

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

July 21, 2022

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 Chair Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola. Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, County Attorney Shannon Resnick, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Chair Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3; 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 5:32 p.m.

Chair Wright called the roll: Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chair Wright-Yes.

At 5:48 p.m. the Board voted to enter back into open public session. Chair Wright called the roll: Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chair Wright-Yes.

Vote Meeting Minutes: June 29, 2022

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 29, 2022. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Blake Dinius-anniversary step increase to 20-6.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status form listed. Chair Wright 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. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote County Tax Assessment Warrants

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 One Million, Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (**\$1,739,532.93**) to be assessed and levied upon the inhabitants of the several Towns and one City in 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 2022 and one half on or before the first day of May 2023, in the following proportions:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>		<u>County Tax</u>
Abington	1.68	\$	45,805.88
Bridgewater	2.39	\$	65,164.32
Brockton	6.26	\$	170,681.44
Carver	1.09	\$	29,719.29
Duxbury	3.28	\$	89,430.53
East Bridgewater	1.36	\$	37,080.95
Halifax	0.75	\$	20,449.05
Hanover	2.16	\$	58,893.28
Hanson	1.07	\$	29,173.98
Hingham	5.59	\$	152,413.62
Hull	1.81	\$	49,350.39
Kingston	1.62	\$	44,169.96
Lakeville	1.43	\$	38,989.53
Marion	1.33	\$	36,262.99
Marshfield	3.88	\$	105,789.78
Mattapoisett	1.34	\$	36,535.64
Middleborough	2.17	\$	59,165.93
Norwell	2.09	\$	56,984.70
Pembroke	2.19	\$	59,711.24
Plymouth	8.56	\$	233,391.88
Plympton	0.42	\$	11,451.47
Rochester	0.77	\$	20,994.36
Rockland	1.69	\$	46,078.54

Scituate	3.66	\$	99,791.39
Wareham	2.91	\$	79,342.33
West Bridgewater	0.97	\$	26,447.44
Whitman	1.33	\$	36,262.99
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Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Woodlot Lease update and lease vote

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the proposed 3-year lease with Boston South Real Estate and Development, LLC to begin the due diligence and planning on the land of approximately 110.5 acres consisting of three pieces of property located off Long Pond Road and Camelot Drive in Plymouth, Massachusetts, said property more commonly known as the Woodlot.

Also, to grant authorization to County Administrator Frank Basler to sign said lease.

Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

CARES Act: update and distribution votes

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the board on an upcoming vote for the remaining balance of the original CARES Act funds to the three hospitals in Plymouth County.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$13,617.50 for Administrative Support to Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update and votes

Treasurer O'Brien reports currently 11 communities have submitted applications with \$10.7 million in pending applications. The Treasurer presented a draft report of the County of Plymouth Recovery Plan for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The report is mandatory per the federal government for all entities that received federal ARPA funds.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$4,436.50 for Administrative Support to Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$5,450.00 for Administrative Support to Powers & Sullivan, LLC. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Second Phase of Plymouth County ARPA Program

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to enact Phase 2 of the Plymouth County ARPA funding allocations for an additional 25%. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Vote Plymouth County Vehicle Bid increase for MHQ for remainder of 2022

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve an increase in contract pricing for the Cooperative Bid for Public Service Vehicles manufactured by the **FORD MOTOR COMPANY** and accessories and equipment as listed in the Invitation for Bid-Ford #20-24 to **MHQ, Inc., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA** for the period of February 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022. The base price, equipment prices, and package price increases per attached documentation. The requested increases are allowable under the terms of the Bid Specifications. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola and Chair Wright both gave kudos to Administrator Basler for all the hard work that goes into the vehicle bid and have heard from various towns how appreciative they are to be a member of the cooperative.

Plymouth County Vehicle Bid RFP issuance vote for 2022 with County option renewals to 2026

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the issuance of an RFP for municipal vehicles and equipment for 2022 with option renewals to 2026. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien gave an update on the Parking department and the recent addition of Milton and Westfield. The town of Hull has received the tablets and printers that had been delayed due to supply chain issues.

Register's Report

Register Buckley was unable to attend the meeting but provided the Commissioners with a report of the past three years of year end summaries for recording fees and deeds excise income.

Extension Director's Report

4-H Director Molly Vollmer was unable to attend the meeting due to the preparations being made getting ready for the Marshfield Fair. Administrator Basler provided an update that Molly prepared previously along with the fair schedules.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

Administrator Basler reports Superintendent Wedge has numerous cosmetic projects planned for the summer with painting, flooring replacements and lighting upgrades to lower the energy costs in each courthouse.

Administrator's Report

-County Flag quote follow up

Administrator Basler gave an update on the request of Commissioner Hanley's at a previous meeting to obtain pricing for county flags for each town hall. The price of an indoor flag, one-sided, without fringe is \$78.00. Commissioner Valanzola and Chair Wright have had discussions with a few towns and whether they would be amenable to having the county provide a flag to their town. The consensus was most towns don't have the poles and bases to hang the flags. Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to table the purchasing of flags for the county member communities to next fiscal year due to the current state of finances. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

-Naming of the Indian Head River Trail

Mr. Basler reports the Indian Head River Coalition has named a portion of the trail "Mattakeesett Path".

-Upcoming Meeting dates

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Valanzola expressed his thanks to Treasurer O'Brien and Administrator Basler for their hard work on the woodlot lease negotiations and various ARPA projects.

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Valanzola made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes-June 29, 2022
- Vote-County Tax and Warrants
- Vote-Ford pricing increase
- Report-4-H/Marshfield Fair
- Report-Register Buckley Deed Excise
- Report-ARPA Funding Allocations
- Draft Report-Recovery Plan ARPA
- Article-ARPA spending criticisms

- Documents–Mass Gaming Commission

Respectfully submitted,
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