

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

November 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley and Commissioner Daniel A. Pallotta. Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, County Administrator Frank Basler, 4H Director Molly Lipper, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Attorney Shannon Resnick and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –October 5, 2017

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2017. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Anniversary Step Increase–

Robin Thomas to 21-8

Retirement–

Karen Santos, Land Court Recorder

Promotion-

Maureen Young, Land Court Recorder, 13-5

New Hire-

Margaret Morrison, Land Records Assistant 9-1

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the recent deeds excise numbers and reports they are much tighter this year. Foreclosures are down as well as re-financing.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien reported to the Commissioners on the recently signed A&F agreement to authorize the release of funds for the Sheriff's Department retirees. The total of \$2,993,834.00 will be authorized for payment at the next Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting scheduled for December 7, 2017.

The FY 2017 audit work has been completed and is expected to be completed by Melanson Heath by December. Treasurer O'Brien gave kudos to Comptroller Mary Dundas and the Commissioner's Office for all the hard work that went into compiling the required documentation and getting it done in a timely manner. Commissioner Hanley requested a letter of appreciation be placed in Ms. Dundas file signed by the Chairman.

PCOT will be having a quarterly meeting next Thursday, November 9, 2017 to review financial figures.

Extension Service's Director Report

4H Director Molly Lipper briefed the Commissioners on upcoming events with local participation of Plymouth County 4H members. The Maker Summit held in Atlanta GA and Horse Bowl will be held in Hanson MA.

The Annual 4H Awards Night will be held this evening, Friday, November 3, 2017 from 6-9p.m. in Abington. Chairman Wright and Commissioner Hanley will be attending.

MA DOT-Street plan alterations-Wareham

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign and acknowledge street plan alterations for the Town of Wareham. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

RFQ-155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to move forward with the RFQ for the sale of the property located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Lease-Bankruptcy Court

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to exercise a lease renewal for 1 year with a 60-day cancellation notice on the lease for the Bankruptcy Court at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on conversations with Chris McQuade from the Administrative Office of the Trial Court to allow the Registry of Deeds employees to move into the space at the law library at Brockton Superior Courthouse. Mr. McQuade does not feel the space is available. The Commissioners requested Mr. McQuade and Mr. Bello attend the next Commissioners meeting to discuss the issue. Attorney Resnick will review the existing lease between the county and the state from 1978.

Administrator Basler presented a draft RFQ for the "House Doctor". Commissioner Hanley requested Attorney Resnick review the language concerning code compliance.

Maintenance Update

Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge briefed the Commissioners on tree planting to be done in front of the Brockton Superior Courthouse by DCR. Commissioner Pallotta expressed concern with placement. Issues with lighting in the courtrooms is also being addressed by the staff.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for County of Plymouth v. Town of Plymouth re: Town Dump and South Street Transfer Station, Union negotiations, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The chair so deems that moving to executive session is in the best interest of the County as discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the County's bargaining or litigating position the Board held a roll call vote to enter Executive Session and to return to open public session. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-Yes, Chairman Wright-Yes.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2017 at the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

At 10:25 a.m. The Commissioners called the roll to enter back into open public session. Chairman Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-Yes.

Vote-Vendor Voucher and Release-Siemens Corp.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the vendor voucher for Siemens Corp. Chairman Wright seconded. Commissioner Pallotta recused himself from all discussion.

Vote: Chairman Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-Abstained.

At 10:27 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant