

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

August 24, 2017

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 Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley and Commissioner Daniel A. Pallotta. Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Administrator Frank Basler, and County Attorney Shannon Resnick.

Meeting Minutes –June 29, 2017

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 29, 2017. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Anniversary Step Increase–

Evelyn Golden to 9-4

Acknowledgment of August 1, 2017 approval for:

New Address –

Heidi Harkens

Intermittent Medical Leave-

Carolyn Laubenstein

New hires -

Blake Dinius-Entomologist/Extension Educator 20001

Helen Homsey-Recorder 130001

Jacelyn Rhoads-Recorder 130001

Gordan Smith, Adrienne Barry, Grace Barry, & Brent Powers-
Temp. PT Interns-Extension Service (paid by a grant).

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-County Tax

In accordance with Chapter 35, Section 31 of MGL, Commissioner Hanley made a motion that the Commissioners authorize and establish the annual County Tax to Plymouth County communities as detailed on the vote. Commissioner Hanley read the vote into public record. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners signed each of the assessments for the community municipalities.

Vote-Surplus Items-Registry of Deeds

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to declare approximately 135 various computers and phone sets as surplus as the items are inoperable and no longer usable to the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds and will be disposed of. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on work being done on cyber-security using tech funds.

Treasurer's Report

-FY 2016 Audit-

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to accept the FY 2016 Plymouth County Financial Audit. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

-Vote-Legislation

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to endorse an Act Authorizing the Treasurer of Plymouth County to Transfer Certain Funds remaining in the post-war rehabilitation fund established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Five of the Acts of Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Three to the stabilization fund of said County to be expended by the County Commissioner with the approval of said Advisory Board. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Extension Services Director Report

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the success of the ongoing Marshfield Fair and presented various press releases about Blake Dinius, Plymouth County Entomologist. The entire Board feels Blake is doing a great job.

The Commissioners asked the Administrator to prepare a letter of thanks to Molly and her team for their hard work and great results.

Executive Session Topic Discussion

The Commissioners agreed that the Chair can limit the verbiage listed for Executive Session as to not compromise the position of the Board.

Plymouth County Commissioners Municipal and Public Safety Vehicle Procurement Award

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on all four contracts having been signed and catalogs should be ready by the end of September.

Vote-DOT easements for Wareham and Hingham

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners and requested a motion to acknowledge easements in Wareham and Hingham. Per Attorney Gildea, prior to his reassignment, the notices are statutorily driven and only an acknowledgement that the plans were received by the county. The vote is not for approval or acceptance. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to acknowledge the plans. Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Wright signed the acknowledgements.

Vote-Edward Byrne JAG Grant

Administrator Basler updated the Commissioners on the Grant that the County is preparing in behalf of the City of Brockton and the Towns of Plymouth and

Wareham. The breakdown of funds requested by town is: City of Brockton \$80,433.00; Town of Plymouth \$10,692.90 and Town of Wareham \$10,174.50. Plymouth County will receive a 10% administrative fee for our services provided. The application process and information were reviewed. The Commissioners support the grant moving forward to submission and to have Administrator Basler sign documents on behalf of the Commissioners as was done in FY16.

Administrator's Report

Court Rent Report Audit FY 2016

Administrator Basler presented a copy of the FY 2016 Courthouse Rent Report and briefed the Commissioners on the status of the appeal for FY 2015. Due to many changes in personnel, they have not been able to respond to the appeal officially. Chris McQuade reported the appeal would be declined. Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to drop the appeal for FY 2015 and accept the FY 2016 audit. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

New County Booklet

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the current project of creating a new county booklet with municipal contact information for all Plymouth County municipalities. The Commissioners requested the booklet be available on the county website as well as a printed version.

Dredge program equipment

Administrator Basler and Chairman Wright attended a local dredge workshop with the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Jay Ash. The County was presented with an idea by the North River Watershed Association through a Central Plymouth County Water District Meeting to look at a new smaller dredge system to use in smaller riverways. The Administrator will look into the equipment.

Hingham and Wareham Courthouse Office of Court Management (OCM) projects

Administrator Basler reported the work to the roof in Hingham has been progressing well and work is being done on the fire alarm in Wareham.

Onset Fire District OPM RFQ

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the RFQ recently submitted.

Plymouth North High School Parking Agreement

Commissioner Pallotta made a motion to extend the agreement with Plymouth North High School for using the side parking lot at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth for high school student parking. The fee will remain \$4,500 for the year.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for County of Plymouth v. Town of Plymouth re: Town Dump and South Street Transfer Station, Union negotiations, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The chair so deems that moving to executive session is in the best interest of the County as discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the County's bargaining or litigating position the Board held a roll call vote to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Pallotta-Yes, Chairman Wright-Yes.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

At 8:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant