

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, 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.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of March 16, 2016 to order. He asked for a Moment of Silence for Detective Jacai Colson, a four-year veteran assigned to the Prince George's County Narcotic Division (Maryland) and a resident of Upper Chichester Township, Delaware County, who lost his life in the line of duty on Sunday, March 13. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Debbie Ho, a sixth grade student at Garnet Valley Middle School. Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 4 the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract to Metro Flag Company to furnish and deliver flags for Veterans Affairs at their low bid price of \$80.64 per gross. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 5 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 1 Court Ordered refund for the years 2015 and 2016 for a property in Bethel Township in the amount of \$1,151.00, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Dennis Carey, of Public Works, to speak on Agenda Items 8 and 9.

Mr. Carey said Item 8 provides for a Reimbursement Agreement between the County of Delaware and PennDOT. Once again, the County will take advantage of a funding mechanism to provide funding for preliminary design for the Mulford Bridge, commonly known as the South Avenue Bridge, in Glenolden Borough. This is a state and federally funded reimbursement agreement and no direct County General Fund monies or Capital Fund monies are used with this.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, the Reimbursement Agreement No. R16060001 between the County of Delaware and PennDOT establishing the maximum reimbursement at \$183,200.00 for Preliminary Engineering required for the Mulford Bridge Replacement, County Bridge No. 142, on South Avenue (in Glenolden Borough) over the

Muckinipattis Creek. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mr. Carey said Agenda Item 9 provides for a Comprehensive/Professional Engineering Agreement for the re-roofing of Fair Acres Building No. 11. It is a rather complex roofing system with a structural steel skeleton that will be replaced with concrete decking. The fee is based on hours.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 9, a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Bonnett Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Architectural Services required to provide for re-roofing of Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Building No. 11, for a fee not to exceed \$42,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit a Grant application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (2016-2019) in the amount of \$601,910.00. (Funding: State/Federal) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a two (2) year renewal of the Auto Theft Grant from the PA Auto Theft Prevention Authority (2016-2018) in the total amount of \$625,876.79. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 12 to submit and accept the 2016 "County Recycling Coordinator" Grant application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the partial reimbursement of the Recycling Coordinator salary and expenses in the amount of \$31,655.03. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of four (4) Service Providers for the Office of Intellectual Disabilities for various Home and Community-Based Services.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 13, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to speak on an additional item to today's Agenda (Item 13A).

Solicitor Maddren said this is an addition to today's Agenda. This is the approval of Resolution 2016-3 authorizing the issuance of Bonds by Lancaster County Hospital Authority on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Series 2016 Bonds, in the aggregate amount of \$570,000,000.00.

The new projects do not touch Delaware County. However, this Bond will partially refinance debt that was spent in Delaware County for Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital and other University of Penn facilities within the County. Delaware County has no financial responsibility, but because you (County Council) are the highest elected authority within the County and that the refinances touches Delaware County facilities, County Council's authorization is required.

Mrs. Morrone made a motion to approve Agenda Item 13A, Resolution 2016-3, approving Lancaster County Hospital Authority's issuance of Bonds on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Series 2016 Bonds, in the aggregate amount of \$570,000,000.00.

Since this item was not on today's agenda, Chairman Civera asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the motion made by Mrs. Morrone. There was no public comment(s).

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution declaring March 16 as "Kick Butts Day," a national day of activism to empower youth to avoid tobacco use.

Mr. McBlain said, thanks to education and outreach efforts, we all know that tobacco use is bad for our health. While we have made progress in reducing tobacco use, nearly one in five Americans still smoke. If the current trend in tobacco use continues, 9,200 Pennsylvania youth will become daily tobacco users.

Sadly, almost fifteen percent of eighth graders have already tried a tobacco product, whether it's cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes or other tobacco products. It is a fact that tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Most people have heard of the Great American Smokeout, held every November, to encourage people to quit smoking, but there is another important day focused on young people. Today is Kick Butts Day, a national day of activism that empowers youth to "stand out, speak up and seize control" against tobacco use.

During Kick Butts Day, students are encouraged to stay tobacco-free and to educate one another on the risks of all tobacco use. Unfortunately, the newer e-cigarette has meant an increase in tobacco use among students. Last year, the Centers of Disease Control reported that e-cigarette use among middle and high school students had *tripled* from 2013-2014.

Tom Frieden, the Director of the Center of Disease Control said the following: *Parents need to know that nicotine is dangerous for kids at any age, whether it's an e-cigarette, hookah, cigarette or cigar. Nicotine exposure at a young age may cause lasting harm to brain development and cause addiction to tobacco.*

To raise awareness, the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition sponsors an annual "Kick Butts Day" Bookmark Contest. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 throughout the county are invited to create original bookmarks that encourage a tobacco-free lifestyle for young people. The Bookmark Contest empowers Delaware County students to speak up against the dangers of tobacco use and to encourage their peers to kick the habit.

This year, our Delaware County Library System partnered with the Coalition in the contest by distributing entry forms to each county library. Each library will also receive printed copies of the winning bookmarks to give out to their patrons.

County Council also welcomed and congratulated Delaware County's new Library Board President, Marianne Bullen. We have an excellent system of libraries in our county and this public health outreach is just one of many examples of how our libraries benefit the community. We are also pleased to have members of the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition here today to receive a Resolution recognizing "Kick Butts Day."

The following members of the Tobacco-Free Coalition attended this morning's Council Meeting to accept the Resolution: Mike Barnard, Co-Chair of the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition and Community Health Educator for ChesPenn Health Services; Melissa A. Maier, Co-Chair of the Coalition and Program Coordinator for Community Health, Crozer Keystone; Kara Chivalette, Wellness and Prevention Specialist, Bryn Mawr Hospital; Barbara Siso, Tobacco Treatment Counselor, Riddle Hospital; Ellen R. Williams, Administrative Director, Crozer Keystone Community Health Education; Aerielle Waters, Holcomb Behavioral Health; Laura Fidorowicz, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialists, Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Human Services; and Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Delaware County Office of Intercommunity Health.

Ms. Maier thanked County Council for taking the time today to recognize the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition and the following award winners who are with us today: (Grades K-2nd) Malysia Grandy (1st), Trinity Okutoro (2nd) and Alexia Surplus (3rd); (Grades 3-5) Jacob Shapiro (1st), Lana Sok (2nd) and Sakhmet Anyika (3rd); and (Grades 6-8) Debbie Ho (1st), Marie Selena Jimenez (2nd) and Aisha Omer (3rd)

Ms. Maier said they received over 250 responses from parochial, public and home-schooled students, which is a wonderful response.

Library Board President Bullen thanked the Delaware County Tobacco-Free Coalition for their support and allowing them to be part of this effort.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 15, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) 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 two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated all the children who participated in the bookmark contest and thanked the parents and teachers for bringing them in today. He thanked Ms. Bullen and the Library Board for all they do for the residents of Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain agreed with Mr. Culp saying that it is always a happy occasion when the children come in.

Mrs. Morrone also extended her congratulations to the winners of the bookmark contest. It is always fantastic to have visitors come to our meetings and especially when it is children that are promoting causes in the community that make it a healthier community to live in. Their artwork is fantastic and to keep on doing the good work. Council hopes to see you all here again next year!

Chairman Civera said we always welcome our guests to these meetings. He said our children are faced with a lot of challenges today. There are organizations like the ones here today that make those challenges a lot easier and that is through education. To the student winners – congratulations! We hope to see you here again next year.

DISCUSSION: No public comment(s).

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan