

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

June 24, 2015

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 Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley and Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer and Interim Administrator Thomas O'Brien, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White, County Attorney Mark Gildea, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes-June 4, 2015

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2015. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Vendor Vouchers

Commissioner Hanley made a motion for approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-Solar Project

Commissioner Hanley briefed the Board on the status of the upcoming solar project planned for the 100 acre lot off Camelot Drive in Plymouth.

Approximately 20-30 acres of land will be utilized. Matt Shortsleeve from Solect will be making a brief presentation to the Advisory Board at the annual meeting Thursday, June 25th.

Update-Transfer Station Project

Commissioner Hanley briefed the Board on the status of the Plymouth Transfer Station project. Michael Mowbray from Recycling Solutions will also be making a brief presentation to the Advisory Board at the annual meeting Thursday, June 25th.

Update-GASB 45

Treasurer and Interim County Administrator O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on a proposal received from Sherman Actuarial to prepare and produce a GASB 45 report for Plymouth County. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign the agreement with Sherman Actuarial. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-County Insurance Coverage for FY 2016

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign the agreement with Dowling and O'Neil of Hyannis for County Building Insurance Coverage for FY 2016. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion-Vacation Carryover

The Commissioners tabled the discussion of vacation carryover to confer with Attorney Gildea.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of the 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 5:39 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:10 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open session: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Attorney Mark Gildea gave notification to the Commissioners of a letter received from Attorney Howard Cooper of Todd & Weld, LLP regarding the Plymouth County Municipal Vehicle Bid. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow Interim County Administrator O'Brien to respond to the request with Attorney Gildea. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Interviews of finalists for County Administrator's position

Chairman Pallotta, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Hanley conducted final interviews of two candidates for Plymouth County Administrator. Both candidates were chosen from a field of 15 applicants. The search committee consisting of Plymouth County Advisory Board Chairman Ellen Allen, Deputy Treasurer Jeffrey Welch and Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy White narrowed the field and interviewed 6 candidates in total. Kevin Whalen of Abington and Frank Basler of Plymouth were selected by the committee as the most qualified candidates for the position.

At 7:08 p.m. Chairman Pallotta requested a recess after the interviews were complete.

At 7:10 p.m. Chairman Pallotta reconvened the meeting.

Review Correspondence File

Commissioner Wright informed the Board the Mayflower Municipal Health Group Steering Committee voted to re-elect Treasurer O'Brien as the Treasurer to the Mayflower Municipal Health Group.

Treasurer/Interim County Administrator O'Brien presented a letter received from Administrative Attorney Christopher McQuade of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court regarding courthouse rent. Attorney McQuade informed the Commissioners they will not be reimbursing the County for retirees that were employed in buildings no longer under the counties jurisdiction. Commissioner Hanley expressed his outrage at the Trial Courts interpretation of the legislation passed last year and their continued efforts to deny the county full reimbursement. Chairman Pallotta will be meeting with Attorney McQuade and John Bello to discuss the work required at the Brockton Superior Courthouse and this situation with the reimbursement for retirees.

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant