

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 20, 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 twice (January 14, 2021 and January 20) to discuss litigation matters, real estate and personnel issues.

Public Comment: Kelly Diaz, 1119 Morton Avenue, Folsom, PA: voiced her support for the continuation of the residency requirement for County employees.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2021 seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Rosemarie Halt and Dr. O'Mahoney gave a Covid/Vaccination Update. Discussion followed.

Solicitor Martin read the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-1 amending Section 6-20G (1) of the Administrative Code regarding residency of County Employees. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Renew Service and Support Agreement with MTS Software Solutions at a cost of \$136,626.21 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This service includes Software Support on the License required and Hardware Support on all the scanners. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving an Agreement between the County of Delaware and Price Stevenson Acoustic Research for a term of three (3) years, beginning February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2024, at a cost of \$34,500.00 per year. The services would include handling the entire sound and lighting detail for the Delaware County Summer Concert Series. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase IT Equipment from Dell/Amazon off COSTARS Contract #003-051 for the Children and Youth Services Office in an amount not to exceed \$54,708.00. (Funding: 16% Federal; 50% State - Children's and Youth Services Information Technology Grant). This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of 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 to Purchase 15) Chevrolet Bolts EV (Electric Vehicles) from Whitmoyer Auto Group off COSTARS Contract #026-054. Cost per vehicle is \$29,300.00. Total cost not to exceed \$439,500.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Gillian & Hartmann Inc. for engineering services for the backup 911 Center at the Government Center Complex for a fee not to exceed \$72,300.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of a Contract between the County of Delaware and J.R. Metzger for Electrical Study for Emergency Services Building for an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Award Contract CP-102220 to WB Mason, Inc. to furnish and deliver office supplies for the Delaware County Courthouse and Fair Acres for a period of two (2) years for a combined cost of \$79,064.72. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise for Bids to Furnish and Deliver Janitorial, Household and Paper Products for Fair Acres Geriatric Center for a period of one (1) year, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to Advertise for Bids to Furnish and Deliver USP Medical Oxygen for Fair Acres Geriatric Center for a period of five (5) years , seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to submit and accept Grant from Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the term of February 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$49,352.00., seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

County Council discussed and confirmed the Intent of the County to establish a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program for a District consisting of the entire County pursuant to 12 Pa. C.S.A. § 4301, et seq. and requesting notices of the establishment of the District be sent by the County Clerk to all municipalities in the County to notify them of their possible inclusion in such District.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Resolution appointing Delaware County Industrial Development Authority as the Grantee for the purpose of local administration of the Delaware County 911 Communications Redevelopment Access Capital Program (RACP) Grant in the amount \$1,500,000.00. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to authorize Executive Director to prepare, issue an advertise Requests for Proposals for Government Policy Development and Representation Services at the State and/or Federal government levels. 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 Marianne Jackson to provide services as the Interim Director of Elections for the period of February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement with Christina Perrone to provide project management services in relation to the May Primary Election, improvements to the Medical Examiner's facilities and operations, formation of the County Health Department, and other initiatives for the period of February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Executive Director Lazarus gave an Informational Presentation to inform Councilmembers of 2021 Budget reallocation for the Courts.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving a Professional Services Agreement A.J. Gallagher & Co. in the amount of \$66,726.00 for a renewal period of six (6) months from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for Management and Administration of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Heart & Lung/Act 477 and High Retention Casualty Claims Program, including Mandatory Reporting under Medicare, Medicaid, and SHIP Extension Act of 2007 ("MMSEA"). Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

James Kane, Personnel Director, gave an update and review of Compensation Study Findings, Salary Structure, and next steps. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving to purchase furniture from COFCO as a Costars authorized vendor off COSTARS contract #035-063 and #035-020 in the amount of \$343,020.07. (Funding: PA Department of Aging Block Grant), seconded by Ms. Reuther. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Madden to amend the agenda motion to approve the purchase of furniture from COFCO as a Costars authorized vendor off COSTARS contract #035-063 and #035-020 in the amount of \$335,622.23. (Funding: PA Department of Aging Block Grant), seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Madden approving the purchase of furniture from COFCO as a Costars authorized vendor off COSTARS contract #035-063 and #035-020 in the amount of \$335,622.23. (Funding: PA Department of Aging Block Grant), seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Grant Acceptance between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Delaware for the 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant Award in the amount of \$473,248.00 to be used toward a Delaware County GIS project for performance period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This a Professional Services Agreement with Judge, Inc. of King of Prussia, PA for Information motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through PEMA, and the County of Delaware a subrecipient county authorized as a signatory of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force Mutual Aid and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements to accept 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Agreement valued at \$13,520,000.00 for the performance period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through PEMA, and the County of Delaware a subrecipient county authorized as a signatory of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force Mutual Aid and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements to accept 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds valued at \$1,296,245.00 for the performance period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving of Grant Acceptance between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Delaware to update the County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Federal Requirement 44 CFR part 13.36 and appoint Timothy Boyce as the Designation Agent. The value of the grant is not to exceed \$75,000.00 and includes a 25% match of County funds. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to approve the assumption of responsibility and agreement between the County of Delaware and Radnor Township to store, maintain and operate a 2020 Ford F250 4X4 Crew Cab Pick Up Truck Emergency Service Unit (ESU) as 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 to approve the assumption of responsibility and agreement between the County of Delaware and Folcroft Borough to store, maintain and operate a 2020 Ford F250 4X4 Crew Cab Pick Up Truck Emergency Service Unit (ESU) as per conditions of the agreement. Subject to the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2019 and 2020 County Real Estate Taxes for eleven (11) property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Taylor to appoint Debra Ciamacca to the Redevelopment Authority due to a resignation to a term ending October 2021, seconded by Ms. Reuther and carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director Lazarus gave a notification of an Agreement with Total Construction Inc. pursuant to the Emergency Declaration for the ballot box installations throughout the County in an amount of \$313,840.00.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Martin gave an update with regard to litigation against DELCORA. Mr. Martin also gave an update on election related litigation stating it was resolved last week to the County's approval and satisfaction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 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.

James J. DiNardo, 54 Treaty Road, Drexel Hill, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

Jacquelyn Kacala, 927 Turner Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

Louis Costello, 509 Wheatsheaf Road, Springfield, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

Alana & Renato Borrelli, 200 Holmes Road, Holmes, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

Walt & Bonnie Weaver, 613 Grand Avenue, Havertown, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

Helen McKinley, 406 Highland Avenue, Chester, PA made comments in support of Jim Collins with his attempts to raise awareness with the "Certified Peer Specialists" concept.

COUNCIL: Ms. Reuther spoke regarding the Remembrance Ceremony of Covid-19 Victims. The ceremony served as a time to remember those we have lost to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Reuther stated the County created a COVID-19 memorial page on the County's website. Those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19 are invited to share a photo and a tribute or memory of their loved one. A link to the tribute page can be found on the County's website.

Ms. Schaefer stated she is happy to report the County is recruiting for the Delaware County Green Space Task Force. There will be eleven (11) people on our committee and if you have an interest in our trails, green space and open space, please apply. The application is on our website at www.delcopa.gov/clerk/boardposition.html.

Mr. Madden stated the Delaware County Emergency Services began the distribution of 2,500 newly purchased radios that will be used by police officers, fire departments and Emergency Medical Services in Delaware County. The new radios use updated technology that eliminates the problem using radio channels that are not subject to interference by ducting. Mr. Madden also stated these radios, along with the cellular phones, are part of a larger multi-year project that will modernize and integrate communications with Delaware County first responders, our 911 Center, emergency managers, hospitals, schools and our new health department.

Dr. Taylor stated that throughout the pandemic, the County has held food drive collections and distributions, which have assisted thousands of residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. Volunteers from the Delco Interfaith Food Assistance Network, also known as DIFAN have been sorting, stocking and supplying food to our residents in need since 1982. DIFAN implemented home delivery of food boxes to low-income Delaware County residents who were quarantined or were at greater risk leaving their homes due to age or underlying health conditions and had no other means of getting food. Referrals were accepted from medical providers, social workers, case managers, and other service providers. This initiative also provided food for individuals temporarily housed in motels by the County's homeless services and the Domestic Abuse Project. Dr. Taylor wanted to thank these front-line heroes for going above and beyond to help our residents in their time of need.

Chairman Zidek made a public announcement that he will not be running for reelection in the fall. He stated it has been an honor to serve on Council for the past three years and my reason for not running is simply that I do not have the ability to sustain the amount of time commitment that is necessary to do this job well and meet my other time commitments and my priorities to be the husband and father I want to be and my other business ventures. Chairman Zidek also stated this job takes a lot of time if you want to do it well and I have always done my best to put the residents of Delaware County first and will continue to do so for the rest of my term.

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.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk