

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

September 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:35 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 Megan Bridges, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, 4-H Educator/Director Molly Lipper 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:
Maintenance Department

60 Day temp. employment extension

David McMeekin, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Edward Nelson, Custodian, JG 1-1, \$14.20/hr.

Peter McCormack, Custodian, JG 1-1, \$14.20/hr.

The Commissioners voted to approve the aforementioned personnel actions at the meeting held September 4, 2104.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes–August 28, 2014, September 4, 2014

Executive Session Minutes–September 4, 2014

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2014 and September 4, 2014.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update–Hingham Courthouse

Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on heating work that has begun this past week at the Hingham Courthouse. The work should be completed by the end of October.

Discussion–Cooperative Extension Office Move

Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on work being done on the second floor to prepare for the arrival of the Cooperative Extension office. Administrative Assistant Catherine Acampora will be temporarily located at the Registry of Deeds at 50 Obery Street. Molly Lipper, Valerie Schell and Evelyn Golden will be at 44 Obery Street.

Vote–Police Equipment Bid Extension

Commissioner Hanley requested a copy of the bid specifications. The approval for the bid extension will be tabled to the next meeting to allow Commissioner Hanley to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Lease extension–DA’s Building, 32 Belmont St. Brockton

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to extend the lease at 32 Belmont St. Brockton, MA to District Attorney Timothy Cruz. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Register of Deeds John R. Buckley

Register Buckley presented the Commissioners with a draft agreement concerning the “care and custody” of the Plymouth Colony Records. Register Buckley sought and received funds to construct a temperature and humidity controlled secure room at the Registry of Deeds, 50 Obery St. Plymouth, MA

Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge

Superintendent Wedge briefed the Commissioners on the status of various issues at the courthouses and the satellite Registry of Deeds in Brockton.

4-H Educator/Director Molly Lipper

Ms. Lipper informed the Commissioners that UMass has contracted a moving company to help move from Hanson to Plymouth.

Plymouth County Treasurer Thomas O'Brien-Budget Transfers FY 2014
Commissioner Hanley made a motion to provide budget transfers for the maintenance and operation of Plymouth County for FY 2014 as presented by Treasurer Thomas O'Brien. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-DCAMM Funds

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept from the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) a sum in the amount of \$179,500.00 for the purposes of replacing failed HVAC piping in the Hingham District Court and further voted to amend the FY 2015 Operating Receipts to: Miscellaneous Income- \$189,850.00
Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-FY 2015 Budget amendment

Commissioner Wright made a motion to amend and increase the Plymouth County Operating Budget for FY 2015 to insert the following:

6. Building Maintenance

6. Structures and Improvement

602 HVAC Replacement	\$179,850.00
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Vote-Appraiser Approval

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the Executive Board of the Plymouth County Advisory Board to approve an Appraiser. Commissioner Wright 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 not return to open public session at 6:53 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 7:00 p.m the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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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 at 6:23 p.m. and to not return to open public session. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Wood Lot Gravel Removal

Attorney Megan Bridges and Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on a recent meeting held with the Zoning Board of Appeals at Plymouth Town Hall regarding the request for gravel removal for Kingstown Corporation. The ZBA would like guarantees on how the property will be used after the gravel removal. Chairman Pallotta briefed the board on the RFP for a Solar Farm at that location. The meeting will continue to November 5, 2014

RFP-Solar

The committee tasked with reviewing the RFP submittals presented their recommendations to the Commissioners. The committee unanimously recommends that the proposals be rejected pursuant to Item 1 on Page 13 as not being in the best interests of the County. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to reject the RFP and reissue it as an RFQ to focus on the properties consisting of: the Bridgewater parcel, the South Street Landfill and the Wood Lot. Attorney Bridges will draft an RFQ and confirm all book and page information for all three locations.

Middleborough Cross

Attorney Bridges briefed the Commissioners on the status of the claim through the ACLU concerning a cross on county land.

OPEIU-Negotiations

Attorney Bridges discussed recent negotiations with the Registry of Deeds Union, OPEIU.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant