

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

July 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Satellite Registry of Deed Office Lobby, 32 Belmont Street, Brockton, 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, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

**Meeting with National Grid representatives re: Brockton Superior Court transformer**

Representatives from National Grid discussed the upcoming transformer placement at the Brockton Superior Courthouse and the Brockton Satellite Registry of Deeds. After some discussion, Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the placement of the transformer. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Administrator will work with National Grid to create easement language that can be approved by the Commissioners.

**Meeting Minutes –June 13, 2019**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 13, 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**

County Administrator Frank Basler presented the Commissioners with personnel status forms for: : Carlota Ramos Veiga – FMLA leave; Carolyn Laubenstein – return FMLA; Ivanilda DeVeiga – marriage name change; Cheryl Enegess–Re-Classification 23-6; Bernadette Tobin – promotion to Land Records Assistant

11-1; Evan Young – new hire to Land Records Assistant 9-1; Michelle Genduso – new hire to Parking Data Entry Manager 18-1; Jason Pinkham – one day suspension; Blake Dinius – anniversary step increase to 20-3; Jacelyn Rhoades – anniversary step increase to 13-3; Helen Homsey – anniversary step increase to 13-3; Carlota Ramos Veiga – anniversary step increase to 2-7; Molly Lipper – increase salary per voted budget; Douglas Wedge – increase salary per voted budget; Jeffrey Welch – increase salary per voted budget; Mary Dundas – increase salary per voted budget; Timothy White – increase salary per voted budget; Frank Basler – increase salary per voted budget; Daniel Pallotta – increase salary per voted budget; Sandra Wright – increase salary per voted budget; Gregory Hanley – increase salary per voted budget; Thomas O’Brien – increase salary per voted budget; and John Buckley – increase salary per voted budget.

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms as listed on the agenda with each Commissioner abstaining from voting on their own salary increase. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review County Insurance Policy and Vote**

The review and vote of the County Insurance Policy was tabled to the next meeting.

### **Register’s Report**

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the recent approval in the State’s FY 2020 Budget for a large increase in the state’s portion of deeds excise funds to additionally fund the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Register Buckley expressed concern as to the potential expiration of the Technology Fund and hopes it will continue to be funded in subsequent years.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer O’Brien happily announced the City of Brockton as the 29<sup>th</sup> member of PCOT. The Treasurer provided copies of the PCOT Program Investment Policy Statement and copies of a new investment policy expanding the offering of conservative options.

### **Extension Director’s Report**

Commissioner Hanley briefed his fellow Commissioners on the success of a recent meeting held with the Extension Director Molly Lipper, County Administrator Basler and 4H Ambassadors and their parents to form a task force to address and develop plans for the potential use of the County Farm. A meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> to present a business plan.

### **Discussion of the Acts of 2009**

The Commissioners discussed the Acts of 2009 legislation that allowed the County Sheriff’s Departments to become state entities. The Commissioners discussed the 10-acre parcel

adjacent to the Sheriff's Department and the parcel of county land the "Gun Range" structure is built. Commissioner Hanley toured the area and feels a fence should be erected around the county property to secure the perimeter. After some discussion, Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the Chairman to research legal ramifications and notify the Sheriff of the Board's concerns. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Mayflower Municipal Health Group Annual Meeting Update: Fiscal update and Class Action Lawsuit**

Administrator Basler gave an update to the Board as to a 1.5% increase in premiums for FY 2020 and the status of a class action law suit that MMHG has joined against large pharmaceutical companies that has led to OPIOID abuse. An Attorney has been retained.

### **Plymouth North High School parking request 2019/2020 school year**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the request of Plymouth North High School to allow their students to park in the county parking lot located next to the Commissioner's Administrative Building at 44 Obery Street for the annual rate of \$4,500.00. Commissioner Hanley also requested the town stripe the Commissioner's parking lot at the same time the student parking lot is done. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **County of Plymouth Grant Administration Manual**

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a Grant Administration Manual required per the Byrne Grant. A copy of the manual will be emailed to the board for review.

Commissioner Hanley requested he reach out to the towns that expressed interest in a Grant Writer. Administrator Basler reports a meeting is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Town of Kingston.

### **Public Comment**

Plymouth resident, Mr. Daniel Forand, requested a Public Comment agenda item.

Unfortunately, Mr. Forand was unable to attend the meeting.

The Next Meeting will be a Statutory Meeting, Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

Commissioner Hanley requested the meeting be dedicated to the memory of Rocco Longo, former Marshfield and East Bridgewater Town Administrator. Rocco was a life-long public servant and a pleasure to work with, he will be truly missed.

## **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 6:20 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## **Documents and/or exhibits**

- Meeting Minutes-June 13, 2019
- PCOT Program Investment Policy Statement
- PCOT new investment policy expanding the offering of conservative options.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant