

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

December 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:21 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley and Chairman Pallotta participated by Zoom video call.

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

Commissioner Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2020

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2020. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms

Maureen Roche-resignation.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status form listed. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll voucher

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the payroll voucher as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Certification of election for County Treasurer

Commissioner Hanley made a motion pursuant to M.G.L Ch. 54. Section 112, the County Commissioners as the Board of Examiners for the County of Plymouth met on the second day of December A.D., 2020 and examined 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 Plymouth 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. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: distribution votes

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$372,297.54 to the Town of Duxbury. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$228,810.67 to the Town of Hanson. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$38,044.76 to the Town of Lakeville. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$1,207,024.75 to the Town of Marshfield. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$76,202.65 to the Town of Scituate. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$64,219.85 to the Town of Whitman. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$298,669.00 to the Town of Whitman. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Board on the current number of applications received of 182 with 84 having been processed and 2 withdrawn. Plans for possible distribution of funds to Hospitals and the State will be submitted at the next meeting.

Registry of Deeds COVID-19 Work Schedule

Discussion was held regarding changes to the Registry of Deeds employees schedules due to possible anticipated COVID-19 outbreaks. Register Buckley has the employees working at home for one week at a time with a rotating schedule. Chairman Pallotta expressed his concern with the lack of notification to the Commissioners before implementing and concerns with any union issues with changes to schedules. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Chairman Pallotta excused himself from the rest of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler presented a letter for the Commissioner's signatures for the Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid Membership Fee for calendar year 2021.

4-H Director's report

Director Molly Vollmer briefed the board on the success of a community outreach program currently under way distributing blankets, scarves, gloves and other personal care items for the winter. Also, Molly and Entomologist Blake Dinius participated in a tick study through Cornell University.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Wright raised concern with recent fraud reports with respect to property deeds. Register Buckley reported the availability of a fraud alert for all property owners.

Commissioner Hanley requested an update for the next meeting on filing legislation again for the County and staying on track for upcoming budgets.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes–November 19, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant