

**PRESENT:** John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman McBlain called the regular meeting of February 21, 2018 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Alexis Smalls, of Upper Darby High School. Maureen Dillon, of the Office of Information Technology, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain said it was suggested that we skip to Agenda Item 14, a Resolution declaring February as National Career & Technical Education Month, since there is quite a number of school students here and they will need to go back to school. He called on Mr. Culp to speak on this item.

Mr. Culp said here in Delaware County we are privileged to have excellent technical education programs which train and guide students. Training our students gives them the knowledge and experience they need to obtain and keep quality jobs after they graduate high school.

Some of the fields in which they train include carpentry, electrical technology, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), culinary arts, cosmetology, dental technology, automotive technology, health occupations and commercial arts.

Guided by industry professionals, Delaware County Technical Schools and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit provide a quality education and prepare students by providing innovative, meaningful technical training, a foundation for life-long learning and marketable credentials for high-wage, high-demand careers which benefit students as well as the county's entire workforce and economy.

Delaware County Technical High Schools have two main locations – Aston and Folcroft, and they also hold programs at the Delaware County Emergency Training Center, the Marple Education Center and four partnering hospitals.

Mr. Culp welcomed Karen Pflugh, Administrative Director of the Intermediate Unit, who said a few words about the technical education programs in the county and who introduced the teachers and students who are here today.

Ms. Pflugh said they prepare the students for future careers. Some students choose to enter the workforce straight out of high school while others enter the military or go onto post-secondary education.

Ms. Pflugh introduced Ronald Contrady of the Aston/Marple Campuses and Ryan Coughlin, Principal of Folcroft Campus. The following students attended today's Council meeting: Alexis Smalls, Liam Valinote, Joseph Caponigro, Zachary Moufti, Winona Campo, Olivia DiAngelus, Jerome Fletcher, Christopher Rhoads, Richard Petikowski, Jon Fritz, Justin Kuc, Hunter Fanjoy, Christopher Robinson, Simon Sonsini, Dominique Lee-Alston, Layla Allen, Sarah Allen, Anthony Largo, Devin Davis, Joe Szwajkowski, Larry Coaxum, Demetrius Starling, Madison Oxenberg, Reina DiCamillo, Tara McGinn, Kyra Wilson and Taylor Johnson.

Chairman McBlain said Agenda Item 12 is a request for a reappointment to the Delaware County Authority. After yesterday's Agenda Meeting, there was a request that a representative or officer from the Authority might be able to come in today to provide information or answer questions. Adam Matlawski, Solicitor to the Delaware County Authority, is present. Although Chairman McBlain was informed that Mr. Matlawski had another commitment, he rearranged his schedule to be here. Therefore, Item 12 will be presented earlier than it appears on the agenda today.

Mrs. Morrone made a motion to approve Agenda Item 12 to reappoint Thomas P. Wagner, Esq., of Upper Darby Township, to the Delaware County Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2023, seconded by Mr. Culp.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to table this vote seconded by Mr. Zidek. Chairman McBlain stated this motion takes precedence over the pending motion. Motion to table was not carried with the following votes registered: 2 Yay votes and 3 Nay votes. Agenda Item 12 was approved with 3 Yay votes and 2 Nay votes.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 5 to purchase two (2) 2018 Dodge Caravans for Children & Youth Services from David Dodge Chrysler Jeep, in Glen Mills, on COSTARS Contract No. 026-095, for a price not to exceed \$45,158.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase and install outside cameras and door strikes/releases at all 22 Magisterial District Court locations as well as alarm/panic buttons at the Magisterial District Administrative Office from Rendin Alarm Company at a cost of \$107,045.00 with reimbursement from the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the 2018 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Allocations to municipalities in the amount as shown on the attached list pending receipt of application and PennDOT's approval of the project eligibility. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain said we have been able to manage our Bridge Projects over the years with some efficiency, in terms of our Liquid Fuel Funds. Several years ago, Delaware County did a program, after a particularly difficult winter, where we allocated an additional amount of money over and above these Liquid Fuels Allocations to our municipalities to help with pothole repairs. He thinks everybody's observation is that we are in that same type of winter where it has been very difficult because of the high and low temperatures, snow and salt along with Aqua Water work on many roadways causing a higher number of potholes. So, it was suggested to Mr. Bierling, Director of Public Works, to investigate the possibility of identifying additional Liquid Fuel Funds that we could allocate to municipalities to assist them with the repair of potholes on local municipal roads.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit the 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application to PEMA. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of a contract with PathwaysPA for the Office of Workforce Development.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreement, Contracts and Amendment with the Office of Workforce Development as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain said Item 10 is the consideration of appointments of members to the Board of Elections for a two (2) year term ending January 2020.

Mr. Zidek made a motion to nominate Gerald Lawrence and Elaine Schaefer to serve on the Board of Elections, seconded by Mr. Madden.

Mr. Culp made a motion to nominate Joe Possenti and Gerald Lawrence to serve on the Board of Elections, seconded by Mrs. Morrone.

In addition, Mr. Madden wished to nominate Trisha Hall to serve on the Board of Elections.

Council engaged in extensive discussion.

Chairman McBlain asked County Clerk Coogan to take a roll-call vote on this item (Agenda Item 10).

County Clerk Coogan took a roll-call vote with the following votes being registered: Mr. Zidek – Elaine Schaefer and Gerald Lawrence; Mr. Madden – Elaine Schaefer and Gerald Lawrence; Mr. Culp – Gerald Lawrence and Joe Possenti; Mrs. Morrone – Joe Possenti, declined a second vote; and Chairman McBlain – Gerald Lawrence and Joe Possenti. The votes were 4 for Gerald Lawrence and 3 votes for Joe Possenti.

Chairman McBlain said Council will move for the consideration of the minority member of the Board of Elections. As per the Home Rule Charter, they have received the names of 3 individuals from which they are obligated to choose one – Carmen Belefonte, Jim Flandreau and Carol Miller. He asked for a motion to appoint any of those individuals to the Board of Elections.

Motion made by Mr. Culp to appoint Carmen Belefonte to the Board of Elections, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and was carried with the following votes registered: 4 Yay votes and 1 Nay vote registered by Mr. Madden.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire January 2022:

Thomas J. Judge  
Kathy A. Bogosian

Darby Township  
Radnor Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to table this vote for two (2) weeks seconded by Mr. Zidek. Chairman McBlain stated this motion takes precedence. Motion to table was not carried with the following votes registered: 2 Yay votes and 3 Nay votes.

Chairman McBlain said we are back to the main motion for approval of Agenda Item 11 to reappoint Thomas J. Judge and Kathy A. Bogosian to the Delaware County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire January 2022. The following votes were registered: 3 Yay votes and 2 Nay votes (Zidek and Madden). The motion was carried 3-2.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 13 to reappoint Francis J. Bernhardt, of Nether Providence Township, to the Delaware County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2023, seconded by Mr. Culp.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to table this vote for two (2) weeks, seconded by Mr. Zidek. Chairman McBlain stated this motion takes precedence. Motion to table was not carried with the following votes registered: 2 Yay votes and 3 Nay votes.

Chairman McBlain said we are back to the main motion for approval of Agenda Item 13 to reappoint Francis J. Bernhardt to the Delaware County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2023 with the following votes registered: 3 Yay votes and 2 Nay votes registered by Mr. Madden and Mr. Zidek. The motion was carried 3-2.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file three (3) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file three (3) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Olivia Smith, 930 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Chester, requested a list of all County Boards and made some statements regarding the Alfred O. Deshong Mansion (Avenue of the States, Chester City), and it's current condition. She made a request that it be turned over to the City of Chester.

Fred Leshner, 118 Main Street and Tony Berry, 11 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Colwyn, asked County Clerk Coogan to distribute a letter they had prepared to all Council members.

Owen Powell, 213 Bortondale Road, Middletown, made a few comments about the opioid epidemic and a family education program called PRO-ACT, an advocacy and recovery support program.

Carl Balis, 100 E. Glenolden Avenue, Apt. E-20, Glenolden, made some general comments about the Election Board.

Margaret "Peggy" Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue, Drexel Hill, spoke on the issue of appointing and reappointing members to the County Boards and Authorities.

Rosemary Fuller, 226 Valley Road, Media, commented on the Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project and how Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitutions relates to the issues of this project.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Zidek said he was disappointed in the clearly partisan attempt to frustrate the will of the voters in Delaware County and to disregard the plain language of Section 421 of the Home Rule Charter. We've learned quite a bit about Civics over the past sixteen months and we've learned a little more about Civics at today's meeting. As he suspects, we may not have heard the end of this issue. Our country, our state and our county depends upon the adherence to the rule of law. Today's vote regarding the Board of Elections was nothing less than an

attack on the rule of law and everyone in Delaware County, Republican and Democrat, should be alarmed.

Chairman McBlain said, obviously, there is some disagreement in regards to the interpretation of the Charter, but the plain language of the Charter is what it is. What we saw today was an attempt to change that, interpret it as a spirit that doesn't exist and subvert the authority of the County Council in that we would have to be required to follow the directives of a political party chairman and that he disagrees with. He thinks all those comments today that everyone is equally as frustrated with the state of our State, state of elections and the best we can ask for is to put people into positions who will be fair, not partisan people that are there at the direction of the chairman.

Mr. Madden asked to be recognized. He said Chairman McBlain has said several times that what is being discussed here is for the chairman of the Democratic Party to be the person who appoints people to the Board of Elections and that is such a change on what Mr. Zidek and he have asserted on a number of times today. So, he wants to clear the record. What we (Madden and Zidek) are saying is that we, as members of County Council, are tasked with appointing people to the Board of Elections, not the chairman of the Democratic Party. But we are tasked with appointing people who are representative of the party as laid out within the Charter. The only person who he thinks can speak with authority, given the fact that they have been democratically elected to do so, is the chairman of the Democratic Party or the chairman of the Republican Party. And so, again to be very clear, we are not stating that any person on County Council has to be forced to appoint the person who the chairman of one party or another tells them they have to, but that we need to appoint people who meet the criteria of the Home Rule Charter, which is that they are representative of the party as stated in the Home Rule Charter. And so, the criteria of the chairman stating this person does or does not represent the Democratic or Republican Party is what's been said. I think going beyond that would be repetitive of what he has said, but if you are going to continue to distort what we said on the record today, he wants to make that very clear.

Seeing no further County business, Chairman McBlain asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan

2018 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND ALLOCATIONS

ALDAN BOROUGH	5,468.00
ASTON TOWNSHIP	18,833.00
BETHEL TOWNSHIP	2,700.00
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH	8,910.00
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP	2,700.00
CHESTER CITY	54,135.00
CHESTER TOWNSHIP	5,063.00
CHESTER HEIGHTS BOROUGH	743.00
CLIFTON HEIGHTS BOROUGH	7,493.00
COLLINGDALE BOROUGH	9,585.00
COLWYN BOROUGH	2,882.00
CONCORD TOWNSHIP	10,058.00
DARBY BOROUGH	10,935.00
DARBY TOWNSHIP	11,948.00
EAST LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	2,970.00
EDDYSTONE BOROUGH	2,903.00
EDGMONT TOWNSHIP	2,768.00
FOLCROFT BOROUGH	8,100.00
GLENOLDEN BOROUGH	8,708.00
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP	66,960.00
LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	13,973.00
LOWER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP	3,375.00
MARCUS HOOK BOROUGH	3,105.00
MARPLE TOWNSHIP	34,628.00
MEDIA BOROUGH	7,695.00
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP	20,385.00
MILLBOURNE BOROUGH	608.00
MORTON BOROUGH	3,375.00
NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP	18,968.00
NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP	17,955.00
NORWOOD BOROUGH	7,628.00
PARKSIDE BOROUGH	2,430.00
PROSPECT PARK BOROUGH	7,560.00
RADNOR BOROUGH	36,720.00
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP	41,243.00
RIDLEY PARK BOROUGH	9,518.00
ROSE VALLEY BOROUGH	1,553.00
RUTLEDGE BOROUGH	1,485.00
SHARON HILL BOROUGH	6,750.00
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP	34,898.00
SWARTHMORE BOROUGH	7,965.00

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THORNBURY TOWNSHIP	5,198.00
TINICUM TOWNSHIP	7,223.00
TRAINER BOROUGH	2,565.00
UPLAND BOROUGH	4,050.00
UPPER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP	12,960.00
UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP	89,168.00
UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP	14,243.00
YEADON BOROUGH	12,353.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$673,439.00</u>



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**DELAWARE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS  
& AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTS**

Contract Number	Name of Provider	Type of Service	Term of Contract/Agreement	Proposed Contract/Agreement Amount
SEPHA.IP.2018	PathwaysPA	SEPHA GRANT Southeastern PA Healthcare Alliance Industry Partnership Grant	March 1, 2018- June 30, 2018	\$25,000.00