

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 April 19, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ryan Judge, of the Planning Department. Maureen Dillon, IT Department, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. CP-21317 to furnish and deliver janitorial, household and paper products for Fair Acres Geriatric Center to the lowest responsible bidders at the total cost of \$316,600.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. CP-21417 to furnish and deliver New Joerns UltraCare XT Beds for Fair Acres Geriatric Center to Joerns LLC at a cost of \$61,076.75. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one (1) Blade, Blade Enclosure and Core Switch from ePlus on the COSTARS Contract No. 003-078 at a cost of \$128,027.86. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2014, 2016 and 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 24 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to award a Grant to the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$50,000.00 to fund initiatives and programs. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$315,946.00 for the Delaware County Juvenile Court Victim Services for the term 1/1/17 to 12/31/18. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit and accept a PA DEP 903 Grant for the Delaware County's Recycling Coordinator's salary and expenses for 2016 in the amount of

\$62,423.12. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept Assignment of Contract for the Register of Wills Software System from PropertyInfo Corp. to Kofile Technologies Inc., subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit Grant Application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Development for the Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole Services Tech & Safety Initiative Grant in the amount of \$99,993.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution declaring May 4th as the National Day of Prayer.

Throughout history, Chairman Civera said people have turned to prayer for strength, comfort and guidance. Prayer has been an integral part of the American heritage, and this nation provides its citizens with the liberty to worship according to their conscience. That is a precious freedom that we know, which is not afforded to people in some parts of the world.

Delaware County is a diverse county, rich in many cultures and faiths. Every day in the news we see that people around the world do not enjoy the same freedom to express their faith and, in some cases, are persecuted or driven from their homelands for choosing to exercise their faith.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared the first Thursday of May as Nation Day of Prayer. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer and the 2017 theme is "Wake Up America," emphasizing the need for individuals to reconnect with their faith and their core values.

In Delaware County, the National Day of Prayer Task Force will hold a National Day of Prayer observance at 11:30 A.M. in Rose Tree Park. People of all faiths are invited to join the observance under the big American flag. The observance features music and special guests, members of the clergy and residents.

Chairman Civera called on Patti Gabrielle Bruno, co-director of the Delaware County Prayer Task Force, to come forward to accept a Resolution declaring May 4 as National Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Bruno thanked County Council for their continued support of the National Day of Prayer. Delaware County supports the freedom to pray. This is the 24th year that the National Day of Prayer will take place at Rose Tree Park. We will be praying for our government, the church, the military, our veterans, families, marriages and the unborn, our schools, teachers, youth

leaders, the news media, journalists, and the businesses in our communities. They will also be praying for revival in the land and the peace of Jerusalem.

Chairman Civera called on Dave White to speak on Agenda Item 16, a Resolution recognizing the recipients of the Prevention Partner Awards.

Mr. White said our nation is battling a heroin epidemic and sadly, Delaware County has not been spared. We are losing too many lives to drug addiction. As a county, we are attacking this heroin and opioid crisis on many fronts, from law enforcement to education.

In 2012, the Delaware County Medical Examiner, Dr. Fredric Hellman, reported he was seeing an alarming number of heroin-related deaths – 52 fatalities in 2012 compared to 19 heroin fatalities in 2007. To address the epidemic, Delaware County Council partnered with District Attorney Jack Whelan in September 2012 and formed the Heroin Task Force.

The mission is to reduce the number of heroin-related deaths through education and prevention. The Task Force includes members of law enforcement, government, the medical community, religious institutions, a real estate agent and family members who have seen first-hand how devastating drugs can be. We meet once a month to discuss strategies on prevention and treatment.

Mr. White further said that interest in the Heroin Task Force grew so rapidly that we formed the *Partner for Success Coalition*. This group works along with the Heroin Task Force to fight addiction.

Last year, the Heroin Task Force and Partners for Success Coalition created the **Prevention Partnership Award** to recognize members in the community who have worked to help diminish drug and alcohol abuse and misuse. These individuals were selected on behalf of the Delaware County Heroin Task Force, the Delaware County Council, District Attorney Jack Whelan and the Partners for Success Coalition for their outstanding and dedicated work in prevention and education.

The recipients of the 2017 Prevention Partnership Award are the following individuals: David McKeighan, Marie Datillo, Brian Corson, and Dr. Aviva Fohrer and the Thalia Medical Center.

David McKeighan, the Executive Director of the Delaware County Medical Society, has helped to educate physicians and pharmacists on the dangers of opioids and share the medication drop box locations and other Delaware County Task Force initiatives. Through quarterly meetings, David has helped to raise awareness and change policies for safe prescribing and monitoring of prescription medications. David has also helped to lead a recent educational and informative three-day workshop, titled “The SCOPE of Pain” for physicians, dentists and pharmacists to learn how to safely and effectively manage patients with chronic pain.

Brian Corson, a lifelong Delaware County resident, has been successful in his own personal long-term recovery since 2004. Brian has been working in the field of Addiction & Recovery for the past seven years, serving in various roles in treatment centers in Delaware County. Brian is also the founder and Executive Director of MVP RECOVERY, an intense and structured self-help sober living program that promotes and teaches life skills allowing residents the opportunity to move forward as independent and responsible members of society, free from the use of alcohol and drugs. He is also the Executive Director of the Peggie and Paul Shevlin Family Foundation, which raises scholarship funds for treatment and holds programs to celebrate recovery in an effort to break the stigma of addiction.

Marie Datillo has served as a NOPE Family Member volunteer since our chapter formed in 2014. As a speaker, Marie has shared the story of her grandson Eric, who battled with addiction and the lasting effects it has had on her and her family. Through her efforts, Marie has reach over 10,000 middle and high school students, parents and community members. With a passion for learning, Marie has taken it upon herself to increase her education on substance use disorder and appropriate treatment methods so that she can continue to educate other family and community members.

Thalia Medical Center is owned and operated by Dr. Aviva Fohrer who is board certified in addiction medicine and family medicine. Every day, Dr. Fohrer works with individuals recovering from alcohol and substance abuse by creating personalized treatment programs and collaborating with primary physicians to bring the best care possible. Dr. Fohrer is an active member of the Partners for Success Coalition, Delaware County Heroin Task Force Medical Subcommittee and the Neonatal Abstinence Committee. Additionally, Dr. Fohrer has worked to educate members of the community on the benefits and types of medication assisted treatment to improve recovery outcomes.

County Council is pleased to recognize these individuals and to thank them on behalf of the entire county for the work they have done and will continue to do to help us win this war on drug addiction.

Mr. Corson thanked County Council for this recognition. Almost thirteen years ago on the steps of this courthouse is where his recovery journey began. Like a lot of people in recovery, he was introduced to recovery through the Criminal Justice System and that is why he is such a huge propionate of programs like the Delaware County Treatment Court and the New Second Chances Court. This gives people the opportunity to embrace recovery and the criminal justice system, which is an effective tool to direct people on that path that are willing and motivated.

Mr. Corson further said he has a lot of history in this courthouse. He remembers six years later coming back, being clean and sober and wanting to give back to his community. This was in 2010 before a lot of different programs and initiatives were in existence and former Delaware County Sheriff Joe McGinn helped him along this path to share his experience with schools by helping to strengthen hope through addiction and recovery.

Lastly, he thanked Councilman Dave White, Sheriff Joe McGinn and District Attorney Jack Whelan. If he had not been given the opportunity to do the work that he is doing, he wouldn't be here today.

On behalf of the Delaware County Medical Society, Mr. McKeighan thanked Council for this terrific award. It has been a real pleasure working with the folks in the Office of Intercommunity Health, such as Dr. Avetian, Lori Devlin, Holcombe Behavioral Health and D.A. Whelan.

He asked that everyone consider addiction and dependency are diseases, diseases of the brain. Let's treat them the same as we would any other disease.

Once again, Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on the next Agenda Item (Item 16) by announcing April 22nd as Heroin Task Force Community Day.

Part of our work on the Heroin Task Force is prevention and education of drug and alcohol abuse. Our goal is to get out into the community and educate residents, especially young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. For a third year, Mr. White said we are proud to hold our *Community Day*.

Community Day is a day dedicated to celebrating prevention and empowering the community to believe that we can win the war on drug use. It is a free, family oriented day open to all residents with a focus on drug abuse education, prevention and recovery.

Community Day will be held on Saturday, April 22 at Rose Tree Park, in Media, from 11:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M., rain or shine. Residents can enjoy free food, live music, raffles and giveaways, exercise and all kinds of fun activities for all ages. It is aimed to be a fun day for the whole community with a focus on helping protect our community and its residents.

There will be resources for residents on drug abuse prevention and recovery and there will be a mobile prescription drop box set up for residents to dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired prescription medications. By disposing of these unwanted prescription drugs, residents are reducing access for our youth and young adults. We now have a medicine drop box at nearly every police station in the county, as well as one in the lobby of the Government Center and Riddle Hospital. Soon we will have a drug drop box at Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

Mr. White introduced the following individuals who attended today's Council meeting on behalf of Delaware County Community Day: District Attorney Jack Whelan, Heroin Task Force Members – Judge John P. Capuzzi, Sr. (an organizer of Second Chance Court), Executive Director Marianne Grace, Sheriff Mary McFall Hopper (Delaware County Sheriff), Aerielle Waters (Prevention Manager for Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems) and Chelsey Price (Director, Senior Victim Services, Office of the District Attorney) and Medical Examiner Dr. Hellman.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue 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 said today is the date that was advertised for County Council to take public comment on the 2017 Proposed Housing and Community Development Action Plan. This was advertised on March 30, 2017 in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

It would be appropriate at this time for Chairman Civera to call for any public comment on that plan. He does not anticipate Council taking any action until the May 10 meeting.

Chairman Civera opened the floor for public comment on the 2017 Proposed Housing and Community Development Action Plan.

Kate McGeever, Executive Director of the Delaware County Literacy Council, 2217 Providence Avenue, Chester, PA said she is here today to voice support of the Plan that includes a \$100,000.00 grant to repair and replace their roof. Each year they serve over 400 adults in Delaware County who are interested in improving their reading, writing, math and English language skills. Most of that work occurs in their 100+ years old building that is in dire need of a new roof. Therefore, she is hoping that Council supports that plan so they can continue to serve our County residents.

Councilman White said he is always impressed by the work of the Literacy Center for what they do in helping our citizens get their G.E.D.'s and in helping them further their education. He is certainly a proponent of this Plan.

Richard Linderman, on the Board of the Literacy Council and a registered architect, 227 Grandview Road, Media, PA has done surveys of the 2217 Providence Avenue building and budgeting for work that needs to be done. He said it needs more than a new roof but rather a new roof structure on the original section that was built in 1721 with additions added to it over time. The roof structure needs to be torn completely off and then replace it with a new roof. The budget for just the roof portion is around \$100,000.00 and then there are collateral issues, gutters, flashing and things like that which brings the total budget to \$140,000.00. They are asking for a grant from the County in the amount of \$100,000.00 and the additional funds from private contributions.

Lois Snyder, 20 N. Rolling Road, Springfield, PA has been on the Delaware County Literacy Council Board for the last six years and has served on the board's building committee. She is an educator and is speaking in terms of the need for the Literacy Council to not only have this financial support for the roof but to stay in business in Delaware County because it is certainly needed. As a former teacher, counselor, building administrator and also a retired school

superintendent, her entire life has been dedicated to education and literacy, she cannot tell you how surprised you might be to know the number of people in our county who cannot read or write. She believes the Literacy Council serves a very important function in the County. They are hoping County Council will support them in getting the grant for the new roof in order to stay in that building.

There were no further public comments. The public comment period was closed.

Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file eight (8) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file eight (8) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Butler, 208 Laurel Lane, Marple Township, said several months ago when he was in front of Council regarding Marple Township Open Space there was talk about organizing an Open Space Committee. He asked if there was such a committee formed.

Mr. McBlain said a committee had been formed, which has been meeting since the fall of 2016, and Council expects recommendations from them in the near future as to things like the County's participation in funding for Open Space along with municipalities and other public service groups. So, they are actively working on that.

Solicitor Maddren said this is an Advisory Committee and he has not been involved in it.

Mr. Butler mentioned that Saturday would be Earth Day and Council has recognized this day in past years. He believes it is important to continue this because we need to do conservation and reduce energy use.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp extended his congratulations to all the Prevention Partner Award winners who do a tremendous job in the fight against addiction. He wished Bill Dean and Patti Gabrielle Bruno good luck on May 4, the National Day of Prayer. He also thanked the Heroin Task Force who will be putting on such a great event "Community Day" to be held on Saturday, at Rose Tree Park. He especially thanked District Attorney Whelan, Holcombe Behavioral Health and the Heroin Task Force.

Mr. White wished the Literacy Council the best in their future work and in the roofing project. He thanked David McKeighan for all he has done for Delaware County helping to educate physicians and pharmacists on the dangers of opioids and helping to raise awareness and change policies for safe handling of prescription medicines. We are very fortunate to have

District Attorney Whelan and County Sheriff McFall Hopper who cares so much about their community that they give extra time and efforts to fight this evil epidemic.

Mr. McBlain thanked Danielle DiMatteo and Michael Raith for the work they did putting together the grant applications related to our criminal justice system. The grant funds they have used, not only for the operation but the new programs, have made our criminal justice system more efficient which ultimately betters people's lives and betters our bottom line. Thanks to the honorees who came in to the meeting. He looks forward to the National Day of Prayer. Congratulations to Brian Corson, who has such clarity when he speaks about his mission. He has become a leader in this courtroom and in this county in the field of addiction and recovery.

Mrs. Morrone extended her thanks to David McKeighan and Brian Corson for their recognition; it is well deserved. Many congratulations to the Heroin Task Force for the work they do and best wishes to Bill Dean and Patti Gabrielle Bruno on the upcoming National Day of Prayer. She thanked Kate McGeever for bringing forward her request for the Community Development Block Grant funds. Council received numerous email requests from the community and the Literacy Council Board in support of these funds.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming today. Council is always grateful for all the individuals that come in and who they can recognize for the hard work they do.

After this meeting, County Council will travel to Drexelbrook to present the "State of the County Address" in front of Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

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

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