

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:38 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Assistant Treasurer Jeff Welch, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –January 7, 2020

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2020. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Harley-Anne Hamilton-anniversary step increase to JG 9-2; Mildred Yuscavitch-Emergency Temporary Employee JG 15-8.

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Wright discussed the pending land approval on the county land located at the Bridgewater Corrections Facility for a Gun Range. Administrator Basler stated the most recent environmental report states the land is half buildable. Chairman Pallotta instructed Administrator Basler to request survey flagging and wetland line approval from the Town of Bridgewater Conservation Department.

County Retirement Assessments and Vote

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to order in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 22, Paragraph 7(c), as amended, that Retirement Assessments be

paid from the Treasury of the County of Plymouth and from the Treasuries of the several towns, districts, etc. for the fiscal period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien presented the December 2019 account summary for PCOT. The current annualized investment return after fees is 22.35% with 30 municipalities currently participating. PCOT continues to be successful and is outperforming the state.

Commissioner Hanley received the following email from a representative of PCOT member Quincy College and requested it be read into the record.

James Downey of Quincy College emailed the following:

"Had Year-end meeting last Friday with Plymouth County OPEB Trust (PCOT).

Quincy College has made \$671,000.00 dollars. We currently have \$2,700,000 of equity in the fund.

PCOT has the highest return in in New England. We had a 22% gain in FY2019.

This investment is to be in Compliance with Government Accounting standard (GASB) 75 . Non Pension benefits for retirees.

Board of Governor Greg Hanley who is also a Plymouth County Commissioner monitors this fund. He introduced it to the College and was instrumental in me being elected to my first Three-year term. Him and PCOT Chair Plymouth County Treasurer Tom Obrien review the Fund all the time I bring this up because Governor Hanley may bring it up at a future meeting.

We invest in quity (Stocks/Mutual Funds) and sees no reason to change this strategy in the next twelve Months.

Martin gets the Quincy College reports. I Have reports for Total PCOT if anyone would like to review.

Any questions Please advise.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reported the first seven months of the fiscal year revenue is higher than projected due to an increase in re-financing.

Extension Director's Report

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the recent accomplishments of Blake Dinius and Cathy Acampora. Blake received an award for a tick program video and Cathy continues to present her dog safety classes throughout Plymouth County to rave reviews. Commissioner Hanley will be having another Farm Task Force meeting next week to review plans for a greenhouse on the farm. Chairman Pallotta requested the Sheriff's Department provide an "as built" for the septic design flow. Administrator Basler will request the documents.

Falmouth approval for dredge use and update

Commissioner Wright made a motion to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Falmouth for the use of the County Dredge for up to 2 weeks. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a recent meeting held with Jonathan Beders of the Town of Plymouth DPW on possible use of the dredge.

Office Lease 32 Belmont Street, Brockton

Administrator Basler reports Brockton City Councilor Tina Cordosa has found office space through the City of Brockton at no cost and will not be leasing space from the county. Commissioner Hanley requested a meeting be held with City of Brockton, Mayor Robert Sullivan to discuss possible lease opportunities.

Halifax Land Transfer and Vote on Purchase and Sale

Chairman Pallotta made a motion that the Commissioners authorize the County to enter a purchase and sale agreement between the County of Plymouth and the Town of Halifax for property located off Aldana Road, Halifax as identified as Map 34, Parcel A and B, as shown in Plan Bk 35, Pg. 240 of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, to the Town of Halifax for the price of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) and to have the Chair represent the Commissioners at the closing. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum Records Request

Administrator Basler presented a rental request agreement for the use of Plymouth Colony Records Book I, Deeds from May through September 2020 and Court Orders, Volume I from October to December 2020. The books will be displayed as part of an exhibit for Plymouth's 400th anniversary commemoration. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the agreement pending legal approval. Commissioner Wright seconded for discussion. Chairman Pallotta feels additional time is needed to review the agreement. Commissioner Hanley withdrew the motion and Commissioner Wright withdrew her second.

Signatures-Certificate of Appreciation-Andrea Gulezian

Administrator Basler presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Commissioners signatures to be presented to Andrea Gulezian in recognition of 40 years of service to Plymouth County UMass Extension Nutrition Education Program.

Vote-Surety Bond-Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch

Commissioner Wright made a motion pursuant to M.G. L. Chapter 35, Sections 2 and 3, hereby approve the Bond of Jeffrey M. Welch, as Assistant Treasurer, with Western Surety

Company, as Surety, and in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Board Special Meeting Date–March 12, 2020

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the recent decision of DCAMM to not fund the chiller needed at the Wareham District Courthouse due to recent evaluations of courthouse space by the Trial Court. A meeting of the Plymouth County Advisory Board was called to approve a loan for the withdrawal of funds from the County Stabilization Fund to install the new chiller in a timely manner. The meeting will be held March 12, 2020.

The Commissioners next meeting will be held February 20, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes–January 7, 2020
- Executive Session Minutes–January 7, 2020
- Vote–Retirement Assessments and Warrants
- PCOT–OPEB Account Summary
- Vote–Town of Halifax property Purchase and Sale
- Vote–Surety Bond Acceptance–Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey M. Welch

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant