

**PRESENT:** Brian P. Zidek, Chair; Dr. Monica Taylor, Vice Chair; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Council Member; Christine A. Reuther, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Howard Lazarus, Executive Director; William F. Martin, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on August 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom and was livestreamed. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Zidek stated that County Council has been in executive session only one time to discuss litigation and real estate on August 5, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2020 seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Schaefer of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-6 adding Section 6-43A to the Administrative Code to provide for a Chief Financial Officer for the County, seconded by Ms. Reuther.

Solicitor Martin read the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-6 adding Section 6-43A to the Administrative Code to provide for a Chief Financial Officer for the County.

Chairman Zidek stated it would be appropriate to take public comment at this time. There was no public comment regarding this Ordinance.

A roll-call vote was taken by County Clerk Coogan with the following votes registered: Reuther-Yay, Schaefer – Yay, Madden – Yay, Taylor- Yay and Zidek – Yay. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Approve the 2020-2025 Pennsylvania Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement which is entered into by and between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Domestic Relations Section (DRS) of the Court of Common Peas and County Council. The Purpose of this agreement is to administer and optimize the effectiveness and performance of the Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement as required by 45 CFR 305.33. The Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement requires the DRS to have intergovernmental agreements with any county agency providing services, for which federal reimbursement will be sought. The agreements with the county agencies must be renewed at the time the Cooperative Agreement is approved. Therefore, the DRS is requesting approval of intergovernmental contracts with the Office of Support Representation, Court House Police and Sheriff's Office. Subject to the Solicitor's office. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development as per the attached list. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to acquire various Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE"), in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). This is part of an effort to begin to stockpile PPE in anticipation of reopening and increased need to various County departments. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Reimbursement between PECO Energy Company and Delaware County for \$156,011.00, specifically installation of natural gas for use by utility during construction of County Bridge #9 Mount Alverno. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion is seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Advertise for Contract for the operation and maintenance service of the waste water treatment center at George W. Hill Correctional Facility for a period of three (3) years (with 2 one-year options). This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase radio telephone tie line equipment as described from TC Communications for an amount not to exceed \$86,580.00. Equipment is part of the migration of Emergency Communication Network traffic from copper phone lines to T1 lines. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Service Agreement with Metropolitan Communications Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$27,051.00 for project management, engineering, and installation of radio tie lines "RTNA" circuits for the County Emergency Radio Communication network. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of the Assumption of Responsibility and Agreement between the County of Delaware and Chester Township to store, maintain and operate a 2011 Ford F-250 Homeland Security response vehicle as per conditions of the agreement. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of the Assumption of Responsibility and Agreement between the County of Delaware and the City of Chester to store, maintain and operate the 2012 Ford F-750 Box Truck, 2016 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck, and 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe Homeland Security response vehicles are per conditions of the agreement. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Service Agreement between the County of Delaware and APCO IntelliComm Guidecard Software to provide training and standardization of 911 Telecommunicator protocols and procedures as at cost of \$323,000.00. (Funding: PEMA 2019 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant). Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion is seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve a Lease Agreement for 16,140 rentable square feet at The Wharf, 2501 Seaport Ave, Chester, PA, for use for the County Election function, including Voter Registration and the Bureau of Election. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Professional Service Agreement between the County of Delaware and Christina Perrone in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to provide project management and coordinate services for the relocation of the County's Election Bureau and Voter Registration Departments as related entities to the Wharf at Rivertown in Chester. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of a Professional Service Agreement with Spiegle Architectural Group Inc. for an estimated amount not to exceed \$58,320.00 to provide architecture, interiors and furniture selection services for the relocation of the County's Election Bureau, Voter Registration Departments and related entities to the Wharf at Rivertown in Chester. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase additional Hart Verity Build stations, 1 additional workstation and 3 additional clients for a total cost of \$114,565.00, including licensing and support fees. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to expand the services provided by Michigan Election Resources (MER) from printing our precinct Election Day ballots to also include complete ballot fulfillment of our Mail in ballot requests. This service will include securing specified ballot paper, per Hart standards and ballot mailing envelopes (set of 3) to complete the estimated 175,000 ballot request. MER will print the ballots to match the voter request for each file and insert the ballot with the matching envelope set. MER will also sort the mailing per USPS requirements and transport for the total cost of \$115,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of funds for the cost of mailing out ballots requested by voters as well as for the return postage cost. The postage will be secured via a postal service permit which will allow the County to be charged only for those voted ballots that are returned through the US Postal service. The estimated cost of this item, based on a count of approximately 175,000 ballots, is \$160,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase the BlueCrest Relia-Vote Mail Stream Inserter & Vantage Sorter. The Inserter option will allow automation of the ballot fulfillment, sending out ballot to voter. The Sorter option of the Blue Crest system will allow automation of the returned voted ballots and will allow the BOE on one piece of equipment the ability to time stamp the envelope, create a file to give voter credit for voting and sort the ballot envelopes into precinct order for a total cost of \$1,122,837.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to acquire 50 drop boxes from American Security Cabinets in the amount of \$152,562.50. Discussion followed. There was public comment for this item as follows:

Christina Iacono, 31 Oakland Road, Chadds Fords, spoke in favor of drop boxes and also asked Council to consider spending the money where necessary to ensure election integrity, security and safety.

The following resident comments in favor of placing drop boxes in the community: Susan Palmer, 402 North Olive Street, Media, PA 19063; Jacqueline Jrolf, Milmont Park, PA; Ina Shea, 319 Madison Rd., Springfield, PA 19064; David Director, 309 N. Monroe Street, Media, Stephanie Albero, 17 Morris Drive, Glen Mills, PA; Andrea Hunt, 126 E 6th St., Media, PA 19063; Alan Collins, 256 Frederick Rd., Havertown, PA 19083; Roxanne Ryan, 829 Drexel Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026; Christal Mockenhaupt, 204 Hidden Acres Lane, Media, PA 19063; Elena Knickman, 2827 Haverford Road, Ardmore, PA 19003; Jeanne Wordley, 402 West Third Street, Media, PA; Monica Cahill, 2927 Rising Sun Road, Ardmore, PA and Susan Duncan, 317 Valley View Road, Media, PA 19063.

Peggy Bradin Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA: made a comment stating drop boxes should only be placed where they can be monitored in person.

After further discussion, the motion to acquire 50 drop boxes from American Security Cabinets in the amount of \$152,562.50 was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Marianne Jackson to serve as the Interim Director of Elections for a total not to exceed \$20,000.00 per month inclusive of all direct and indirect costs. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. Discussion followed. A resident, Thomas McCallim, 619 Hardy Ann Road, Boothwyn, PA sent a comment regarding this Professional Service Agreement and his displeasure of the cost of this agreement. Joanne Phillips, Controller, also made comments regarding this Professional Services Agreement.

After further discussion, the motion approving the Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Marianne Jackson to serve as the Interim Director of Elections for a total not to exceed \$20,000.00 per month inclusive of all direct and indirect costs, was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to Advertise for Request for Proposals from qualified firms/ organizations to provide professional guidance to the County on current and long term open space and trail development, policy and initiatives. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2019 and 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for thirteen (13) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Central Tax Collection Department's request for eleven (11) Court Ordered refunds for the years 2019 and 2020 for properties in the Boroughs of Sharon Hill and Trainer and the Townships of Chester, Lower Chichester, Newtown, Middletown and Nether Providence in the total amount due of \$3,298.83, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Martin asked for Council's authorization to file eight (8) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther approving to file eight (8) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin also spoke regarding the Disaster Emergency declared on August 4, 2020 by Council Chair Brian Zidek. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to continue the Disaster Emergency declared for the County by the Chair on August 4, 2020 until September 2, 2020, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jane Dunbar, 232 Garfield Avenue, Norwood PA: made a comment regarding COVID 19, social distancing and the community not wearing masks.

James Holm, 1533 Foster Avenue, Sharon Hill made a comment about the new voting machines.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Reuther spoke regarding Election related matters, stating the County is hiring paid election staff and asked anyone interest in applying, please look for direction on the County's website.

Ms. Schaefer spoke regarding the Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard. Ms. Schaefer also ask our residents to support our Early Learning Providers and Day Care Centers who are essential workers.

Mr. Madden spoke regarding the Black Lives Matter group organized a gathering that was held in Ridley Township. It was organized to raise awareness about racial injustice in Delaware County. There was a significant amount of counter protestors gathered one of which displayed a Confederate Flag. When such acts of racial intimidation occur, it is encumbered by all of us to denounce this. Systemic racism and bias has not ended in our country. We need to have these uncomfortable conversations. Hate Speech, Racial intimidation and a flag that has been a symbol of white supremacy has no place in our community and we have a right to denounce it. I hope we can stand together and be our better selves.

Dr. Taylor spoke regarding Covid testing being canceled this week because of the weather but will be rescheduled. Dr. Taylor also stated Delaware County will be offering drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing for residents on August 11, 12 and 13 at the Lansdowne Fire Company. Dr. Taylor also stated Council is sponsoring *Delco Gives Back*, an event for the community to give back to their neighbors in need. Residents are invited to drop off donations including non-perishable food, baby items, pet items cleaning items, and masks on August 11 from 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m at the Penn State Brandywine Campus located at 25 Yearsley Mill Road (Route 352) in Media.

Mr. Zidek spoke regarding the elections. Council is trying to give the best experience for Delaware County Residents. We are trying to create an experience that is safe, secure and enables every citizen the ability to vote in this election.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, Motion made by Ms. Reuther to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk