

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

March 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Commissioner Sandra M. Wright was unable to attend due to a last-minute schedule change. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, County Administrator Frank Basler, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

**Meeting Minutes –January 25, 2018, February 9, 2018**

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to table the approval of the minutes of January 25, 2018 and February 9, 2018 to the next meeting due to Commissioner Wright's absence. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote–Vouchers**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote–Payroll**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept and approve payroll as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**County Personnel Status Forms**

County Administrator Basler presented the Commissioners with personnel status forms for:

Address Change

Bernadette Tobin

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms.

Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**County Fire Plane update with County Fire Chiefs**

Chief Craig Weston of Carver, Chief Andrew Reardon of Norwell, Chief Lance Benjamino of Middleborough, Chief Timothy Harhen of East Bridgewater and Chief Edward Bradley of Plymouth appeared before the Commissioners to give an update on the status of the County Fire Plane. Chief Weston distributed a very detailed presentation on the plane and described in detail how important the plane was to the County Fire Chiefs and inhabitants of Plymouth County with early detection of fires and locating missing persons. Discussion was held on

drones and all the Chiefs agree the technology is not sufficient yet to attempt to replace the plane. The plane is a 1955 “Tail Dragger” designed to hover approximately 1000-1,500 feet in the air. 6 certified pilots and 5 observers made up of retired Fire Chiefs and ranking officers man the plane. Commissioner Hanley would like to set up a working group to provide grant opportunities. Administrator Basler will attend the March 29, 2018 meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association to provide an update.

### **House Bill 4000 Update**

The Commissioners discussed facilitating a meeting of all County Officials and the County Legislative Delegation to discuss support for House Bill 4000. Plymouth County will host a meeting March 22, 2018 in Plymouth with all County Commissioners, Registers of Deeds, County Treasurers, and Officials from Councils of Government. A separate meeting will be held with the Legislative Delegation April 4, 2018 at the State House.

### **Discussion 155 West Elm Street RFP**

Administrator Basler presented 2 bids received at the bid opening for 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. The bids were opened in public Monday, February 26, 2018. A bid was received from the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton for \$375,000 and a bid was received from the Southern New England Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists for \$700,000. Administrator Basler will contact the representatives from the Southern New England Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists to proceed with the requirements of Chapter 30B and disposal of public property notifications.

Commissioner Hanley stated for the record the sale of the property will not be used for balancing the budget and would like the revenue used for various regional projects the county has been working on. Chairman Pallotta stated a portion of the funds will be used to relocate the Registry of Deeds Staff currently working in the building.

### **Registry Brockton Satellite Office relocation**

Chairman Pallotta has requested Register Buckley furnish drawings of what space will be needed for the satellite office relocation.

### **Dredge Plan and Update**

Administrator Basler distributed the plan for the Commissioners to review and discuss at their next meeting.

### **Register's Report**

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners February deeds excise numbers and reports the revenue numbers are slightly ahead of estimates.

### **Transcription Services for Land Court Invitation for Bids**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to have Administrator Basler administer the IFB for Transcription Services for Land Records for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer O'Brien reports FY 19 Revenue discussions are currently taking place and the current deficit for FY18 is \$128,000. Treasurer O'Brien gave an update on PCOT and as of

January 31, 2018, the gross return is 26.49%. Commissioner Hanley suggested Treasurer O'Brien issue a press release with the current membership.

### **Extension Director's Report**

4H/Extension Director Molly Vollmer informed the Commissioners due to the storm last week, Visual Presentations will be done March 10, 2018 at the Kingston Intermediate School.

### **Summer Overnight Request–Lady Maryland Schooner**

Director Vollmer briefed the Commissioners on a request received from the Lady Maryland for their Shipboard Educational Summer Program. The organization is requesting a location for approximately 20 middle and high school aged youth and 3 adult chaperones to sleep the night of Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Administrator Basler to negotiate arrangements for use of the Plymouth County Commissioners Building. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Grant Process Policy–update**

Administrator Basler presented a draft to the Board for their review on the County grant policy. Commissioners should send comments back to him by the next meeting.

### **Lease signing for Rockland Registry of Deeds satellite office**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign the lease for the Rockland Registry of Deeds Satellite Office. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **JAG Grant**

Administrator Basler reported to the Commissioner of an upcoming visit planned for April 12, 2018 of Federal representatives to audit the grant.

### **Maintenance Update**

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on recent storm related damage to the Hingham District Courthouse roof which is under warranty and water issues at Wareham Courthouse. Chairman Pallotta requested a full report for the next Commissioners meeting.

### **Mayflower Health Group Update on rates for FY 19**

Administrator Basler reported the rates recently finalized for healthcare for FY 2019. The plans will increase by 4.5% and the legacy plan will increase by 6.5%.

### **Auditor's RFP–update**

Administrator Basler will provide requested feedback for the next meeting to allow for Commissioner Wright's input.

### **Energy Procurement**

Administrator Basler is currently working on contracts for the County energy procurement and will update the Commissioners at the next meeting.

### **House Doctor update**

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the meeting this past week with the Design Selection Board attended with Chairman Pallotta. 10 submittals were reviewed and 3 were selected by the committee. Chairman Pallotta and Administrator Basler will have a conference call with the DSB to discuss next steps. Commissioner Hanley questioned if there was a civil engineering component? Chairman Pallotta confirmed that component was included.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the Chairman and Administrator Basler to work with the Design Selection Board. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Cook and Company Workmen's Compensation Management Services**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the contract for third party billing services provided by Cook and Company of Marshfield, MA for County Workmen's Compensation.

Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Environmental Resources Management Radio Tower, West Bridgewater-historic property**

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a request received from Environmental Resources Management of Atlanta, GA requesting comments on a satellite access node (SAN) to be installed on a historic property located in West Bridgewater, MA. The West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen will be meeting March 22, 2018 to discuss. As soon as feedback is received from the West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen Administrator Basler will have this item on the next agenda.

The next meeting will be a Statutory Meeting held Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

### **Executive Session**

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to discuss strategy concerning union negotiations with SEIU and OPEIU, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 9:55 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant