

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

July 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:45 p.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, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Chairman Hanley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes– July 8, 2021

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2021.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

David Phillips–hired to fill permanent new part time Index Comparer at 11–1 and Patricia Carroll–hired to fill new temporary part time Index Comparer at 11–1.

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

Commissioner Valanzola 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.

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Tax Assessment warrants and vote

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to order, in accordance with Chapter 35, section 31 of the General Laws, as amended, that the County Tax for the County of Plymouth has been authorized and established by the County Commissioners with proper apportionment set by the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, Department of Revenue and the Clerk will forthwith issue warrants and the required sum of the One Million, Six Hundred Ninety–Seven Thousand, One Hundred Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,697,105.30) to be assessed and levied upon the inhabitants of the several Towns and one City is said County according to the provisions of law and basis of apportionment established under the authority of Chapter 58, Section 10C, as amended, to be collected and paid into the Treasury of the County of Plymouth, one half on or before the first day of November 2021 and one half on or before the first day of May 2022, in the following proportions:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>	<u>County Tax</u>
Abington	1.68	\$44,688.67
Bridgewater	2.39	\$63,574.95
Brockton	6.26	\$166,518.48
Carver	1.09	\$28,994.43
Duxbury	3.28	\$87,249.30
E. Bridgewater	1.36	\$36,176.54
Halifax	0.75	\$19,950.30
Hanover	2.16	\$57,456.86
Hanson	1.07	\$28,462.42
Hingham	5.59	\$148,696.22
Hull	1.81	\$48,146.72
Kingston	1.62	\$43,092.64
Lakeville	1.43	\$38,038.57
Marion	1.33	\$35,378.53
Marshfield	3.88	\$103,209.54
Mattapoisett	1.34	\$35,644.53
Middleborough	2.17	\$57,722.86
Norwell	2.09	\$55,594.83
Pembroke	2.19	\$58,254.87
Plymouth	8.56	\$227,699.39
Plympton	0.42	\$11,172.17
Rochester	0.77	\$20,482.31
Rockland	1.69	\$44,954.67
Scituate	3.66	\$97,357.45
Wareham	2.91	\$77,407.15
W. Bridgewater	0.97	\$25,802.38
Whitman	1.33	\$35,378.53
	63.80	\$1,697,105.30

Commissioner Wright 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 \$26,641.08 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 \$774,878.44 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$581,959.67 to the Town of Hingham. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$6,367.31 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$17,066.63 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$2,610.35 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$14,819.12 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$16,509.26 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$179.90 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$43,598.54 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$21,349.52 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$1,471.86 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$147,429.17 to the Town of Kingston. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$191,802.27 to the Town of Lakeville. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$277,546.20 to the Town of Lakeville. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$125,440.80 to the Town of Mattapoisett. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$523,928.11 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$3,969,212.96 to the Town of Plymouth. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$12,117.93 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$51,792.13 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$104,437.47 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$12,372.31 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$2,216.96 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$70,356.53 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$2,134.24 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$11,130.30 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$74,504.98 to the Town of Whitman. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$41,812.50 to Eric A. Kinshurf, CPA for Administrative Support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,125.15 to Shannon D. Resnick, PC for Administrative Support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien reports the total including the \$6.2 million voted today is \$54,106,270.18. The Commonwealth has submitted \$18 million in bills that they are requesting reimbursement for from the CARES Act funds. Treasurer O'Brien has the request on hold currently.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)–update

Treasurer O'Brien reports plan development continues and that the Federal Government has just issued an 8th edition of guidance for ARPA.

Treasurer's update

Treasurer O'Brien reports hearings are being conducted today at the State House on legislation concerning the deeds excise bills. The County has received funds from the State's Unclaimed Property for approximately \$2,000.

4-H Extension Director update

4-H Director Molly Vollmer distributed 4-H schedules and discussed programs planned for the Marshfield Fair to be held August 19th through the 29th.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve and publish the job description and posting for an Agricultural Extension Educator to fill the vacancy of 4-H Educator Valerie Schell. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA-Agriculture programs

4-H Director Vollmer and Administrator Basler reported on research they have been conducting on ARPA agricultural grants and possible uses for any of the member communities. The criteria are very specific, and the County may not be eligible. Additional research will continue after the Marshfield Fair has completed.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports the Registry of Deeds is recording about 25% more deeds and the deeds excise revenues are approximately \$2.2 million which hasn't been realized since 2004.

Byrne Grant

-Byrne Grant FY20 Certification and Assurances Form

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to authorize Chairman Hanley to sign the Byrne Grant FY20 Certification and Assurances for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

-Byrne Grant FY20 Intermunicipal Agreement

Administrator Basler requested this item be tabled to the next meeting as information for the MOU was not available.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the finalization of work renovations at 44 Obery Street.

A meeting is scheduled for next week with the Administrator and representatives of Brockton Neighborhood Health to discuss rental of space at 32 Belmont Street, Brockton.

A copy of the Courthouse Rent Report Audit was distributed for FY 2020. Administrator Basler reports the analysis is 99.9% accurate with ongoing appeals for OPEB and retirement costs.

As previously requested by the Chair, Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke has scheduled meetings for the Commissioners to meet with Boards of Selectmen in Plymouth County to brief the boards on ARPA and present CARES checks if applicable. The Commissioners will be attending the Pembroke BOS meeting Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 7p.m. and the Rockland BOS meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7 p.m.

-MA Department of Transportation Plan Acknowledgments

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to pursuant to a request from the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to authorize Chairman Hanley to acknowledge a copy of plan alterations to a state highway located in Marion, MA. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to pursuant to a request from the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to authorize Chairman Hanley to acknowledge a copy of plan alterations to a state highway located in Mattapoisett, MA. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

-Zoom Equipment

Commissioner Valanzola requested this agenda item be tabled to a meeting in October to discuss the County purchase of Zoom equipment. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Basler reports the next projects to be addressed will be: The Gun Range, Internships, Grant Writer, Animal Control and Byrne Grant-Part 2.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Wright discussed scheduling a meeting with Halifax Fire Chief Jason Viveiros to discuss ideas for funds received for the insurance on the Fire Plane.

The next Commissioners meeting will be held via Zoom, Friday, August 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.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 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes July 8, 2021
- 4-H/Plymouth County Extension-Marshfield Fair Programs

- Draft-Job Posting-Agricultural Extension Educator
- Courthouse Rent Report FY 20
- Contact information-Brady Winsten, City of Brockton Intergovernmental Affairs Associate
- MA D.O.T. Highway Dept. plans for Marion and Mattapoisett

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant