

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 May 19, 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 personnel matters and litigation.

3) Public Comment

Colleen McNichol, Child Guidance Resources Centers, 2000 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA made a comment regarding Item 9K - Community Care Behavioral Health Choices Program.

Jim Leonard of Magellan Behavioral Healthcare also made a comment regarding Item 9K - Community Care Behavioral Health Choices Program.

Pamela Martin, OMNI Health Services 160 Bethlehem Pike, Colmar, PA left a made a comment regarding Item 9K - Community Care Behavioral Health Choices Program.

4) COVID Vaccination Update

Dr. O'Mahoney gave an update on the COVID-19 Vaccination Progress.

5) Resolution(s)

5.A Resolution recognizing May 16 - May 21 as National EMS Week.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Resolution recognizing May 16 - May 21 as National EMS Week. The motion was seconded by Brian P. Zidek and carried unanimously.

5.B Resolution recognizing May 31 as World No Tobacco Day.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Resolution recognizing May 31 as World No Tobacco Day. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

6) Approval of Minutes

6.A Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2021.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

7) Ordinance(s)

7.A First Reading of Ordinance 2021-4 amending the County Code to Add Chapter 87 to Provide for a Board of Managers of Juvenile Detention.

Chairman Zidek called on Mr. Martin to present Ordinance 2021-4. Mr. Martin read a summary of Ordinance 2021-4 amending the County Code to Add Chapter 87 to Provide for a Board of Managers of Juvenile Detention.

7.B Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2021-2 amending Section 6-12 of the Administrative Code to include that County Council Members are prohibited from knowingly deriving a financial interest from County contracts and adding certain other conflict of interest provisions.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2021-2 amending Section 6-12 of the Administrative Code to include that County Council Members are prohibited from knowingly deriving a financial interest from County contracts and adding certain other conflict of interest provisions. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer.

Chairman Zidek called on Mr. Martin to present Ordinance 2021-2. Mr. Martin read a summary of Ordinance 2021-2 amending Section 6-12 of the Administrative Code to include that County Council Members are prohibited from knowingly deriving a financial interest from County contracts and adding certain other conflict of interest provisions.

Solicitor Martin stated is appropriate for the Chairman to receive any public comment. There was no public comment. Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken by County Clerk Coogan with 5 Yays and 0 Nays being registered. Ordinance 2021-3 passed unanimously.

7.C Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2021-3 authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of the County's General Obligation Notes, 2021 Series through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority in aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 and awarding a related Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement. Such debt will finance a Regional Streetlight Procurement Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the City of Chester, the Borough of Eddystone and Trainer Borough.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 2021-3 authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of the County's General Obligation Notes, 2021 Series through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority in aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 and awarding a related Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement. Such debt will finance a Regional Streetlight Procurement Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the City of Chester, the Borough of Eddystone and Trainer Borough. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden.

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Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the City of Chester, the Borough of Eddystone and the Borough of Trainer.

Solicitor Martin stated is appropriate for the Chairman to receive any public comment. There was no public comment. Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken by County Clerk Coogan with 5 Yays and 0 Nays being registered. Ordinance 2021-3 passed unanimously.

8) Purchases/Bids

8.A Approval to purchase (1) one 2021 Ford Expedition at a cost of \$55,572.84 from Pacifico Marple Ford COSTARS# 026-097.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to purchase one 2021 Ford Expedition at a cost of \$55,572.84 from Pacifico Marple Ford Costars #026-097. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9) Agreements / Contracts / Amendments

9.A Approval to Renew the Prosecutor Management System (PMS) in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the year 2021.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to renew the Prosecutor Management System (PMS) in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the year 2021. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

9.B Approval to Adopt Delaware County's 2021 Annual Action Plan. Program funding includes the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Home Investments Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant and Affordable Housing Fund Programs.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Adopt Delaware County's 2021 Annual Action Plan. Program funding includes the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Home Investments Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant and Affordable Housing Fund Programs. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.C Approval to Amend the term of the commitment for the Makemie Court Project from 30 years to 40 years. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to amend the term of the commitment for the Makemie Court Project from 30 years to 40 years. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.D Approval to Accept Funds for Grant-in-Aid provided by the State through PCCD to Delaware County. This award is in the amount of \$671,039.00. The term of this grant is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to accept funds for Grant-in-Aid provided by the State through PCCD to Delaware County. This award is in the amount of \$671,039.00 for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

9.E Approval of Early Learning Resource Center Regulated Provider Agreements.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to approve Early Learning Resource Center Regulation Provider Agreements. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

9.F Approval to Amend Contract ELRC 361/18 between the County of Delaware, Early Learning Resource Center and Guiding Hands Learning Center LLC.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Amend Contract ELRC 361/18 between the County of Delaware, Early Learning Resource Center and Guiding Hands Learning Center LLC. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.G Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals for Certified Recovery Specialist services for the Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Services.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to solicit Request for Proposals for Certified Recovery Specialist services for the Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Services. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.H Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals for an Intensive Family Coaching Services provider for the Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Services.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to solicit Request for Proposals for an Intensive Family Coaching Services provider for the Department of Human Services, Children and Youth Services. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.I Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals for Homeless Integrated Healthcare provider for the Department of Human Services.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to solicit Request for Proposals for Homeless Integrated Healthcare provider for the Department of Human Services. The motion was seconded by Brian P. Zidek and carried unanimously.

9.J Approval to Apply for Plans of Safe Care (POSC) Support Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to apply for Plans of Safe Care (POSC) Support Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

9.K Approval of Community Care Behavioral Health as the County's contractor for the HealthChoices program and the entry into an appropriate contract with Community Care Behavioral Health for the HealthChoices Program. Subject to the Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Community Care Behavioral Health as the County's contractor for the HealthChoices program and the entry into an appropriate contract with Community Care Behavioral Health for the HealthChoices Program. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

9.L Approval to submit and accept a PA DEP Grant for Delaware County's Recycling Coordinator's salary, benefits and expenses for 2020 in the amount of \$77,687.26. Grant is being reimbursed at a rate of 50%.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to submit and accept a PA DEP Grant for Delaware County's Recycling Coordinator's salary, benefits and expenses for 2020 in the amount of \$77,687.26. Grant is being reimbursed at a rate of 50%. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

9.M Approval of Contract with Thomas P. Miller & Associates in the amount of \$50,566.88 to conduct study of the impact of COVID-19 on disconnected youth in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Region. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve a Contract with Thomas P. Miller & Associates in the amount of \$50,566.88 to conduct a study of the impact of COVID-19 on disconnected youth in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Region. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.N Approval to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health and the Delaware County Intercommunity Health Coordination in the amount of \$40,000.00 effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health and the Delaware County Intercommunity Health Coordination in the amount of \$40,000.00 effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.O Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Aquila Strategy and Operations Group, LLC in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the 2021-2022 Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Base Program and COVID Response Support. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Professional Service Agreement with Aquila Strategy and Operations Group, LLC in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the 2021-2022 Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Base Program and COVID Response Support. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

9.P Approval of 2020-2021 Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Base Program Amendment/Contract Modification for Aquila Strategy and Operations Group, LLC. for an amount of \$24,000.00 for the period of 4/1/21-6/30/21. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of 2020-2021 Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Base Program Amendment/Contract Modification for Aquila Strategy and Operations Group, LLC. for an amount of \$24,000.00 for the period of 4/1/21-6/30/21. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

9.Q Approval of Professional Service Agreements between the County of Delaware and Dr. Khalil Wardak and Dr. Gary Collins to complete external examinations and autopsies on an on-call basis in accordance with the fee schedules and requirements provided in the

agreements. Each agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Professional Service Agreements between the County of Delaware and Dr. Khalil Wardak and Dr. Gary Collins to complete external examinations and autopsies on an on-call basis in accordance with the fee schedules and requirements provided in the agreements. Each agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.R Approval of Second Extension to the Agreement with Capitol Strategies Group, LLC for Governmental Representation Services to cover the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with an option to extend through June 30, 2022 at the County's sole discretion at a monthly fee of \$6,000/month. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Second Extension to the Agreement with Capitol Strategies Group, LLC for Governmental Representation Services to cover the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with an option to extend through June 30, 2022 at the County's sole discretion at a monthly fee of \$6,000/month. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

9.S Approval to Accept \$50,000 from the Foundation for Delaware County to offset the contractual cost to the County of Delaware for engaging the Mendoza Group to carry out the strategic communications planning project related to the Delaware County Health Department as described in Mendoza's proposal dated March 25, 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to Accept \$50,000 from the Foundation for Delaware County to offset the contractual cost to the County of Delaware for engaging the Mendoza Group to carry out the strategic communications planning project related to the Delaware County Health Department as described in Mendoza's proposal dated March 25, 2021. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried with an abstention vote being registered by Mr. Zidek.

9.T Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the Mendoza Group for Strategic Communications, Advocacy, and Public Relations related to the formation of the Delaware County Health Department in the amount of \$50,000. This agreement is funded by a grant provided from the Foundation for Delaware County in the amount of \$50,000.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of a Professional Services Agreement with the Mendoza Group for Strategic Communications, Advocacy, and Public Relations related to the formation of the Delaware County Health Department in the amount of \$50,000.00. This agreement is funded by a grant provided from the Foundation for Delaware County in the amount of \$50,000. Subject to Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

9.U Approval of Professional Services Agreement to the Mendoza Group to develop and implement strategies to address key barriers and motivators pertaining to Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy in an amount of \$108,500.00. (Cares Funding) Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Professional Services Agreement to the Mendoza Group to develop and implement strategies to address key barriers and motivators pertaining to Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy in an amount of \$108,500.00. (Cares Funding) Subject to Solicitor's approval.. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and CARRIED 4 - 1. (Taylor – Yay; Madden – Yay; Schaefer – Yay; Reuther – Yay; Zidek – Nay)

- 10) **Approval of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refund for the years 2020 and 2021 County Real Estate Taxes for forty (40) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Central Tax Collection Department's request for refund for the years 2020 and 2021 County Real Estate Taxes for forty (40) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

- 11) **Approval of Central Tax Collection Department's request for one (1) Court Ordered refunds for the years 2019 for a property in the Township of Haverford in the total amount of \$538.97.**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve of Central Tax Collection Department's request for one (1) Court Ordered refunds for the years 2019 for a property in the Township of Haverford in the total amount of \$538.97. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

12) **Appointments**

12.A Approval to appoint the following members to the Mental Health Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board to a term ending May 2024: Patricia Cofiell, Edward S. Goss, Christine Lawrence and Erin Lopes.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve to appoint the following members to the Mental Health Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board to a term ending May 2024: Patricia Cofiell, Edward S. Goss, Christine Lawrence and Erin Lopes. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

12.B Approval to appoint Nigel A. Davis to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Board to a term ending February 2023.

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve the appointment of Nigel A. Davis to the SEPTA Citizens Advisory Board to a term ending February 2023. The motion was seconded by Kevin M Madden and carried unanimously.

- 13) **Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills**

Motion made by Dr. Monica Taylor to approve the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and carried unanimously.

- 14) **Communications from the Executive Director**

Mr. Lazarus gave an update regarding the Senate version of the Community Grant which is due to the Senator by May 28th.

15) Solicitor

Mr. Martin asked for a motion to file eight (8) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Kevin M Madden to approve the termination of eight (8) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption. The motion was seconded by Christine A Reuther and carried unanimously.

16) Public Comment

Thomas Micozzie, 303 N. Oak Avenue, Clifton Heights made a comment regarding insufficient ballots being at polling places.

Michael Puppio, 253 Alliston Road, Springfield, PA made a comment regarding election ballots not being at the polling places.

17) Council Remarks

Ms. Reuther thanked all the employees that put in time working the election. Ms. Reuther also stated that Chief Mahoney was an incredible partner who dealt with election security during the election. He will be missed by all of us.

Ms. Schaefer spoke regarding DELCO Strong and thanked the Commerce Center and Laura Goodrich Cairns and staff for getting all the grants out to the local businesses in a quick manner. Ms. Schaefer also stated the County received the Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant. Ms. Schaefer thanked Brian Hudak for his help with this process and Representative Greg Vitali and his staff for helping us obtain these grants.

Dr. Taylor spoke regarding the COVID-19 Task Force and the County starting pop up vaccination program this week and we will have them over the next 6 weeks.

Mr. Zidek said his heart goes out to Chief Mahoney and his family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

18) Adjourn

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