

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

January 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:02 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Sandra M. Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Commissioner Daniel A. Pallotta arrived at 8:25 a.m. Chairman Wright 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, 4H Director Molly Lipper, and County Attorney Shannon Resnick.

Annual Reorganization of Board

The Commissioners tabled the votes to reorganize the board awaiting Commissioner Pallotta's arrival

Meeting Minutes –December 7, 2017

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 2017. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Permanent Assignment Change-

Michael Hambly perm transfer to Hingham District Courthouse from Brockton Superior Courthouse

New Address

John Zigouras

Anniversary Step Increase

Debra Whelan to 13-2

Retirement

Barbara Bardon, Land Court Recorder

Fill Existing Position

Bernadette Tobin, Land Records Assistant (position previously held by Margaret Morrison)

FMLA

Robin Thomas

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on December's deeds excise numbers and feels we are on target for hitting revenue estimates for the year.

Treasurer's Report

GASB 74 & 75 Update

Treasurer O'Brien presented the Board with the 2017 GASB 74 & 75 report and provided an update on PCOT. Currently there are 25 members with over \$15,000,000 in assets under management.

House Bill 4000

Treasurer O'Brien presented the bill summary and suggests calls to Chairman Sanchez of House Weighs and Means to encourage support.

Extension Service Director's Report

4H Director Molly Lipper briefed the Commissioners on the upcoming Agriculture Day to be held March 27, 2018 at the State House. Molly will promote HB 4000 to the appropriate contacts at the State House.

Vote-Gasoline & Diesel Fuel

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of 87 Octane Gasoline and Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel for the County of Plymouth and various political sub-divisions, effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 to:

Sprague Operating Resources, LLC
185 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH03801

Noonan Brothers Petroleum, Inc.
415 West Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

Dennis K. Burke, Inc.
284 Eastern Avenue
Chelsea, MA 02150

Commissioner Pallotta seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-IRS Mileage Rate 2018

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to increase the mileage allowance from .54 cents per mile to 54.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2018 per the Internal Revenue Service. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-No.

Transition for Registry Office

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on next steps concerning the move from 155 West Elm Street, Brockton. A verbal denial has been received for moving to the Superior Courthouse but the County has not received anything in writing after repeated requests from Chris McQuade. The Commissioners discussed a possible move to 32 Belmont Street.

The Commissioners also discussed the relocation of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group to the Registry of Deeds Office at 50 Obery Street. The topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

West Elm Street RFQ

The Commissioners tabled discussion to after Executive Session.

Administrator's Report

Registry of Deeds-Satellite Office Lease

Administrator Basler was able to negotiate a lower deal with Unicorn Realty the options based upon current market rates saving 4.5% or \$3,600. The lease will be available for signing later this spring.

Maintenance Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on repairs to the fire alarm system at the Wareham District Courthouse as well as upgrades to the parking lot lights to LED. This has created a dramatic improvement in lighting, safety and energy savings. Judge Wright is very pleased with the improvements. Renovations are complete for two jury rooms at the Brockton Superior Courthouse with new LED lighting, drop ceilings, paint and refinished furniture. Special thanks to Superintendent Doug Wedge, Assistant Superintendent Tom Jones, and Miguel Barbosa. We have received great feedback from Judge Kelley Brown and Mr. Creedon.

At Hingham District Courthouse, the third session Judges lobby was refinished over the holidays with a new bathroom, painting, carpets and blinds. Judge Bradley was very pleased as well.

Dredge Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a recent meeting held with Harbor Master Stephen Mone and the Coastal Resource Officer about the needs of the Town of Scituate. A late winter meeting is planned for all Harbor Masters, Conservation Agents, and other municipal officials to understand the needs of the communities and to create a guiding coalition to go to Secretary Jay Ash and request funding to create a model of regional dredging that would include a knowledgeable department head that can drive the program.

Press Release

Mr. Basler is preparing a press release on the Strong Fiscal Planning the County has in place based on the Commissioners leadership. A draft will be available later today for review.

House Doctor RFQ

The RFQ for a House Doctor has been submitted and advertised and is now in the response period. Mr. Basler expressed his thanks and appreciations to Commissioner Pallotta for his time and assistance.

SERPEDD (Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development)

Commissioner Pallotta requested Administrator Basler gather information on a policy that can be used to work with non-public organizations. A draft policy will be available for the next meeting.

Reorganization of Board

Per MGL Ch. 34, section 4, Chairman Wright called for the nomination for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Hanley nominated Commissioner Pallotta as Chairman. Chairman Pallotta seconded the nomination. Ballots were cast and with a 2-1 vote Commissioner Pallotta was voted as Chairman of the Plymouth County Commissioners.

Vote-Appointment to the Mayflower Municipal Health Group

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wright as the County Representative to the General Board of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group and County Administrator Frank Basler as alternate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Appointment to Board of Trustees Cooperative Extension Service

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to re-appoint Chairman Daniel Pallotta as Trustee and Liaison to the Board of Trustees on the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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. Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station and Gary Bousquet v. Plymouth County, and discussions concerning union negotiations with SEIU and OPEIU, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to return to open public session at 9:22 a.m.

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

At 9:45 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session:
Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

RFP-155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA

After much discussion, Commissioner Hanley made a motion to cancel the existing RFP for the sale of the property located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to reissue the RFP for the sale of the property at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA to include language concerning the Counties responsibility for the remediation of the existing oil tank.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2018

At 9:50 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant