

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; David J. White, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; James A. Gillin, Assistant Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of January 14, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mr. Culp. Adrienne Marofsky, of Public Relations, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2014 County Real Estate Taxes for 8 property owner due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 1 Court Ordered refund for the year 2014 for a property in Upper Darby Township in the amount of \$10,761.96, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Eleanor Smith, Director of Telecommunications, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mrs. Smith asked for County Council's approval of Resolution 2015-2, adopting the County's 911 Telephone Access Plan as outlined by the PA Guidelines for Administration of the Public Safety Emergency Act. The purpose of the plan is to present a detailed comprehensive view of the County's 911 Operations Center which provides emergency response services to the residents of Delaware County.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2015-2 to adopt the 911 Telephone Access Plan as outlined by the Guidelines for Administration of the Public Safety Emergency Act, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Ms. Hill Item 8 is the request for approval of an agreement between the County and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission under the TCDI Program. This project will provide direct technical assistance to municipal governments to reduce their energy costs in their everyday operations.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept \$96,000.00 from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the "Transportation and Community Development Initiative"

for the term of twenty-four (24) months. (Funding: DVRPC, County \$19,000.00 in kind.) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of an amendment to the Emergency Food Assistance Program contract with the Department of Agriculture and approval of a contract with the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Services.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to appoint Michael F. Culp, of Springfield Township, to fill the unexpired term of Thomas J. McGarrigle to the Retirement Board to act with Treasurer and Controller to a term expiring January 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried with an abstention vote being registered by Mr. Culp.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 to reappoint Patrick V. Larkin, Jr., of Marple Township, to the Delaware County Authority to a term ending January 2020, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Tanya G. Butler, of Chester City, to the Delaware County Water Quality Control Authority to a term ending January 2020, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to appoint Robert Boland, of Ridley Park Borough, to the Delaware County Water Quality Control Authority to fill the unexpired term of Robert Willert to January 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals to a term ending January 2019:

Jeffrey L. Rudolph, Sr.

John B. Ryan, Jr.

Ernesto Aquirre

Springfield Township

Darby Township

Upper Darby Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera announced it is time to get your 2015 Dog License for your pet. As the owner of two King Charles Cavalier spaniels, he said dogs bring a lot of joy to people. They also bring responsibility and one that tops the list is making sure your dog has a current dog license.

Today, County Council is partnering with the County Treasurer's Office and the Delaware County Kennel Club to remind pet owners that it's time to get your 2015 dog license. Delaware County Treasurer Jack Dowd and his license coordinators, Ellen Linaweaver and Debbie Clark, are always working to make sure it's convenient for pet owners to comply with the law. You can either come into the Government Center in person, go online to the county website to fill out the form or go to one of the registered agents in the county.

If you ever had your dog get loose and been frantically searching the neighborhood for him, you know how important a license is. Delaware County has a Return a Lost Dog Program where someone who finds a dog can go to our website, put in the license number and they will get the owner's phone number. A dog with a license can be safely and quickly reunited with its owner without having to be taken to the shelter. Last year, 10,700 one year dog licenses and 1,176 lifetime dog licenses were issued.

Chairman Civera said Delaware County Council is pleased to partner with the Kennel Club on a microchip/license clinic each year at Rose Tree Park. The Kennel Club is very proactive in educating its members. Their next major event, the Agility Trials, is coming up in February.

In Pennsylvania, March is Dog License Awareness Month and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a poster contest for students in grades one through six, calling on them to create a poster about the importance of dog licensing. So, we encourage all dog owners in the county to send in a poster. The deadline is April 30.

Chairman Civera recognized the following people who attended today's meeting: Ellen Linaweaver, the county's senior license coordinator; Marge Remolde, Jennifer Rhyshek and Dee Metzger of the Kennel Club.

Mrs. Remolde said the Delaware County Kennel Club has been in existence since 1919. She introduced (by order of importance) Bella, a Saint Bernard, and owner Kennel Club President Dee Metzger; Maven, a Labrador retriever, and owner Jennifer Rhyshek; and Mya, and owner Patti Hamilton.

A current dog license is the best way to ensure a dog's safe return if he gets lost; it automatically lists the dog in the County's "Return a Lost Dog" database. It's the law in Pennsylvania to have your dog licensed, three months and older, every year or to have a lifetime license. Failure to license a dog is a summary offense that can result in a maximum fine of \$300.00 per unlicensed dog. State law also required that dogs have a current rabies vaccination.

Lastly, Mrs. Remolde thanked County Council for their continued support in the microchip clinic. They have chipped over 750 dogs *free of charge*. More than half of those chips have been purchased by County Council.

Chairman Civera personally thanked Ellen Linaweaver for the work she does in the Licensing Department. She does a great job and participates in the Saturday microchip clinic when it is held.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to announce and to recognize the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service events.

Mr. Culp said on Monday, January 19 will mark the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, first created in 1983 to mark the birthday of Dr. King. In 1994, Congress designated Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a national day of service when people are encouraged to participate in activities that help our neighbors and improve our communities. That spirit of service is strong here in Delaware County.

There are several events being held on Monday that call on people to *not* take a day off, but instead to work on a service project.

Two of the activities that will be held on that day are the following:

Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast that is held at the Drexelbrook, on Monday. The theme of this event is "Remember, Celebrate, Act, Keep the Dream Alive." This breakfast is hosted by the Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County in partnership with the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation along with cooperating churches and schools. At this event, people bring donations of personal care items that are used to create "Dream Boxes" that are given to individuals and families in need.

Hoops from the Heart basketball fundraiser and food drive that takes place at five school campuses and raises money for the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, which is the county's anti-poverty agency. This year will mark the 13<sup>th</sup> year for this event. This event involves hundreds of young athletes who attend basketball clinics at Haverford, Neumann, Widener and Cabrini Colleges and Springfield High School. Proceeds from the clinics are used to help needy families. In addition, participants bring non-perishable food items that are later delivered to the Life Center, in Upper Darby, which serves homeless individuals. Every year, County Council visits each clinic in a community service van to collect the food.

Both events involve young people who are learning to give back. These events embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was committed to serving others and to ending poverty. It is great to see our young people working to make a difference in other people's lives.

Mr. Culp recognized the following individuals who were here today to represent these two events: Michael Ranck, president and CEO of the Community Y of Eastern Delaware County, along with board member Vince Gordon, who was the keynote speaker at the United Breakfast in 2008; and Ed Coleman, Director of the Community Action Agency of Delaware County and the beneficiary agency of the Hoops from the Heart Drive. The Hoops from the Heart event was

started in 2002 and (to date) has raised over \$80,000.00 for the Community Action Agency program.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to present a resolution recognizing the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Mrs. Morrone said tomorrow is an important day for cookie lovers. It's the start of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program that teaches young girls about business and leadership while earning money for their trips, camps and other programs. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is the largest "girl-led business" in the nation. This year's sale begins on Thursday, January 15 and runs through Sunday, March 8.

For the first time in Girl Scout history, the Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, which includes 3,385 scouts in Delaware County, will be part of the Digital Cookie platform. Selling cookies already gives young girls a hands-on education in goal setting, money management, people skills and business ethics. The online addition enhances that education by giving girls a foundation in technology. The girls can set and track goals, use online marketing tools, create and send customized e-cards to their customers; patrons can order and pay online and have the cookies shipped to their homes.

This year there are three new cookie varieties. Two of them are gluten-free, Toffee-tastic and Trios and the third variety is Rah-Rah Raisins. You can also get the popular Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas and Tagalongs.

What's also great is that the revenue earned from the cookie sale remains with the local Girl Scout Council. The local girls decide how to spend their troop money and reinvest it back into their neighborhoods through their service projects and other programs. So, when you buy a box of Girl Scout cookies, you are really investing in the community.

For many girls, the Cookie Program is their first experience in setting goals and working with others in a team. They learn to meet and greet people, keep accurate financial records and follow through on a promise to deliver the cookies people ordered. Most importantly, girls have fun while building self-confidence and important life skills.

Mrs. Morrone read (in part) the following resolution:

*Whereas, since 1912, Girl Scouting has worked to build courage, confidence and character in about 3.2 million girls and adult members in the United States, including 3,300 girls plus adult volunteers of Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, which includes Delaware County; and*

*Whereas, in 2015, the Girl Scout Cookie Program launched a new online sales option called Digital Cookie in addition to door-to-door sales and cookie booths, enhancing the girls' education with a high-tech digital layer of sales, better preparing them for work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and*

*Whereas, the 2015 Girl Scout Cookie Sale is taking place between January 15 and March 8 by Girl Scouts at various sites within the county.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare January 15 through March 8, 2015 to be Girl Scout Cookie Sale Days in Delaware County.*

Mrs. Morrone acknowledged the following people who attended today's meeting to accept the resolution recognizing the Girl Scout Cookie Program: Ken Anderson, Senior Director of Product Program, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania; Deirdra Rockemore, of Lansdowne, Membership Engagement Manager for Delaware County; Kaylee Rockemore, Girl Scout Junior from Troop 5565, in Lansdowne; Brynn Morrone, Girl Scout Cadette, Troop 5244, Garnet Valley; Katie Rogers, Senior Troop 5930, Prospect Park; and Emily Simkovitz, Troop 5342, Marple Newtown.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Gillin asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. McBlain highlighted a few items on today's agenda. He first thanked Eleanor Smith, the Telecommunications Department and our Emergency Services Department concerning Item 7, Resolution 2015-2 adopting the 911 Telephone Access Plan. Once every three years, the County must adopt its 911 Plan. Literally, three years of work have gone into this from the folks in our Telecommunications and Emergency Services Departments, representatives of police and fire personnel and our local Emergency Planning Commission.

We have always taken great pride in Delaware County that our 911 System is ahead of the curve when it is compared to other counties and regions in the state. We have millions of

dollars invested in our 911 System and we continue to try to lead that effort in order to stay ahead of that curve, both in technology and working with our local police and fire personnel.

Second, Mr. McBlain commended Linda Hill and the Planning Department staff for their efforts on Agenda Item 8, the \$96,000.00 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Our Planning Department help to assist our municipalities in planning and especially in energy related items. This is a way, in terms of land planning, that we continue to help.

Mr. McBlain said our Community Y of Eastern Delaware County is a great organization. They put on a great program for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day with the Unity Breakfast.

Lastly, he thanked Debbie Lamborn and Ed Coleman for their work on the Hoops from the Heart fundraiser.

Mrs. Morrone thanked the Delaware County Kennel Club for their continued participation in the dog licensing program and to the well-behaved dogs that were brought to the meeting this morning. The County appreciates everything the Kennel Club does.

Mrs. Morrone thanked the Girl Scouts who came to this morning's meeting to kick-off the 2015 Girl Scout Cookie Sale. After the meeting, Ann Cicala will be giving them a tour of the County so that they can work on their government badge. So not only are they selling Girl Scout Cookies and learning the skills of sales, but they are also going to learn more about government.

On behalf of the entire County Council, Chairman Civera said they truly appreciate all the participants at today's Council meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** No comment(s).

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.

  
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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

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HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS  
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Original Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
PA Department of Agriculture	The Emergency Food Assistance Program	1/1/12-9/30/16	N/A	N/A
Weed and Seed of Upper Darby Township, Inc.	Drug and Alcohol Prevention	7/1/14-6/30/15	N/A	\$80,000