

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; James A. Gillin, Assistant Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of November 30, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Harry Mirra, of AMVETS Post 188, Morton. Dorelle Miller, of Children and Youth Services, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera recognized the following individuals who attended this morning's Council Meeting: Judge Michael Green, of the Court of Common Pleas; District Attorney Jack Whelan; Judge James Nilon, of the Court of Common Pleas; and Upper Darby Township Mayor Tom Micozzie.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 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.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 13 Court Ordered refunds for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for properties in the Boroughs of Clifton Heights and Folcroft and the Townships of Darby, Upper Chichester and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$1,256.19. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement between the County of Delaware and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute for the period of 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 in the amount of \$20,476.51. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a contract with Corrections Development Inc. (CDI) for a Case Management System for the District Attorney's Office for an annual license fee of \$35,000.00 and a one-time data migration fee of \$2,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Software License and Support Agreement with the Hart InterCivic System that is utilized to design, print and scan absentee ballots for the period of

12/31/2016 through 12/30/2017 at the total cost of \$26,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10, a Professional Services Agreement with Baker Tilly to perform the audit of the County's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 12/31/2016 to include procedures required to perform the GASB #34 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for state and local governments at a cost of \$258,000.00 and a one-time fee not to exceed \$2,000.00 to implement the GASB #77, Tax Abatement Disclosures, for the year ending 12/31/2016. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of two contracts for the Office of Workforce Development. No County General Fund monies will be used with the approval of these contracts.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of four (4) contracts and three (3) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service for the Office of Human Services.

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. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Fire & Life Safety Board to a term ending February 2020:

Raymond W. Stiles, Jr.  
Richard Womack  
Mark Mitchell  
John Hudyma, Jr.  
Robert Smythe  
J. Lee Fulton

Bethel Township  
Darby Township  
Haverford Township  
Ridley Township  
Springfield Township  
Springfield Township

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 14, memorials to be erected on the graves of the following deceased service persons:

Ludwig J. Moslein  
Michael E. Motley

Upper Darby Township  
Nether Providence Township

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15, a Resolution recognizing the 2016 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Volunteers of the Year.

Mr. McBlain said each year there are a number of children in Delaware County who enter the child welfare system because of circumstances in their lives that place them at risk of neglect or abuse. In the United States, there are nearly a half million children and youth in foster care. The good news is there are dedicated volunteers who act as advocates for these children and youth as they go through the confusing, complicated and often frightening world of foster care.

These volunteers work through an organization called CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. In Delaware County, a CASA organization was created in 1992 by the Delaware County Courts, County Council and Children and Youth Services.

Believing that every child needs a champion, CASA works to ensure that every abused or neglected child who has been adjudicated dependent has the right to a safe, nurturing and permanent home environment. That is not an easy task.

CASA volunteers are highly trained to navigate the legal and child welfare systems, which sometimes means understanding the mental health, disability and education systems, also.

Today, we are pleased to recognize CASA and the 2016 Volunteers of the Year who are being honored at CASA's Gala on Friday, December 2.

Mr. McBlain said we will hear from CASA Director Anne Shenberger, but first he wanted to say a few words about the accomplishments of the following four honorees:

- Tony McCarthy, of Newtown Square, has volunteered with CASA for six years and has advocated on behalf of 12 children in seven cases. Presently, he is helping three brothers. He has had some difficult cases and sought to minimize the pain and conflict for each child. Last year, he championed a boy with cerebral palsy to a very positive outcome.
- Carol Cottone, of Haverford, has volunteered for three years and advocates for two teenage boys. She says she is not an attorney or social work, just a scrappy person with patience and perseverance who wanted to do something meaningful. She has helped a

- young man overcome many obstacles to graduate from high school and start college this fall.
- Nancy DiSilvestro, of Haverford, completed her CASA training in 2015 and has since helped three sisters in a very difficult case. They were placed in separate homes and did not see each other and through her hard work established court-ordered sibling visits. She said she has learned how much strength a foster child has to endure, to survive and to be resilient.
- Mary Landers, of Berwyn, has been with CASA for six years and has helped seven children. Her first case involved siblings who were 3 and 7 months old. They were successfully adopted. She also started a book club among the CASA advocates where they read and discuss books that deal with the foster care system.

We all owe a debt of gratitude and admiration to the CASA volunteers. These cases are all heartbreaking and it takes a courageous, compassionate person to work through them.

Mr. McBlain invited Anne Shenberger, her colleagues and volunteers to come forward to accept this Resolution. He also recognized Joe Dougherty (Director of Human Services) and Deidre Gordon (Director of Children and Youth Services).

Ms. Shenberger thanked County Council for this recognition. She said several of our County government advocates were present this morning, namely D.A. Whelan, a longtime supporter of CASA, as well as Judge Michael Green, former district attorney.

Ms. Shenberger further said that Mr. McBlain neglected to mention that his mother Helen has been a volunteer for CASA twice in her many years. A few years ago, John and his mother were recognized as a dynamic duo in support of the children in Delaware County.

She said this past year CASA applied for a very prestigious grant called "Impact 100." Carol Cottone and herself were able to give (in 9 minutes) a \$100,000.00 prize winning speech. The purpose of that grant was to expand services in Delaware County.

Unfortunately, Ms. Cottone said there are so many children in foster care. Getting into foster care means there is some sort of trauma in their lives. They are shook-up just from either abuse or neglect or some horrific incident. They deal with some of the most vulnerable people in our population, which is really heartbreaking. They work through a system with many well-meaning people that are just really overburdened. The kids that get into CASA are lucky because they have their undivided attention.

Mr. McBlain said one of the best event you can attend all year is the CASA Gala. The speakers and their stories are so inspirational. Anne Shenberger does a great job putting this event together.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 15, the announcement of the Holiday Cheer for the Troops and Veterans campaign.

Mr. Culp said during the holidays it is important to remember the brave men and women of the armed services who are fighting for our freedom at home and overseas. With tensions and random acts of terrorism in the news, we are all painfully aware of how precious our freedom is. We also want to remember our veterans who have already served our nation.

This is the time of year when we collect greeting and gifts for our Holiday Cheer campaign for troops and veterans. Delaware County Council and County employees will once again spread cheer to our troops who are either overseas, stationed on base in the United States or recuperating in a veteran's hospital.

For the past nine years, County Council and the Department of Public Relations, which oversees the Armed Services Tribute Board, have collected and mailed hundreds of holiday cards and gifts as part of the Armed Services Tribute Initiative. We already have a large shipment of donations from Barbara McFadden, a Concord Township resident, who has generously written thousands of holiday cards for veterans.

This year, County Council is partnering with the AMVETS Post 118, in Morton, to mail care packages to our troops serving on base overseas or here in the United States. Every month since 2006, Harry Mirra and his fellow veterans have been sending care packages to our troops.

Mr. Mirra is the past department commander of the AMVETS Post and is the chairman of the Care Packages Initiative. He said he has the support of several organizations including Wawa, the local senior center, school groups and other veterans' groups. We are grateful to Harry and his post for partnering with us to send care packages to our Delaware County men and women.

County Council is also partnering with the American Red Cross, Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) for their Holiday Mail for Heroes (HMFH) Program that urges people to "Give Something That Means Something." People are invited to send a card of thanks and to support members of the Armed Services, veterans and their families.

Attending today's meeting is Antoinette Williams, the Director of the Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) for Eastern Pennsylvania. She is also retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years on active duty. She is partnering with us to get cards to men and women in veteran's hospitals in the region.

New this year, Council is providing greetings and gifts for the nearly 100 veterans living at Fair Acres, our skilled care facility, in Middletown. We are partnering with the Delco News Network to provide copies of the 2016-2017 Veteran's Book to each of the veterans at Fair Acres along with a greeting from County Council.

We are pleased to be able to partner with these organizations to make the holidays a bit brighter for our troops and veterans.

County Council wants to remind people to stop by our Armed Services Tribute Board where we honor active duty troops. Anyone who has a Delaware County family member serving in the armed services can submit their loved one's photo for display on our Tribute Board.

Attending this morning's meeting were the following individuals: Antoinette Williams, Director of the American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces of Eastern Pennsylvania; Harry Mirra, past State Commander of AMVETS Post 118, in Morton, and Chair of the Care Packages for Our Troops program; Charles Dougherty, Commander of AMVETS Post 118; Pat Dougherty, AMVETS Auxiliary; Jeff Elliot, past Post Commander; and Ginny Valonis.

Mr. Mirra thanked County Council for inviting him this morning and a special thank you to Dorelle Miller for the nice invocation she gave this morning. Since 2006, AMVETS Post 118 has sent packages to our troops. They used to send 10-12 packages per month, but this has decrease to 5-6 packages per month due to the loss of revenue. The cost for postage is approximately \$2,000.00 a year.

Chairman Civera thanked Mr. Mirra and his post for everything they do for our veterans. Delaware County is very proud of their efforts and our armed services and veterans.

Chairman Civera announced the posting of the photo of U.S. Navy Lieutenant j.g. Galen Fisher on the Armed Services Tribute Board.

In Delaware County, we want to continue to recognize all residents who are serving in the Armed Services, whether they are stationed on an overseas base or on one of the 6,000 bases here in the United Sates. One of the ways we do that is by posting their photos on the Armed Services Tribute Board, located in the Government Center lobby, just outside of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Lt. Fisher grew up in Wayne, graduated from Radnor High School and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. During her senior year at the academy, she was the Brigade Remediation Officer achieving the rank of Brigade Lt. Commander. In 2013, she graduated and was commissioned as an officer in the Navy and is currently stationed on the USS Makin Island, which is operating the 7<sup>th</sup> fleet area operation. In July, Lt. Fisher received her Naval Surface Warfare Supply Officer qualification.

Joining us today are Lt. Fisher's parents, Carter and Nancy Fisher. We are proud to honor Lt. Fisher and we invite everyone downstairs immediately following this meeting to attend the ceremony in the lobby.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman 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 unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Solicitor Gillin asked for Council's authorization to file six (6) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the filing of six (6) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Solicitor Gillin requested an addition to today's agenda, Item Number 19A. He asked Dennis Carey, of the Public Works Department, to come up and explain this item to Council.

Mr. Carey said this item calls for the execution and approval of an agreement of contract between the County and Kinetix. This will provide for the replacement of our fire pump which is driven by an electric motor on "C" Level of the Government Center Garage that provides protection services for the Government Center Complex as well as the parking garage. This will be procured with Kinetix off their COSTARS Contract No. 4400011686 with a fee not to exceed \$29,500.00. The cost is proper in line with the scope of the work to be perform. He, therefore, asked for Council's approval of this additional item.

Chairman Civera said, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Delaware County, when an item is placed outside the Agenda reading (which took place on Tuesday, November 29), it is required that public comment be taken on the item.

Chairman Civera asked for public comment. There was no comment on the item.

The motion was made by Mrs. Morrone to approve Agenda Item 19A, the approval of a contract between the County of Delaware and Kinetix, on COSTARS Contract No.4400011686, to provide for the replacement of an electric fire pump servicing the Government Center fire protection systems for a fee not to exceed \$29,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment(s).

**COUNCIL:** Chairman Civera said he has the distinct pleasure this morning to introduce County Council's newly appointed director of the County's 911 Center, in Middletown, Tim Boyce.

Chairman Civera said he has known Tim Boyce for approximately thirty years. He has served as Battalion Chief at the Cardington Fire Company, in Upper Darby Township, and knows the public safety issues throughout the county very well. He is a gentleman, a hands-on man, a family man and has been involved on the state level concerning the 911 legislation. Council is confident that he will be an excellent director. He has the educational background in public safety, which he has proven many times over.

Mr. Boyce acknowledged a few people in the room today: Judge Michael Green, District Attorney Jack Whelan and CID Chief Joe Ryan. He believes the opportunities that we have created over the years is something to be very proud of. It has always been about "service" whether it is the police department or underserved communities.

He accepts this position with great pride. He has only been in the job for a few days but knows he has a terrific staff. Former 911 Director Ed Truitt left him with an organization to be very proud of. There are 100 uniform people in that radio room who are caring, concerned and involved with the community. Each of these members are skilled at what they do and are members of their communities; they are firefighters, volunteers and advocates. This is a great opportunity for him to lead forward.

Government has the thought that "we are here to help." You have given him over the years the following question to answer, "What do you need?" We will move forward in "what does the community need" so we can serve them better. Together we will do better.

Chairman Civera called on District Attorney Whelan to say a few words.

First, D.A. Whelan took the opportunity to thank Ed Truitt for his many years of service. He served the County for forty years; he's a dedicated public servant. He stood out in many different projects that he worked with him both on County Council and as District Attorney. He commended Mr. Truitt for his dedication to the County.

Serving as District Attorney, Whelan had the opportunity to work with Tim. He thanked Judge Green for being the person who brought Tim Boyce in. Working with Tim while on County Council through the District Attorney's office and then District Attorney Green, he knows how great Tim is. He knows his dedication, his experience in Homeland Security and his commitment to Emergency Communication.

He doesn't know of anyone in Delaware County that would better suit the position of Director of our 911 Center than Tim Boyce. He is honest, dedicated, hardworking, knows Homeland Security, knows the radio room and understands Emergency Communications and all the complicated intricacies associated with the 911 Center.



Lastly, D.A. Whelan commended County Council for their selection, although he will lose Tim on his special projects and on his Homeland Security issues. He knows he can count on Tim at the 911 Center to lead the County.

Chairman Civera called on Upper Darby Township Mayor Tom Micozzie to say a few words.

Mayor Micozzie thanked County Council for giving him the opportunity to say a few words about Tim. He came up through the ranks as a volunteer firefighter. They have a large department that handles over 1,000 calls a year per station. Many nights he received a phone call from Tim or deputies on the street saying everything is being taken care of. Primarily, the first thing that Tim would say is "the residents are okay, Red Cross is on the scene and they are in a hotel or whatever." Tim not only does the operation side but makes sure the community is okay. The silent side of Tim you don't see is that after the fire he shows up with a gift or a basket of food or his family shows up and takes care of it.

Mayor Micozzie said Tim Boyce is a compassionate honest guy. He is going to be missed, but we know he is in good hands at the 911 Center and he looks forward to working with him. Congratulations!

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to say a few words.

Mr. McBlain congratulated Tim Boyce. He first met Tim in 2006 and has been impressed with him ever since then. His resume speaks for itself. To him, this was an easy choice for County Council to make to put Tim in this position. Tim has had a good relationship with all our stakeholders for emergency communications system, namely police, fire and EMS communities.

In this time of renewal, Mr. McBlain is confident that Tim will reach out to all those stakeholder communities and strengthen our relationship with them. It is a difficult time in emergency communications as more and more technology advances making the job more complicated. We have seen over this past year what can happen when you have a clinch. He believes Tim is poised well to handle it along with the fantastic management team that we have out at our Emergency Communications Center.

Mr. McBlain said he looks forward to Tim applying all his special skills that we have seen through the years, whether it be starting with former District Attorney and now Judge Green, our Homeland Security arm; helping us navigate through the Counter-Terrorism Task Force Grant processes that have become so important to emergency communications and to our police, fire and EMS in terms of the grants we get; or simply doing things like coordinating 911 ceremonies.

Mrs. Morrone extended her congratulations to Tim as well. She has only known him for about six years, but throughout that period of time one thing that she can say is he has been dedicated in everything he has done, 100% committed. Whenever something was going on, you'd turn around and Tim was there in the community helping out. She is very confident that with the

leadership he has, he will have great success at the 911 Center. Council looks forward to the continued growth and commitment and support to the residents here in Delaware County keeping them safe each and every day.

Mr. Culp congratulated Tim. He is sure he will do a great job with the great staff behind him. Congratulations and good luck! We expect everything to run smoothly.

Chairman Civera said Jack Whelan touched on this earlier and that is former 911 Center Director Ed Truitt. On behalf of Delaware County Council, they wish Ed success on his retirement and thank him for his 40 years of service to the residents of Delaware County.

Lastly, Chairman Civera announced the opening ceremony of the Festival of Lights at Rose Tree Park that will take place on Friday, December 2 at 7 P.M. The Festival of Lights display started 40 years ago (1976) as part of festivities planned to celebrate the nation's Bicentennial. The Festival has grown from 50 lighted trees (one for each municipality and one large one to represent the county) to 75 decorated trees strung with 100,000 holiday lights and dozens of hand-painted wooden figures, including toy soldiers, a snowman family and a replica of the Delaware County Courthouse.

ACME markets sponsors a large part of this festivity; the E. T. Richardson Choral Ensemble will sing; Santa Claus will arrive; there will be refreshments; and it is *free*. The Festival of Lights runs nightly from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M from Friday, December 2 through Sunday, January 1.

Mr. McBlain had one final comment to make concerning Agenda Item 13, the reappointment of board members to the Fire & Life Safety Board. One of the individuals appointed was Richard Womack who is a current board member and being reappointed. Mr. Womack was Mr. Culp, Mrs. Morrone and his opponent last year in the election. You don't often see someone who has been your political opponent being appointed by those people that came into office. He just wanted to highlight that and say we will continue to operate like that in Delaware County.

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

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

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