

**PRESENT:** Brain 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 April 21, 2021 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 Council has been in executive session today to discuss litigation.

### **3) Public Comment**

Peggy Braden Wilson left a comment regarding the Covid 19 Vaccination site in Yeadon and thanked members of the Yeadon staff for their professionalism.

### **4) COVID Vaccination Update**

Rosemarie Halt and Dr. O'Mahoney gave an update regarding Covid-19.

### **5) Announcement(s)**

#### **5.A Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update**

Bill Martin & Jeremy Newburg gave an update regarding the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

#### **5.B Report from County Council's Ethics Committee**

Chairman Zidek and Councilwoman Schaefer gave an update on the Ethics Committee findings. There will be a first reading of a new Ordinance to make changes to the County's Ethics Committee hopefully at the first Council Meeting in May. Chairman Zidek and Councilwoman Schaefer wanted the residents to know that Ethics Reform remains a priority for this Council.

### **6) Resolution(s)**

#### **6.A Resolution Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Resolution Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

### **7) Approval of Minutes**

#### **7.A Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2021.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve the Minutes the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

## 8) Agreements / Contracts / Amendments

8.A Request by the District Attorney to enter into such transactions with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) as shall be necessary to transfer grants funding from the Office of Senior Victim Services from the County to the non-profit organization Delaware County Women Against Rape (to be renamed Delaware County Victim Assistance Center), and to transfer reporting obligations for grant funding from Court Financial Services from the Office of the District Attorney to Court Financial Services or Juvenile Court & Probation Services, as determined by PCCD. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to enter into such transactions with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) as shall be necessary to transfer grants funding from the Office of Senior Victim Services from the County to the non-profit organization Delaware County Women Against Rape (to be renamed Delaware County Victim Assistance Center), and to transfer reporting obligations for grant funding from Court Financial Services from the Office of the District Attorney to Court Financial Services or Juvenile Court & Probation Services, as determined by PCCD. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Christine A. Reuther and carried unanimously.

8.B Approval of a time extension for the Anti Violence Strike Force Grant from PA DCED to support school safety to a new term ending June 30, 2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve a time extension for the Anti Violence Strike Force Grant from PA DCED to support school safety to a new term ending June 30, 2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

8.C Approval to Award Contract No. CP-031021 to Hughes Relocation Services Inc. in the amount of \$89,440.00 for delivery and pick up of voting machines and PPE kits for the year 2021 for the Primary and General Elections. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Award Contract No. CP-031021 to Hughes Relocation Services Inc. in the amount of \$89,440.00 for delivery and pick up of voting machines and PPE kits for the 2021 Primary and General Elections. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

8.D Approval to forward Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 Funding to childcare programs as determined by the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to forward Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 Funding to childcare programs as determined by the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

8.E Approval to submit with Southeast regional counties to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for available funding.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to submit with Southeast regional counties to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for available funding. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

**8.F Approval to submit Grant to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for available funding.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to submit Grant to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for available funding. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

**8.G Approval to solicit Request for Proposals for a Forensic Structured Long Term Residence provider for the Department of Human Services.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to solicit Request for Proposals for a Forensic Structured Long Term Residence provider for the Department of Human Services. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.H Approval to submit an application to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Community Mental Health Block Grant funds set aside for First Episode Psychosis programs. Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to submit an application to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Community Mental Health Block Grant funds set aside for First Episode Psychosis programs. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.I Approval of a contract with the Montgomery County Youth Center, 540 Port Indian Road, Eagleville, PA 19403. Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Contract with Montgomery County Youth Center, 540 Port Indian Road, Eagleville, PA 19403. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.J Request for approval to submit application for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & Intermediate Punishment Grant. This grant term is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to submit application for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & Intermediate Punishment Grant. This grant term is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.K Approval to Advertise for bids to Sanitize County Buildings.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to advertise for bids to sanitize County buildings. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.L Approval of Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for a three (3) year period for financial auditing of the Magisterial District Courts for the years 2019 and 2020 (combined), 2021 and 2022, comprising 40 audits to be done on a rotating basis for a maximum fee of \$155,945, (\$76,240 in year 1, \$39,265 year 2 and \$40,440 in year 3). Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for a three (3) year period for financial auditing of the Magisterial District Courts for the years 2019 and 2020 (combined), 2021 and 2022, comprising 40 audits to be done on a rotating basis for a maximum fee of \$155,945, (\$76,240 in year 1, \$39,265 year 2 and \$40,440 in year 3). Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

**8.M Approval to Advertise for Requests for Qualifications/Proposals for medical, food service, maintenance, commissary services, and information systems support at the George W. Hill Correctional facility and to provide a comparison of costs, scopes of services, and quality of care to Council to support Council's consideration of actions to de-scope the existing contract with the current service provider.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Advertise for Requests for Qualifications/Proposals for medical, food service, maintenance, commissary services, and information systems support at the George W. Hill Correctional facility and to provide a comparison of costs, scopes of services, and quality of care to Council to support Council's consideration of actions to de-scope the existing contract with the current service provider. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.N Approval to Advertise for Requests for Qualifications/Proposals to i) provide recruiting and human resources support for staffing the Delaware County Health Department, and ii) provide human resource support to the County, in the event Council approves the de-privatization of the George W. Hill Correctional Facility. Vendors shall be invited to submit proposals for either segment of the work, or may provide a unified proposal for both segments of the work.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to advertise or Requests for Qualifications/Proposals to i) provide recruiting and human resources support for staffing the Delaware County Health Department, and ii) provide human resource support to the County, in the event Council approves the de-privatization of the George W. Hill Correctional Facility. Vendors shall be invited to submit proposals for either segment of the work, or may provide a unified proposal for both segments of the work. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

**8.O Approval of recommendation of Marsh McLennan as Property and Casualty, General Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Broker pending negotiation of new contract at a cost of \$285,000.00 annually for a two (2) year period effective July 1, 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Christine A Reuther to approve the recommendation of Marsh McLennan as Property and Casualty, General Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Broker pending negotiation of new contract at a cost of \$285,000.00 annually for a two (2) year period effective July 1, 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. Zidek.

**8.P Approval to authorize any Council Member and/or the County Executive Director to execute and submit any certifications, agreements or other documents required for the County to receive funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to authorize any Council Member and/or the County Executive Director to execute and submit any certifications, agreements or other documents required for the County to receive funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

## **9) Miscellaneous**

**9.A Accept Public Comment on the Proposed FY 2021 Housing & Community Development Plan.** The proposed Plan was advertised March 25, 2021 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Comments will be accepted through April 26, 2021.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Accept Public Comment on the Proposed FY 2021 Housing & Community Development Plan. The proposed Plan was advertised March 25, 2021 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Comments will be accepted through April 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

Council took public comment of the Proposed FY2021 Housing & Community Development Plan. There was one Public Comment from Tu Packard, Media, PA asking about expanding affordable Housing and preserving open space.

## **10) Approval of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2020-2021 County Real Estate Taxes for thirteen (13) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2020-2021 County Real Estate Taxes for thirteen (13) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

## **11) Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

## **12) Communications from the Executive Director**

Mr. Lazarus gave a quick update to Council with regard to issues that have arisen in the County.

## **13) Solicitor**

Motion made by Kevin M Madden to approve to file four (4) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphan's Court, seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

## **14) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**15) Council Remarks**

Ms. Reuther spoke about the upcoming Primary Election and let residents know they can vote by mail, absentee or in person. She encourages all residents to vote.

Ms. Schaefer spoke regarding Earth Day. The County will be planting trees in Catania Park on Saturday.

Mr. Madden let residents know that on April 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. County Council will give a State of The County Presentation and it will be streamed live and on the County's website.

**16) Adjourn**

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Kevin M Madden to Adjourn, seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk