

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; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of November 2, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Sheelah Weekes, from the County Office of Services for the Aging, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 2 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 Central Tax Collection Department request for 13 Court Ordered refunds for the years 2009, 2011, 2015 and 2016 for properties in the Boroughs of Clifton Heights, Eddystone, Folcroft and Sharon Hill and the Townships of Chester, Darby, Newtown, Thornbury and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$8,908.77. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, an Addendum to the Lease Extension between Valdig Investors and the County of Delaware for space located at 27 S. Pennell Road, Media, PA; 2,400 square feet of space for use as District Court 32-2-48 from 12/1/16 to 12/1/18 at a rate of \$20.50 per square foot. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the County of Delaware and S. J. Thomas Company, Inc. to provide for renovations to Courthouse facilities for a fee not to exceed \$121,302.14, pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), Contract No. KPN-ERS-201401-JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mrs. Hill said one of the findings of the County's Open Space, Park and Recreation Plan is that there is high public regard for the County Parks and Recreation facilities, but there seems to be a lack of general awareness of the County parks and all the amenities that are available throughout the system. She asked for Council's approval of an agreement with Simone Collins, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to prepare a Signage Manual that will include design specifications

for park identification as well as wayfinding, interpretive, regulatory, ground markers and maps to help make the County Parks more identifiable and its features and services in the park more apparent to our visitors.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into an Agreement with Simone Collins in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the development of a County Parks Signage Manual for proper identification, branding and park wayfinding for the Delaware County Park System. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Lori Devlin, Director of Intercommunity Health, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mrs. Devlin asked for Council's approval of a subcontract agreement that will allow Penn State University to continue to provide Delaware County Zika Virus Surveillance, Treatment and Public Education. This subcontract is supplemental to the West Nile Virus Initiative.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Subcontract with the Pennsylvania State University for the purpose of providing Zika Virus Surveillance and Control Initiatives within Delaware County for the period of 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 for an amount not to exceed \$46,789.00. 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 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of a contract with Mingis, Gutowski & Company for the annual fiscal compliance audit and the approval of two (2) Subsidized Day Care Providers.

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.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 12 announcing the flying of the U.S. Marine Corps flag.

Mr. Culp said brave men and women in the United States military continue to protect our national security, both at home and on foreign soil. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, a new generation of heroes have stepped up to preserve peace and safeguard our homeland. In Delaware County, we are committed to showing our appreciation of their dedication, courage and sacrifice.

We honor them in many ways. One is through our Armed Services Tribute Board in the lobby. We also honor the five service branches, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, by flying their flag to observe their anniversaries.

This morning, we raised the flag of the U.S. Marine Corps, which was established on November 10, 1775. It will fly for one week from the flagpoles in the courtyard of the Government Center and Courthouse complex and in front of the Courthouse.

Mr. Culp said we are joined this morning by the following three Marine veterans:

Cy Yost, of Brookhaven, a court officer in the Court of Common Pleas, who serves as Deputy District Commander for District 8 of the American Legion. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum.

Charles Young, of Springfield, an officer with the Delaware County Park Police and who served 13 years in the Marine Corps, which included 14 months as part of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Arthur Burn, of Lower Chichester, served two tours of duty in Vietnam (1966-1970) and is Past President of the First Marine Division Association, Past Commandant of the Delaware County Detachment, Marine Corps League and a former Chairman of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum.

We are proud to have such distinguished veterans as part of our Delaware County government family. On behalf of Delaware County Council, Mr. Culp thanked them for their service to our country and everything they do.

Chairman Civera presented a Resolution declaring November 17 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Chairman Civera said everyone's life has been touched by cancer of some type and we all hope for the day when there will be a cure for this dreadful disease. Today we are focusing on pancreatic cancer, a deadly cancer that has not received as much attention as other types of cancer.

Pancreatic cancer is now the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, surpassing breast cancer. According to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, an estimated 41,780 Americans will die of pancreatic cancer in 2016. When people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, 71 percent will die within one year of their diagnosis and 92 percent will die within five years. This is a sad statistic for people faced with pancreatic cancer and their loved ones.

To raise awareness about pancreatic cancer, November 17 is designated as World Pancreatic Cancer Day. Delaware County resident Roberta "Bobbi" McGettigan is a pancreatic cancer survivor and volunteer with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. She wants people to know

more about this deadly cancer and to raise awareness about the need for funding, research, early diagnostic tools and better treatment.

According to the Action Network, this cancer is underfunded and has been put in a “too hard to deal with” category for too long. It’s important that we all learn more about pancreatic cancer, how to prevent it, and to improve the diagnosis and treatment options.

Mrs. McGettigan accepted the Resolution and said a few words about pancreatic cancer. The survival rate for pancreatic cancer is 8%. She is one of the lucky ones who was diagnosed by accident and given a 1-2% chance of survival.

Pancreatic cancer is very hard to diagnose and is underfunded. As part of the Pancreatic Action Network, they are trying to raise awareness and raise hope so that those numbers can change.

She said receiving this Resolution today means the world to her.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to present a Resolution declaring November as National Family Caregivers Month.

Mr. McBlain said we all know people who care for an elderly parent or a family member with a disability and we know the challenges they face. While helping to care for someone is rewarding, caregiving is also physically and emotionally demanding and can be stressful.

November is National Family Caregivers Month which gives all of us a chance to thank a caregiver and to advocate for support and programs to help the caregiver. The theme for this year’s Caregivers Month is “Take Care to Give Care.” This message is for caregivers to make sure they rest, recharge and get respite. Caregivers are at a higher risk for health issues resulting from chronic stress.

Today, we are pleased to have our County Office of Services for the Aging here to tell us about the assistance that is available to people caring for an elderly family member. We also welcome our partners from Senior Community Services.

There are an estimated 60 million caregivers across the country who are helping someone be safe and lead a meaningful life with dignity.

It’s been said that one of the best measures of government is how it treats its older citizens and people living with disabilities. In Delaware County, we are committed to helping people get the support they need to enjoy a quality life.

This month, we recognize the caregivers who are devoted to their loved ones and committed to their care.

Mr. McBlain called on Denise Stewart, Director of the County Office of the Services for the Aging, to come forward and say a few words. Also attending today's meeting were the following individuals: Sheelah Weekes, Deputy Director, Long Term Services & Supports, COSA; Joanna Geiger, Link Coordinator, COSA; Arthur Weisfeld, Executive Director, Senior Community Services; Debbie Templeton, Program Manager, Caregiver Support Services, Senior Community Services; and Karen Inverso, caregiver in the Caregiver Support Program.

Mrs. Stewart thanked County Council for recognizing the importance of caregiving. Over sixty-nine million people need caregiving and in the next decade this number will triple for people who will need a caregiver to provide and to give them help in order to get through their daily living.

Debbie Templeton, of Caregiver Support Services, said through the years they have seen many changes come through the program but one thing that has always remained true to and focused on was their dedication to the caregivers and making them a priority.

Some of the benefits this program has offered and continues to offer is financial assistance through reimbursement, emotional support and education support.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15 announcing free counseling during Medicare Open Enrollment.

Mr. McBlain said now is the time for Delaware County senior citizens to examine their 2017 Medicare coverage and possibly revise that coverage to meet changing healthcare needs. Open Enrollment for Medicare coverage started on Saturday, October 15 to give seniors enough time to review and make changes to their coverage.

As with last year, beneficiaries will need to make their final selection for next year's Medicare coverage by December 7. The Open Enrollment dates ensure Medicare has enough time to process the beneficiary's choice so coverage can begin without interruption on January 1, 2017.

Delaware County Council, through the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), is offering free counseling to assist residents in making informed decisions about their Medicare health insurance coverage. Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year, things like cost, coverage and what providers and pharmacies are in their network. If residents miss the opportunity to make adjustments to their plans now, they will have to wait another year.

There are important changes ahead for the Medicare Annual Enrollment period.

- Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) will take place October 15 through December 7, 2016. People with Medicare can make changes in their Medicare coverage by enrolling in a different Part D Plan, changing from Medicare Advantage to Original Medicare, or vice versa.

- Medicare's Annual Disenrollment Period (ADP) will take place from January 1 through February 14, 2017. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries cannot use the disenrollment period to switch Medicare Advantage Plans. People with Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans will only be able to return to Original Medicare and/or join a stand-alone prescription drug (Part D) plan during the Annual Disenrollment period.

Starting October 4 and running through December 29 trained APPRISE health insurance counselors will be available to senior citizens by appointment at the COSA office, located in Eddystone, and on select dates at locations throughout Delaware County.

APPRISE counselors are available to provide free counseling by phone. Seniors can also make an appointment to meet one-on-one with an APPRISE counselor. To reach the Delaware County APPRISE Office, call (484) 494-3769. APPRISE is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program administered locally by Senior Community Services.

Trained APPRISE counselors can help Medicare beneficiaries in the following areas:

- Review current coverage
- Check qualifications for low-income programs
- Compare plans with all available options
- Search for specific plans online that meet specific prescription and medical needs
- Give easy-to-understand answers to questions about Medicare
- Help enroll in a plan online

People with Medicare can make an appointment for free one-on-one APPRISE counseling at numerous locations throughout the county. To view a complete schedule, visit www.delcosa.org. For an appointment at COSA, call (610) 490-1300. Registration is required for one-on-one counseling.

Trindy Grundy said Senior Community Services is one of the largest non-profit providers of senior services here in Delaware County under the leadership of Arthur Weisfeld, Executive Director. In January, they are beginning their 40th year of service. The APPRISE program is year-long with many events scheduled in 2017.

Ms. Grundy pointed out that some people like statistics. As of October 15, they have held 36 update presentations, 69 individual counseling sessions, 10 Medicare Health Plan (Part D) comparisons and 4 Health Fairs.

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

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. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Voluntary Relinquishment of Parental Rights, six (6) 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 Voluntary Relinquishment of Parental Rights, six (6) 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Denise Stewart and her staff at COSA for the excellent job they do.

Mr. McBlain made a few brief comments. Yesterday, County Council received notice that our longtime director of Emergency Services, Ed Truitt, was going to retire. He wanted to publicly state (for the record) his appreciation and thanks to Mr. Truitt for his more than thirty years of service to the residents of Delaware County.

Mr. Truitt has been Delaware County's only director of Emergency Services, our 911 Center as it is known. He took our operation from what was literally five or six phone lines that went into the basement of the old courthouse where men picked up the phone and answered an emergency services call from police and then dispatched it out. We have gone from that, under Mr. Truitt's leadership, to a state-of-the-art facility located in Delaware County.

Mr. Truitt has been an unfailing worker when it comes to emergency services in Delaware County. On any number of occasions when there has been a snowstorm, a hurricane, any weather event like that, it is common for Mr. Truitt to be in his office for 3-4 days straight. He is the first to arrive at 7:00/7:30 A.M. and the last to leave at 6:00/7:00 P.M. He literally established the program that we have in place and that we are very proud of.

Back on September 11, 2001, while working in the Solicitor's Office, Mr. McBlain was directed to be the contact person and go out to the Emergency Service Center. He got to see what he would describe as "Ed Truitt in his prime" and see how he was able to direct all of the county services that day, even though there was nothing occurring in Delaware County at the time. Every firefighter and police officer was looking to do something in order to help.

There was the issue of schools that day. Schools began calling the County at 11:00 A.M. saying, "What do we do?" Do we stay open? Do we close?" Mr. McBlain saw Mr. Truitt seamlessly handle perhaps what was the worst day in our history.

Mr. McBlain is very appreciative of Mr. Truitt's service. He wishes him well in his retirement and every resident of Delaware County should be thankful that Ed Truitt provided that service during these past thirty years.

Chairman Civera said Mr. McBlain's comments are well noted. He had the distinct pleasure working with Ed Truitt, who are both from Upper Darby Township, serving on Upper Darby's Council. He introduced the 911 legislation in Harrisburg and Ed Truitt wrote the legislation.

Ed Truitt has retired and he wishes him and his family well. There was a lot of good that came out of Ed Truitt in Delaware County, in the Communication field. Each and every one of the law enforcement people, police chiefs and EMS, understands what that 911 Center is all about.

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

**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Current Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Mingis, Gutowski & Company, LLP	Audit (Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol Programs)	Year ended 6/30/16 (\$62,000) 7/1/16-12-31/16 (\$24,200)	\$86,200	\$86,200
Ambassador Academy Robots and Mentors LLC	Subsidized Day Care	9/1/16-*	N/A	N/A
LMV Management LLC	Subsidized Day Care	10/1/16-*	N/A	N/A

*Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.