

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

September 26, 2013

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Commissioners Office, 11 South Russell 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 County Attorney Mark Gildea, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, 4-H Educator Molly Lipper, County Administrator Brian McDonald and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21 held for the purpose of discussing purchase, exchange or lease of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation, the board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 5:32 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes.

At 5:50 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back in to open public session: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Chairman Pallotta called for a moment of silence in memory of former County Administrator Diana Lothrop.

AUTHORIZE PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the signing of Payroll and approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:
Maintenance Department

60 day extension/Full time temporary
Ivanilda Veiga, Custodian, JG 1-1, \$14.20/hr.

Regrade:

Miguel Barbosa, Custodian, JG 1-1, \$14.20/hr. to Assistant Building Custodian, JG 2-1, \$15.52/hr.

Commissioners Office

Step Increase:

Nancy O'Rourke, Executive Assistant, JG 19-5, \$25.50/hr. to JG 19-6, \$26.26/hr.

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes–September 12, 2013

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2013. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Contracts–Police Equipment Bid

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize and sign contracts with various vendors who were awarded the Cooperative Police Equipment Bid administered by Plymouth County. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the latest Courthouse rent report and a possible appeal. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to begin the appeals process. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register of Deeds John Buckley

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the completion of a year's long project to redact social security numbers from 1.8 million pages of computerized documents and 57,000 pages of hard copies within the Registry of Deeds.

Also, the project to scan indexes back to 1685 has been completed.

Register Buckley expressed the need for an electrician to address many outstanding electrical issues at the Obery Street building.

Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge

Superintendent Wedge briefed the Commissioners on status of cleaning issues at the courthouses. He feels accountability and communication are improving.

Commissioner Hanley would like the cleaning of ducts and replacement of filters to be a priority.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to increase the approval threshold for spending from \$100 to \$500 with a one time approval of \$700 for a new snow blower. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Commissioner Wright-No.

The Commissioners re-visited the previous motion by Commissioner Hanley to increase spending thresholds and after clarifying approval amounts for Commissioner Wright, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the increase to \$500 for maintenance spending.

Cooperative Extension 4-H Educator Molly Lipper

Molly briefed the Commissioners on the status of the new roof work being done by the food pantry committee as well as the upcoming 4-H Food Drive. The 2013 Club Expo for Plymouth County 4-H will be held October 12, 2013 from 10-2 at the East Middleboro 4-H Clubhouse in Middleboro. All are welcome.

Legislative update-

Chairman Pallotta briefed the Commissioners on the status of pending legislation and of all 6 bills submitted feels the bill increasing the deeds excise percentage may have a greater chance of approval with the member towns support. The Commissioners requested County Administrator McDonald draft a letter for each community to submit to their legislators in support of HB 2516.

At 6:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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SEIU 888 Negotiations

Attorney Gildea briefed the Commissioners on ongoing contract negotiations with SEIU.

County Property

Attorney Gildea and the Commissioners discussed the 100 acre lot at Camelot Drive, Plymouth.

Pending Litigation

Attorney Gildea discussed pending litigation between the Plymouth County Retirement Board and the Plymouth County Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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