

County Council Minutes
February 4, 2026

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on February 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the 201 W. Front St, located at , Media PA and was live streamed.

1. Call Meeting to Order

PRESENT: Richard Womack, Chair; Christine Reuther, Vice Chair; Dr. Monica Taylor, Council Member; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Council Member, Barbara O'Malley, Executive Director; Lee Awbrey, Solicitor; Louis F. Rosenthal, Controller; Sharon A. Scattolino, County Clerk and other department heads. Chair Womack called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Womack stated Council had been in executive session today to discuss personnel matters.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Announcement(s)

3.A. County Council Announcements

4. Presentations

4.A. America 250 PA Delco, by Director, Andrea Silva

5. Junior Council Comments

6. Public Comment

7. Communications from the Executive Director

8. Approval of Minutes

8.A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

- 9.A. Approval to accept \$463,464.00 in HealthChoices Reinvestment funding from the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

\$463,464.00

State Funding Source(s):

HealthChoices Reinvestment - \$463,464.00

Please see attached supporting documentation.

- 9.B. Approval to apply to the PCCD funding announcement: Improving Investigations of 18 PA C.S. 6312 in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a twelve (12) month term 2025-2026. This is a non-competitive application specifically for the Delaware County District Attorney's Office — Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Grant

500,000.00

PCCD

We currently receive award money to supplement ICAC through PCCD and they are offering us an additional award. Our current award ends 06/30 - this will be an additional award number as we are closing that and opening this.

- 9.C. Approval to purchase an upgraded FARO Scanner with 2-year warranty and training, funded by PCCD Grant Tools for Investigation and Prosecution of Crime, in the amount of \$43,453.32. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

- 9.D. Approval of a Professional Services contract with The Trust for Public Land for a Greenways Finance Feasibility Study in the amount of \$68,600.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

County Revenue

\$68,600

Planning Department Budget-Consultant Line

- 9.E. Approval of the Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement between SEPTA and the County of Delaware for the Chester Creek Trail extending the lease to May 30, 2053. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

N/A

\$0

There is no cost associated with the lease amendment.

- 9.F. Approval to enter into a new contractual agreement with Horizon House, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$463,464.00 for the start-up of a Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Team. This will be for a term beginning

February 4, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Subject to the Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

\$463,464.00

State Funding Source:

- HealthChoices Reinvestment, \$463,464.00

Please see the attached supporting documents.

- 9.G. Approval to enter into a new contractual agreement with Jami Residences Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$82,472.04 for a term beginning March 20, 2025 to June 30, 2026, for the provision of respite and residential services. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

N/A*

State Funding Source:

- Human Services Block Grant - 97.94%

County Funding:

- 2.06%

Please see attached supporting Documents.

- 9.H. Approval to amend Contract #ID 104/25 with Devereux Foundation dba Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health to revise non-occupancy residential rates set by Montgomery County and to remove respite, the non-waiver setting needs group-2 service from the Agreement. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

N/A*

Federal Funding Source(s):

Social Services Block Grant CFDA #93.667 - 14.79%

State Funding Source(s):

Human Services Block Grant - 83.15%

County Funding - 2.06%

Please see attached supporting documentation.

- 9.I. Approval to amend Contract #CW 42/25 with Diakon Child and Family Community Ministries increasing foster care per diems 4%. This will be retroactive from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

N/A*

Federal Funding Source(s):

Foster Care IV-E CFDA #93:658 - Per eligibility of placement

Please see attached supporting documentation.

- 9.J. Approval to enter into a new contractual agreement with Joseph C. Hewitt, D.O. for the provision of child psychiatrist services, at the rate of \$400.00 per hour and for a term of February 4, 2026, to June 30, 2026. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

N/A*

State Funding Source(s):

Act 148 - 80%

County Funding: 20%

Please see attached supporting documentation.

- 9.K. Approval to purchase and Install a new Ascom Telligence Call Bell System at Fair Acres Geriatric Center Resident Building #6 from Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP off of Sourcewell Contract #121024. In an amount not to exceed \$489,921.00. This project is approved on the 2026 CIP #FP-2026-10-MS. Subject to Solicitors approval.

Capital

\$489,921.00

Medicare/Medicaid

- 9.L. Approval to award the Courthouse York Chiller Overhaul contract to Herman Goldner Co., Inc. for the amount of \$108,250.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Capital

\$108,250.00

Capital

Herman Goldner PA State Contract Number: 4400028870

- 9.M. Approval of amendment #1 to the professional services agreement between the County of Delaware and J&M Preservation Studio for the Leedom House Preservation Project located in Rose Tree Park, Media, PA, at an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00. The contract value will increase from \$44,163.50 to \$48,063.50. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Capital

\$3,900.00
Loan 66

- 9.N. Approval to award contract #98216 between the County of Delaware and Loftus Construction, Inc. for the replacement of County Bridge #210, Michigan Avenue over Little Crum Creek in Ridley Township at an amount not to exceed \$1,957,000.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

\$1,957,000.00

FUND 05-ACT 13/MARCELLUS SHALE FUNDS & FUND 36-BRIDGE
(PENNDOT REIMB.) FUND

- 9.O. Approval to execute Retro-Reimbursement Agreement #R25060021 between the County of Delaware and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for eighty percent of expenses incurred for the reconstruction of County Bridge #221, Paper Mill Road over Darby Creek in Newtown Township. The value of the retro-reimbursement is \$3,394,476.00. Subject to Solicitor's approval.

Other Revenue

\$3,394,476.00

Fund 36 - Bridge (PennDOT) Reimbursement Fund

Motion was Seconded by Joanne Phillips and CARRIED unanimously.

10. Appointments

- 10.A. Approval to appoint Chris Welsh as Interim Chief of Social Services and Community Programs.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Chris Welsh as Interim Chief of Social Services and Community Programs. Motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.B. Approval to appoint Taylor Dunn as Interim Public Defender.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Taylor Dunn as Interim Chief Public Defender. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.C. Approval to appoint Steven A. Goldfield to the Board of the Sustainable Energy Partnership of Southeast Pennsylvania to a term ending on October 31, 2028, as well as Rebecca Yurkovich, County Sustainability Officer.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Steven A. Goldfield and Rebecca

Yurkovich to the Board of the Sustainable Energy Partnership of Southeast Pennsylvania to a term ending October 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.D. Approval to appoint Danielle Eichinger to the Hero Scholarship Board for a three (3) year term, ending February 1, 2029.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Danielle Eichinger to the Hero Scholarship Board for a three (3) year term, ending February 1, 2029. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.E. Approval to appoint Elaine Paul Schaefer to the America 250 PA Delco Commission.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Elaine Paul Schaefer to the America 250 PA Delco Commission. The motion was seconded by Richard Womack and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.F. Approval to reappoint Stacey C. Yates to the Solid Waste Authority for a five (5) year term, ending February 1, 2031.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to reappoint Stacey C. Yates to the Solid Waste Authority for a five (5) year term, ending February 1, 2031. The motion was seconded by Joanne Phillips and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.G. Approval to appoint Council Member Elaine Paul Schaefer to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term ending February 1, 2027.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Council Member Elaine Paul Schaefer to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, ending February 1, 2027. The motion was seconded by Joanne Phillips and CARRIED unanimously.

- 10.H. Approval to appoint Council Members, Christine Reuther, Elaine Paul Schaefer and Joanne Phillips to the Retirement Board.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to appoint Council Members, Christine Reuther, Elaine Paul Schaefer and Joanne Phillips to the Retirement Board. The motion was seconded by Richard Womack and CARRIED unanimously.

11. Miscellaneous

- 11.A. Approval of the Compensation Study Structure recommended by Bolton Partners Inc, not to exceed the amount of \$4,400,000.00 for non-bargaining employees with implementation beginning February 20, 2026 and compensation adjustments retroactive to January 1, 2026.

\$4,400,000.00

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to approve the Compensation Study Structure recommended by Bolton Partners, Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$4,400,000.00 for non-bargaining employees with implementation beginning February 20, 2026, and compensation adjustments retroactive to January 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer, with the following votes being registered: Richard Womack, Yay; Christine Reuther, Yay; Dr. Monica Taylor, Yay; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Yay; and Joanne Phillips, Nay. Motion passes 4 to 1.

12. Request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to approve the Request by the Controller's office for payment of current bills. The motion was seconded by Joanne Phillips and CARRIED unanimously.

13. Solicitor

- 13.A. Approval to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion was made by Christine Reuther to approve to file two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court. The motion was seconded by Richard Womack and CARRIED unanimously.

14. Council Remarks

15. Adjourn

Motion was made by Ricahrd Womack to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and CARRIED unanimously.

Sharon A. Scattolino, County Clerk