

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

January 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:33 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 Register of Deeds John Buckley, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, County Attorney Mark Gildea, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Reorganization of Board

Per MGL Ch. 34, section 4, Chairman Pallotta called for the nomination for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Hanley nominated Chairman Pallotta to remain as Chairman. Commissioner Wright seconded the nomination. Ballots were cast and Chairman Pallotta was voted unanimously to continue as Chairman of the Plymouth County Commissioners.

Vote-Appointment to Board of Trustees Cooperative Extension Service

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Sandra Wright as Trustee and Liaison to the Board of Trustees on the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes -November 19, 2015, December 17, 2015, December 29, 2015

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2015, December 17, 2015, and December 29, 2015. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote-Vendor Vouchers

Commissioner Wright made a motion for approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Payroll for week ending January 13, 2016

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Temporary-Permanent

Matthew Newman, Custodian, JG 1-1 to JG 2-1

New Hire-Temporary

Paul Curran, Custodian, JG 1-1

Administrator Basler notified the Commissioners that Steven Silva, temporary custodial employee hired at the last meeting, has decided not to take the position with Plymouth County and Paul Curran is to fill the vacant position.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the aforementioned personnel status forms. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-IRS Mileage Rate

Commissioner Wright made a motion to decrease the standard mileage allowance to 54 cents from 57.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2016 per the Internal Revenue Service. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Cooperative Bid

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of 87 Octane Gasoline and Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel for the County of Plymouth and various political sub-divisions, effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 to Mutual Oil Company, Inc., 863 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Update 4-H Annual Award Banquet-January 22, 2016

4-H Director Molly Lipper reminded the Commissioners the annual awards night will be held January 22, 2016 and The Winter Workshop will be held February 6, 2016 at the Silver Lake Middle School. Chairman Pallotta, Commissioner Wright and County Administrator Frank Basler will be attending the awards banquet.

Update-Recycling Program-Brockton Superior Courthouse

County Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the status of the newly implemented recycling program at the Brockton Superior Courthouse. With the addition of a new dumpster for recycling, the program will save the County approximately \$150.00 per month.

Solect Update

County Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on an impact study conducted by Eversource for Solect.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the County to pay the registration fee to the Massachusetts Municipal Association 2016 Annual conference for Commissioner Hanley to represent the Plymouth County Commissioners. Commissioner Hanley will be attending with Solect. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Recycling Solutions Update

County Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the status of the transfer of permits for the South Street Transfer Station. The Department of Environmental Protection has issued a "Determination of Technical Incompleteness" and a response will be sent by Chairman Pallotta and Michael Mowbray of Recycling Solutions.

Trial Court custodian service improvement update

Commissioner Wright, Superintendent Doug Wedge and Administrator Basler will be meeting with the custodians to discuss expectations for 2016. The County purchased winter jackets for all custodial staff. Chairman Pallotta suggested the next iteration of jackets have a reflective stripe for safety concerns.

Correspondences

Registry of Deeds monthly financial update

Register of Deeds John Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the ongoing issues with the reduction of staff due to the layoffs last year.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to call for a meeting of the Plymouth County Advisory Board in February to discuss the budget and whether employees could be hired back. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of the purchase, exchange or lease of real property- "Wood Lot" shown on Assessors Map as Lot 54, Plymouth, MA, discuss litigation for the County of Plymouth v. Department of Environmental Protection (docket PLCV14-01289) re: Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station and strategy with respect to collective bargaining with SEIU and OPEIU, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 6:03 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Vote-Letter-32 Belmont Street, Brockton

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign a letter to be sent to the Legislature regarding the possible move of the District Attorney's Office from 32 Belmont Street in Brockton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant