

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

July 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.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, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Administrator Frank Basler, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –May 31, 2018 and June 29, 2018

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2018 and June 29, 2018. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Blake Dinius–anniversary step to 20–2; Helen Homsey–anniversary step to 13–2; Jacelyn Rhoads–anniversary step to 13–2

Resignation

Evelyn Golden

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vendor Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

South Shore Community Action Council update

Jack Cocio, Chief Executive Officer of the South Shore Community Action Council appeared before the board and expressed thanks for the Plymouth County annual contribution and support for the many programs available to low income individuals and families of Plymouth County, Cape and Islands. The annual county contribution has allowed SSCAC to assist residents with food resources, heating assistance and income tax preparation assistance.

Commissioner Hanley offered the counties Fuel Oil Bid as another resource SSCAC may find useful.

House Bill 4000 Update

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the status of HB4000 and feels the bill has a slight chance of passing but will need everyone to be on the same page. The fiscal session ends on July 31, 2018.

"Wood Lot" Use Committee

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the scheduled date of the first committee meeting of Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hanover Town Hall, Hanover, MA

Registry Brockton Satellite Office relocation and 32 Belmont Street renovations

Administrator Basler has received verbal approval from the Seventh Day Adventist Church to allow the Registry of Deeds employees to stay at 155 West Elm Street building up to November 30, 2018. HVAC and Electrical sub bids were received July 25, 2018 for the renovation of 32 Belmont Street and have come in a little higher than expected. The general contractor bids are due August 3, 2018.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports the year end estimates for FY 18 are slightly ahead.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien will have the FY 18 closing numbers for the board at their next meeting. He feels the revenue estimates are very good although July can be a volatile month. PCOT has added the Tri-County Vocational Technical School as a new member. The current assets of the trust are 15.7 million.

Extension Services Update

Administrator Basler presented an invitation to the board from Molly Vollmer, Extension Director to attend the Marshfield Fair, August 17-26 as well as an invitation to the Plymouth County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting to be held August 27, 2018 at the Monponsett Inn in Halifax, MA.

Byrne Grant

Administrator Basler reported the County is preparing a grant in behalf of the City of Brockton and the Town of Wareham. Plymouth was not included in the grant allocation for FY 18 as the eligibility is based upon violent crimes as determined by a federal formula and Plymouth no longer meets this threshold. The County will receive \$96,461 with City of Brockton eligible for \$77,602; and the Town of Wareham eligible for \$9,212. Plymouth County will receive a 10% administrative fee for our services provided. The application is due August 22.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that the Commissioners support the county application to the JAG Byrne Grant moving forward with the inclusion of the City of Brockton and the Town of Wareham and that the application was available for review by this governing body. Furthermore, to have ideas and input solicited through ours and our subrecipient websites for this year's grant. Finally, to authorize Administrator Basler to sign the

application and grant documents in behalf of the Commissioners, as was done in FY16 and FY17. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report:

Maintenance Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on many projects taking place this summer at all the county courthouses and the plans for a mandatory maintenance staff lunch meeting to be held Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Monponsett Inn in Halifax, MA.

Living Classrooms Travel Visit

Administrator Basler reported the Living Classroom Travel Visit on July 3rd was a complete success. Chairman Pallotta would like to invite the group back next year if the space is needed.

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, located at the County Farm, Obery Street, Plymouth and the "Woodlot", Long Pond Road, Plymouth, including access options, 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 return to open public session at 6:25 p.m.

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

At 6:27 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Non-union employee negotiations strategy

After some discussion regarding mileage reimbursement for non-union employees and whether a policy existed to prevent mileage reimbursement, the board instructed Treasurer O'Brien to insure there was no policy in place. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve mileage reimbursement for County Administrator Frank Basler. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:29 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant