flown this year with the flag of the U.S. Army, which was established on June 14, 1775. It is flying from the flagpole in the courtyard of the Government Center and Courthouse complex.

Mr. Madden stated ChesPenn Health Services is now offering Covid-19 Testing in Chester. Testing is by appointment only for anyone age 18 and older and will be held at the Center for Family Health on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Chester every Tuesday beginning on June 23 through July 14. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling 610-471-0279. That information is also on the County's website on the Covid-19 page. Mr. Madden also stated The Chester County Health Department's website now includes a new "Progress to Green" icon. Residents can click on the icon to view data that is being used to measure Delaware County's progress towards entering the Green Phase of Governor Wolf's three-phased approach. Please remember we must remain vigilant so we do not go backwards in our progress.

Dr. Taylor spoke regarding this Friday being Juneteenth which is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced the end of both the Civil War and slavery. General Granger's announcement put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln, which had legally freed slaves on January 1, 1863, almost 2½ years earlier. Many slaves, particularly in Texas and other southwestern states were not informed of the Emancipation Proclamation until General Granger's announcement. The holiday received its name by combining June and 19. On Friday, from noon to 5pm there will be a Juneteenth celebration at the Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square. On Friday night, members of the Chester Community will present a fireworks demonstration at 9:15pm at the Chester Waterfront on Seaport Drive. Council is proud to officially recognize June 19 as Juneteenth in Delaware County, which serves as a day for residents to celebrate the ending of slavery in the United States and an opportunity for our entire community to learn more about African American history, which will contribute to a deeper understanding of the experiences that have shaped African Americans and our Country.

Dr. Taylor also stated Delaware County Council, the Department of Human Services, Individuals Aiding in Emergencies Foundation and Multicultural Community Family Services are sponsoring a baby item pick up event on Friday, June 19 from noon to 2pm at 250 Sharon Ave. in Sharon Hill. Diapers, formula, baby food, and other baby items will be available free of charge for families in need. We ask that residents attending this event please wear a mask as well as practice social distancing. Dr. Taylor also stated The Delaware County Department of Human Services, in conjunction with Delaware County Council, Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, Senators, and Representatives from the area have coordinated contactless food drives. Residents are able to drive thru the site, and volunteers will collect the donated items from their vehicles. There are two scheduled food drive collections on the following dates: June 20 from 9am-noon at 4 Highland Avenue in Lansdowne and on June 20 from 1pm-4pm at the United Steelworkers Hall, located at 1522 Chichester Avenue in Linwood.

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