

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

December 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chair Sandra M. Wright and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola.

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

Chair Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARPA Check presentation-Town of Rockland

Treasurer O'Brien requested the agenda be taken out of order to accommodate Selectboard member Tiffanie Needham of Rockland. Ms. Needham was present to accept an ARPA check for a sewer digester boiler project recently completed.

Vote Meeting Minutes: November 29, 2022

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Joyce Lewis-retirement Benefits Admin at MMHG effective 3/1/23; Carol Costello-retirement Dept. Head Recording effective 1/11/23; Michelle McVicar-promoted to Dept. Head Recording 21-3; Matthew Duggan-out on Workman's Compensation effective 12/6/22. Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms 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.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update and votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$278,200.00 to the City of Brockton to support the public health response. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien reported of the original allocation for the City of Brockton of \$9 million, \$4 million has been approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien presented a FY 2023 draft revenue and expense projections report up to October 31, 2022, to the board. After some discussion, Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to implement a hiring freeze for any new hires on a case-by-case basis through June 30, 2023. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register Buckley stated for the record his concern regarding staffing and training at the Registry of Deeds.

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch briefed the board on recent additions to the Parking Department of the Town of Concord and the Town of Duxbury. Chair Wright gave kudos to Mr. Welch for his hard work on improvements to the Parking Department and the addition of member towns to the program. Commissioner Valanzola concurred.

4-H/Extension Service Director's Report

Director Molly Lipper briefed the board on a recent trip to Atlanta, GA for a N.E. Youth Conference attended by 8 members of local 4-H as well as Agricultural Extension Director Meg Riley and Molly. Molly reports the AG Day will be held next spring on April 12, 2023, after a 2 year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, meetings are being held with UMass for interns to work at the County Greenhouse.

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bid 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, 2023, to December 31, 2023, to:

Dennis K. Burke, Inc., 555 Constitution Dr., Taunton, MA and Noonan Brothers Petroleum, Inc., 415 West St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379. Chair Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

-County Flag update

Commissioner Hanley had previously requested a discussion as to the distribution of the county flags purchased for interested Plymouth County towns and the City of Brockton. Due to Commissioner Hanley's absence, this item will be tabled to the next meeting.

-Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner's New Business

Chair Wright extended an invitation to all for the Holiday gathering this Friday, December 16th at the Brockton Superior Courthouse and Hingham District Courthouse.

Although Public Comment was not on the agenda, Chair Wright recognized members of the audience for comment. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Voltrain of Plymouth expressed their dismay as to the Commissioner's agenda and felt they were not able to follow along. They felt the Board members and other Department Heads should have introduced themselves prior to speaking. Chair Wright acknowledged there were a few last-minute reports added and took their comments under advisement. No actions were taken by the Commissioners on these reports but were for information only.

At 10:46 a.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–November 29, 2022
- Vote–Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bid
- Votes and warrants ARPA

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant