

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; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Councilman McBlain called the regular meeting of March 11, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by the invocation by Eileen Ricketts, of the Controller's Office .

Councilman McBlain welcomed everyone to this morning's Council meeting. He said it was his honor to chair this meeting. Chairman Civera and Vice Chairman Morrone both agreed this was his favorite meeting of the year when we celebrate our Irish Heritage; they conceded to allow him to chair today's meeting.

Early this morning, Chairman Civera met with the Philadelphia Archbishop and the Executive Board of the "World Meeting of Families." He is serving on that board and is involved in the planning of the Pope's visit; therefore, he will be arriving a little later.

Councilman McBlain called on Mrs. Morrone to start the Agenda Items.

Mrs. Morrone said it was great to have Mr. McBlain leading today's meeting to celebrate Irish Heritage.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2015, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Request for Proposals for Banking Services, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Councilman McBlain called on Jerry Montella, Court Administrator, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Mr. Montella asked for Council's approval to award a contract to Courthouse Technologies, Inc. for a new jury software program. As you know, his office processes thousands of jurors summons each month. There are about fifteen thousand jurors each year they process and who visit our facility.

Courthouse Technologies, Inc. has a software program, which they believe will be a good solution for the County and the courts, essentially upgrading our system. The system will allow our county to expand services to jurors (Delaware County residents) by allowing them to complete their questionnaires and summons online in a secure fashion whereby saving significant costs and postage; the ability to continue our successful juror donation program; take advantage of technology such as scanning and barcoding; and allow them to process the jurors

on a daily basis. This will also help in meeting our state reporting requirements that are mandated by the state.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to award contract to Courthouse Technologies, Inc. for the Jury Management System at an approximate cost of \$182,466.00 per the specifications of RFP No. 3341, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Councilman McBlain called on Jack Whelan, District Attorney, to speak on Agenda Items 7 and 8.

District Attorney Whelan asked for Council's approval of Items 7 and 8, which are grant items for a period of two years each.

D.A. Whelan said Item 7 deals with the Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority in the approximate amount of \$590,000.00 over a two year period which funds a detective at 100%, funds an analyst at 50% and also funds a prosecutor at 50%. Deputy District Attorney George Dawson (who attended today's meeting with D.A. Whelan) supervises and is actively involved in the Insurance Fraud Unit as well as the Auto Fraud/Auto Theft Unit of the District Attorney's office.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit a Grant application to the PA Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority for the amount of \$590,435.00 for a two (2) year term, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

D.A. Whelan said Item 8 is the RASA Grant in the approximate amount of \$80,000.00 with the majority of the money going to Court Financial Services and less than \$5,000.00 going to the District Attorney's office for the printing of materials.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept \$80,163.00 from PCCD for the Victim/Witness Assistance Project for the period of 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Civera and carried unanimously.

Councilman McBlain called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of the following two contracts: Northwestern Human Services for start-up costs for a Dual-Diagnosis Treatment Team for individuals with mental health/intellectual disability diagnosis and Holcomb Associates, Inc. for a Residential Service Provider for the Office of Intellectual Disabilities.

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. White and carried unanimously.

Councilman McBlain spoke on the resolution declaring March as Irish-American Heritage Month.

Americans of Irish ancestry number about 44 million of our nation's citizens and play an important role in the achievements of the United States. The early settlers of Pennsylvania included many farmers who came from the green shores of Ireland and through their grit and determination helped forge American democracy. Many Delaware Countians can trace their ancestors to those who braved great hardships to come here from Ireland in the 1840s to escape famine and oppression.

Once a year, on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish. A highlight of activities that celebrate Irish Heritage and to honor Ireland's Patron, St. Patrick, are parades. The 35th annual Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 14. The Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade, which started in 1771 and five years before the Declaration of Independence was signed, is set for Sunday, March 15.

Delaware County residents who can trace their roots to the Emerald Isle have a lead role in both of these parades. One of our leading educators will be marching at the head of the Springfield parade.

Councilman McBlain said we are going to present two Irish-American resolutions today. He also welcomed young dancers from the McDade-Cara School of Irish Dance who will give us a demonstration of Irish dance after the presentations of the resolutions.

First, we declare March as Irish-American Heritage Month in Delaware County and recognize the leaders of both parades: Joseph "Steve" Burns, chairman of the Springfield Township St. Patrick's Day Parade and Michael J. Bradley, Jr., of Haverford Township and director of the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Planning these parades is an enormous undertaking and both Steve and Mike bring their full Irish determination to make them more exciting each year. The Philadelphia parade started in 1771 and is the second oldest parade of any type in the United States.

Councilman McBlain asked Mike Bradley and Steve Burns to come forward to accept the resolution declaring March as Irish-American Heritage Month in Delaware County.

Mr. Burns said the Springfield Township parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 starting at noon. There are 90 groups scheduled to participate and all he can ask is that everyone hope and pray for good weather.

Mr. Bradley said this will be the 245th Philadelphia parade, the second oldest in any kind of parade in the country. The theme for this year's parade is "Bless, Strengthen and Pray for our

Families.” Donna Farrell, a Springfield Township resident, is the Executive Director for the World Meeting of Families and organizing the visit of Pope Francis in September.

Councilman McBlain called on Mr. Culp to continue with the recognition of our leading resident of Irish Heritage and the 2015 Parade Marshal for the Springfield Parade, Dr. William J. McCusker.

Mr. Culp said last year, Dr. McCusker retired as the principal of Cardinal O’Hara High School, a position he held since 2001. For 22 years, Dr. McCusker marched with the Cardinal O’Hara band in the parade and this year he’s leading the entire parade as Grand Marshal, an honor he truly deserves.

Dr. McCusker grew up in Philadelphia and earned degrees from Temple, St. Joseph’s and Immaculata Universities. He is a leader in the field of education and served in many capacities with the Office of Catholic Education at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

He shared his knowledge and Irish wisdom with students at Villanova, Delaware County Community College and Cardinal O’Hara High School. He is a member of the Ring of Honor, in the City of Philadelphia St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Dr. McCusker can trace his paternal grandparents to County Donegal and County Sligo in the late 19th century and his maternal grandparents from County Longford and County Cork.

He and his wife, Judith, have lived in Springfield for 40 years where they raised their five children. They now have nine grandchildren.

On behalf of County Council, Mr. Culp asked Dr. McCusker and his wife Judy, daughter Kate and granddaughter Megan to come forward to accept this resolution.

Dr. McCusker has been associated with thousands of students during his years at O’Hara High School. It is truly an honor to be part of this community. This is a great county and he is very appreciative of the leadership provided by County Council. He just hopes the weather cooperates on the day of the parade!

Mr. Culp presented members of the McDade-Cara School of Irish Dance, in Springfield. The school is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the rich tradition of Irish step and figure dancing. The instructors say that being involved in Irish dance develops overall physical abilities in addition to self-esteem as they master the progression of dance steps.

Representing the McDade-Cara School were the following individuals: Anmarie Sheehan (instructor) and (students) Hannah McGillian, Haley Brooks, Brianna Shovlin, Kate Hurley and Tara Sheehan. The students entertained us with an Irish Jig.

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

SOLICITOR: No County business.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp said it was his pleasure, as an O'Hara grad, to extend the resolution to Dr. McCusker. As he told Dr. McCusker before, he had more opportunities to meet the disciplinarian than he did him during his time at O'Hara, but today's presentation was truly his pleasure.

Mr. White congratulated all the Irish step dancers for their beautiful dancing this morning; it is very much appreciated. He also extended congratulations to Dr. McCusker for being chosen Grand Marshal of the upcoming Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mrs. Morrone congratulated the Irish dancers as well as Dr. McCusker. She is sending best wishes for fantastic weather on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Civera said he loves the Irish dancing and said it is a true sign that St. Patty's Day is near.

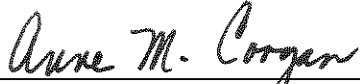
The reason for his lateness this morning was he has the honor of serving on one of the committees of the "World Meeting of Families." They held the first of several meetings that he is involved in representing Delaware County. It was a phenomenal meeting and will be one of the biggest world events, which will go down in history. They are expecting approximately two million people to attend the papal mass. He will continue to update us on the progress of this world event.

Mr. McBlain thanked Colleen and Mario (and also the other Council members) for allowing him to chair this morning's meeting. He started to work for Delaware County in March 1993 and at that time he had no vision or expectation that one day he would have the great fortune to be able to chair a meeting of this County Council.

Mr. McBlain welcomed everyone who is celebrating Irish-American Month here in Delaware County. We have so many great cultures in Delaware County and many celebrations that express those cultures. There are many things we do every year, never getting old but rather better with each passing year.

DISCUSSION: Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatton Avenue, Lester (Tinicum Township), gave a brief update on the Lazaretto property, located in Tinicum Township, such as the upcoming archeological testing that will begin in spring 2015. He also commented on the Philadelphia International Airport planned extension of Runway 9-Right at a cost of \$50 million and questioned the standing of the UPS facility that is in the middle of the Capacity Enhancement Plan area.

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



ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan

**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>
Northwestern Human Services	Dual-Diagnosis Treatment Team (DDTT)	2/1/15-12/31/16	N/A	\$417,865
Holcomb Associates, Inc	Adult Residential Two-Individual Home	2/2/15-*	N/A	N/A

*Continuing so long as Provider meets each of the terms of the Contract between the County and Provider to which this signature page is attached or until the Contract is terminated as provided in the Contract.