

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

February 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Commissioner Sandra M. Wright was unable to attend. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, County Attorney Mark Gildea, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –January 14, 2016

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2016. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Vendor Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

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

Step Increases

Registry of Deeds:

Frances Abraham, JG 15-5 to JG 15-6

Christine Richards, JG 19-7 to JG 19-8

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Retirement Assessments

Commissioner Hanley made a motion ordering in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 22, Paragraph 7(c), as amended, that Retirement Assessments be paid from the Treasury of the County of Plymouth and from the Treasuries of the several towns, districts, etc. for the fiscal period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Update

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the recent hiring of David Sullivan as Executive Director to the Plymouth County Retirement Board. Mr. Sullivan was hired to fill the position due to the retirement of William Farmer.

Register's Update

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on recent increased revenue figures for the month of January. With the increase in revenue, Register Buckley is requesting the Commissioners rehire previously laid off employees.

Administrator's Report

Vehicle contract update

County Administrator Frank Basler briefed the Commissioners on recent revenue figures with vehicle commissions and membership fees and feels the amount should meet or exceed the budgeted amount for fiscal year 2016. Administrator Basler has been in contact with MHQ regarding issues with delays in vehicle delivery due to high volume and mid year design changes. A meeting has been scheduled with MHQ for Wednesday of next week to discuss contract issues regarding delays in deliveries.

Chief Procurement Officer

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to appoint Administrator Basler as the Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Plymouth. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update 4-H

4-H Director Molly Lipper briefed the Commissioners on the success of the annual awards night held January 22, 2016 and The Winter Workshop that was held February 6, 2016 at the Silver Lake Middle School.

Recycling Solutions Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on recent discussions with Michael Mowbray of Recycling Solutions. A response letter was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the "Determination of Technical Incompleteness". The County is currently awaiting a response from Chief Dakers.

FY 2017 fiscal timeline

Administrator Basler informed the Commissioners budget presentations for FY 2017 will be presented at the next meeting. The Commissioners would like to request Chairman Allen convene the Annual Board meeting for early April.

Financial Audits for FY 2013, 2014 and 2015 should be complete by June 30, 2016.

Courthouse and Maintenance update

Superintendent Doug Wedge briefed the Commissioners on the status of new unit ventilators installed in the Hingham District Courthouse. New lighting will also be installed Monday in the Session 1 Courtroom. Administrator Basler also reported the new temporary employees are performing quite well and changes in shifts were implemented at Brockton Superior Courthouse for better coverage.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Friday, February 26, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. 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 not return to open public session at 9:57 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 10:30 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant