

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

April 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:33 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 Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –April 6, 2017

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 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.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Registry of Deeds:

Retirement

Victoria Gadles

Maintenance Department:

Anniversary–Step Increase

Christopher Kelly

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the personnel status forms.

Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–FY 2018 Salary Charts

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to approve the FY 2018 Salary Charts.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Extension Services Director Report

Administrator Basler reported he will be working with Director Molly Lipper on the Entomologist job description and posting pending budget approval. If approved the hiring committee members will be Administrator Basler, Director Lipper and Commissioner Pallotta.

Administrator's Report

Budget Discussion Follow up

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a recent meeting held with the Plymouth Board of Selectmen to discuss the FY 2018 budget. Treasurer O'Brien attended the meeting with Mr. Basler. Due to the late notice, the meeting was unable to be posted in the 48-hour time frame for open meeting law regulations, therefore not allowing the Commissioners to attend.

Farms to Forks

Administrator Basler consulted with Attorney Gildea on various legal clarifications and feels the county would be permitted to allow the food truck to conduct business in the Registry of Deeds public parking lot. The county will not have a contract with the vendor and the vendor has proper insurance. The program is allowed "at will" and can be terminated at any time.

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

Administrator Basler is still waiting on a report from the Contractor and anticipates he should have an update by the next meeting.

Letter-Congressman Lynch

Administrator Basler presented a letter for the Board's signatures to Congressman Lynch.

Vacation Update

Administrator Basler presented an updated vacation schedule to the Commissioners. All Department Heads have spoken to all employees in danger of losing vacation time that is not in compliance with the union contracts.

Maintenance update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the recent approval of the Trial Court to fund the replacement the generator at the Brockton Superior Courthouse. Wax floors at the Hingham District Courthouse will be stripped this weekend. The grounds

will be cleaned up and lighting issues addressed in Hingham in time for the Law Day celebration May 3, 2017.

Finance Update

Treasurer O'Brien presented draft revenue and expense projections for FY 2017 to the Board and members of the audience. As of 3/31/17 the numbers are up and revenues have increased approximately \$680,000.00.

Legislative Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a recent hearing held at the State House to discuss the Deeds Excise bill.

Vote-Courthouse Rent Appeal

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to authorize Administrator Basler to send a registered receipt letter to Judge Dawley with a cc to Attorney Gildea demanding a hearing on the court rent appeal filed in September. Commissioner Hanley seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Basler presented a copy of the recently received Executive Summary of the Trial Court to the Commissioners. All three county courthouses are in the report to have building renovations.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, May 4, 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 for County of Plymouth v. Town of Plymouth re: Town Dump and South Street Transfer Station, the Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 6:25 p.m. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-Yes, Chairman Wright-Yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant