

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 January 6, 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 matters.

Public Comment: Travis Bliss, 3760 Steven James Drive, Garnet Valley, commented regarding Covid additional mitigation matters.

Jennifer DiMeo, 115 Sylvan Drive, Broomall, commented regarding Covid limitations.

Brian & Elizabeth Schaller, 3211 Greystone Drive, Garnet Valley, commented regarding Covid limitations.

Dalia Papadopolous left remarks regarding the appointment of Kenneth Hemphill.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2020 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Rosemarie Halt and Lori Devlin gave a Covid/Vaccination Update.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding COVID mitigation efforts in Delaware County in consideration of the Governor's lifting restrictions on indoor dining, gyms, casinos, theatres, in-person sports, and extracurricular activities at schools.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase up to \$1,000,000.00 of medical related supplies required for the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Ms. Reuther to amend the previous motion to approve purchasing up to \$1,000,000.00 of medical related supplies required for the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 pandemic response by Delaware County for vaccine and testing distribution. This is subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

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Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Authorize the Intercommunity Health Department to advertise and accept proposals to provide COVID testing services. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis supplement to the County's testing needs, and the County may award more than one contract. Proposing Organizations will be evaluated based upon their abilities to satisfy the program requirements as specified in the Request for Proposals. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract to IHS Markit (dba as IHS Global) to perform an Economic Study of the impact of establishing and maintain a health department in Delaware County in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with a contingency of \$15,000.00 to be exercised at the discretion of the Executive Director. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve the Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Providers of Services as per the attached list. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Bennett G. Preston, M.D. for work performed at the Medical Examiner's Office for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Delaware and the DVRPC Southeastern Pennsylvania Corporation to undertake a study to quantify the value of protected open spaces in Delaware County. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to amend a Contract with Wilson Consulting Group for the preparation of final design specifications, permitting and bid documents for the Chester Creek Trial Phase 2, by increasing the contract value in the amount of \$50,710.35 with a one-year term extension to 12/31/21. The total contract is now \$416,326.00. This increase is covered by grants in hand from DCNR and DVRPC. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Low Volume Road Program for an additional two projects which were received in our Fall Application Round for the municipalities of Millbourne Borough and Newtown Township. They were received and recommended for funding by the required Quality Assurance Board and the Delaware County Conservation District Board. Millbourne Borough Project Funding Request is for \$58,456.76 and Newtown Township Project Funding Request is for \$60,907.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to advertise for Bids to procure approximately 20,000 cubic feet of "dead" off-site storage for records currently stored in the Delaware County Archives and Records Center. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made Dr. Taylor approving to reject all bids and readvertise for library courier services. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to authorize the Chairman to submit a certification to the US Treasury Department requesting direct payment to the County of funds for Emergency Rental Assistance under the Federal 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, subject to consultation with the Executive Director. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Frank Bilotta, Chief Information Officer, gave an update and discussion followed on the causes of the recent cyber security incident, mitigation actions taken and in progress, and future plans to protect data and enhanced the security of the County's information systems.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to extend to extend the contract with Kroll for enterprise security monitoring for one year in the amount of \$254,400.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement with Judge, Inc. of King of Prussia, PA for Information Technology Project Management to accelerate the implementation of the Granicus software, provide oversight of the Kroll Security contract and manage other potential technology projects to improve the transparency of County operations and security of the systems in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This 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 year 2019 and 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for four (4) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Christine Reuther to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term ending January 2022, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending January 2025.

Peter Rykard
Kenneth Hemphill

At Large Member
6th District Member

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint the following individuals to the Uniform Construction Code Appeal Board for a five (5) year term ending January 2026:

Darren Bonass
Joseph Buoni
Nick Cirilli
Kenneth Pfaff

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Brittany Foreman to the Delaware County Authority to a five (5) year term ending January 2026, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Ieasa Nichols and John Nagle to the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2026, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Kelly Johnson to the Delaware County Park & Recreation Board to a term ending March 2023, 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.

Executive Director Lazarus gave an update on the Sustainability Officer stating Ms. Locke will start on January 25th. Mr. Lazarus announced we now have an employee assistance program now as part of our benefits program for those who find themselves going through the post-holiday blues.

Solicitor: Mr. Martin let citizens know the Board of Assessment Appeals and in connection with the countywide reassessment completed its review of appeals at the end of November. There was a delay in sending out notices, in addition with the holidays and significant delays with the U.S. Mail. The Court issued an extension for any property owner who received notice of a determination from the Board of Assessment Appeals that was dated on or after November 23, 2020 has an extension to file an appeal to Court of Common Pleas until January 31, 2021.

Public Comment: Barbara DiLossi, 8 Oakley Road, Upper Darby stated please don't count the vote until all votes are reviewed.

Deacon James Collins, 221 E. Maryland Avenue, Aldan made comments regarding a certified Peer Specialists Model with regard to Treatment Court, Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court.

Garry Wooten, 14 William Howard Drive, Glen Mills made comments regarding Covid restrictions.

Joan Mitchell, 436 Springfield Avenue, Folsom made comments regarding Covid restrictions.

COUNCIL: Ms. Reuther stated County Council has been invited to participate in a national remembrance of those we have lost to Covid 19. The County is holding an event on January 19th at 5:15 p.m. with a moment of silence at 5:30 p.m. with the national event. It is important to remember and come together as a community to honor those we have lost.

Ms. Schaefer gave a quick update on the most recent DelcoStrong Program. Ms. Schaefer stated it has been a difficult year and today has been a very difficult day. I am asking all of you to join me in entering this next year with a genuine sense of optimism and confidence in moving forward. There has been an extraordinary amount of coordination with our neighbors, our staff, sister counties and all of our residents and I want everyone to know we are moving forward in a positive direction.

Mr. Madden spoke regarding the passing of Richard Paul and offered condolences to his family and wanted to honor his legacy. Mr. Paul served as the Chairman of the Heritage Commission of Delaware County for since 2002 and a member for over 20 years. As a leader in the historical community, he oversaw the rich heritage of Delaware County and supported organizations within the county in the promotion and preservation of our cultural legacy. Rich will be best remembered for his overseeing the annual preservation awards ceremony hosted by County Council and the Heritage Commission.

Dr. Taylor stated the Citizen Corp of Delaware County is planning to significantly expand its volunteer base and is currently recruiting to meet this critical goal. The effort to vaccinate all residents of Delaware County will take significant resources. We are encouraging residents to volunteer. We are very thankful for our volunteers who truly are helping our community, especially in the midst of this pandemic.

Chairman Zidek felt compelled to speak about events that have happened in Washington D.C. today. Mr. Zidek stated that this Council has always supported the right for people to protest. It is fundamental to our democracy. Chairman Zidek also stated that this Council has consistently condemned protests that turn violent. He felt the need to publicly condemn what happened today in Washington, DC. and believes history will judge these events and we need to be better than this as Americans. We need to put our Country above our party. We can disagree about policies or ideas without condemning others as being evil.

Ms. Reuther followed up stating that one year ago today Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Schaefer and myself were sworn in as Council Members. There was a peaceful transition in power and the first real transition in power in the County's history from one party to another in one hundred fifty years. Today I have reason to be thankful for all those who supported us and those who didn't support us but still respected the will of the voters.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Ms. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Current Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
The Regional Overdose Prevention Coalition and Vital Strategies	Community Mobilization Projects for Harm Reduction Services Grant Application	2/1/21-9/30/21	N/A	To be determined	State - Independent Fundraiser
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services	HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program	2020-2024 (amendment #2)	N/A	N/A	State - HealthChoices Capitation
Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC	Residential Services for Delinquent Males	10/21/20-6/30/21 (amendment #1)	N/A*	N/A*	State/Federal (Act 148, Title IV-E, & and small parental contribution)
Stephen R. Silverman, MA	Individual & group therapy for sexually abused and abusive youth	1/6/21-6/30/21	N/A	N/A*	State Act 148

*Contract contains no maximum dollar amounts – only approved rates.