

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

February 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 4:08 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, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke. Chairman Hanley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes– February 4, 2021

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2021. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms

Bernadette Tobin–Anniversary Step Increase to JG 13–2

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status form 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 voucher

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the payroll voucher 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 \$13,772.73 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 \$105,947.74 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 \$287,034.65 to the Town of Middleborough. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$87,748.74 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve a voucher in the amount of \$123,542.00 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve a voucher in the amount of \$23,203.75 to Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA for Administrative Support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Retirement Assessments and Vote

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 22, Paragraph 7(c), as amended, that Retirement Assessments be paid from the Treasury of the County of Plymouth and from the Treasuries of the several towns, districts, etc. (as listed below) for the fiscal period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>PENSION FUND</u>
County	3.60082%	\$ 3,155,921
Abington	3.65602%	\$ 3,204,297
Abington Housing Authority	0.04861%	\$ 42,603
Acushnet, Marion, Rochester Health District	0.02275%	\$ 19,935
Bridgewater	4.78487%	\$ 4,193,670
Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.07284%	\$ 63,836
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District	2.28339%	\$ 2,001,265
Carver	2.79764%	\$ 2,451,978
Carver, Marion, Wareham, Reg. Refuse District	0.06074%	\$ 53,238
Duxbury	5.43261%	\$ 4,761,378
Duxbury Housing Authority	0.02906%	\$ 25,467
East Bridgewater	3.44156%	\$ 3,016,330
East Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.05139%	\$ 45,041
Halifax	1.70014%	\$ 1,490,075
Hanover	4.71584%	\$ 4,133,165
Hanson	2.19327%	\$ 1,922,279
Hanson Housing Authority	0.03712%	\$ 32,537
Kingston	3.35072%	\$ 2,936,720
Kingston Housing Authority	0.00224%	\$ 1,963
Lakeville	1.49562%	\$ 1,310,825
Marion	1.49955%	\$ 1,314,268
Marshfield	8.08612%	\$ 7,087,029
Marshfield Housing Authority	0.05730%	\$ 50,220
Mattapoisett	1.73784%	\$ 1,523,116
Mattapoisett Housing Authority	0.03329%	\$ 29,175

Middleborough	9.01091%	\$	7,897,557
Middleborough Housing Authority	0.17282%	\$	151,466
Norwell	3.59180%	\$	3,148,009
Norwell Housing Authority	0.03976%	\$	34,846
Old Rochester Regional School District	0.93104%	\$	816,002
Onset Fire District	0.33609%	\$	294,560
Pembroke	4.63911%	\$	4,065,919
Pembroke Housing Authority	0.12801%	\$	112,197
Plymouth County Mosquito Control	0.22739%	\$	199,298
Plympton	0.64816%	\$	568,080
Rochester	1.09156%	\$	956,693
Rockland	5.34939%	\$	4,688,441
Rockland Housing Authority	0.05674%	\$	49,731
Scituate	6.69654%	\$	5,869,139
Scituate Housing Authority	0.11534%	\$	101,092
Silver Lake Regional School District	1.03489%	\$	907,026
South Shore Regional School District	0.50474%	\$	442,373
South Shore Tri-Town Development	0.16794%	\$	147,186
Wareham	5.30902%	\$	4,653,056
Wareham Fire District	1.24387%	\$	1,090,181
Wareham Housing Authority	0.06245%	\$	54,736
West Bridgewater	2.92421%	\$	2,562,909
West Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.02096%	\$	18,369
Whitman	2.79948%	\$	2,453,588
Whitman-Hanson Regional School District	1.60593%	\$	1,407,507
Whitman Housing Authority	0.10052%	\$	88,099
TOTALS	100.00000%	\$	87,644,391

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley briefed the board on the recent quarantine of 7 employees due to a positive COVID-19 result of an employee. Deeds excise figures continue to increase due to a large amount of re-financing.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the status of House Docket 1930 to increase the County's portion of deeds excise recently filed by Norfolk County Representative Galvin.

Treasurer O'Brien presented a proposal for lobbying services from the firm Dempsey, Lucey & Associates to assist in efforts to increase deeds excise receipts and defeat any administrative and legislative proposals that would be detrimental to the interests of Plymouth County.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize Treasurer O'Brien and Administrator Basler to enter into an agreement with Dempsey, Lucey & Associates. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien reports Special Assistant Matt Hanley is conducting research into the 1.7 trillion-dollar legislative stimulus package currently proposed by President Biden and the benefits to Plymouth County municipalities.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Basler is working with the Town of Falmouth on the delivery of the dredge this coming week

The Onset Fire District held a meeting with Administrator Basler February 11, 2021 to discuss the sale of the Onset Police Station building no longer in use. The consulting and procurement work the county is providing will take approximately 40 hours of the Administrator's time over a 3-month period at a fee of \$2,000.

Administrator Basler presented the first Plymouth County CARES Act reimbursement check of \$29,179.16 to Chairman Hanley. Additional reimbursement applications have been submitted for the County for approximately \$150,000 to \$180,000.

The replacement lettering for the front glass in the lobby will be changed in the spring once the weather warms up. Administrator Basler is pricing the cost of a new sign for the County Farm and the Commissioners Administrative Building.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Wright along with Treasurer O'Brien gave an update on the status of the proposal with the State Fire Marshall for 10 acres of land use. The State Fire Marshall is currently awaiting information from DCAMM. Treasurer O'Brien expects a counter proposal and is optimistic an agreement can be negotiated.

Commissioner Valanzola provided an update to the request from WATD to participate via Zoom at future Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Valanzola contacted PAC TV and currently, PAC TV is unable to record the meetings live due to a schedule conflict but would be able to record and play back at a later time. The Commissioners will continue the discussion at their next meeting.

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

At 4:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes-February 4, 2021

- Vote-Plymouth County Retirement Board Assessments and warrants
- Proposal-Dempsey, Lucey & Associates
- DLS-FY 2022 and 2023 County Tax rates and weighted votes
- Correspondence-Boston Globe and Boston Herald articles re: State Federal Stimulus
- Correspondence-Warehamweektoday.com re: Onset Fire District building sale

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant