

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

February 1, 2024

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 Jared L. Valanzola, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley.

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

**Vote Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2024**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:** Lisa Bezanson – anniversary step increase to 11-4; Susan MacDonald – anniversary step increase to 13-7; Isabel Depina–new hire as permanent custodian at 3-1 formerly a temporary employee now filling a recent vacancy; Lisa Wade– 90-day emergency part-time temporary employee.

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers**

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote–Plymouth County Retirement Assessments**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 22, Paragraph 7(c), as amended, that the 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>PENSION FUND</u>
County	1.56734%	\$ 1,774,578
Abington	3.64039%	\$ 4,121,716
Abington Housing Authority	0.04607%	\$ 52,165
Acushnet, Marion, Rochester Health District	0.03348%	\$ 37,904
Bridgewater	5.14791%	\$ 5,828,568
Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.07159%	\$ 81,051
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District	2.35074%	\$ 2,661,550
Carver	2.83181%	\$ 3,206,235
Duxbury	5.59268%	\$ 6,332,146
Duxbury Housing Authority	0.02805%	\$ 31,761
East Bridgewater	3.57324%	\$ 4,045,688
East Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.05626%	\$ 63,698
Halifax	1.69484%	\$ 1,918,932
Hanover	4.82530%	\$ 5,463,302
Hanson	2.22190%	\$ 2,515,684
Hanson Housing Authority	0.03535%	\$ 40,026
Kingston	3.49170%	\$ 3,953,366
Kingston Housing Authority	0.00627%	\$ 7,104
Lakeville	1.47741%	\$ 1,672,750
Marion	1.62205%	\$ 1,836,515
Marshfield	8.21355%	\$ 9,299,546
Marshfield Housing Authority	0.05424%	\$ 61,409
Mattapoisett	1.75286%	\$ 1,984,623
Mattapoisett Housing Authority	0.03390%	\$ 38,384
Middleborough	9.09033%	\$ 10,292,253
Middleborough Housing Authority	0.17210%	\$ 194,858
Norwell	3.70223%	\$ 4,191,741
Norwell Housing Authority	0.04802%	\$ 54,373
Old Rochester Regional School District	0.95861%	\$ 1,085,354
Onset Fire District	0.36718%	\$ 415,728
Pembroke	4.71724%	\$ 5,340,952
Pembroke Housing Authority	0.11832%	\$ 133,967
Plymouth County Mosquito Control	0.22000%	\$ 249,092
Plympton	0.70392%	\$ 796,996
Rochester	1.12522%	\$ 1,273,994
Rockland	5.51716%	\$ 6,246,635
Rockland Housing Authority	0.04997%	\$ 56,580
Scituate	6.69088%	\$ 7,575,549
Scituate Housing Authority	0.11085%	\$ 125,501
Silver Lake Regional School District	0.99374%	\$ 1,125,133
South Shore Regional School District	0.49126%	\$ 556,212
South Shore Tri-Town Development	0.14694%	\$ 166,373
Wareham	5.50358%	\$ 6,231,259
Wareham Fire District	1.24542%	\$ 1,410,085
Wareham Housing Authority	0.06103%	\$ 69,097
West Bridgewater	2.99840%	\$ 3,394,850
West Bridgewater Housing Authority	0.02093%	\$ 23,696
Whitman	2.88711%	\$ 3,268,839
Whitman-Hanson Regional School District	1.58054%	\$ 1,789,523
Whitman Housing Authority	0.11008%	\$ 124,631
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100.00000%</b>	<b>\$ 113,221,972</b>

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update and distribution votes**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$350,000.00 to the County of Plymouth to address negative economic impacts.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$650,000.00 to the City of Brockton to address negative economic impacts. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$42,920.52 to the Town of Carver as support for the public health response.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$7,887.62 to the Town of Carver as support for the public health response. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$10,809.00 to the Town of Carver as support for the public health response.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$934,378.00 to the Town of Middleborough as relief for water and sewer infrastructure.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,200,000.00 to the Town of Whitman as relief for water and sewer infrastructure.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Powers & Sullivan, LLC, for administrative support. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Extension Director's Report**

4-H Director Molly Vollmer presented a few pictures from the American Farm Bureau Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah this past weekend. Agricultural Extension Educator Meg Riley and 4-H student Hope Healy attended.

An invitation was extended to the board for the Plymouth County Farm Bureau Legislative Breakfast to be held, March 15, 2024, at the Boston Tavern in Middleborough.

Also, Molly proudly presented a video of a Budweiser Super Bowl Ad starring a former 4-H club member from Carver, Jamie Blauss.

### **Register's Report**

Register Buckley reports the current February closings are picking up slightly.

Unfortunately, the federal mortgage rates will currently remain the same with a possibility of a rate drop in May.

### **Vote-Deputy Treasurer's Surety Bond**

Commissioner Hanley made a motion pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 35, Sections 2 and 3, to hereby approve the Bond of Jeffrey M. Welch, as Assistant Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, and in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Update on Cyber Security Open House**

Treasurer O'Brien extended an invitation to the board for an Open House to the Bridgewater State University Cyber Range, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the DMF Science and Mathematics Center.

This event is hosted by Bridgewater State University in collaboration with the Plymouth County Commissioners and Bristol County Commissioners.

### **Maintenance Superintendent's Report**

Administrator Basler briefed the board on the ongoing work being done at Brockton Superior Courthouse.

### **Administrator Report**

#### **County Internship Program**

Administrator Basler briefed the board on a recent request of a student from Massasoit Community College to become an intern with the county for college credit. Additional information will be presented at the next Commissioners Meeting.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:58 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn.

**Documents and/or Exhibits:**

- Draft Meeting Minutes-January 18, 2024
- Vote-CPS Forms
- Vote-Retirement Assessments
- Votes and warrants-ARPA distributions
- Vote-Surety Bond Deputy Treasurer
- Invitation-BSU Cyber Range
- Invitation-Legislative Breakfast-Plymouth County Farm Bureau
- Letters-Byrne Grant Awards-Plymouth, Wareham, Middleborough, and Brockton

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant