

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 February 24, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ashley Reardon, an 11th grade Culinary Arts student. Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone authorizing to Award Bid to Hughes Relocation Services, Inc. to deliver and pick-up Voting Machines for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in the Primary and General Elections at an estimated cost of \$140,760.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White 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. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Jack Whelan, District Attorney, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

D.A. Whelan said (as Council is well aware), we have a very extensive White Collar Crime Unit and part of that unit is the Senior Exploitation Unit and the other part of that unit is the Insurance Unit. The Insurance Unit goes out and investigates insurance fraud throughout Delaware County. What you may not realize is the recent "pill mills" and the arrests that occurred over the last couple of years, especially the last one – Dr. Wean who received a 10-20 year sentence for not only illegal distribution of narcotics (in this case opioids) but also he committed insurance fraud. He was fraudulently submitting claims to insurance companies.

This unit is very important to the District Attorney's Office. This two-year grant is almost \$2 million that will pay for two detectives and will pay half the salary of the Deputy District Attorney in charge of that unit as well as half the salary of an analyst.

Our numbers over the last two-year grant period were over 75 arrests as a result of insurance fraud. This is non-taxpayer money that is funded through various insurance companies and it is to help us fight insurance fraud which will ultimately drive our insurance rates down if we can fight insurance fraud and stop people from stealing from insurance companies.

Therefore, D.A. Whelan asked for Council's approval of this Agenda Item.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a two (2) year renewal of the Insurance Fraud Grant from the PA Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority for the period 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018 in the amount of \$925,872.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Jennifer Maddaloni, Register of Wills, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mrs. Maddaloni said there were approximately 330,000 marriage licenses issued between the years 1885 and 1996 and were reproduced on microfilm in the 70's, 80' and 90's. Unfortunately, the microfilm is now deteriorating and it is difficult to find replacement parts for the machine. Therefore, she is requesting the approval of a contract with MTS Software Solutions to provide for the scanning and indexing of these images that will greatly benefit, not only her office but the public as well.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract with MTS Software Solutions to provide the digital conversion, including scanning and indexing of marriage license images from 1885 to 1996 at a cost not to exceed \$42,010.25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Patti Rodgers Morrisette, of Ridley Township, and Robert Gougler, of Darby Township, to the COSA Advisory Council, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10, appointing Michael Harper, of Haverford Township, to the Delaware County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Advisory Board to a term to expire May 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Kathryn T. Valosky, of Upper Providence Township, to the Delaware County Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission for a term ending September 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Russell J. Carlson, of Middletown Township, to fill the unexpired term of W. David Eckard, III, to the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority for a term ending October 2019 and the Economic Development Oversight Board to a term ending March 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 13, a Resolution declaring February as National Career and Technical Education Month.

In Delaware County, Mr. White said we are privileged to have excellent technical education programs which train and guide students. Our Delaware County Intermediate Unit provides a quality education in the emerging technical fields which benefit students as well as the county's entire workforce and economy.

Training our students gives them the knowledge and experience to obtain and keep quality and life sustaining jobs after they graduate high school. Some of the fields in which they train include building trades, carpentry, electrical technology, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), culinary arts, cosmetology, dental technology, automotive technology, health occupations and commercial arts.

Each February, we recognize Career and Technical Education Month to shine a spotlight on our technical education schools, teachers and students. Delaware County Technical High Schools have two main locations, in Aston and Folcroft, and they also hold programs at the Delaware County Emergency Training Center, the Marple Education Center and four partnering hospitals.

Delaware County Council is pleased to welcome the staff, instructors and students from these programs to accept the Resolution. We not only have the Intermediate Unit administrators with us today, but we have two teachers and several students who were recognized by their peers as Classroom Innovators.

Also, students from the Culinary Arts Program, at the Aston campus, brought samples of some of their work this morning and we will have an opportunity to taste some of these goodies after today's meeting.

Attending this morning's meeting on behalf of technical education were Kenneth Roberts (HVAC instructor) and Rosemary Barakat (Medical Careers instructor) who were recognized by their colleagues as Classroom Innovators for utilizing classroom innovations that enhance the CTE curriculum, making contributions to the CTE curriculum, keeping current on industry standards and demonstrating positive postsecondary and career outcomes for students.

Mr. White said he is happy to present this Resolution, as he is a product of Vo-tech. He graduated in 1979 from Cardinal O'Hara High School and attended Vo-tech School (1977-1979) specializing in plumbing, heating and pipe fitting. That experience has gotten him a long way in life and his career and it is what he has been doing for the past 35 years. Going to Vo-tech was one of the best decisions he ever made. He was a straight "A" student and he is sure that was because he enjoyed it, it's what he wanted to do and he knew it had a future. The way they run the Vo-tech program, these students will have a great future like himself.

Mr. White recognized the following students who were named by their peers as Classroom Innovators: Caroline Freels (dental), Sithira Ediriweera (Apple Systems & Design), Dakital Alexander (Apple Systems & Design), Tyler Hauser (Apple Systems & Design), Graham

McAllister (Computer Networking & Digital Forensics), Morrese Morrison (Computer Networking & Digital Forensics), Bobbie Joan Johnson (in a continuing class after 12th grade), Anthony Mosloskie (Building Trades), Ashley Reardon (Culinary Arts), Katelyn Lacy (Emergency & Protective Services), Megan Williams (Early Childhood Education), Stephanie McCool (Cosmetology) and Caitlin Padden (Cosmetology).

The students were accompanied by the following directors and Delaware County Technical High School staff: Dr. Maria Edelberg, Executive Director; Dr. Ray McFall, Assistant Executive Director; Dr. Philip Lachimia, Administrative Director; Latiayna Tabb, Community Resource Developer/District Liaison; and Adriene Irving, Director of Community & Legislative Services. Also, attending today's meeting was Ron Contrady, Principal at Aston Vocational Technical School.

On behalf of the Delaware County Technical High School staff, administrators and the Board, Dr. Edelberg thanked County Council for recognizing the great work that the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Technical Schools provide to this county.

Dr. Edelberg recognized Aston Vo-tech Principal Ron Contrady who was in the audience. She was proud to announce that this year the Aston Technical School has been identified as one of the top technical schools based on the proficiency tests of those students performing in the advanced range.

The Delaware County Technical Schools are opened to all 15 county school districts including the private schools. Any student in secondary education has the right to attend one of these technical schools. They serve over 1,000 students.

Two years ago, Mr. White said he and the other members of County Council had the opportunity to tour these schools with Dr. Lachimia. The schools are an incredible resource; the faculty is tremendous; the equipment is tremendous. They do a great job and great service to the community.

Chairman Civera asked Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14 and to present a Resolution recognizing the 8th Annual Conference on Hunger Planning Committee.

Mr. White said, while we work year round to combat hunger and encourage healthy lifestyles, March is set aside as National Nutrition Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of nutrition education.

In recognition of National Nutrition Month, we encourage our residents to focus on eating healthy and exercising. A healthy lifestyle offers more than just weight loss, it improves overall health and reduces the risk of chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and

even some types of cancer. It's not always easy to make the right food choices and it's sometimes difficult to squeeze exercise into our hectic lives, but it's well worth it. Our health is something we all need to invest in.

Once again, our Department of Intercommunity Health is partnering with the *Penn State Nutrition Links* to present nutrition information here at the Government Center. We invite everyone to stop by their table in the lobby and pick up some nutrition tips after the meeting.

Delaware County Council is also proud to be attending the 8th annual Delaware County Conference on Hunger, on March 11th at Widener University. The goal of the conference is to bring awareness, networking opportunities and resources to those working with clients who have hunger or food insecurity in Delaware County. Several county agencies, including the county's Office of Behavioral Health and the Department of Intercommunity Health, are partnering to present the conference.

The theme for this year's conference is "Hunger is a Community Affair." The keynote speakers, Katie Kenyon and Rich Crespo, will talk about their experiences with collective impact grants through their work with Crozer Keystone Women and Children's Health Services and the United Way of Great Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

On behalf of Nutrition Month and the 8th annual Hunger Conference, Mr. White presented the following individuals with a Resolution: Fran Alloway, Extension Educator, Family Consumer Sciences, Penn State Extension; Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health; Katie Kenyon, Community Development Coordinator, Crozer Keystone; Rich Crespo, Manager, Impact at United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey (Delaware County); Ruby Benson, Director of Housing Services, DIFAN Executive Committee, Family and Community Service; Amanda Aucoin, Community Development Coordinator, Aetna Health Plan; Lindsey Ricker, Coordinator – Member Capacity Building, Philabundance; Chris Seibert, Department of Human Services; Jessica Fink, Department of Human Services; and Lori Devlin, Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried with an abstention voted registered by Mr. White as to payment of bills for the CM3 Company.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. White welcomed and thanked everyone for coming today. To the students of the Vocational Technical Schools, he said "you have your future ahead of you." Those working on the issues of hunger in Delaware County, he congratulated them; their work does not go

unnoticed. It may not be mentioned often enough, but the residents of Delaware County appreciate their hard work.

Chairman Civera said this is a bitter/sweet time for him as he recognizes and congratulates the retirement of his long time secretary of thirty-six years, Marion Darby. Marion began her career working for him in the State Representative District Office on Long Lane, in Upper Darby Township. When that office was opened, District Offices throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were unheard of. They were basically setup to the expansion of state government to reach out to the constituents of that community. Over the years, they saw a lot of success. When he came to Delaware County Council, Marion followed him. Throughout their time working together, they got to know one another. Marion had the patience to listen and the compassion to help and understand the constituents when they came into the office and basically, she did her job well. She will be missed.

So today, it is appropriate that we on County Council acknowledge her for the job that she has done, not only for Delaware County, but also the State.

DISCUSSION: No public comment(s).

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan