

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

December 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, and Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

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.

Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau-Lea Filson, Executive Director

Chairman Pallotta welcomed Lea Filson, Executive Director of the Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau and See Plymouth. Ms. Filson expressed her thanks and appreciation for the generous contributions of the County Commissioners and is looking forward to working closely with the County. Chairman Pallotta and Commissioner Wright presented the annual contribution check of \$15,000 to Ms. Filson.

Plymouth County Fire Chiefs discussion on the County Fire Plane Program

Halifax Fire Chief Jason Viveiros spoke on behalf of the Executive Board of the Plymouth County Fire Chiefs Association on the current status of the County Fire Plane Program due to the recent unfortunate accident with the plane in October. The Board discussed the possibility of using drones and cameras. After conducting a cost and benefit analysis, the board voted to disband although would like to continue working with the County on using funds for training and other needs. Also, in attendance with Chief Viveiros were Hingham Fire Chief Steve Murphy and Kingston Fire Chief Mark Douglass. All three Chiefs expressed their appreciation to Treasurer O'Brien and the Commissioners for CARES Act Funds distributed to each of their towns.

Vote Meeting Minutes- December 2, 2020

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2020. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Executive Meeting Minutes approval-normal review and release of Executive Session Minutes no longer necessary to remain confidential

Commissioner Wright made a motion to release the Executive Session Minutes of: August 25, 2020, July 30, 2020, July 16, 2020, March 5, 2020, January 7, 2020, October 17, 2019, September 19, 2019, September 5, 2019, August 6, 2019, July 25,

2019, June 13, 2019, May 30, 2019, May 16, 2019, May 2, 2019, April 4, 2019, February 27, 2019, February 7 2019, December 5, 2018, September 6, 2018, August 24, 2017, April 6, 2017, February 21, 2017, and November 10, 2016. The minutes are no longer necessary to remain confidential. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll voucher

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: distribution votes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$210,374.04 to the Town of Kingston. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$28,767.57 to the Town of Kingston. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$21,436.74 to the Town of Kingston. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$167,252.50 to the Town of Marion. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$530,980.76 to the Town of Marshfield. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$76,231.59 to the Town of Norwell. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Registry of Deeds COVID-19 Work Schedule

Register of Deeds Buckley gave an update on the current split shift schedules of the Registry of Deeds employees. All employees working from home have laptops purchased through the

Tech Fund and can access all Registry systems and databases. Register Buckley reports all Registries of Deeds for the entire state are doing the split shift scheduling. Chairman Pallotta again expressed his concern with the lack of notification to the Commissioners before implementing.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports the figures for the month of November have increased approximately 46% due to re-financing and 15% due to home sales. Foreclosures have not been a factor yet.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien reported continued success with the PCOT program as well as positive news on financial success of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group. On a recent regional webinar, the financial strength and health of the MMHG was lauded and recognized by the other participants. The Treasurer predicts the healthcare industry may have future cost increases of 8-12% with MMHG only having increases of 5%.

Extension Director's report

Director Molly Vollmer reports her participation in the Cornell University Tick Study was a success and hopes the findings will be available soon.

Maintenance Superintendent's report

Administrator Basler reports the unfortunate news of a maintenance department employee testing positive for COVID-19 with an additional employee in the same building awaiting results. The buildings are being thoroughly cleaned daily. Mr. Basler also reports all Time Clocks are installed and after a few "bugs" having been worked out, all are functioning properly with all employees having been trained.

Pleasant Street Plympton update and vote

Administrator Basler requests this agenda item be tabled to the next meeting for additional information.

Vehicle Bid extension vote-Chevrolet

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to extend the contract for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid-Chevrolet #20-24, as updated for approved price differentials, to LIBERTY CHEVROLET INC., 90 Bay State Road, Wakefield, MA for the period of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Three additional one-year extensions are possible at the sole discretion of the Plymouth County Commissioners. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicle Bid extension vote–Ford

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to extend the contract for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the FORD MOTOR COMPANY and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid–Ford #20–24, as updated for approved price differentials, to MHQ, INC., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA for the period of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Three additional one–year extensions are possible at the sole discretion of the Plymouth County Commissioners. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicle Bid extension vote–Dodge

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to extend the contract for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the DODGE/CHRYSLER/JEEP MOTOR COMPANY and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid–Dodge #20–24, as updated for approved price differentials, to MHQ, INC., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA for the period of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Three additional one–year extensions are possible at the sole discretion of the Plymouth County Commissioners. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicle Bid extension vote–Dodge

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to extend the contract for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the DODGE/CHRYSLER/JEEP MOTOR COMPANY and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid–Dodge #20–24, as updated for approved price differentials, to CENTRAL CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM OF RAYNHAM, 191 New State Highway, Raynham, MA for the period of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Three additional one–year extensions are possible at the sole discretion of the Plymouth County Commissioners. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicle Bid extension vote–Toyota

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to extend the contract for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid–Toyota #20–24, as updated for approved price differentials, to MHQ, INC., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA for the period of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Three additional one–year extensions are possible at the sole discretion of the Plymouth County Commissioners. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Focus for 2021

Chairman Pallotta requested this agenda item be tabled to the next meeting to allow Commissioner Hanley’s participation in the discussion.

Administrator's Report

-Kingstown Contract update

Administrator Basler briefed the board on their previous request for a bond along with the gravel removal contract extension. Currently, the Town of Plymouth is holding a \$10,000 bond and County Attorney Shannon Resnick is holding \$15,000 cash in an escrow account. Insurance documents have been updated. Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize an extension to the existing contract with Kingstown Corporation for the removal of gravel to April 30, 2021 in conjunction with the Town of Plymouth's permit extension. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: update and possible votes

Due to the Governor and his Administrations interpretation that earmarks of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2020 should be funded with other sources, the Commissioners received a written request from the legislative delegation that the County, in the absence of the Governor appropriately funding these items, do so with an additional funding phase. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve and implement Phase 6 of the CARES Act funding program. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's New Business

The next meetings will be held Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

At 6:02 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes-December 2, 2020
- Executive Session Minutes- August 25, 2020, July 30, 2020, July 16, 2020, March 5, 2020, January 7, 2020, October 17, 2019, September 19, 2019, September 5, 2019, August 6, 2019, July 25, 2019, June 13, 2019, May 30, 2019, May 16, 2019, May 2, 2019, April 4, 2019, February 27, 2019, February 7 2019, December 5, 2018, September 6, 2018, August 24, 2017, April 6, 2017, February 21, 2017, and November 10, 2016.
- Votes-Vehicle Bid Extensions-Chevrolet, Ford, Dodge and Toyota

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant