

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

February 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:40 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, County Attorney Mark Gildea, County Administrator Brian McDonald, Cooperative Extension Director Molly Lipper, 4-H Educator Valerie Schell and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

ACCEPT PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept payroll and vendor vouchers as presented by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:

Maintenance Dept.

60 Day Extension/Temporary Employees:

David McMeekin, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Edward Nelson, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Peter McCormack, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Michael S. Hambly, Custodian, JG 1-1 \$14.20/hr.

Registry of Deeds

Promotion/Fill Existing Vacancy:

Frances J. Abraham, Land Court Reporter, JG 14-6 \$21.28/hr. to

Assistant Dept. Head/Land Court, JG 15-5 \$21.78/hr.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the aforementioned personnel actions. Commissioner Hanley seconded. Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Vote-Hiring Freeze and Position Change Freeze

After a brief discussion and upon hearing from Register of Deeds Buckley, the Commissioners discussed voting on a hiring freeze and decided to take any position changes brought forth on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to implement a hiring freeze immediately. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-No.

### Vote-Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Cooperative Bid

Commissioner Wright 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 to Noonan Brothers Petroleum, 415 West Street, West Bridgewater, MA.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### Votes-Municipal Vehicle Bid-Dodge, Toyota, Ford & Chevrolet

Attorney Gildea recommended the Commissioners reject all bids received for the Municipal Vehicle Bid and reissue the entire bid. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to reject the bids received for the Municipal Vehicle Bid. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

### Vote-Retirement Assessments

Commissioner Wright made a motion to order in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 32, Section 22, Paragraph 7(c) that Retirement Assessments be paid by the Treasury of the County of Plymouth and from the Treasuries of the several towns, districts, etc. for the fiscal period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of purchase, exchange or lease of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and pending litigation, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 5:55 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:15 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back in to open public session. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

#### Discussion-FY 2015 Budget Deficit

The Commissioners discussed the current fiscal year budget deficit of approximately \$706,000. Commissioner Wright made a motion to vote to eliminate 15 positions from the Registry of Deeds, 2 positions from the Commissioner's Office positions and 2 positions from the Treasurer's Office effective April 1, 2015 and to implement a 5% salary reduction for all non-union county employees. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### Discussion-FY 2016 Budget

The Commissioners requested a draft budget be presented for fiscal year 2016 at the next meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes -January 15, 2015, February 12, 2015

Executive Session Minutes-January 15, 2015

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 15, 2015 and February 12, 2015 and executive session minutes of January 15, 2015. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### Update-Solar RFQ-Solar Committee

Nancy O'Rourke briefed the Commissioners on the status of the RFQ for the Solar Project. The proposals are due next Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Update-Entergy Lease

Attorney Gildea briefed the Commissioners that lease discussions and negotiations are still taking place.

#### Update-RFP County Farm

Attorney Gildea briefed the Commissioners on the pending RFP on the County Farm. A walk through is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The proposals are due March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Registry of Deeds Records Storage Agreement

Register of Deeds John Buckley presented a draft agreement regarding the storage of the Plymouth Colony Records in the newly built vault/records storage room located at the Registry of Deeds in Plymouth. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to adopt the agreement as presented with the omission of section 9 regarding where the records may go if the county were to be abolished. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register Buckley has planned a "Transitioning Day" to move the records to the new vault March 19, 2015.

At 6:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant