

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

May 20, 2015

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 4:25 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Commissioner Sandra M. Wright and Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer and Interim Administrator Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, County Attorney Mark Gildea, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Attorney Mark Gildea gave notification to the Commissioners of a letter received from Mr. Peter D'Agostino of Lynch Associates regarding the Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid. The letter was presented to the Commissioners and Attorney Gildea will be discussing it at a future meeting once he has had a chance to review.

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 and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and pending litigation, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 4:27 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Hanley joined Executive Session.

At 5:25 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Meeting Minutes-May 1, 2015

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2015. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta recused himself due to absence from the meeting.

Executive Session Minutes-May 1, 2015

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 1, 2015. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta recused himself due to absence from the meeting.

Vote-Payroll

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the signing of Payroll as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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-County Personnel Status Forms

Commissioner Wright made a motion to acknowledge and accept county personnel status forms for:

Registry of Deeds

Step Increase-Carolyn Lacey, JG 17-8 \$26.09/hr. to JG 17-9 \$26.87/hr.

Maintenance Dept.

Promotion-Christopher Kelly, JG 2-10 \$18.58/hr. to JG 4-2 \$18.67/hr.

Assistant Building Custodian to Senior Building Custodian

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Hiring recommendation-Senior Building Custodian-Hingham District Court

Commissioner Wright made a motion to fill the position of Senior Building Custodian at the Hingham District Courthouse with County employee Jason Pinkham. Jason has been doing the job and receiving out of grade pay for the past year. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Report and recommendation regarding procurement

Treasurer and Interim County Administrator Thomas O'Brien presented a letter to the Commissioners recommending Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch be appointed the Chief Procurement Officer. Commissioner Hanley made the motion to appoint Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch as Chief Procurement Officer for Plymouth County. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-Mayflower Municipal Health Group

Treasurer and Interim County Administrator O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on a 2 year contract currently being negotiated with the Mayflower Municipal Health Group.

Update-Mayflower Municipal Health Group Business Agreement

Treasurer and Interim County Administrator O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the proposed Business Agreement between the County of Plymouth and Mayflower Municipal Health Group. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to

authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign the Business Agreement between the County of Plymouth and MMHG.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2016 Budget Hearing and Review

Register of Deeds John Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the impact of the recent lay-offs of 12 employees. Register Buckley announced the extension of the Technology Fund for the Commonwealth to 2020 and extension of the Technology Fund for the County to 2018.

Treasurer and Interim County Administrator Thomas O'Brien reviewed the Departmental Totals with the Commissioners. The overall decrease from the FY 2015 budget equals 9.4%. Personnel cuts make up most of the budget decreases.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to open the public hearing for public discussion. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Benezra of the League of Women Voters requested a copy of the budget.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the draft budget and forward along to Plymouth County Advisory Board Chairman Ellen Allen.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-Massachusetts Association of County Commissioners

Commissioner Hanley briefed the Board on a recent meeting held in New Bedford. Discussions were held on recent legislation filed as well as the impact of the legislation passed last year regarding the MOE and courthouse rent payments.

Update-County Legislation

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on House Bill #1503-Deeds Excise increase and House Bill #1064-County Stabilization Fund.

Update-PCOT

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the recent success of the PCOT program with the addition of 3 communities.

Review Correspondence File

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on an invitation recently received for an event sponsored by the Old Colony Planning Council.

A request was made by audience member, Peter D'Agostino of Lynch Associates regarding the recent Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid award. Mr. D'Agostino claimed the vendors had not received the bid award notification. Chairman Pallotta stated that the bid award notification would be issued within 48 hours.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, June 4, 2015.

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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Update-Union Contracts

The Commissioners discussed contract negotiations with Attorney Gildea.

Sale/Lease 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA

Attorney Gildea discussed the sale and or lease of the property located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA

Update-Solar Project

The Commissioners discussed language changes with the agreement with Solec for the Solar project.

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Update-Transfer Station Project

The Commissioners discussed details on the Transfer Station Project with Attorney Gildea.

Update-Firefighter Training Academy

Attorney Gildea and the Commissioners discussed the ongoing project and issues with access to the 100 acre lot.

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