

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

March 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge, County Administrator Brian McDonald, 4-H Educator Molly Lipper and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the signing of Payroll and approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:

Maintenance Department

Retirement

James F. O'Meara, Building Custodian

Termination(60 day temporary)

David McMeekin, Custodian, JG 1-1, \$14.20/hr.

Registry of Deeds

Step Increases

Kari Poudrier, Land Court Recorder, JG 9-2, \$15.79/hr. to JG 9-3, \$16.15/hr.

Karen Santos, Land Court Recorder, JG 11-3, \$17.28/hr. to JG 11-4, \$17.70/hr.

John Zigouras II, Director of Operations, JG 23-8, \$34.05/hr. to JG 23-9, \$35.07/hr.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the aforementioned personnel actions. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes–February 13, 2014, February 27, 2014

Executive Session Minutes–February 13, 2014, February 27, 2014

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of February 13, 2104 and February 27, 2014.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Plymouth County Retirement Board Appointment

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to re-appoint James Harrington of Brockton to the Plymouth County Retirement Board. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update–Power Management

Dr. Kevin Kelly of Power Management briefed the Commissioners on an upcoming energy seminar and the status of a contract with the Norwell Housing Authority.

Discussion–Registry Vault and Storage of Records

Register John Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the grant approval from the Secretary of States Office to build a vault at the Registry of Deeds building in Plymouth. Register Buckley will meet with Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch to verify cubic feet of storage required for the Plymouth Colony Records. Commissioner Hanley gave kudos to Register Buckley for securing the funding and stating that his reputation preceded him with the Secretary of State.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote–Copy Paper Bid Award

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to award the purchase of copy paper for the county and various political subdivisions to W.B. Mason of Brockton, MA Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Plymouth County Treasurer Thomas O'Brien

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the Mayflower Municipal Health Group's announcement of a 0% increase this year for Dental Insurance and the 17.8% rate of return realized with the Plymouth County Retirement Board.

Register of Deeds John R. Buckley

Register Buckley presented the Commissioners with a WATD Broadcast schedule of "Remarkable Residents of Plymouth County's Past–2014" He also reported the deeds excise numbers were down for the month of February due to a drop in re-financing but feels optimistic for the spring.

Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge

Superintendent Wedge briefed the Commissioners on requests to use Community Service workers at the Brockton Superior Courthouse. There is an urgent need for a licensed Electrician and Plumber.

Cooperative Extension 4-H Educator Molly Lipper

Molly briefed the Commissioners on recent events with 4-H and the upcoming Agricultural Day March 26th at the State House. Commissioner Hanley requested special jackets be ordered for the 4-H Ambassadors representing Plymouth County. Jackets have been ordered through the Sheriff's Print Shop.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Brian McDonald informed the Commissioners on the recent DOER approval for the RFQ-Comprehensive Energy Management Services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of purchase, exchange or lease of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and pending litigation, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 5:55 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:45 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back in to open public session. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to eliminate 2 switchboard positions subject to advice of counsel and approve hiring 2 custodial hires for 30 days. Commissioner Wright seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:50 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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County Property-

Dr. Kevin Kelly of Power Management discussed county owned land in Plympton MA. Cisco has purchased 50 acres of land for a solar field and is interested in 6 acres of county land. Chairman Pallotta requested research be conducted on the deed and any conservation restrictions. The consensus of the board is to go forward with a lease opportunity if presented.

Discussion-South Street Landfill

Environmental Attorney Daniel Nagle of Scituate presented a legal memo concerning the landfill. The Commissioners discussed the capping of the landfill and responsibilities with the town of Plymouth. Commissioner Hanley would like to form a working group with Attorney Nagle and a representative from the Town of Plymouth and the County.

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