

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 October 5, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ruby Benson, of Family & Community Services. Jen Wilson, of the Personnel Department, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Bids for removal of trash and recycling materials from designated areas with the County of Delaware, also various sizes of construction containers as needed for a period of three (3) years, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. CP-61016 to furnish and deliver janitorial and household supplies to the County of Delaware for a term of two (2) years for the approximate total cost of \$40,110.25 to the following vendors: T. Frank McCall's, Philip Rosenau Company, Inc., Calico Industries, Office Basics and Veritiv Operating Company. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8 to accept a Grant renewal from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the renewal of the PA Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for the term of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$517,642.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the Pennsylvania Social Services Union (Children & Youth Services employees) and the County of Delaware for a two (2) year term retroactive March 1, 2016 through March 1, 2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and deliver the County's concurrence in PennDOT's determination of Section 4(f) de minimis use finding and that the proposed Temporary Construction Easement and Minor Right-of-Way

Acquisition for PennDOT's Route 322 Project will not adversely affect recreation activities, features or attributes of the Clayton Park Property. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of two amendments to existing contracts and the approval of two new provider contracts.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee to a term ending October 2019:

Arlyne C. Cohen	Haverford Township
Chris Owens	Media Borough
Leo Carlin, Jr.	Upper Darby Township
James R. Hall	Marple Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Michael Glackin, of Concord Township, to the Hero Scholarship Fund Board to a term ending October 2019, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Hero Scholarship Fund Board to a term ending October 2019:

John Maffei, Esq.	Raymond Gutowski
Marc Manfre	John McFadden
Marion Nelson	John Ryan
Robert Smythe	Margaret Sweeney
Ralph Brown	

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Lisa Dort, of Concord Township, to the Delaware County Women's Commission to fill the unexpired term of Suzanne Hoffman to a term ending June 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 16, the announcement of the 14th Annual Delaware County Holiday Food Drive.

Mr. White said it's that time of year when we ask our employees and residents to donate food items to help stock the shelves of our local food centers for the holiday season.

Our social service agencies have reported that people are struggling, even people who have jobs but may be working fewer hours. Senior citizens are making tough choices between paying for medicine or paying for food. Children may be getting less nutritious meals. There are many who need a helping hand.

This food drive started in 2003 as simple competition between our Office of Behavioral Health, in Upper Darby, and Magellan Behavioral Health. They made a bet to see who could collect the most food and the loser had to wear a turkey suit for the final food delivery. We've gone through two turkey suits and the drive continues.

Today, 14 years later, the food drive has grown to include all county offices and many partners in our community. Last year, we collected 33,685 pounds of food, 10,000 pounds more than the previous year, which was donated and delivered to four sites with many food banks with their clients sharing in the deliveries.

Delaware County residents, schools and businesses are invited to join county employees in placing donations in these collection boxes. The boxes are placed in the Government Center lobby, outside the Sheriff's office in the Courthouse, the Fronefield Building, in the Fair Acres Main Lobby, the Juvenile Detention Center, the 911 Center (in Middletown), the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), Children & Youth Services (CYS) Offices, in Eddystone, and the Human Services Offices located at 20 S. 69th Street, Upper Darby. We even have our member libraries participating this year.

This morning, we are pleased to have our staff members who organize the drive, our partnering agencies and one of our sponsoring businesses – TD Bank to help us kick off the 2016 drive. Mr. White introduced the following individuals who were present this morning: Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services; Gayle Oddi, of the Office of Behavioral Health and Food Drive Coordinator; Lisa Blair and Jessica Fink, Food Drive supporters from the Office of Behavioral Health; Jen Wilson from the County Personnel Department and Food Drive supporter; Carmen Maniaci from the Administrative Services Department and Food Drive supporter; Julie Brown, the Delaware County Program Director for Magellan Behavioral Health of PA, Inc.; Ruby Benson, Family and Community Services; and Kevin Curran, Vice President of TD Bank.

Mr. Dougherty thanked County Council for their support of the Food Drive, which is in its 14th year. This is certainly a team effort countywide; it is not just the Human Services Department. He said Gayle Oddi puts her heart and soul in putting this drive together and making sure it is a success.

Gayle Oddi thanked County Council and Executive Director Grace for allowing them to do this and to use County resources. She thanked Food Drive partner Kevin Curran, Vice President of TD Bank. Last year, TD Bank generously donated a \$2,500.00 grant and this year it is \$3,000.00 grant. She also extended thanks to Ed Klein, of Emergency Services, who helped with moving all the food last year and to the volunteers from the Citizens Corps; Carmen Maniaci, of Shipping and Receiving; Anthony Gavin, of Voter Registration and volunteer turkey today; Lisa Blair, Jen Wilson; Jessica Fink; and others.

She gave a special shout out to Julie Brown, of Magellan Behavioral Health, who without Magellan this Food Drive would not be in existence. It was Magellan 14 years ago who wanted to give back to the community and so they started the Food Drive.

Last, Ms. Oddi acknowledged Haverford and Upper Darby High Schools for coming up with the idea last year to have some kind of a fund raiser for the Thanksgiving football game and have the money raised go to the Food Drive. In December, they presented a check at the County Council Meeting to the Food Drive to be used for more food, which was purchased and delivered in January.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 17, announcing the 2016 Flu Awareness and Prevention Campaign.

Mrs. Morrone said, when October arrives, there are a few things you can be sure of: it's football season; it's almost time to rake leaves; and it is time for your flu shot.

County Council urges all residents to get their annual flu shot. That's the best way to protect yourself, your family and your coworkers. We want to spread the word, not the germs!

Receiving a flu shot is the first and most important step in preventing the flu and decreasing the risk of severe flu-related illnesses. Each year, over 200,000 people in the United States are hospitalized due to complications from the flu. People who have had the flu know how serious it can be.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that everyone six months and older should get vaccinated against the flu. It is recommended that flu shots be given by the end of October.

County Council and our Department of Intercommunity Health want to make it as convenient as possible for people to get vaccinated. We post a calendar of flu shot clinics on our website, by date and by town. There are several flu shot clinics at our senior centers.

County Council and our Department of Intercommunity Health will hold a free walk-in flu shot clinic from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Friday, October 14 at the Ridley Area YMCA. All residents, age 3 and older, are invited to get their flu shot at this time.

Mrs. Morrone acknowledged Dr. George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor; Lori Devlin, Director of Intercommunity Health; and Michael Ranck, President and CEO of the Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County who attended today's Council meeting. She asked Dr. Avetian to say a few words.

Dr. Avetian said the flu vaccine covers basically three strains of the flu - A, B and C. The high dose vaccine is indicated for anyone 65 years of age or older and is about four times the potency of the normal vaccine. The flu clinic sponsored by the County will be administering the trivalent flu vaccine which is indicated for anyone from 6 months of age and up. He encourages everyone to get the flu shot.

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

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 being registered by Mr. White as it relates to CM3 bills.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren said he had no County business today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked everyone who is involved in the Food Drive, which is for a worthwhile cause. He encouraged everyone to get involved in the drive. He also encourages everyone to get a flu shot.

Mr. White congratulated all participants in the Food Drive. This shows the dedication of our employees and the goodness of our residents that we always reach out to help those in need. Mr. White assured Ms. Oddi that if 43,000 pounds of food was collected, it will get delivered to where it needs to be one way or another. So, let's shoot for another 10,000 pounds.

Mr. McBlain echoed the comments of congratulations and thanks to the County employees and Magellan who have stepped up, year after year, and who go beyond what is required by contracts or employment. They do this out of the goodness of their hearts and because they want to help, which we see so many times with our employees here in the county.

He thanked Mike Ranck and the Community Y of Eastern Delaware County for being our host this year for the flu clinic, especially at the Ridley Y.

Mr. McBlain commented as it relates to another budget obstacle that has been presented to us. Other than public safety, which is perhaps our most important job as government, the next on our list is effective budget management and economic development here in Delaware County.

We have placed a great amount of time, effort and energy into our budget. It has been difficult over recent years for municipal governments since the recession began. The only form of tax revenue that the County really uses to support its General Fund is real property taxes and, as you can see by our record, that is the last consideration we have is any sort of tax increase.

Over the last few years, we have been presented with different budget challenges that we have faced head-on and thus far have been successful. First was the funding deficit at Fair Acres that dealt with the State funding formulas for public nursing homes that have a lot of Medicaid patients. We have been successful in overcoming some of those matters with our legislatures and with the Department of Public Welfare.

Next came the issue of 911 fees where the move towards mobile phones resulted in a loss of revenue for the County. We met that challenge head-on and we were successful (in part) in lobbying for the creation of the new 911 Act to address some of those funding issues.

Then we had the State budget issues where the Governor had not approved the budgets that had been passed by the legislature and we went many months without payment from the State, but we were able to successfully fund our Human Services groups.

Last week, Mr. McBlain said we were met with a new challenge which was the ruling by the PA Supreme Court that struck down a part of the PA Gaming Act that provides for a local share tax on slot machines. The court found that it was not a constitutional tax because it was not uniformly applied to all casinos. It is a \$10 million or 2% tax, whichever is greater. In every situation, for every casino under that particular section, the \$10 million is what applied. The court, nonetheless, found that section did not comply with the PA Uniformity Clause and struck, not only the municipal portion down which affects the City of Chester, but struck the County portion down. The County portion was not in controversy at all, but the court struck the entire section of the Act where those taxes were implemented. The result to the County of Delaware is a potential loss of \$4.3 million as we stand here today.

The court did stay its decision for 120 days in order to give the legislature time to fix it. He's not sure if the Supreme Court looked at the legislator calendar over the next three months because they only have a handful of legislative sessions days before the election comes and their terms actually expire. We really don't have four months but rather a matter of weeks in order to do the fix.

Mr. McBlain said we have already been in touch with many of our legislators. They understand. We are particularly lucky that we have folks like Tom Killion and Tom McGarrigle, who were former members of Delaware County Council and understand the impact that it has on the County's budgets. We are appealing to the members of the legislature to take up a fix to this.

We will continue to work with our legislators. We cannot say enough about the folks that have worked with us thus far. Those that we haven't, we ask that they step up and help out the

County of Delaware and help their constituents. We will continue to report on this, but we wanted to make this issue known and the impact of that ruling to our residents.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming to the Council Meeting today. We always look forward to the Food Drive.

Chairman Civera elaborated on Mr. McBlain's comments. He said while he was serving in the General Assembly the Gaming Act was passed, which he supported. The difference between the Commonwealth of PA and the State of New Jersey was that the General Assembly's intent was to bring the money back to the individual counties that hosted those casinos. The casinos should be embarrassed by what they did to the Commonwealth of PA. The General Assembly is not held responsible because the General Assembly at the time had the intent to take care of the constituency of the Commonwealth of PA.

The debt service for the Soccer Stadium is funded through the casino dollars. The Economic Development money comes out the casino dollars. The municipalities that surround that casino, like the different police and fire departments, some of that is also funded through the casinos and then it goes back to the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority. This is not acceptable.

Chairman Civera said Councilman McBlain articulated it well – Delaware County is a lean government. When we need to increase something it is because we have to. We don't make a lot of money in this county. You don't see a lot of big salaries in this county and we do what we are supposed to be doing. You don't see a heavy council payroll or cars or cellphones. We are for the people of the county.

He thanked everyone for coming this morning.

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