

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

November 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke. County Attorney Shannon Resnick participated via Zoom.

Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

To accommodate Attorney Resnick's schedule Chairman Wright requested the agenda be taken out of order.

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 return to open public session at 5:31 p.m.

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

At 5:56 p.m. the Board voted to enter back into open public session. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Wright-Yes.

Vote Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2021

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2021.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Kathryn Oakley – promotion to Recorder 13-1; Philip O'Neill–new hire nonunion temporary part-time 11-1.

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

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Sick Leave Buy Back-Maureen Young

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that the County Treasurer pay to Maureen Young, 1 Hobbler Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 the sum of Six Hundred, Seventy-three Dollars and Thirty-Four cents (\$673.34) to be paid from the Plymouth County FY22 Budget. As said Maureen Young retired from the position of Recorder at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, on August 27, 2021, with 150.50 hours to her sick leave credit. The amount of sick-leave buyback is 20% or 30.10 hours at the rate of compensation of \$22.37 per hour. Commissioner Valanzola seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the payroll vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation of 400th Anniversary of the first Thanksgiving

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to issue a proclamation recognizing the 400th Anniversary of the National Holiday Thanksgiving. Commissioner Valanzola seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Award the Fuel Oil Bid

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that the County award bids for the purchase of #2 Fuel Oil for the County of Plymouth and various political sub-divisions thereof for the period of December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022, to the following:

Williams Energy, 39 Adams Street, Braintree, MA 02184 and Sprague Operating Resources, LLC, 185 International Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Approve County award to Williams Energy

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to hereby accept the bid of November 10, 2021, and enter into a contract with G.A. Williams & Sons, Inc., dba Williams Energy, 39 Adams Street, Braintree, MA 02184 for the furnishing of certain Plymouth County Buildings with Fuel Oil in accordance with Specifications and Bid of November 10, 2021, for the period from December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022, as follows:

For #2 Fuel Oil at 100% of any increase/decrease over the Base Price, for the Boston Low of 1.7140 cents per gallon as shown in the OPIS Publications on Monday March 29, 2021; plus 0.1324 cents for the Operating Expense and Profit, to be delivered to the following building on an “as needed” basis:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Est. Annual Gallons</u>
Plymouth County Superior Courthouse 72 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02130	25,000

Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Award 2021/2022 Snowplow Bid

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to award the bid for providing snowplowing and ice removal services for the 2021/2022 season to:

- Lawcewicz Homes–Brockton Superior Courthouse, and Brockton Registry of Deeds
- D & J Enterprise–Wareham District Courthouse and Plymouth Registry of Deeds
- Hub Construction–Hingham District Courthouse
- N.E. Irrigation–County Commissioner’s Office

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: update and distribution votes

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$384,683.30 to the Town of Abington. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$227,676.15 to the Town of Bridgewater. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$43,232.51 to the Town of Bridgewater. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$220,495.87 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$109,231.14 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$4,464.25 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$17,169.28 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$24,972.28 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$21,877.48 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$34,594.43 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$16,659.74 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$62,170.82 to the Town of Lakeville. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$169,153.77 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$68,693.06 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$1,193,023.99 to the Town of Wareham. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$470,949.18 to the Town of West Bridgewater. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$35,425.00 to Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA for Administrative Support. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)–update

Treasurer O'Brien reports the first application has been received from the City of Brockton for approximately \$4 M under the Public Health category.

The Treasurer briefed the Commissioners on a request from the Commonwealth regarding RAFT funding and will be providing additional information at a future meeting.

Register's Report

Register Buckley gave an update on the annual agreement with ANF regarding the unfunded liability for Sheriff's employees. The fall meeting will most likely be postponed until the spring to approve the final figures from deeds excise.

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch presented a report to the Commissioners on the history of the Parking Department and recent upgrades with handheld units with the Town of Wareham and the success of the program. The Deputy Treasurer made a presentation to Bridgewater State University and reports they are extremely interested in participating in the next phase in January.

Extension Director's Report

Administrator Basler briefed the board on storm damage to the greenhouse roof and hopes for an early winter launch to their programs.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

Administrator Basler reports the Hingham District Courthouse upgrades due to the September flood continue.

Administrator's Report

–Byrne FY 21 Awards

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant by the U.S. Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice to the Town of

Middleborough and the Middleborough Police Department in the amount \$9,583.00. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant by the U.S. Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice to the City of Brockton and the Brockton Police Department in the amount \$74,800.00. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant by the U.S. Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice to the Town of Wareham and the Wareham Police Department in the amount \$13,108.00. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant by the U.S. Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice to the Town of Plymouth and the Plymouth Police Department in the amount \$16,952.00. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Basler announced the purchase of 95 Austin Air Purifiers with a \$60,000.00 COVID Byrne Grant for the County Courthouses, Registry of Deeds buildings and Commissioner's Office.

Administrator Basler reports the 2022 MMA conference will be held the weekend of January 21st and 22nd. Commissioner Hanley and Chairman Wright will plan to attend.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Hanley would like the county to explore the possibility of developing a Plymouth County flag similar to the other active counties. Also, after some discussion, Commissioner Hanley made a motion to develop a committee to explore possible options of a "sister" County relationship with Ireland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioner's next meetings will be held Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes November 4, 2021
- Vote-Sick Leave Buy-Back Maureen Young
- Proclamation-400th Anniversary Thanksgiving Holiday
- Vote-Fuel Oil Bid
- Contract-County award to Williams Coal and Oil
- Vote-Award 2021/2022 Snowplow Bid
- Correspondence-Email RAFT Treasurer O'Brien with ANF
- Article Today-Audit: Governor improperly used COVID funds for salaries
- Article Cape Cod Times-County Commissioners, Assembly spar over ARPA spending process, court action possible
- Article Politics-Baker Administration knocks State House leaders for "massive delay" in spending COVID-19 relief funds

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
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