

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.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of May 4, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by John Lyons, of Springfield Township. Elaine Lawley, County Office of Services for the Aging, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award contract to Your Office Connection to furnish and deliver Knoll Morrison Work Stations for the Delaware County Office of Children & Youth Services, Eddystone, PA and Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation, Chester, PA in the amount of \$113,204.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6 to Award a contract to Joerns Healthcare to furnish and deliver new Joerns UltraCare XT Beds to Fair Acres Geriatric Center at the cost of \$60,809.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase IT equipment from CDW Government LLC for the Department of Human Services, Office of Children & Youth Services, in the amount of \$70,202.50. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain 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 6 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an easement granted to Central Delaware County Authority (CDCA) for property located at 230 Chester Pike, Ridley Park, PA in lieu of condemnation, with just compensation in the amount of \$1,017.00 (\$511.00 for Permanent Easement and \$506.00 for Temporary Construction Easement). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on David Belanger, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Belanger said Item 10 is a software lease renewal from Microsoft done in conjunction with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit. It gives the Delaware County libraries educational pricing on Microsoft products, which is a steep discount from what you would pay in the stores or even a governmental discount. This supports 600 computers in 30 locations with a complete range of Microsoft products.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Agreement with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU for the joint purchase of Microsoft software at the educational discount rate to support the approximate 600 computers in use in 30 Delaware County library locations. This is a three (3) year contract beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 at the annual cost of \$11,731.50 with the total cost of three (3) years at \$35,194.50. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 to accept a two (2) year Grant renewal from the PA Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority in the amount of \$925,872.00 for the fiscal years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Trainer Borough Police Department to fund the purchase of traffic cameras, body-worn cameras, patrol rifles and other equipment. (Restricted Gaming Funds) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the 2016 County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania dues in the amount of \$28,296.00. 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 Grant from PEMA in the amount of \$13,000.00 under the Hazardous Material Response Fund (HMRF). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Frank Carey, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 15.

Mr. Carey asked for Council's approval of an agreement between the Office of Workforce Development and Community Workforce Advancements LLC. The purpose of this agreement is to fund the implementation required by the State to provide to the State under the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act a Regional Transitional Plan for Workforce Development and Labor Market Information. We will be the fiscal agent for this contract. However, it is a shared disbursement contract to be shared equally by the counties of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Therefore, the share of the cost for the development of this plan is \$3,879.00 to Delaware County for federal formulation allocations. There is no expense to the General Fund for the implementation of this plan.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 15, Agreement, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 16.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of three (3) amendments and six (6) new contracts with the Office of Behavioral Health and Child Care Information Systems.

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

Chairman Civera said, throughout history, people have turned to prayer for strength, comfort and guidance. Prayer has been an integral part of the American heritage, and this nation provides its citizens with the liberty to worship according to their conscience. That is a precious freedom that we know is not afforded to people in some parts of the world.

Delaware County is a diverse county, rich in many cultures and faiths. Every day in the news we see the people around the world do not enjoy the same freedom to express their faith and, in some cases, are persecuted or driven from their homelands for choosing to exercise their faith.

In Delaware County, the National Day of Prayer Task Force will hold a National Day of Prayer observance at 11:30 A.M. in Rose Tree Park. People of all faiths are invited to join the observance under the big American flag. The observance features music and special guests and members of the clergy and residents.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, America as a nation is stronger because we welcome and respect people of all faiths, and throughout American history people have turned to prayers for strength, comfort and wisdom in times of peace; and

Whereas, prayer is an important expression of faith and gratitude that allows reflection, guidance and solace and inspires people to help others, and in times of tragedy or uncertainty, prayer is a powerful force that offers a common hope, a sharing of burdens and a sense of justice; and

Whereas, the citizens of Delaware County join with their religious and civic leaders in celebrating a National Day of Prayer in Rose Tree Park and throughout Delaware County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare May 5, 2016 to be a National Day of Prayer.

Chairman Civera welcomed Bill Dean, a member of the National Day of Prayer, Delaware County Task Force, and Joe Bruno to this morning's meeting who accepted the Resolution.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 18 recognizing May as Older Americans Month.

Mr. McBlain said we are pleased and grateful here in Delaware County for the hundreds of older residents who contribute their time and talent to enhance our lives and our communities. We value them each and every day, but in May we shine a spotlight on the contributions of our senior residents.

Every year since 1963, May has been designated as Older Americans Month to celebrate the vitality and achievements of our elder residents. There's no doubt that in 2016 being "older" has taken on new meaning and a new vitality.

The 2016 theme for Older Americans Month is "*Blaze a Trail*" which focuses on how seniors are taking new and innovative approaches to protecting their health, securing their finances and engaging in civic activities in their communities.

Nearly one in every five County residents is a member of the senior generation, which comes to about 106,000 residents who are classified as "seniors." County Council recognizes the contributions of seniors to our businesses, our volunteer organizations, our veterans groups, our churches and many other valuable activities.

During the month of May, we encourage our seniors to attend one of several events hosted by County Council and the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA).

- The *Senior Living Expo* is this Friday, May 6, at Harrah's. People 50 and older can come learn about the many County services available to them.
- One of our favorite events is the *Centenarian Luncheon* when we recognize all Delaware County residents who are 100 years or older and who have amazing stories to tell. That wonderful celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at the Drexelbrook.

- The *Senior Games* will take place on June 13-24. Every year seniors go for the gold in bowling, swimming, table tennis, golf, pickleball and bocce. Be sure to check out the Senior Games website at www.delcoseniorgames.org.

Through COSA, County Council is dedicated to helping seniors who need assistance in maintaining their independence, dignity and quality of life. COSA offers many helpful programs including health insurance counseling, legal services, in-home supports and community-based services, nursing home eligibility, senior centers and more.

We encourage senior citizens and their families to contact COSA when they have a question, concern or problem.

Mr. McBlain said he'd like to present a Resolution declaring May as "Older Americans Month." Attending today's meeting to accept the Resolution were the following individuals: Denise Stewart, Director of COSA; Barbara Nicolardi, Planner for COSA; and Elaine Lawley, of COSA.

In 1963, Mrs. Stewart said our country began to acknowledge the contributions of older people, using May as Older Americans Month, which is led by the Administration for Community Living for their annual observance and for what they have to offer.

Mrs. Stewart said COSA clearly knows we have over 100 centenarians in Delaware County and the oldest attendee for this year's Centenarian Luncheon is 107 and will turn 108 in the fall.

Mrs. Stewart introduced the following Centenarian Sponsors and Gold Level Sponsors and some of their representatives: Etta DiMarco and Mary Lou Brophy, Bayada Home Health; Virginia Earl, Health Partners Plans; Jill James Idan, Mercy LIFE West Philadelphia; Rahmah Allen, Keith Beauford and Kathy Norman, Always Best Care; Alicia Sheerin and Wayne Wrolstad, Amada Senior Care; Margaret Stevens, Crozer-Keystone Health Systems; Virginia Earl, Health Partners Plans; Tom Carroll, Barbara Hewitt and Cathy Willoughby, Home Helpers; Brian Duke, Main Line Health; Independence Blue Cross; and Victoria's Home Care. As part of COSA's Advisory Council, she also acknowledged Merv Harris and Marc Manfre.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 19, recognizing Operation First Response and the upcoming "Walk for the Wounded" event.

In Delaware County, Chairman Civera said we are dedicated to supporting our men and women in the Armed Services and the 39,000 veterans now living in our county.

A remarkable program that helps wounded veterans and their families is Operation First Response, a national organization that serves all branches of our nation's wounded heroes, assisting them and their families with personal and financial needs.

In Delaware County, we are honored that Rose Tree Park is the setting for this major event, Walk for the Wounded, which raises funds for Operation First Response. This year's "Walk for the Wounded" event takes place on Saturday, May 14.

This is the 9th year that the walk has been organized by Nick Constantino, Senior Advisor to Operation First Response, in partnership with Marc Manfre, Director of Delaware County Parks and Recreation Department and Tore Fiore, Director of the Destination Delco Visitors Center.

This is truly a remarkable event. Last year, 1,500 people walked, including veterans of all ages. To date, "Walk for the Wounded" has raised over \$1.3 million dollars.

The day starts with a 5K Run at 10 A.M. that is followed by a ceremony at 11 A.M. when County Council recognizes Philadelphia Police Officer and Delco native Jesse Hartnett. Officer Hartnett's heroic actions were above and beyond the call of duty when he was ambushed by a lone gunman while on patrol in West Philadelphia. He is a 2001 graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard, joining right after the September 11 attacks and served on active duty from 2009-2015 and will be the recipient of an award for bravery.

There is a two-mile walk following the ceremony at noon. Residents can enjoy family activities, a military display, music and much more.

The guest speaker is another Delco hero, Brian Siegman, a Marine Corps veteran who served two tours of duty in Iraq. When he returned in 2010, he served as a police officer in Upper Darby. A father of four, he is now studying global studies at Delaware County Community College. We are pleased to have him with us today.

It is hard to comprehend what our servicemen and women face in a combat situation, or serving in a hostile country. It's just as hard to comprehend what it must be like to return to civilian life after suffering life-changing injuries, often followed by mounting bills.

Chairman Civera further said the work of people like Nick Constantino and Operation First Response is truly commendable. The financial aid they offer is based on individual needs and can range from rent and utilities, to home alterations to add accessibility, to clothing and travel expenses. The mission is to help wounded heroes get through their recovery period and transition from military life to the civilian world.

We are pleased to once again honor Operation First Response with a Resolution. Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, there are brave men and women in the United States of America who answer the call to defend our nation and our freedom, risking their own personal health and safety in the armed services; and

Whereas, their courageous efforts to provide for the safety and well-being of our nation can result in the loss of life or severe injury, changing the lives of the injured who, along with their families, must endure ongoing physical and emotional anguish along with great financial sacrifice; and

Whereas, "Walk for the Wounded," sponsored by Operation First Response with leadership from Senior Advisor Nick Constantino, has raised more than \$1.3 million to help more than 7,000 wounded members of the armed forces by providing support for their personal and financial needs from the onset of injury throughout their recovery period and transition from military into civilian life.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare Saturday, May 14, 2016 to be Walk for the Wounded Day in Delaware County.

Chairman Civera introduced the following individuals who attended today's Council meeting on behalf of Walk for the Wounded: Nick Constantino, Senior Advisor for Operation First Response; Brian Siegman, Marine Corps combat veteran; Marc Manfre, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tore Fiore, Director of the Destination Delco Visitors Center; and committee members Marty Milligan and Jean Koroly.

Mr. Fiore said 97% of the money donated for the "Walk for the Wounded" fundraiser goes directly to the veterans. This will be the 9th year for this event. It has been engaging; it's been educational; and it's been fun and sad, but it is well worth it every year we do it. He called on Staff Sergeant Brian Siegman to say a few words.

Staff Sergeant Siegman thanked County Council for giving him the opportunity to speak this morning on behalf of Operation First Response. He said he served nine years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps between 1999 and 2010 achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served with the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and the 2nd Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company and completed two tours of duty in Iraq.

He said the veterans are in need of more than just dollars. The best way we can support them is by providing programs to help veterans, sending them off to camps to be treated for whatever their needs are such as the invisible wounds like PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

Staff Sergeant Siegman said he left the Marine Corps in 2010, came home and struggled for a long time to fit back into society. All he knew for the past nine years was how to be a Marine. He saw some very heavy fighting during his two tours of duty in Iraq and lost some friends.

There is no better way to honor the fallen and the wounded than to go onto your computer at OperationFirstResponse.org and click on the button "donate." It doesn't matter how much you give as every dollar or cent counts. The money is not going to corporate funds or retreats but

rather for overhead costs and veterans. What you get with this organization is a deeply personal experience.

The folks at Operation First Response have been a tremendous help to him and his family when it came to healthcare for his children. He cannot say enough on what it means to him to be able to come here this morning and speak on their behalf. So please come out and support this event.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to present a Resolution recognizing May as Preservation Month.

Mr. White said we all have our favorite landmarks that are special to us in Delaware County, whether it's the Brandywine Battlefield in Chadds Ford, the Collen Brook Farm, the Swedish Cabin in Upper Darby or the old Armory here in Media. We all have memories of visiting these historic sites and learning what they mean to our county's history.

The 2016 theme for National Preservation Month is "*This Place Matter*," to celebrate all of these landmarks that are meaningful to us and our communities.

Today, we are presenting a Resolution recognizing May as Preservation Month. We are joining the Delaware County Heritage Commission and our Planning Department in recognizing individuals and initiatives that promote and protect our history.

We are fortunate that our Planning Department, the Heritage Commission, our municipalities and historical societies and individuals work so hard to save and celebrate the historic sites in Delaware County. Preservation is not just about saving history. It's about managing growth, revitalizing our Main Streets, fostering local pride and maintaining the vibrant character of all our neighborhoods.

Mr. White said we are pleased to be able to recognize various individuals who are dedicated to preserving Delaware County's landmarks along with the written and verbal history.

He presented a Resolution declaring May as Preservation Month to the members of the Heritage Commission. These are volunteers who meet monthly and work to coordinate and promote the cultural heritage of our county. The following individuals were present: A. Richard Paul, Chairman of the Delaware County Heritage Commission; Mervyn Harris, Vice Chairman; Jane Carroll, Cyndi Charney, Barbara Marinelli, Elizabeth McCarrick, Karen Micka and H. Raymond Peden.

Mr. White read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the 2016 theme for Preservation Month is "This Place Matters," in recognition of the countless places and buildings that are meaningful to our residents and our communities: and

Whereas, today marks the awarding of the Heritage Commission's 38th annual Historic Preservation Awards to deserving Delaware Countians for site preservation, the writing and interpretation of local history, and for the restoration and adaptive rehabilitation of county landmarks.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare May 2016 to be Preservation Month.

Mr. Paul presented the following awards: Site Preservation – Restoration of the Historic Lansdowne Theater's Outdoor Lobby; Publications – Chadds Ford: Then and Now by Phyllis Recca and Women in Penn's Woods: A History of Women in Pennsylvania by Robyn S. Young; Special Programs/Projects – Aston Township Historical Society Museum, Aston Township; Preservation Planning – Rose Valley Centennial Foundation, Rose Valley Borough; Youth – Jenna Miele and John Lyons; Individual Achievement – Clarissa Dillon, Ginny DeNenno and Patricia Theodore; and the Leedom B. Morrison Heritage Award for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Wetherill School, Chester City.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. White as it relates to CM3 invoices.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file four (4) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file four (4) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated all the Preservation Award winners; keep up the good work. Denise Stewart, of the County's Office of Service to the Aging, and her staff do an unbelievable job and he thanked them for all the work they do for older Americans. Last, he encourages everyone to come to the "Walk for the Wounded" event on Saturday, May 14, at Rose Tree Park. If you can't make it, please donate. We don't do enough for our veterans.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks.

Mr. McBlain congratulated everyone here today. We do business here on Delaware County Council with the approval of contracts and grants, but certainly the part of the meeting where we get to honor those that make Delaware County such a special place is our favorite part.

Mrs. Morrone echoed her fellow councilmen's remarks. She also added her congratulations to Ginny DiNenno who was not able to be here today. With all the awards recognizing individuals, one of the first things she ever did in the community of Concord Township was to serve on the Planning Commission with Ginny. Her efforts on historical preservation in the township started a long time ago. Ginny named almost every single road in the township. She did not do that lightly, as she did the research behind it and figured out how she was going to name that road after some historical past of Concord Township. Congratulations to everyone.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming this morning. County Council honors individuals and/or groups weekly at our meetings and this morning was no exception. Congratulations to all the award recipients.

DISCUSSION: Marina Ci Fuentes, recently from Argentina, had a situation that she wished to address that involved her six year old son and Children and Youth Services. Chairman Civera said this could be a privacy issue and that he was referring her to Executive Director Grace who would speak with her after the meeting.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan

