

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

March 22, 2018

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 1:40 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta and Commissioner Sandra M. Wright. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Vote-Vendor Vouchers

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Payroll

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve payroll as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

Fill Vacancy-Registry of Deeds

Edmund R. Toomey, Land Records Assistant, 9-1

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman Pallotta recessed the meeting.

Discussion-House Bill 4000

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Pallotta reconvened the meeting of invited County and Council of Government representatives to discuss HB 4000.

Chairman Pallotta welcomed the guests in attendance and those participating by conference call. After a brief history on the background of HB 4000 Chairman Pallotta introduced County Treasurer Tom O'Brien.

Treasurer O'Brien provided an update on the bill requesting an increase in the percentage the counties receive on deeds excise taxes from 10.625% to 30.625%. Currently the bill is out of committee and in the House Ways and Means. State Representative Josh Cutler and State Senator Vinny DeMacedo are co-sponsoring the bill.

Treasurer O'Brien expressed the need for support from all Counties and Council of Government representatives for the bill to succeed.

Norfolk County Commission Chairman Peter Collins gave a brief presentation on a bill Norfolk County currently has requesting an increase in the Registry of Deeds fee of \$10.00. Chairman Collins would like to wait to hear which bill has the best chance of passing.

Treasurer O'Brien feels HB 4000 has a better chance for long term success.

Treasurer O'Brien invited all County and Council of Government representatives to the State House, Room 437, April 4, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. for a legislative meeting to discuss and lobby for HB 4000.

Chairman Pallotta and Treasurer O'Brien expressed the need for a unified front and encouraged as many representatives as possible to attend.

Todd Ford of Hampshire Council of Government participating via conference call expressed his support and willingness to attend the State House meeting.

Plymouth County Advisory Board Chair Ellen Allen asked if regionalization was the biggest "push" to the legislative delegation? Chairman Pallotta feels each County and Council of Government have different needs.

At 2:53 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant