

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

May 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 a.m. at the Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Mark Gildea, County Administrator Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, Cooperative Extension 4-H Educator Molly Lipper, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the signing of Payroll and approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative update-

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch briefed the Commissioners on recent legislation passed by the Senate. Senate Budget Amendment #34-Sheriff's Retirees unfunded pension liability was adopted. Senate Budget Amendment #52-Deeds Excise has been placed on hold. Senate Budget Amendment #97, pertaining to courthouse rent has been adopted.

The highlights are:

- Retirees' health insurance is reimbursable.
- The state must pay a \$1.00 per square foot administrative fee to the county.
- The state must reimburse the county 100% of costs, rather than 90%
- If the state is more than five days late in its quarterly payment, it must pay a 5% penalty to the county.

Senate Amendment #163, pertaining to the extension of the Registry of Deeds Technology Fund to the year 2020 has been adopted.

Meeting Minutes-May 8, 2014

Executive Session Minutes-May 8, 2014

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of May 8, 2014. Chairman Pallotta seconded.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-Power Management

David Cohen of Power Management briefed the Commissioners on a recent agreement signed with the Town of Hanover.

### NEW BUSINESS

Vacation and Comp time-carryover

The Commissioners discussed the large amount of comp time the Maintenance staff has accumulated. A total of 7 employees have accumulated 731 hours of comp time over the past few years and due to staffing issues have been unable to use the time. The Commissioners are offering a 25% cash payment to pay off the comp time. The payment would be made by June 30, 2014. Attorney Gildea will speak to the SEIU representative Joan Pritchard to make the offer to the maintenance employees.

Vote-Surplus Equipment Disposal

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to declare the following items as surplus; the items are inoperable and no longer usable to the Mayflower Municipal Health Group and will be disposed of:

Dell Monitor-Model # REVA02-Serial # CN-0F5035-64180-53B-1AQL  
Brother Printer-Model # HL7050-Serial # U60338C3J123262

Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Siemens IGA

County Administrator Brian McDonald briefed the Commissioners on the Preliminary Investment Grade Audit Agreement with Siemens and Plymouth County to provide Energy Management Services. Commissioner Hanley requested this issue be tabled.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Plymouth County Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch briefed the Commissioners on the status of the IFB for replacing the roof at 44 Obery Street. The bid documents will

be available next Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Bid opening is scheduled for June 11, 2014.

Painting is scheduled for the week of July 14-18.

#### Register of Deeds John R. Buckley

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the status of the construction of his new vault. Work should be complete by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge

Superintendent Wedge briefed the Commissioners on 2 recent vacancies within the maintenance staff. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to hire Thomas Cunningham as a temporary full time emergency custodian for the term of 60 days and to re-hire David McMeekin as a temporary full time emergency custodian for the term of 60 days. Chairman Pallotta seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4-H Educator Molly Lipper

Ms. Lipper briefed the Commissioners on recent hatching of chicks and ducks in 15 various schools within Plymouth County. The 4-H Embryology Program teaches youth about developmental biology and caring for a living creature.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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At 8:20 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

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Attorney Gildea discussed the draft agreement/contract with the Commissioners.

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