

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

June 18, 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, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, County Administrator Frank Basler, 4-H Extension Director Molly Vollmer, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Attorney Shannon Resnick, and Executive Assistant Nancy O’Rourke.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve vendor vouchers 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 CPS Forms:

Carlota Ramos Veiga–approved FFCRA family and medical leave and annual County employee anniversary step increases and stipends effective July 1: Cheryl Enegess 23–7; Kelly Morse Perez 18–9; Avelino Texeira 2–8; Jason Pinkham 5–6; Miguel Barbosa 2–8; Frances Abraham 18–7; Kathleen Ambrose 13–7; Gina Clark 21–7; Franklin MacDonald 9–6; Lynn Reynolds 21–7; Christine Richards 22–9; Anita Rocheteau 9–4; Gregory White 15–9; Maureen Young 13–8

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms as listed. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

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

Commissioner Wright 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

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

Commissioner Wright 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 County of Plymouth for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Cares Act: Phase 1 update and disbursement votes

Chairman Pallotta briefed the Board on the status of Phase 1 of the CARES Act and reports a total of 17 towns have submitted applications for a total of 4.6 million in reimbursement requests. As the paperwork is still incomplete there will be no votes of disbursement at the meeting today. The Chairman would like to meet weekly to vote on any future disbursements as they are completed.

Register's report

Register Buckley reported the revenue for the month of May was the highest so far due to the trend in re-financing.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the board on the zoom meeting held this morning with MMHG. Currently MMHG reports very positive financial results. PCOT continues to be successful and all 28 member communities are remaining despite the recent financial downturns.

Extension Director's report

4-H Director Molly Vollmer briefed the Commissioners on the status of the construction of the greenhouse at the county farm and expects it to be delivered in early July. Molly reports great positive feedback on County Entomologist Blake Dinius' programs and the virtual programs continue to be a success county wide. Unfortunately, the East Middleboro Fair scheduled in September has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Maintenance Superintendent's report

Superintendent Wedge briefed the Commissioners on the work replacing the cooling tower at the Wareham District Courthouse scheduled for next week. Temporary units were brought in with the recent hot weather. The state has installed plexiglass partitions in the clerk's offices and has installed some window AC units at Brockton Superior for tele-trials that will be taking place.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler gave an update on work being completed for the Byrne Grant and reports the approval for Plymouth County for a COVID-19 federal grant of \$58,008 for disinfecting equipment ordered for the courthouses.

Chairman Pallotta requested the Administrator send a reply letter to District Attorney Cruz regarding requests for building updates due to COVID-19.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The Zoom video/teleconference call was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant