

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

June 25, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Registry of Deeds, 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. Present were Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley and Commissioner Sandra Wright. Commissioner Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Mark Gildea, County Administrator Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings Thomas Jones and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT VENDOR VOUCHERS

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Contract-Siemens

The Commissioners tabled the discussion of the Siemens contract to the next meeting due to Chairman Pallotta absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote-Sick Leave Buy Back

Dennis Bates

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to order the County Treasurer to pay to Dennis Bates, 116 Washington Street, Pembroke, MA 02359, the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-two dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$1,132.27) to be paid from the Plymouth County FY 2015 Budget, as said Dennis Bates, retired from the position of Recorder in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds on July 2, 2014 with 296.25 hours to his sick leave credit. The amount of sick leave buyback is 20% or 59.25 hours at the rate of compensation of \$19.11 per hour. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Carlton Churbuck

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to order the County Treasurer to pay to Carlton Churbuck, 871 Plymouth Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333, the sum of Six Thousand, Three Hundred, Sixty dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$6,360.27) to be paid from the Plymouth County FY 2015 Budget, as said Carlton Churbuck, retired from the position of Assistant Archive Coordinator in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds on July 1, 2014 with 1,465.50 hours to his sick leave credit. The amount of sick leave buyback is 20% or 293.10 hours at the rate of compensation of \$21.70 per hour. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible vote- Plymouth County Fire Chiefs Assoc.-Hanson Communications Tower

The Commissioners discussed a recent letter received from the Plymouth County Fire Chiefs Association requesting permission from the County Commissioners to install radio communications equipment on the County owned communications tower located on Industrial Boulevard, Hanson, MA. The radio equipment to be installed will be for an expansion of the Fire Chief's county mutual aid radio system. The Fire Chief's Association has secured funding to perform this work and is only asking permission to utilize the Hanson Tower.

Commissioner Hanley requested the opinion of County Attorney Mark Gildea as to the ownership of the tower. Attorney Gildea stated the land is owned by the County but the ownership of the tower is still in question. Attorney Gildea has had discussions with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Attorney and is waiting for documentation on exact ownership since the Sheriff's Department transferred to the State.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to grant permission to the Fire Chiefs Association contingent upon the findings of Attorney Gildea with regard to ownership of the tower. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

RFP-Solar

Attorney Gildea recommended discussion on the RFP for Solar be tabled to the next meeting in Executive Session.

Quotes-Interior Work-44 Obery Street

Treasurer O'Brien presented quotes for work to be done at the new Commissioners office building at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA for carpet installation, lighting, painting and ceiling panel work. The quotes were obtained by Chairman Pallotta.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the purchase orders/vouchers as long as all applicable MGL's for Procurement have been followed. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Carry over vacation–Maintenance Department

County Administrator Brian McDonald presented a request to approve carry over vacation time for maintenance department employees, that due to staffing issues, have not been able to use a majority of their accrued vacation days. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the vacation days to be carried over subject personnel board rules and a review of the exact figures by the Treasurer, County Administrator and Human Resources Administrator. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright requested the figures for the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Register of Deeds

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the outstanding maintenance issues at the Brockton Registry of Deeds and the need for air quality testing.

Treasurer

Treasurer O'Brien gave the Commissioners an update on recent meetings held with A & F regarding grants. A \$500,000 grant has been requested and \$25,000 has been approved. The Treasurer is hopeful the remaining \$375,000 will be approved by the end of July.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator McDonald briefed the Commissioners on the status of work being done to clean out the garage at the Commissioner's building and progress on the move to 44 Obery Street.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, 2014 due to the holiday.

At 6:03 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant