

**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; Howard Lazarus, Executive Director; William F. Martin, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on September 16, 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 once since our last meeting to discuss two legal matters that are pending.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2020 seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving the purchase of additional Hart Verity Central stations, 1 additional work station with an additional high-speed scanner. Central is the component of Verity system that controls the count process of voted ballots. The complete Central station includes software, server, monitor, 2 ballot scanners, laser printer, an annual license and support fee for an amount of \$39,865.00. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Philadelphia for a Dark Fiber network for Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties to provide IP interconnectivity to the region's public safety call centers for immediate and future data-sharing and support the regional CAD2CAD solution. Philadelphia is the fiscal agent for the counties under a PEMA grant and all costs are anticipated to be paid by such grant. Final MOU subject to review and approval by the Solicitor. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to authorize the Department of Human Services to issue Requests for Proposals for providers for Homeless Service Care and the Delaware County Food Bank and to work with the Solicitor to identify appropriate locations for purchase and/or lease for these facilities. Funding is currently anticipated to come from the County's CARES Act funding or other available grant sources. Purchase and/or lease of locations and funding to be subject to further approval. Discussion followed. Mr. Zidek, along with County Council, would like to schedule a public hearing to discuss and advise the public as how and where the CARES Fund money is being allocated. Discussion followed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Chairman Zidek and Councilmembers stated they will hold a special meeting to discuss the expenditures of monies received by the County under the federal CARES Act.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to allocate \$500,000.00 in CARES Act Funding to the Delaware County Libraries (DCL) budget to address digital video divide issues that are attributable to and exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Subject to Solicitors approval. Discussion followed. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Allocate \$100,000.00 in CARES Act Funding to the Delaware County Libraries (DCL) budget to address the need to meet community requests of EBooks and audio books that have significantly increased directly related to the coronavirus pandemic. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Taylor approving to Allocate up to \$100,000.00 in the CARES Act Funding to the County Parks Department for the purpose of installing signage at Glen Providence Park, Chester, Darby Creek, Rose Tree, and Smedley Trails and approval to advertise for bids for the signage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Howard Lazarus, Executive Director, gave an update on the County's proposed offer of \$20,000,000 in CARES funding to school districts to assist schools in safely returning students to in person learning.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to accept Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$174,304.00 with a commitment of \$48,118.00 county in-kind match as per the attached list. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to submit and accept the PA DEP 903 Grant for the Delaware County's Recycling Coordinator's salary, benefits and expenses for 2019 in the amount of \$32,725.07. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract No: CP-6102020 to furnish and deliver New Linens for Fair Acres Geriatric Center to Phoenix Textile Corp. for a period of three (3) years in the amount of \$124,977.72 per year. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden a carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract No: CP-082020 to furnish and deliver gasoline and diesel fuel to designated locations in the County of Delaware to Petroleum Traders for a period of one year in the amount of \$179,923.65. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise for Bids to Furnish and Deliver Office Supplies for the Delaware County Courthouse Complex and Fair Acres, County of Delaware for a period of two (2) years, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise for Bids to Furnish and deliver copy paper for one (1) year to the County of Delaware, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise for Requests for Proposals for an Electrical Survey for the Emergency Services Building (911), seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Professional Services Agreement between Delaware County and Lerch Bates for Elevator Modernization Construction Administration for an amount not to exceed \$56,920.00. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Professional Services Agreement between Delaware County and Lerch Bates for Elevator maintenance oversight and support for an amount not to exceed \$3,625.00 per quarter, for three (3) years. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development as per the attached list. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a 5-year Lease Agreement between the County of Delaware and Yeadon Shopping Center, L.P. for 1,235 square feet at a cost of \$185,400.00 per year for use as a community health location (125 Chester Avenue) to provide flu vaccines, Covid tests, and when available, Covid vaccine. Subject to Solicitors approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2019 and 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for fifteen (15) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Helen McGoohan to the Drug and Alcohol Commission to a term ending September 2023, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Margaret King to the Drug and Alcohol Commission to a term ending September 2023, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Todd Farrelly to the Uniform Construction Code Appeal Board to a term ending January 2025, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Shawn Stancill to the Sustainability Commission (Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Facilities Management) to a term ending 2021, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Steven Clark to the Substantiality Commission (Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Facilities Management) to a term ending 2022, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Scott Sidlow to the Sustainability Commission (Municipal Manager) to a term ending 2023, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Rebecca Yurkovich to the Sustainability Commission (Municipal Manager) to a term ending 2021, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Carol C. Martsolf to the Sustainability Commission (Environmental Advisory Council Member) to a term ending 2022, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Jenny Perey-Saxe to the Sustainability Commission (Water Shed Specialist) to a term ending 2023, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Stephanie Howe Hasanali to the Sustainability Commission (Environmental Justice Expert) to a term ending 2021, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint Jaclyn Rhoads to the Sustainability Commission (General Public) term ending 2022, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer to appoint David Director to the Sustainability Commission (General Public) to a term ending 2023, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Executive Director Lazarus stated September 22 is the Equinox which is the official start of Autumn. Mr. Lazarus also spoke about flu shot season. Mr. Lazarus spoke about receiving a letter from Crozer Chester Medical Center stating they are reenergizing their Springfield Campus. Mr. Lazarus gave a shout out to WAWA acknowledging their support for the Early Learning Centers and Child Daycare Centers within the County.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve the Request from the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. Reuther and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Martin stated the County joined in a motion with Solicitors from surrounding counties asking the Supreme Court to issue a decision no later than Friday with regard to the Green Party Presidential Candidate. We did not take a position but rather encouraged the Supreme Court to make a decision, so we can move forward with finalizing the ballot. Mr. Martin also stated the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court is holding jurisdiction over a second piece of litigation asking for interpretation of the State Election Code.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** William H. Evans, 5 Foxwood Lane, Middletown, PA made a comment in support of the decriminalization of Marijuana.

Janet Saunders, 106 S. Rolling Rd, Springfield, PA inquired about the deadline for Dropbox requests.

Jane Dumbar, 232 Garfield Ave, Norwood, PA made a comment regarding Special Needs Educational Services.

Todd and Jessica Strine, 400 Riverview Rd, Swarthmore, PA, made comments regarding the return to the in-person education for public school students.

Ron Powers, Executive Director of Family & Community Service of Delaware County, 501 N. Providence Rd, Media, PA made a comment about a centralized food bank for Delaware County.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Reuther stated the County will recognize the Anniversary of the U.S. Airforce on September 18, 2020 with the raising of the flag. This would be in honor of the U.S. Airforce which was founded on September 18, 1947. Ms. Reuther also spoke on the Census and the importance to respond to the Census in Delaware County.

Ms. Schaefer provided update on bringing back "Delco Taskforce" to help support the 330 licensed day care and early learning centers in Delaware County. Ms. Schaefer explained how 750 PPE kits were bought and how they were able to distribute and will continue to distribute them to the Daycare and Early Learning Centers. Ms. Schaefer wanted to specially thank Carmen Maniaci, Don Wittaker, Chris Siekierski, Mike Maddren and Steve Lucas for all the support they gave in assisting and in the delivery of the PPE kits.

Mr. Madden addressed the article that was in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding the COVID testing and that Delaware County opted out of this large purchase. Mr. Madden spoke about how Chester County Health Department has been very valuable to Delaware County on providing guidance on COVID and steps for us to take to prevent the spread in our community.

Dr. Taylor spoke on the Delaware County Flu Shot Clinics in the area. Dr. Taylor thanked the Rite Aid Pharmacy for coordinating the staff to assist with these clinics.

Mr. Zidek wanted to thank all those who applied for the Boards and Commissions within the County. Mr. Zidek also thanked all the Citizen Volunteer Core for assembling all the PPE packages for the Daycare and Early Learning Centers. He also said thank you to all those who are helping and volunteering to better the community.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, Motion made by Mr. Madden to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk