

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

June 30, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Gregory M. Hanley, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Shannon Resnick, Superintendent of Maintenance Doug Wedge, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Invited guests: Fire Chief Kevin Nord of Duxbury, Fire Chief Steve Murphy of Hingham, and Carver Fire Captain Robert Telles.

Chairman Hanley invited Chief Kevin Nord to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes- June 17, 2021, and June 24, 2021

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2021, and June 24, 2021. Commissioner Wright 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. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: update and possible distribution votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$87,884.01 to the Town of Bridgewater. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$25,426.84 to the Town of Lakeville. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

County Fire Chief's Donation

The Commissioners presented the County's annual contribution of \$10,000.00 for the Firefighter Rescue Training Association to Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord, Hingham Fire Chief Steve Murphy, President of the Plymouth County Fire Training Association and Carver

Fire Captain Robert Telles, Secretary and Treasurer of the Plymouth County Fire Training Association. Chief Nord, Chief Murphy, and Captain Telles all expressed their sincere appreciation to the county for this much needed contribution for Firefighter safety training due to COVID-19.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)–discussion and FY 2022 Budget Transfer vote
 Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to provide for the following Budget Transfers for the maintenance and operation of the County of Plymouth for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

<u>DEPT</u>			<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
<u>19</u>		<u>Regional Services Department</u>		
	239	Professional & Technical Services		\$ 75,000.00
<u>30</u>		<u>Treasurer's Office</u>		
	100	Permanent Employees	\$120,000.00	
<u>99</u>		<u>Special Accounts</u>		
	01.18.0.439	Group Insurance		\$45,000.00
	TOTAL	INCREASE / DECREASE	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Commissioner Wright–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Hanley–Recused and Abstained from the vote.

Register of Deeds Buckley presented a supplemental budget request for the FY 2022 Registry of Deeds budget of \$15,945.02 for an additional part-time index comparer. After some discussion, Commissioner Wright made a motion to provide for the budget transfers proposed by the Register of Deeds for a temporary part-time Index Comparer for the maintenance and operation of the County of Plymouth for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

<u>DEPT</u>			<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
<u>34</u>		<u>Contractual Services</u>		
	275	Office Equipment Repair		\$2,000.00
	276	Computer Hardware Repair		\$1,000.00

292	Copying Services		\$ 945.02
	<u>Supplies & Materials</u>		
361	Postage		\$10,000.00
362	Stationery & Office Supplies		\$ 2,000.00
	<u>Personal Services</u>		
100	Employees	\$15,945.02	
TOTAL	INCREASE / DECREASE	\$15,945.02	\$15,945.02

Chairman Hanley seconded.

Vote: Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Valanzola–No, Chairman Hanley–Yes
The motion passed 2–1.

Byrne Grant

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the recent solicitation approval for Brockton, Plymouth, Wareham, and the new addition of the Town of Middleborough. The 2021 Byrne Grant Award was just announced with the following award eligibility:

Brockton \$74,800.00

Middleborough \$9,583.00

Plymouth \$16,952.00

Wareham \$13,108.00

Plymouth County Admin. \$12,716.00

Total–\$127,159.00

Commissioner Wright made a motion that the Commissioners support the Plymouth County application to the 2021 JAG Byrne Grant moving forward with the inclusion of the City of Brockton, and the Towns of Middleborough, Plymouth, and Wareham. and that the application is available for review by this governing body on the County website. Furthermore, the County will solicit citizen’s ideas and input through the County’s and the subrecipient’s websites for this year’s grant.

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to authorize the chair to sign a letter naming Francis Basler, Plymouth County Administrator, as the official contact and legal representative for the County regarding Byrne Grant documentation and this Federal Grant.

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler reports work is continuing at 44 Obery Street with renovations and the removal of the tank outside of the building. Superintendent Wedge reports the chiller in Wareham is working and all filters have been cleaned. Chairman Hanley suggests quarterly maintenance on all chillers in each of the courthouses.

The next Commissioners meeting will be held Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for union negotiations with OPEIU Registry union, and SEIU Maintenance union. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Hanley called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Hanley-Yes.

At 10:15 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes June 17, 2021, June 24, 2021
- Document-Byrne Grant
- Document-Budget Transfer-Registry of Deeds
- Vote-FY 2022 Budget Transfers

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant