

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

June 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners via Zoom video/ teleconference per amended open meeting law requirements was called to order at 5:06 p.m. Chairman Pallotta held a roll call vote: Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta-Present, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Present and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley-Present.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, County Administrator Frank Basler, 4-H Extension Director Molly Vollmer, County Attorney Shannon Resnick, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Vote to accept and approve payroll

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

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

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: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

Memo-OPEIU, Local 6

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a memo received from George Noel, Business Manager, OPEIU Local 6, regarding reimbursement of sick days for COVID-19 related absence prior to April 1, 2020. The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act covers employees for time used after April 1, 2020 and the OPEIU Local 6 current contract covers language on sick time. After some discussion, the consensus was to not set a precedent with respect to changes in sick time. Commissioner Wright made a motion to deny the request to reimburse sick days due to COVID-19 prior to April 1, 2020. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

Discussion-CARES Act

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the status of reimbursement submittals of 9 communities currently being processed. 2 member communities have been approved and will be awarded reimbursements payments.

Votes-CARES Act-Community reimbursements

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$1,125,767.23 to the Town of Marshfield. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$139,018.86 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

Agreements–Eric Kinsherf, CPA and Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign an amendment pursuant to federal guidelines for the legal agreement for Eric Kinsherf, CPA. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign an amendment pursuant to federal guidelines for the legal agreement for the law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Letter–Response to Secretary Heffernan ANF

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and authorize the letter sent by the Commissioners to Secretary Heffernan regarding the Commonwealth’s plans to bill the county for COVID–19 expenses. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Any business not foreseen or anticipated

Treasurer O’Brien conveyed the request of Lea Fillson, the new director of the Plymouth County Development Council/See Plymouth to appear before the Commissioners to introduce herself and brief the board on PCDC upcoming plans. The board agreed to include her on the agenda for the meeting to be held June 25th.

Administrator Basler announced the contract for the construction of the County Farm/4-H Greenhouse has been awarded and will begin soon.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The Zoom video/teleconference call was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant