

**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 8, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Nia Stevenson, Journey Fitzgerald and Camyrn Council, students at Springfield High School. Erica Parham, Assistant District Attorney and Chief of the Senior Exploitation Unit, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for bids to furnish and deliver thirty-five (35) Joerns UltraCare XT Healthcare Beds for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for bids to furnish and deliver janitorial, household and paper products for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, PA County of Delaware for a period of one (1) year, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase eighty-four (84) chairs for the Office of Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention, Behavioral Health and Fiscal Administration within the Department of Human Services from Your Office Connection in the amount of \$32,121.60. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one-hundred thirty (130) computers on COSTARS Contract No. 003-078 from ePlus at a total cost of \$121,638.40 to replace 10-year old computers in DCLS 28-member libraries. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 9, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2016 and 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 7 property owners due to 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 14 Court Order refunds for the year 2016 for properties in the Boroughs of Colwyn and Darby and the Townships of Lower Chichester and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$2,100.30. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant to the Economic Development Oversight Board for calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$600,000.00. (Restricted Gaming) The motion is

subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Delaware CID and the PA State Police for reimbursement of salary, benefits and other expenditures for a CID detective assigned to the Municipal Auto Theft/Motor Vehicles Insurance Fraud Task Force for the period of 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018 in the amount of \$163,064.00 and at no cost to the County. (Funding: State Police) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Cathy Bittle, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval to renew a contract with Reference USA. Their database index is 13 million businesses with a comprehensive search and retrieval capability. Reference USA is used extensively by businesses in Delaware County for locating information for marketing and sales and is a vital economic tool.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 12 to renew the annual subscription to Reference USA Business Database from Info USA for the year 2017 at the annual cost of \$38,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Denise Stewart, Director of the Office of Services to the Aging (COSA) to speak on Agenda Item 14.

Mrs. Stewart asked for Council's approval of their contract for the Evidence-Based Health Promotion Program. There are no County funds involved. The funding comes through the Department of Aging.

Mrs. Stewart said they need to have someone in the office to be able to provide those health promotion types of evidence-base, which is what the federal government is asking (as well as the state government) for them to be doing.

This contract does not exceed \$45,000.00 and the contract would be with Ellen Williams who has a history here in Delaware County and is a former employee of the Crozer-Keystone Health System.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 14, a Professional Services Agreement between the Delaware County Services for the Aging (COSA) and Ellen Williams to administer an Evidence-Based Health Promotion Program in Delaware County for the period 2/1/2017 through 6/30/2017 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 15.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of a contract for on-the-job training for the Office of Workforce Development

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 15, 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 16.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 16, 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 appoint Cecile M. Charlton, of Upper Providence Township, to the Delaware County Planning Commission to a four (4) year term ending January 2021, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Thomas A. Donahue, III, of Ridley Township, to the Delaware County Authority to a five (5) year term ending January 2022, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 19, a Resolution recognizing Black History Month.

Mr. White said County Council is proud to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans throughout our history, all of which helped to move our country toward a more equal and just society.

Black History Month was started by historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Today, it is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and it is a time we designate to recognize the central role that African Americans took in shaping U.S. history.

We continue to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of great African American leaders here in Delaware County. By learning about the struggles our ancestors faced, our future generations can continue to work for equality and fairness for all people.

In Delaware County, we are privileged to have the leadership of Common Pleas Judge Nathaniel Nichols. His wife, Cheryl Nichols, a retired teacher who taught with the Wallingford Swarthmore School District for 32 years, is here this morning to represent her husband. Judge Nichols is a scholar of African American history and strives to bring history to life for a new generation of young people so they can carry on the work of their ancestors.

The following Springfield High School students attended this morning's meeting: Nia Stevenson, Journey Fitzgerald and Camryn Council. They were accompanied by Fonda Akins, a learning support teacher in the Springfield School District.

County Council is very proud of the accomplishments of our students throughout the county and we are pleased to recognize these students today. Following the Resolution presentation, the students shared the history of this year's theme, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The poem and song were written by James Weldon Johnson during a time in history when African Americans were in the middle of their struggle for freedom. It is sometimes referred to as the "Black American National Anthem."

Learning Support Teacher Fonda Akins said she is also a sponsor of R.E.A.C.H, which stands for Respecting Ethic and Cultural Heritages, and is the sponsor of the W.E.B. DuBois Honor Society. She introduced the three students, who gave a brief history on James Weldon Johnson and also thanked County Council for inviting them to the meeting to help celebrate Black History Month for the second year in a row.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 20, a Resolution recognizing Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Inductees.

Mrs. Morrone said Delaware County is home to many outstanding athletes and notable individuals who bring great pride to our community. Today, we are honored to have three Delaware County natives with us who were inducted into the 2016 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The inductees are Joe Valerio, Bob Kuberiski and Charlene Morett-Curtiss.

Chartered in 1962, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame has 28 Chapters serving more than 300 communities throughout the state including Delaware County. Each year, the Sports Hall of Fame inducts the very best athletes, administrators and coaches. It also honors the scholastic, collegiate and courageous athletes within the sports community.

The Hall of Fame honor is not only about excellence in athletics. It encompasses all things great about a sport including its moments, its methods and the character of its men and women.

Most of all, it is about those who define the quality of athletics and those who lead a life of integrity.

One such person is Joe Valerio, a former NFL offensive lineman who attended Ridley High School and now resides in Concord Township. Being born into an athletic family with three brothers involved in different sports and a professional boxer father, Joe was bound to play sports but was torn between baseball and football. After being recruited by the University of Pennsylvania, he played college football and was named team MVP while majoring in economics. During his college football career, Joe earned First Team All-American and First Team All-Ivy League Honors. Following graduation, Joe was drafted by Kansas City and he played in the NFL for the Chiefs for five seasons before moving to the St. Louis Rams in 1996. Joe was inducted into Penn's Hall of Fame in 2006 and was nominated for NFL Man-of-the-Year for his outstanding community service. He is currently the Executive Vice President of the Lyons Companies, a risk management and insurance brokerage firm based in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. White to introduce Bob Kuberski, of Ridley Township.

Mr. White said Bob Kuberski, a 1989 graduate of Ridley High School, played with the Green Bay Packers for four years, with a Super Bowl win in 1996. Bob is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and, prior to starting his NFL career, served his country on active duty as an Ensign in the United States Navy for two years. He closed out his NFL career in 1999 with the New England Patriots. In addition to being inducted into the PA Hall of Fame, Bob was inducted as a member of the Navy Sports Hall of Fame and was recognized as a defensive lineman on the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Team. With a background in economics, he has had a successful 15-year financial career and is currently a senior asset management executive. He is also a Trustee of the United States Naval Academy Foundation.

Mr. White called on Mr. McBlain to introduce Charlene Morett-Curtiss.

Mr. McBlain said we are pleased to have with us today Charlene Morett-Curtiss, who is an Aldan Borough native and a graduate of Lansdowne-Aldan High School. Charlene is a two time Olympian with a long list of career accolades. To start, Charlene is a three time All-American at Penn State where she has been Field Hockey coach since 1987. As she approaches 500 wins, she is the longest tenured coach at Penn State. She has taken the Nittany Lions to the NCAA Tournament 25 times in her 29-year career. She has been voted the Mideast Region Coach-of-the-Year eight times and the Big Ten Coach-of-the-Year five times. Charlene also earned All-American honors in lacrosse, winning two National Championships for Penn State and was MVP of the 1979 NCAA Tournament. She is also an Olympian. Charlene was on the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team and a member of the Olympic Field Hockey Team and earned a Bronze Medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics. In addition to the PA Hall of Fame, Charlene was inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She gives back to the community

through various charities including Coaches vs. Cancer Program and the Women's Breast Cancer Tournament.

Mr. McBlain said all three of these inductees have extremely impressive careers marked by integrity and a lifetime of commitment, talent and hard work. Today, Council would like to recognize their notable accomplishments, which has brought great pride to the residents of Delaware County. You are truly an inspiration to us all.

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:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp thanked Nia, Journey and Camryn (the three Springfield High School students) who came today by giving their presentation on James Weldon Johnson and to Ms. Akins for accompanying them. He also thanked Erica Parham for giving the invocation this morning and the work she does in the District Attorney's Office. A special thank you to Mrs. Nichols. Congratulations to the three inductees to the PA Sports Hall of Fame, who well deserve this honor.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks. The students did a phenomenal job and are very well spoken. A special congratulation to the three inductees who are an inspiration to everyone who plays sports and is a Delaware County resident.

Mr. McBlain echoed all the comments made. County Council meetings are in the most part mundane where money is spent and money is taken in, but the best meetings are the ones when Council gets to recognize the best that Delaware County has to offer. We certainly had that type of meeting this morning.

To the students from Springfield High School, Mr. McBlain said they should be very proud of their presentation here today. You represent the Springfield Township community well and all of Delaware County.

Congratulations to the members of the PA Sports Hall of Fame as we heard from the biographies that were read, not only did each of these individuals excel in sports but they have excelled in life and everything that came after their sport careers.

Being from Aldan Borough, Mr. McBlain said Charlene Morett-Curtiss may be the most famous person ever to have lived in Aldan. Certainly, the Morett family is very well-known to all of the Aldan residents, who were excellent swimmers.

Mrs. Morrone congratulated the three Hall of Fame Award winners. Her family has been very close with the Kuberski family and the Valerio's since she moved to Concord Township about twenty years ago having Joe and Bob's wives teach her girls cheerleading. Their entire families are active in the community and give back in numerous ways.

Mrs. Morrone said it is always nice to have Mrs. Nichols attend the Council meeting and she looks forward to seeing her every year.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming this morning. He believes Councilman McBlain said it perfectly - Delaware County Council is proud of what our individual residents do and what they have accomplished in their life. Council takes it one step further by congratulating them. The young ladies from Springfield High School did a wonderful job this morning for what they stood for and believe in and proud to be part of the United States. To Mrs. Nichols, thank you for coming in today and be sure to tell Judge Nichols that we honor him and respect him. To the inductees to the Hall of Fame, you have achieved the goals in your life and you shared it with us this morning.

Tomorrow will be the first snowstorm of 2017. Delaware County will be on top of that, as we always are, so keep posted for snow watch information.

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

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan





