

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

May 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Gregory M. Hanley, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola.

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

Chairman Hanley invited Commissioner Valanzola to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Vote Meeting Minutes– May 13, 2021**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2021. Commissioner Valanzola 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. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**CARES Act: update and possible distribution votes**

Treasurer O'Brien gave a brief update on the status of applications received and completed since December 31, 2020. 141 applications remain to be processed. The towns at or close to their cap are Hanover, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, and Norwell.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve a credit in the amount of \$84,179.25 from the Town of Bridgewater. The Town had already been reimbursed through FEMA.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$312,035.03 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$134,263.86 to the Town of Carver. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$218,657.92 to the Town of Duxbury. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$61,609.89 to the Town of Hanson. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$18,163.01 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$244,827.53 to the Town of Mattapoisett. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$610,282.74 to the Town of Norwell. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$101,433.56 to the Town of Norwell. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$161,029.70 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$24,873.72 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$3,119.33 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$35,594.12 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$595,093.84 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$109,486.19 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$40.99 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$25,670.37 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$27,693.88 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$113,384.73 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$23,197.64 to the Town of Scituate. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$123,732.38 to the Town of West Bridgewater. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$175,134.80 to the Town of Whitman. Commissioner Valanzola seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)–discussion and possible votes**

Treasurer O'Brien presented the Commissioners with an ARPA Guidance Briefing from the Executive Office for Administration & Finance Federal Funds Office (FFO) as well as a draft chart of ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations by Municipality. A total of \$8.7 billion has been allocated to the state, counties, and municipalities in MA. The Commissioners as well as the Treasurer all expressed concern as to liabilities to the county and feel each town will need to hire additional attorneys, auditors, and accountants to comply with all compliance reporting requirements. The Commissioners discussed the 4 main categories of eligible uses for the State and Local Aid; Covid-19 related costs not covered under the CARES Act, revenue replacement, premium/hazard pay, investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The Commissioners are hesitant to administer the programs

of revenue replacement and premium pay. More guidance is expected over the coming weeks.

### **Commissioner's New Business**

Commissioner Wright discussed concerns with the IT requirements of the County Commissioners Office, Treasurers Office, and Registry of Deeds with respect to ransomware issues etc. Register Buckley assures the Commissioners he has an abundance of cyber security and all safeguards are in place and up to date.

Administrator Basler and Deputy Treasurer Welch have recently upgraded the server for the Commissioners and Treasurers Offices and have contracts with vendors; Retrofit, Sonicwall, and Infinite Visions. Upgrades are needed to the equipment on a regular basis now that the server has been upgraded.

Chairman Hanley suggested Commissioner Wright reach out to all department heads if additional information is needed on all new business.

Commissioner Wright will discuss updates to the Gun Range and Fire Training at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 5/26 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 SEIU Maintenance union. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 10:38 a.m.

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

At 11:03 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

### **Documents and/or exhibits**

- Meeting Minutes-May 13, 2021
- ARPA Guidance & Allocations Chart
- Invitation-Eagle Scout Court of Honor-Owen Golden

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant