

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

March 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.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, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –February 21, 2017

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 21, 2017. 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.

Vote-Vendor Vouchers

Commissioner Hanley made a motion for approval of vendor vouchers 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:

Registry of Deeds:

Name Change

Carolyn (Lacey) Laubenstein

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the aforementioned personnel status form.

Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Department:

Termination

David Moran

Commissioner Pallotta requested the approval for the termination of David Moran be tabled to Executive Session.

Vote-Retirement Assessments and Warrants

Treasurer O'Brien presented a corrected vote and warrants for the Retirement Assessments for FY 2018. The figures used on the previous warrants were not aligned with PERAC figures due to rounding errors.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion ordering 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2018 Budget

Treasurer O'Brien presented and briefed the Commissioners on the draft FY 2018 budget. A 4.5% increase in healthcare costs, the addition of an Entomologist position and the addition of one full time and two part-time Registry of Deeds employees were highlighted. Register of Deeds Buckley expressed his concern with the number of additional staff requested and felt the Registry would still not have enough coverage. The Commissioners will review the draft budget and will discuss at their next meeting.

Vote-Extension Services Board of Trustees

Commissioner Hanley made a motion in accordance with MGL Chapter 128, Section 40, as amended, to appoint **John Hornstra, 246 Prospect Street, Norwell, MA** and **Anne Victoria Morris, 50 Ivy Circle, Bridgewater, MA** to the Plymouth County Extension Service Board of Trustees for the term of three years, effective April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2020. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Extension Services Board of Trustees

Commissioner Hanley made a motion in accordance with MGL Chapter 128, Section 40, as amended, to re-appoint **John Illingworth, 759 Hancock Street, Abington, MA** and **Aylene Calnan, 9 Longmeadow Road, Hingham, MA** to the Plymouth County Extension Service Board of Trustees for the second term of three years, effective April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2020. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid Extension-MHQ

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to extend the contract for MHQ, Inc. f/k/a Natick Auto Sales, Inc. d/b/a MHQ, 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA for the Cooperative Bid for Public

Service Vehicles manufactured by the FORD MOTOR COMPANY and TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY and accessories as listed in the Invitation for Bid for the period of May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The base price, equipment prices, and package prices remain the same as the current contract. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid Extension–Liberty Chevrolet

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to extend the contract for Liberty Chevrolet, Inc. 90 Bay State Road, Wakefield, MA for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY and accessories as listed in the Invitation for Bid for the period of May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The base price, equipment prices, and package prices remain the same as the current contract. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid Extension–Central Dodge

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to extend the contract for Central Dodge, 191 New State Highway, Raynham, MA for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the DODGE MOTOR COMPANY accessories as listed in the Invitation for Bid for the period of May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The base price, equipment prices, and package prices remain the same as the current contract. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Energy Consulting Services

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of termination with Power Management Co., LLC for Energy Consulting Services. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Approve Surety Bond of Treasurer

Commissioner Hanley made a motion pursuant to MGL Chapter 35, Section 3 to hereby certify the Bond of Thomas J. O’Brien, as County Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). a copy of which is hereto annexed, is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners, at Plymouth, in said County. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer O’Brien briefed the Commissioners on PCOT, the Plymouth County Retirement Board and the Mayflower Municipal Health Group.

Administrator's Report

MEMA

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on outstanding funds available to the county from MEMA for storm damage to the courthouses and county owned buildings during the spring of 2010.

D.A.'s Building-32 Belmont Street, Brockton MA

Administrator Basler and Commissioner Pallotta will be conducting a "walk thru" at the D.A.'s office on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Vacation update

Vacation reports were distributed to the Commissioners with updates on outstanding vacation days not used.

Maintenance update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on recent roof issues at the Hingham District Courthouse. DCAM is planning to start roof replacement work in May. Mr. Basler commended the team for the outstanding job during the night of the storm and hours spent dealing with the water damage and leaking roof. Work was also done to the parking lot and a new basement door was installed. A 10% courtesy water abatement was received by the Wareham Water Commission for an increased water bill at the Wareham District Courthouse.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to discuss strategy with respect to litigation of Gary Bousquet v. Plymouth County, litigation for County of Plymouth v. Town of Plymouth, discussing the consideration of the purchase, exchange or lease of real property-44 and 50 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA and the "Wood Lot" shown on Assessors Map 88 as Lot 54, Plymouth, MA and discussions concerning union updates with SEIU and OPEIU, the Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Wright-Yes.

At 7:26 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant