

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

December 30, 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, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola. Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley participated via Zoom.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke. Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Shannon Resnick, and County Administrator Frank Basler all participated via Zoom.

Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2021

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2021. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Edmund Toomey-FMLA Approval; Susan MacDonald-anniversary step increase to 13-5; Lidiane Afonso-resignation; John Moran-45-day extension as temporary full-time custodian 1-1; and Cody Jones-90-day new hire as temporary full-time custodian 1-1.

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

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

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

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

Vote to accept Massachusetts AG Opiate Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept the Massachusetts Attorney General Opiate Settlement Agreement and to authorize County Administrator Frank Basler to sign and file the appropriate documents. The Commissioners agreed to reward the funds when received to the Plymouth Recovery Center for OPIOD Treatment. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote-Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Procurement Award

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of 87 Octane Gasoline and Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel for the County of Plymouth and various political sub-divisions, effective January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, to: Noonan Brothers Petroleum, Inc. 415 West St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote-Plymouth County Mileage Allowance for 2022

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to increase the mileage allowance to \$.58.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2022, per the Internal Revenue Service. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote-Plymouth County Treasurer's Amended Bond

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 35, Section 3, to hereby certify a rider to the Bond of Thomas J. O'Brien, as County Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, increasing the penalty amount from One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), a copy of which is hereto annexed, is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners, at Plymouth, in said County. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

CARES Act Check presentation

The Commissioners presented Selectman Alex Hagarty of the Town of Abington a CARES Act reimbursement check in the amount \$384,683.30. Selectman Hagarty expressed his sincere appreciation to the Commissioners and Treasurer O'Brien for the much-needed check.

CARES Act: update and distribution votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$87,285.96 to the Town of Bridgewater. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$236,831.74 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$392,127.23 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$49,710.77 to the Town of Carver. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$71,354.37 to the Town of East Bridgewater. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$131,674.54 to the Town of Kingston. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$140,788.50 to the Town of Middleborough. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$69,466.75 to the Town of Plymouth. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$76,604.80 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$72,004.72 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$602.55 to Shannon D. Resnick, PC for Administrative Support. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

CARES Act: authorized recipient vote

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to authorize the Plymouth County CARES Program–subject to its requirements and the lawful discretion of the Plymouth County Board of Commissioners–to accept and consider requests from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts only for potential reimbursement from available funds for CARES Act eligible expenses from the Commonwealth’s Rental Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program that were incurred in Plymouth County. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)–update

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$732.25 to Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP for Administrative Support. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Administrator’s Report

–CARES Act reimbursement submission

Administrator Basler reports the county has submitted for reimbursement approximately \$230,000 in payroll costs and \$260,000 in supplies. The Administrator also announced that CARES Act funding will be used to purchase 400,000 test kits for Plymouth County residents. The kits will be distributed through each town and the City of Brockton

–Lobbyist RFP

Administrator Basler is preparing an RFP for a Lobbyist to assist the county with funding and issues on Beacon Hill.

Commissioner’s New Business

Commissioner Valanzola conveyed the thanks of the representatives of the Towns of Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Pembroke, and Plympton for CARES reimbursement checks recently presented. Senator Brady, Senator Moran and Representative LaNatra also expressed their appreciation to the County for the quick turn-around of funds for the Plymouth County communities.

Commissioner Hanley passed along the thanks of Bristol County Commissioner John Mitchell for the positive county representation.

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 5:30 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 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, the County Woodlot, Plymouth, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to return to open public session at 6:17 p.m.

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

At 6:40 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.

OPEIU-MOU Acceptance

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept the MOU with OPEIU Registry of Deeds union as presented. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

At 6:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2021
- Vote-CARES Act-Authorized Recipient
- Vote-Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bid
- Vote-Mileage increase IRS
- Vote-Treasurer's Bond increase
- OPIOD settlement participation form-J & J
- Email-Covid Test Kits Request-Representative Josh Cutler and Representative Kathy La Natra

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant