

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

April 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.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, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch, County Administrator Frank Basler, 4-H Director Molly Vollmer, Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Presentation-Plymouth 400

Michelle Pecoraro, Executive Director of Plymouth 400, Inc. gave a presentation to the Commissioners on the upcoming events planned for 2020. An Embarkation Festival is planned for September 18-20, 2020 that will consist of a multicultural event. Ms. Pecoraro would like to consider using the County Farm as part of the event. Chairman Pallotta discussed liability issues concerning the current lack of a lease agreement with DCAMM. The consensus of the board is in favor of using the farm but would like the DCAMM lease issue to be resolved before going forward.

Meeting Minutes –January 25, 2018, February 9, 2018, March 9, 2018, March 22, 2018, and April 4, 2018

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2018, February 9, 2018, March 22, 2018 and April 4, 2018 abstaining from the approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2018 due her absence. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

County Personnel Status Forms

County Administrator Basler presented the Commissioners with personnel status forms for:

Step Increase

Christopher Kelly JG 4-4

FMLA

Robin Thomas

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

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

House Bill 4000 Update

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the status of HB 4000 and the support received at the April 4th meeting at the State House. Commissioner Hanley expressed his appreciation for Treasurer O'Brien's hard work on the bill.

Update-155 West Elm Street

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the recent signing of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the county property located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA. The statutory requirement of a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The underground tank is also scheduled to be removed.

Registry Brockton Satellite Office relocation

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a \$400,000 quote received from the House Doctor Architect on remodeling the building located at 32 Belmont Street, Brockton MA. The Administrator will be requesting additional quotes.

Transcription Services for Land Court Invitation for Bids

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the need to re-bid the IFB for Transcription Services for Land Records for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds due to a publishing error on the county website. The IFB will be administered with a due date of May 31, 2018

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the recent revenue and expense reports for the month of March.

Vote-Treasurer's Surety Bond

Commissioner Wright made a motion that pursuant to M.G. L. Chapter 35, Section 3, hereby certify that the Bond of Thomas J. O'Brien, as County Treasurer, with Western Surety Company, as Surety, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), a copy of which is hereto annexed, is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners, at Plymouth, in said County. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Entergy Lease Amendment

Administrator Basler informed the Commissioners that with the collaboration of Plymouth Selectman Kenneth Tavares the lease with Entergy has been extended for 2 years with a \$33,000.00 increase per year. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Citation: Ms. Sandra DiLillo

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to have the Board sign a Citation for Ms. Sandra DiLillo of Bridgewater in recognition of her support and dedication to the Massachusetts Republican Committee. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Website Management

Administrator Basler will update the Commissioners at a future meeting on plans for options on improvements to the county website management.

Dredge Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on recent discussions held with the Towns of Pembroke, Norwell and Middleborough on dredging needs. Permitting continues to be an issue.

Grant Process Discussion

Grant Process Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Administrator's Report:

Maintenance Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a very successful recent spring cleaning taking place at Wareham District Courthouse over the weekend. The Administrative Office of the Trial Court will be issuing an RFP to outsource custodial needs. Superintendent Doug Wedge expressed his appreciation for Mr. Basler's help during the weekend spring cleaning in Wareham.

Byrne Grant Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a recent meeting with the Department of Justice representative. Policy's will need to be created going forward to comply with the Federal requirements of the Grant.

Environmental Resources Management Radio Tower, West Bridgewater-historic property

Chairman Pallotta made a motion after receiving feedback from the West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen to authorize Administrator Basler to sign the request from Environmental Resources Management of Atlanta, GA requesting comments on a satellite access node (SAN) to be installed on a historic property located in West Bridgewater, MA. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to discuss strategy concerning union negotiations with SEIU and OPEIU, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, located at 155 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA and the "Woodlot", Long Pond Road, Plymouth, including access options, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to return to open public session at 9:22 a.m.

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

At 9:32 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Vote-0 Raffaele Road, Plymouth, MA

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that advertising will not benefit the local jurisdiction because of the unique qualities of the acquisition of 0 Raffaele Road, Plymouth. Plymouth County Commissioners have tried to gain access into the land locked "County Woodlot" for over 100 years. The "County Woodlot" is a Plymouth property on Plymouth Assessors map 88 parcel 54, 088-000-054-000, of approximately 106 acres. The purchase of 0 Raffaele Road, Plymouth, a unique property would allow fee interest access into the land-locked county parcel. The "County Woodlot" is abutted by numerous residential parcels and land parcels, not suitable for County access to the property. No other access points are presently on the market. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-144R (Lot 42-1) Long Pond Road, Plymouth, MA

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that advertising will not benefit the local jurisdiction because of the unique qualities of the acquisition of Lot 42-1 Long Pond Road, aka 144 R Long Pond Road, Plymouth. The Commissioners have tried to gain access into the land locked "County Woodlot" for over 100 years. The "County Woodlot" Plymouth Assessors map 88 parcel 54, 088-000-054-000, of approximately 106 acres. The purchase of Lot 42-1 Long Pond Road, aka 144 R Long Pond Road, Plymouth, a unique property would allow fee interest access into the land-locked county parcel. The "County Woodlot" is abutted by numerous residential parcels and land parcels, not suitable for County access to the property. No other access points are presently on the market. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:33 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant