

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

May 30, 2019

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 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 Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Chief Executive Assistant Marilyn Marvill, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –May 16, 2019

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vouchers

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

Vote to accept and approve CPS forms

There were no CPS forms presented.

Discussion and vote: FY 2020 Expenses Budget

Register of Deeds Buckley is not in favor of the proposed budget and feels the position of Index Comparer should be filled due to the retirement of the Assistant Department Head, Index/Comparer. Chairman Pallotta and Treasurer O'Brien are not in favor of filling the vacancy at the Registry of Deeds and expressed concern with the county fiscal responsibilities with respect to "Scenario 4.5" and the looming budget issues in 2023. After much discussion, Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the budget of the Registry of Deeds to include the position of Index Comparer by increasing the payroll budget line by \$35,000, increase the group health insurance line by \$35,000 and decrease the funds allocated to the Stabilization Fund by \$70,000. Commissioner Wright seconded.

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

Vote: Chapter 64D, Deeds Excise Funds–County 60%

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the amount of One Million, Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,320,000.00) representing the County's 60% of the 10.625% of Deeds Excise Tax Revenue, which will be generated according to Chapter 64D, as shown in the total income figure for the operation of the County of Plymouth for fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Chapter 64D, Deeds Excise Funds–Registry of Deeds 40%

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the amount of Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$880,000.00) representing the Registry of Deeds 40% of the 10.625% of Deeds Excise Tax Revenue, which will be generated according to Chapter 64D, as shown in the total income figure for the operation of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds for fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Committee Vacancy

Due to the recent election results in the Town of Plymouth, Anthony Provenzano will no longer be serving on the committee. Chairman Pallotta requested the newly elected Plymouth Selectman Patrick Flaherty be appointed to the committee. Selectman Flaherty requested the appointment be postponed since the Town of Plymouth Board of Selectmen have not met to make any appointments. Audience member Frank Mand expressed interest in the committee and requested the appointment. Chairman Pallotta thanked Mr. Mand for his interest but feels the committee should consist of elected town officials. The committee will be meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Office, 44 Obery St., Plymouth, MA

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the unfortunate news of the withdrawal of the legislative amendment to increase deeds excise and establish a pension obligation bond. Treasurer O'Brien expressed his concern for the next few years and anticipates they will be financially difficult for the county.

Register's Report

Register Buckley anticipates the deeds figures for the month of May will come close to budget and will forward them along as soon as possible. The Technology Fund will be expiring June 30, 2019.

Extension Service Director Report

4-H/Cooperative Extension Service Director Milly Lipper briefed the Commissioners on the many ongoing projects currently in place and is working on a press release with County Administrator Basler announcing plans for the County Farm.

Dredge update

Administrator Basler reports the county dredge has been delivered to Harwich and will be in service as of next Monday.

Administrator's Report

Maintenance update

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the current re-organization of the Trial Court Administration Office with the recent retirement of Mary Gorham. After the Commissioner's Meeting convenes, Mr. Basler and Superintendent Wedge will be meeting with Chris McQuade and various administrators of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court at the Wareham District Court along with Judge Mooney to discuss recent complaints.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; County Farm, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:10 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes-May 16, 2019
- Draft Proposed County Budget FY20
- Vote: Chapter 64D (County and Registry of Deeds)
- Pension Liability vs. Revenues worksheet FY18-FY29
Scenario 4.5

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant