

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

January 21, 2021

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 Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley participated via Zoom.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke. Register of Deeds John Buckley participated via Zoom.

Chairman Hanley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town of Plymouth BOH, Barry Potvin, Chair, concerning vaccinations and communication

Barry Potvin, Chairman of the Plymouth Board of Health participated via Zoom with a presentation of possible ideas for a mass vaccination site at the Kingston Collection Mall. Mr. Potvin questioned whether County CARES Act funds would be available to help with the regional site. Treasurer O'Brien advised funds could be available on a reimbursement basis to the individual participating towns within their individual cap limits. Mr. Potvin would like the county to assist in setting up a Zoom meeting with all Plymouth County Boards of Health and Health Agents. Chairman Hanley stated the county would be happy to assist in anyway.

Vote Meeting Minutes– January 7, 2021

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2021.

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Commissioner Sandra M. Wright–Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley–Yes.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms

Catherine Acampora–anniversary step increase to JG 13-9; Patricia Carroll–retirement Index Comparer; Michael Connor–new hire as 90-day temporary custodian JG 1-1; Susan Wirzburger–new hire as Data Entry Manager Parking Department JG 18-1 (fill existing vacancy); Matthew Hanley–new hire as 180-day temporary employee as Special Assistant to Treasurer ungraded; Monica Joyce–temporary employee 90-day extension Reconciliation Specialist CARES Act.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms listed.

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Commissioner Sandra M. Wright–Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley–Recused.

Vote–Sick Leave Buy-back Patricia Carroll

Commissioner Wright made motion to order the County Treasurer pay to Patricia A. Carroll, P.O. Box 195, White Horse Beach, MA 02381, the sum of Nine hundred, sixty-three dollars

and eighty-eight cents (\$963.88) to be paid from the Plymouth County FY 21 Budget. As said, Patricia A. Carroll retired from the position of Index Comparer at the Plymouth County Registry of

Deeds, on January 21, 2021, with 234.75 hours to her sick leave credit. The amount of sick-leave buyback is 20% or 46.95 hours at the rate of compensation of \$20.53 per hour. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Vote to accept and approve payroll voucher

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

CARES Act: distribution votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$74,746.25 to the Town of Bridgewater. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$97,036.29 to the Town of Halifax. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$4,858.40 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$82,422.22 to the Town of Kingston. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$172,850.63 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$12,416.97 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes.
Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$29,179.16 to the County of Plymouth. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes.
Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve a voucher in the amount of \$26,952.50 to Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA for Administrative Support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes.
Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve a voucher in the amount of \$4,962.00 to Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP for Administrative Support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes.
Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Staffing additions for CARES Act

The board will continue discussions as needed for any additional staff.

Zoom meeting equipment needs for Plymouth County

Chairman Hanley discussed the proposed purchase of Zoom hardware and software to use for remote meetings. Administrator Basler is researching costs. Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Valanzola both feel this purchase could be postponed. Additional discussion was held with the Treasurer on whether the cost is reimbursable to the county using CARES Act funds. Treasurer O'Brien feels the costs would not be reimbursable. Chairman Hanley would like a definitive answer from the legal team.

Manomet Brook naming per US Board of Geographic Names

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the name of "Manomet Brook" to a previously unnamed brook in the Foothills Preserve, off Beaver Dam Road in Plymouth, MA. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes.
Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports deeds excise figures continue to come in ahead of estimates.

Treasurer's Report

PCOT

Treasurer O'Brien presented the December account report for the County of Plymouth OPEB Trust Program and is pleased to report the investment return for the past year has increased by 15.06%.

Legislative Focus for 2021

Treasurer O'Brien presented a draft of a legislative bill for a 20% increase in the counties portion of deeds excise receipts.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to authorize Administrator Basler to send the draft to Norfolk County Administrator Michael Mullen. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Enhanced Federal Rental Assistance

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the board on the recent submittal of an application to the federal government for rental assistance for Plymouth County residents. Treasurer O'Brien received the funds and is currently in negotiations with A&F to possibly return the funds and obtain a commitment from the Commonwealth to use a certain amount of the assistance funds in Plymouth County.

Vote-Approval of Treasurer's Bond

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 35, Section 3, to certify that the Bond of Thomas J. O'Brien, as County Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners, at Plymouth, in said County. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Vote-Approval of Deputy Treasurer's Bond

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 35, Sections 2 and 3, hereby approve the Bond of Jeffrey M. Welch, as Assistant Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Extension Director's Report

4-H Director Molly Lipper briefed the board 4-H Greenhouse and the recent delivery of a shed. Embryology programs will be coming soon as well as a sunflower project.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

Administrator Basler briefed the board on continued projects at each of the courthouses. The door has been replaced in the D.A.'s office in Wareham and will be also done in Hingham.

Administrator's Report

Onset Fire District Procurement Request

Administrator Basler received a request from the Onset Fire District to once again assist with procurement of a small project of the disposal of a building. An MOU agreement will be sent to confirm the county fee and details on the project.

Vote-Additions to Vehicle Bid-Dodge

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the addition of the following vehicles manufactured by the DODGE MOTOR COMPANY to the current Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid Dodge #20-24 awarded to Central Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Raynham, 191 New State Highway, Raynham, MA effective January 21, 2021:

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| Durango PPV AWD 3.6L V6 | \$30,699.00 |
| Durango PPV AWD 5.7L V8 HEMI | \$33,324.00 |
| Ram 1500 SSV Crew 4X4 | \$27,370.00 |
| Charger Police AWD V6 | \$27,506.00 |
| Charger Police RWD V8 | \$25,548.00 |

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Commissioner Sandra M. Wright-Yes. Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Gregory M. Hanley-Yes.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Valanzola requests a letter be sent to the City of Boston regarding the Lincoln statue recently removed from Boston Park Square and currently in storage. Commissioner Valanzola requests the statue be moved to Plymouth County.

Commissioner Wright discussed the upcoming meeting to be held with the State Fire Marshall, Monday, January 25, 2021 with Treasurer O'Brien and Administrator Basler to discuss possible programs with the Police and Fire Chiefs.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes-January 7, 2021
- Vote-Sick Leave Buy-back Patricia Carroll
- Letter-Manomet Brook naming request
- Vote-Approval of Treasurer's and Deputy Treasurer's Bonds
- Vote-Vehicle Bid Additions-Dodge
- PCOT report
- Draft-Deeds Excise Legislation

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant