

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

December 3, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 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, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Administrator Brian McDonald, Cooperative Extension Director Molly Lipper, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept payroll and vendor vouchers as presented by the Treasurer. Commissioner Wright seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:
Registry of Deeds

Heidi Harkins, Office Mgr./Rockland JG 17-9 \$26.87/hr. to
Recorder/Plymouth JG 13-9 \$21.70/hr.

Regional Services

Retirement and approval of vacation time payment:
Sallyanne Russell, Admin. Assistant

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the aforementioned personnel actions. Commissioner Wright seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes -November 6, 2014, November 20, 2014

Executive Session Minutes-November 6, 2014, November 20, 2014

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of November 6, 2014 and November 20, 2014. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion-RFQ-Solar

County Administrator Brian McDonald briefed the Commissioners on the status of the pending RFQ for a solar project. The RFQ will be published in the next Central Register as soon as the DOER has given final approval. The process has taken much longer than expected to receive final approval.

Discussion-Hingham Courthouse Project

Chairman Pallotta briefed the Commissioners on the heat project at the Hingham Courthouse. The work is 99% complete and the contractor will be submitting change orders for additional work required. Chairman Pallotta will be submitting an emergency funding request to the Administrative Office of the Trial Court.

Discussion-RFQ-County Farm

The Commissioners discussed issuing an RFP for potential uses for the farm.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote-Tabulation of Votes for Plymouth County Treasurer and Certification of Election

Pursuant to Chapter 54, Section 121, Commissioner Hanley made a motion as the Board of Examiners for the County of Plymouth to examine the return of votes transmitted by the proper officers of the twenty-six towns and one city within said County given for Plymouth County Treasurer and find and declare that Thomas J. O'Brien of Kingston to have been elected Plymouth County Treasurer for said County to serve for a term of six years from the first Wednesday of January next. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Fuel Oil Bid

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to award the Cooperative Fuel Oil Bid to Williams Energy, Braintree, MA, Peterson Oil Service, Worcester, MA and Petroleum Traders Corp., Fort Wayne, IN. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Transfer Deeds Excise to County Retirement for Sheriff's Retirees
Commissioner Wright made a motion, *that pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 64D, section 11, and pursuant to that certain agreement dated November 17, 2014 entered into by the Secretary of Administration and Finance, the actuary of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, the Plymouth County Retirement Association and their actuaries, the Plymouth County Treasurer, and the County of Plymouth, the County appropriates \$2,686,045.00 of the Commonwealth's portion of deeds excise revenue as retained by the County pursuant to Stipulation 3 of said agreement to the County Retirement System to satisfy the Commonwealth's unfunded pension liabilities for the retired employees from the Sheriff's Department for Fiscal Year 2015 and to partially satisfy the Commonwealth's unfunded pension liabilities for the retired employees from the Sheriff's Department for Fiscal Year 2010 through Fiscal Year 2014.* Commissioner Hanley seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Cooperative Extension Director Molly Lipper

Ms. Lipper briefed the Commissioners on the lack of heat on the 2nd floor offices of the Cooperative Extension. She briefed the Commissioners on their use of space heaters as a temporary solution but would like to know what the permanent solution will be? Chairman Pallotta reassured Ms. Lipper he would investigate.

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 6:48 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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Discussion-South Street Transfer Station

The Commissioners discussed an upcoming meeting being held with the Plymouth Board of Selectmen to discuss the appeals etc. for the South Street Transfer Station.

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