

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 January 18, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ed O'Lone, Delaware County Controller. Kate Morrone, of the Public Relations Department, 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 January 11, 2017, 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 six (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 a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and McCormick Taylor to provide Engineering and Construction Inspection Services required for the replacement of the Paper Mill Road Bridge over Darby Creek, County Bridge No. 221, in Newtown Township, for a fee not to exceed \$404,829.08. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7 an Amendment to a Contract with S. J. Thomas Company, Inc. for restroom renovations at the Government Center Complex to *decrease* the contract sum in the amount of (\$6,223.57). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Casaccio Architects for additional architectural services required for the Juvenile Detention Center Roof Replacement and Exterior Envelope Renovations for a fee not to exceed \$15,000.00. 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 asked for Council's approval to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with the Delaware County Housing Authority to prepare a joint Assessment of Fair Housing. Both agencies are now required to prepare and adopt its plan for HUD. The collaboration will enable them to prepare a broader more comprehensive document.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 9 to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with the Delaware County Housing Authority for the preparation of the 2018-2022 Assessment of Fair Housing, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the annual subscription to EBSCO for products including library enhancements and Materfile Elite (magazine articles including back issues of Consumer Reports, Time and Sports Illustrated) in the amount of \$61,725.00. This is available in all 28 DCLS member libraries and from home with a library card. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew a contract with Overdrive, Inc. to purchase eBooks and audiobooks for Delaware County residents to download to eReaders, computers and mobile devices at a total cost of \$178,500.00. 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 12.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of a contract with Prospect Crozer. This is for the retrofit of their existing building to create a drug and alcohol detox and rehab program as well as an enhanced outpatient services. This will add fifty-two (52) beds to our provider network as well as to serve over 2,200 individuals with outpatient services. There are no County dollars associated with this request, as it is a reinvestment from Health Choices.

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. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13 to appoint Timothy A. Boyce, of Upper Darby Township, and Thomas J. Murray, Jr., of Marple Township, to the Hero Scholarship Fund Board to a term ending October 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14 to announce the cold weather resources for the elderly, homeless and vulnerable.

Mr. White said a year ago (January 22) we were bracing for a snowstorm called "Jonas," which dumped two feet of snow on our region. This year we have gotten off fairly easy with only one measurable snowfall so far.

Whatever Mother Nature has in store, we want our residents to know we are prepared and that various county services stand ready to offer assistance to the elderly, vulnerable and homeless people in coping with the cold. These resources are offered through various agencies and networks including our Delaware County Division of Adult and Family Services, the Office of

Services for the Aging (COSA), the Department of Intercommunity Health and the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. These programs help residents' year round, but when the weather turns nasty and possibly dangerous, these agencies ramp up their efforts.

Our Division of Adult and Family Services provides a Winter Shelter Directory that is distributed to police, municipalities and other officials. We also post this information on our website. They can also connect people with the Community Action Agency of Delaware County and the low-income energy assistance programs, LIHEAP, and PECO's energy assistance programs. COSA also extends outreach to senior citizens when temperatures plummet.

Mr. White said he wants to remind people to register for the County's DelcoAlert System that will send messages to people's mobile devices when there is a weather emergency, particularly one that results in power outages.

Attending this morning's meeting were the following representatives: Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services; Jessica Fink, Adult and Family Services; Sheelah Weekes, Barb Nicolardi and Elaine Lawley, COSA; and Ed Coleman, Community Action Agency.

Mr. Coleman said the Community Action Agency has two cold weather programs that are available to Delaware County residents, the LIHEAP Program and the Weatherization Program. Last year in Delaware County there were 135 homes that were without heat, 53 of those were elderly occupied and 33 of those were disabled occupied. They were able to provide 37 new heaters and repaired 118 heaters. This winter season they have already had 126 calls from County residents without heat. So, that program is ready to try and assist with their dilemma.

In addition, Mr. Coleman said they administer the federally-funded weatherization program that provides home energy audits, attic installation, heater service and repair, weather stripping and caulking, window and door replacement and energy conservation education. All these services are provided free of charge.

Mr. Dougherty thanked County Council for their support of these programs. He is aware that Jessica Frink, of Adult and Family Services, and Ed Coleman, of the Community Action Agency, talks with his agencies on a daily basis coordinating housing and homeless services. There are a lot of resources available on the table in the back of the meeting room and on the County website under Human Services.

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 with an abstention vote cast by Mr. White as it pertains to CM3 invoices.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the filing of one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. McBlain thanked the agencies and the employees of the County who work to put these plans together all year long and work for our most vulnerable citizens. As was previously announced, this is a plan that doesn't need any action or declarations. It goes into effect and those involved go to work helping our residents.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending this morning's County Council Meeting. He looks forward to a real exciting year as Council gets into their January meetings and (hopefully) through the winter safely and not have any major snowstorms.

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