

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

February 15, 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, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Commissioner Sandra M. Wright was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

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

Vote Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2024

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2024. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms: Maria Anjos – anniversary step increase to 3-2; Robert Spear – anniversary step increase to 21-2; Alfred Jones-FMLA approval.

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Land Court action for Town of Plymouth Parcel 016-000-044-005 Obery Street

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chair Valanzola and Attorney Shannon Resnick to submit a request to have Town of Plymouth Parcel 016-000-044-005 Obery Street withdrawn as registered land in land court.

Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

AT & T Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Lease vote

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chair Valanzola to sign the settlement agreement with AT & T recently negotiated with County Administrator Frank Basler. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Cyber Security Assessment Program update and possible ARPA application vote

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to submit an ARPA application for the creation of the Plymouth County Cyber Security Program including up to \$250,000 for a municipal cyber security assessment for Plymouth County municipalities and for up to \$1,000,000 for municipal cyber security operations to provide cyber security services to the municipalities. And further, to authorize the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Cyber Trust Massachusetts Inc. for said services. Chair Valanzola 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 \$51,249.62 to the Town of Carver to support the public health response. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$56,103.00 to the Town of Carver to support the public health response. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$60,700.00 to the Town of Duxbury as relief for water and sewer infrastructure. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$534,028.90 to the Town of Whitman to support the public health response. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$16,288.00 to Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP, for administrative support. Chair Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve grant disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to County of Plymouth, for administrative support. Chair Valanzola seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Extension Director's Report

4-H Director Molly Vollmer reports the pigs that are part of the "Grow your own Bacon" program have been sent to market and many school vacation programs are planned for next week. A skating party will be held Wednesday, February 21st at Armstrong Rink in Plymouth and virtual visual presentations will begin February 24th.

Administrator Basler expressed thanks to Molly for her determination and success obtaining outstanding fees owed by UMass to the county.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien reports MMHG will be recommending an increase of 4-4.5% for FY 2025 health insurance premiums as opposed to the GIC expected increases of 8-11%.

Also, Treasurer O'Brien reminded the board, the Open House to the Bridgewater State University Cyber Range, originally scheduled for this past Tuesday, February 13, 2024, has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

-Letter of thanks from the DA's Office re: Wareham District Court

Administrator Basler presented a letter of appreciation received from the Office of the Plymouth County District Attorney, praising the Superintendent of Buildings, Doug Wedge, and his team on the recent rejuvenation project at the Wareham District Courthouse.

Administrator Report

-Dredge update-Falmouth

Administrator Basler reports the County dredge is currently in Falmouth after a successful use for the Town of Mattapoisett. The Town of Hull expressed interest but is looking for a machine on a barge.

-Onset Fire District procurements update

The RFP process is underway for the Town of Onset Fire Station demolition and an onsite meeting was held this past Wednesday with several interested parties. Chief Osswald is very appreciative of the Counties help with the procurement process.

-ARPA projects update

Administrator Basler presented a status report on ongoing ARPA projects with the county and regional projects.

-County Leadership Council and Executive Council Meetings update

Details and agendas are upcoming for the dinner and lunch meetings planned for March 21, 2024, and March 28, 2024.

The MA Association of County Commissioners meeting hosted by the Plymouth County Commissioners will be held Friday, April 5, 2024, at Lucca South Shore in Rockland, MA

-Advisory Committee agenda and meeting on February 29, 2024

A reminder the Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting to be held via Zoom and in person will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn.

Documents and/or Exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes-February 1, 2024
- Vote-CPS Forms
- Votes and warrants-ARPA distributions
- ARPA projects spreadsheet
- Letter of appreciation-Plymouth County District Attorney's Office

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant