

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

August 25, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:10 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, City of Brockton Financial Director Troy Clarkson and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke. County Administrator Frank Basler joined the meeting via Facetime.

**Vote Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2020**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2020.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:**

George Roth-anniversary step increase 2-3; Robert Spear-anniversary step increase 2-2.

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

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote to accept and approve payroll voucher**

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**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: The motion passed unanimously.

**CARES Act: update and possible votes**

Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on an upcoming Zoom meeting planned for Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for all Plymouth County Town Administrator's and Town Managers to announce Phase 4 of the Plymouth County CARES Act funding. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve Phase 4 of the Plymouth County CARES Act as proposed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **CARES Act: distribution votes**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$13,446.79 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$183,821.87 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$16,849.06 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$26,646.42 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$56,244.76 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$128,646.99 to the Town of Wareham. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$59,940.75 to the Town of Hingham. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$82,311.90 to the Town of Middleborough. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$118,990.22 to the Town of Norwell. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$17,283.01 to the Town of Halifax. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$14,516.40 to the Town of Halifax. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$483,418.76 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$570,457.76 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve a vendor voucher for \$28,837.50 to Eric Kinsharf, CPA for administrative support of Plymouth County CARES Act. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve a vendor voucher for \$44,589.00 to Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane for legal support of Plymouth County CARES Act. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien reports currently 67 applications have been received for reimbursement and approximately 33 have been completed. The current total reimbursed is \$4,331,862.26. 5-7 current applications should be complete by the next Commissioner's meeting.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **Trial Court Rent Report Audit**

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the recent audit report on the Trial Court rent. OPEB and pre-payment for employee retirement costs were not approved. Administrator Basler will send a request for a meeting to appeal the decision.

#### **Plymouth North High School parking lot lease**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Administrator Basler to sign the new lease agreement with Plymouth North High School for the use of the parking lot located at 44 Obery St., Plymouth, MA for the duration of the current school year. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Halifax land vote certification**

Administrator Basler requested the signatures of the board for a Certification of Vote to transfer Plymouth County Owned Land to the Town of Halifax (property off Aldana Road, Halifax, MA, parcel A and B).

#### **Brockton Armory application update**

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the status of the application process and planned tour of the buildings in the next few weeks.

#### **Byrne Grant update**

Administrator Basler happily reports the grant submission for the Wareham, Brockton and Plymouth Police Departments.

## **Request for citizen access to Woodlot**

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a request received from Frank Mand of the Pine Barren Alliance to access the county woodlot property to allow some of the candidates for County Commissioner to view the property. Commissioner Wright made a motion to deny the request due to safety concerns. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: Chairman Pallotta-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Abstained.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to adopt the administrator's report regarding access to the woodlot. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Troy Clarkson, Finance Director for the City of Brockton, expressed his thanks on behalf of Mayor Robert Sullivan to the County Commissioners, Treasurer O'Brien and his staff for the quick processing of the applications and much needed reimbursement checks.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

## **Executive Session**

In Accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares re: CBA strategy discussion-SEIU.

The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:05 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 9:20 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

## **Documents and/or exhibits**

- Meeting Minutes-July 30, 2020
- Certification of Vote-Transfer of Plymouth County property to the Town of Halifax
- Memo-Office of the Inspector General-Plymouth County CARES Act Program
- Documentation-Request for access to county woodlot, Plymouth, MA
- Draft letter-Marcel L. Vernon, CFO Trial Court Office of Court Management
- License Agreement-Plymouth North High School
- Spreadsheet-Phase 4 Plymouth County CARES Act

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant