

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

September 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Plymouth County Commissioner's Office, 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 Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Mark Gildea, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, 4-H Educator Valerie Schell and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT VENDOR VOUCHERS

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:
Commissioners Office

One-time Special Project:

Tammy Correa, Human Resource Admin., JG 24-5 \$32.94/hr.

Maintenance Department

LOA

James Jasmin, Senior Bldg. Custodian

Termination-60 Day temp. employment

Thomas Cunningham, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Registry of Deeds

Step Increase:

Gina Clark, Dept. Head/Cust/ Svc., JG 17-7/hr. \$25.41 to JG 17-8 \$26.09/hr.

Michele McVicar, Recorder, JG 15-7 \$22.94/hr. to JG 15-8 \$23.51/hr.

Fill Existing Vacancy

Kathe Rowan, Index Comparer, JG 7-5 \$15.76/hr. to Recorder, JG 10-1 \$15.95/hr.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the aforementioned personnel actions. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes–July 2, 2014, July 17, 2014, August 5, 2014, August 12, 2014, August 14, 2014

Executive Session Minutes–July 2, 2014, July 17, 2014, August 5, 2014, August 12, 2014, August, 14, 2014

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of July 2, 2014, July 17, 2014, August 5, 2014, August 12, 2014, and August 14, 2014. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update–Solar RFP

Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke briefed the Commissioners on the recent bid opening for a Solar Farm on County property. 9 proposals were received. Chairman Pallotta requested a committee consisting of Treasurer O'Brien, Register Buckley and County Administrator McDonald, review the proposals and select 3 to present to the Commissioners at their next meeting.

Update–Hingham Courthouse

Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on work beginning at the Hingham Courthouse to repair the HVAC issues. Funds of \$179,000.00 have been approved by DCAMM. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow Treasurer O'Brien to accept the funds from DCAMM. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley praised Chairman Pallotta for his hard work and leadership in procuring the funds from the Commonwealth and noted the cost would not be incurred by the Plymouth County member communities.

Discussion–Cooperative Extension Office Move

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming plans to move the Cooperative Extension Office from Hanson. MA

Discussion–Plymouth County Advisory Board Meeting

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming meeting to be held September 25, 2014 of the Advisory Board to approve fund transfers for FY 2014 and FY 2015 as well as transfers of funds for the Hingham Courthouse.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote & Warrants–Plymouth County Tax Assessments

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to in accordance with Chapter 35 section 31 of the General Laws, as amended, that the County Tax for the County of Plymouth has been authorized and established by the County Commissioners with proper apportionment set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Revenue and the Clerk will forthwith issue warrants and the required sum of the One Million, Four Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$1,427,715.70) to be assessed and levied upon the inhabitants of the several Towns and one City in said County according to the provisions of law and and basis of apportionment established under the authority of Chapter 58, Section 10C, as amended, to be collected and paid into the Treasury of the County of Plymouth, one half on or before the first day of November 2014 and one half on or before the first day of May 2015.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Police Equipment Bid Extension

Commissioner Hanley requested the approval for the bid extension be tabled to the next meeting to research the bid specifications regarding a 5% price increase.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Plymouth County Treasurer

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the recent addition of the Town of Wareham and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse District to the Mayflower Municipal Health Group.

Treasurer O'Brien suggested bringing back the Budget Review Group for FY 2016. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to resurrect the Budget Review Group with membership consisting of Register Buckley, Treasurer O'Brien, Chairman Pallotta, Chairman Ellen Allen and Administrator McDonald. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley expressed his outrage regarding the Pension Obligation Bond Bill not being passed in the legislation and feels this has caused many lost opportunities for the County.

Register of Deeds

Register Buckley presented a letter awarding the bid for the Plymouth Colony Reading and Storage Room to Cape Associates, Inc. of Eastham

MA. The work will begin September 16th and should be completed by October 21, 2104.

Register Buckley expressed his ongoing concern and disappointment in the lack of custodial help at the Registry of Deeds in Brockton, MA

Superintendent of Buildings

Mr. Wedge presented a memo to the Commissioners at the request of Judge Wright and the staff at the Wareham Courthouse to paint and carpet the 1st Session Courtroom. Mr. Wedge feels his staff can do the painting and will get quotes for the carpeting.

4-H Educator

Valerie Schell appearing on behalf of 4-H Director Molly Lipper, briefed the Commissioners on the overwhelming success of the Marshfield Fair held at the end of August and the over 200 exhibitors that appeared as part of the 4-H programs.

Ms. Schell thanked the Commissioners and Chairman Ellen Allen for their participation in the 2nd annual goat milking competition.

Discussion-South Street Transfer Station

Commissioner Wright made a motion to instruct Attorney Nagle to send letters of intent to the Town of Plymouth and the DEP. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of 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 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 7:24 p.m Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back in to open public session: Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes.

Discussion and Votes-Maintenance Department

After much discussion, Chairman Pallotta made a motion to extend temporary full time custodians Edward Nelson, David McMeekin and Peter

McCormack another 60 days and to hire Michael Hambly as a temporary full time custodian for 60 days. Commissioner Hanley seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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SEIU Negotiations-Maintenance

Attorney Gildea briefed the Commissioners on recent negotiations held with the maintenance union. The Commissioners discussed the staffing issues and quality of workmanship.

Lease-32 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA

Attorney Gildea briefed the Commissioners on recent discussions held with DCAMM regarding the DA's building and extension of the lease.

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