

**PRESENT:** 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.

Vice Chairman Morrone called the regular meeting of February 1, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Melanie Govan, from the Office of Juvenile Probation. Colleen O'Sullivan, County Nurse, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to Award Contract No. CP-102616 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. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to purchase Computer Equipment from CDW-G for the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$118,440.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to purchase one (1) 2017 Ford F-650 18-ft. Dry Freight Box Truck from Fred Beans Ford of West Chester, off COSTARS Contract No. 25-013, for a price of \$68,566.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 8, 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. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Ms. Hill said Delaware County has been awarded \$416,000.00 through two grant applications to compare engineering plans and specifications for Phase II of the Chester Creek Rails to Trails Project. Phase II is approximately one and one-half miles, which starts at Chester Road (Middletown Township) where the existing trail leaves off and end at Bridgewater Road (Aston Township) running along the former Chester Creek Branch Railroad that was discontinued in 1979.

This funding will bring the County much closer to our vision of creating a linear greenway through the County's more scenic and naturally beautiful areas. When construction on this phase is complete, we will have over four miles of a multi-use trail. Funding awards are from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Therefore, Ms. Hill requested Council's approval to accept these grants and to move forward with the implementation.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to accept Grants from the Delaware Valley Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for Phase II of the Chester Creek Rails to Trails Project in the amount of \$416,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 10, a contract with MTS Software Solutions for maintenance of Unity Client for the annual cost of \$41,967.75 with the following funding: \$27,698.72/Federal and \$14,269.03/County. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Cathy Bittle, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Ms. Bittle asked for Council's approval to renew their book contract with McNaughton Book Services, who provides 250 high-demand best-sellers each month that are distributed to the Delaware County member libraries. The program has been very popular with the public and it dramatically reduces the wait-time to read popular books. She said she requested and received "level funding" this year.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to renew the annual Book Leasing Contract with McNaughton Book Services, a Division of Brodart Company, for the period 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 in the amount of \$51,150.00. (Funding: State) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Lori Devlin, Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mrs. Devlin asked for Council's approval for a WalkWorks Program for Delaware County. The program is supported by grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health. This grant will allow Intercommunity Health, along with the Planning Department, to work with community stakeholders in the William Penn School District and the Rose Tree Media School District to establish walking routes for all age groups to increase opportunities for physical activities and ultimately improving the health status of

Delaware County residents. The grant is in the amount of \$12,500.00 and there is no County match for this grant.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to accept the WalkWorks Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the University of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the term 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of five Subsidized Day Care Providers with Child Care Information Services. There are no County dollars associated with this request.

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

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint Kenneth J. Zitarelli, of Thornbury Township, to the Delaware County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending January 2021, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint Steven K. Gerber, of Radnor Township, to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term ending February 2019, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to appoint William J. Judge, of Springfield Township, to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term ending February 2019, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 17, a Resolution recognizing Widener University for hosting the 2016 Mental Health and Opioids Summit.

As many of us well know, Mr. White said, our nation is battling a heroin epidemic and sadly, Delaware County has not been spared. As a county, we are extremely proud of the work that is being done on many fronts to attack the heroin and opioid crisis by our leaders in law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and through our partnerships with businesses, organizations and higher education institutions.

In an effort to address this epidemic, the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and the Delaware County Criminal Justice Advisory Board held the 2016 Summit on Mental Health, the Heroin Epidemic and the Criminal Justice System. The title of the Summit was "Finding a Light in the Darkness" that was held at Widener University on October 21, 2016.

Registration for the Summit was well-attended (reaching full capacity for the size of the auditorium) by 400 attorneys, mental health experts, treatment providers, human services personnel and community leaders who are working every day to prevent the tragic impact drug addiction is having on our community. A great deal of time and effort went into organizing this summit by our Judges and members of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. From the initial planning stages to the day of the event, the dedicated staff at Widener University provided the necessary technology and resources to ensure the summit was an overall success.

Guided by a mission of academic excellence and leadership, Widener University is one of the many outstanding educational institutions here in Delaware County that provides high caliber programs for students while encouraging civic partnerships. Under the leadership of President Julie Wollman, Widener continues to be a stand-out organization that inspires students to be citizens of character who are engaged in their community.

Mr. White said County Council would like to commend Widener University for the dedication of its leaders and staff for their outstanding efforts to ensure the summit was meaningful, well attended and a success. We recognize that Widener is an institution that not only provides excellence in education for our residents but also creates a learning environment that fosters civic engagement. County Council looks forward to continuing to work with Widener University to address important public safety issues such as the opioid and heroin epidemic and to further these great partnerships.

On behalf of Widener University, the following individuals attended this morning's meeting to accept a Resolution: Katie Herschede, Chief of Staff to the President; Julie Dietrich, Director of Government Relations; Mary Allen, Director of Public Relations; Lindsey Ruby, Director of University Center Administration; and Rocco P. Imperatrice, Esq., Attorney for Widener.

Vice Chairman Morrone recognized the following Delaware County Judges who attended today: President Judge Chad Kenney, Judge James Nilon and Judge Barry Dozer. She asked Judge Nilon to come forward to say a few words and to make a presentation on behalf of the Board of Judges.

Judge Nilon said the idea of a Summit on the heroin epidemic, mental health issues and the Criminal Justice System originated with President Judge Chad Kenney. Judge Kenney came to him, as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and they discussed it. Recognizing the magnitude of what he had in mind, he immediately enlisted the support of his colleagues Judge Barry Dozer, Judge Nathaniel Nichols and the head of Adult Probation and Parole – Michael Raith, as well as the head of Delaware County Juvenile Probation and Parole – Danielle DiMatteo.

Secondly, they had to secure a forum. They had the invaluable assistance of Rocco Imperatrice, Esq., who serves as Solicitor for Widener University, and who was instrumental in facilitating our discussions with Widener University, a choice they are so happy they made.

After that, a nine-month program began of putting together this summit, which was lengthy. This involved many people such as District Attorney Jack Whelan and his staff; Emily Harris and Tim Boyce of the D.A.'s Office; the help of Delaware County Cares through Judge Kenney; Executive Director Marianne Grace; Councilman Dave White; Chairman Mario Civera; members of the Treatment Court; and the Mental Health Board.

On behalf of the Board of Judges, Judge Nilon said they wished to recognize the efforts of an extraordinary young person, namely Lindsey Ruby, Director of the University Center Administration. Numerous meetings were held and emails were exchanged while providing support with regard to technical issues, such as lighting in the auditorium, audio in the auditorium and provided young university students to help direct the people. Without her help, they don't think they could have had the success with the summit that they had.

Judge Nilon read in part the following Resolution:

*Whereas, Miss Ruby was instrumental in the success of the 2016 Summit on Mental Health, the Heroin Epidemic and the Criminal Justice System titled "Finding the Light in the Darkness."*

As far as logistics were concerned, Judge Nilon said Lindsey was truly their light in the darkness.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Councilman McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 18, the Resolution declaring February as American Heart Month in Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain said February is American Heart Health Month and also National Wear Red Day.

Heart disease has been called the silent killer because it often strikes without noticeable symptoms. It's more deadly than all forms of cancer combined, sadly claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year. It's also the leading cause of serious illness and disability.

The number of people diagnosed with heart failure is increasing and projected to rise by 46 percent by 2030 resulting in more than 8 million people with heart failure, according to the American Heart Association's 2017 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Update.

The American Heart Association has been leading the fight against this No. 1 killer through education, awareness and medical research. The first American Heart Month began in 1964. In 2003, *Wear Red Day* was launched to raise awareness among women.

The Red Dress has become the symbol of the battle against heart disease in women. National Wear Red Day is the first Friday of every February and we encourage everyone to wear red in a

show of solidarity against cardiac disease. We also encourage residents to learn more about prevention and heart healthy tips.

Since 2003, many strides have been made. According to the Heart Association, more and more women are making behavioral changes to prevent heart disease and talking to their doctors about their risk factors.

Joining us today are community health partners who will be offering free blood pressure screenings and educational materials in the lobby until 12:30 P.M. today. Employees and members of the public are invited to get their blood pressure taken, to learn about risk factors, the importance of diet and exercise and the signs of stroke and heart attack.

Our Department of Intercommunity Health and our Wellness Program are offering blood pressure screenings along with our Wellness partners, AmeriHealth and the American Heart Association.

Today we are joined in education and outreach efforts by representatives from Crozer-Keystone Health Systems, Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital and Riddle Hospital. We thank them for giving their time today to help prevent cardiovascular disease.

Attending this morning's meeting to accept the Healthy Heart Month Resolution were the following individuals: Suzanne Hefton and Clare Povey, Crozer-Keystone Health System nurses; Phyllis Gannon, Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital nurse; Anne Marie Casey Glatts, Riddle Hospital, Main Line Health System nurse; Clement Gyan, The American Heart Association, Multicultural Initiatives Director; and Valerie Pogue, AmeriHealth Administration, Senior Nurse Wellness Specialist. Also attending the meeting were Dr. George Avetian, Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor; Lori Devlin, Director of the Department of Intercommunity Health; and Colleen O'Sullivan, Delaware County nurse.

Mr. Gyan said the American Heart Association encourages healthy eating, including this weekend when many Super Bowl parties will be held and when we tend to eat a lot of junk food. The high salt and high fat foods we tend to eat during these gatherings can be interchanged with healthier food items. The goal will be, if you prepare it yourself, to eat less sodium and fatty foods, which adds to hypertension and cholesterol. Try to eat in moderation.

Dr. Avetian said there are modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors. Obviously, genetics is something that we cannot do anything about. However, there are many risk factors that we have control over and that is where we ask patients to know their numbers. There are four key categories of numbers: blood pressure, blood sugar, lipids (cholesterol) and body mass index. They encourage everyone to know their numbers and keep them under control. By doing so, then we can make a significant impact on cardio-vascular disease.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Councilman McBlain to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. White as it relates to CM3 invoices.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file five (5) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to file five (5) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL:** Mr. McBlain thanked our partners in the healthcare industries who took the time to come in today. We believe we have fantastic access to healthcare here in Delaware County with the great health systems we have and the associations like the Heart Association.

Mr. McBlain thanked our Judicial branch of County government. He is honored to be a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. He has seen up close the concern and the passion that the Board of Judges and the other members of the Judicial staff have for combating this opioid and heroin epidemic that we have here in Delaware County. They are in a unique position where they see the end product of many of the abusers of heroin and opioids.

He highlighted Agenda Item 9, the acceptance of \$416,000.00 in grant funding for Phase II of the Chester Creek Rails to Trails Project. As reported before, Phase I of this trail was completed late last year with a "soft opening" with a formal opening possibly in March when the weather improves. Phase I is almost 3-miles of a multi-municipal trail that was constructed by the county along with the Friends of the Chester Creek. It is the largest trail we have so far in Delaware County and we are particularly proud of the results of that and the feedback that has been received. Phase II of the trail will extend it another one and one-half miles (a total of 4 ½ miles) of trail. The total cost for Phase II is estimated to be in the area of \$2.9 million. All the funds necessary for the design of Phase II of the trail are in place.

This is one step further in the County's commitment to implementing our Open Space Trails and Recreation and Greenway Plan. We are very proud of that.

Vice Chairman Morrone extended her thanks to all our hospital partners who work throughout the year at various times, not only on heart awareness, but on lots of other issues relating to the health of the residents of Delaware County. We are fortunate here in Delaware County to have such great health systems that support our residents throughout the year.

She recognized the focus that the county has put on the heroin epidemic. District Attorney Whelan is here today who has really been a leader in the heroin outreach in the county. It is great when you

see businesses and institutions, such as Widener, working together with the District Attorney and the County services, as well as our Judicial branch, trying to find a way to eliminate and lessen the effects of this epidemic in our communities.

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.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk