

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

September 5, 2019

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 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, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

**Executive Session**

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; County Farm, and Collective Bargaining Discussion with SEIU, 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 8:35 A.M. County Attorney Shannon Resnick was participating in the meeting remotely.

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

At 8:45 A.M. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open public session. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

**Meeting Minutes –August 6, 2019**

The approval of the minutes of August 6, 2019 was tabled to the next meeting.

**Vote to accept and approve CPS forms:** Christine Grasso-retirement: George Roth-anniversary step increase to 2-2: Alcides DaVeiga, Cameron Macedo, Irlanda Monteiro, Avelino Texeira, and Ivanilda DaVeiga-building assignment transfer; Ronald Butterworth-resignation; Robert Spears-new hire to Custodian 2-1.

**Vote-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.

### **Register's Report**

Register Buckley extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held at the satellite office at 32 Belmont St., Brockton, MA at the end of September. Deeds Excise figures met expectations for the month of August.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer O'Brien reports all FY 2019 bills and invoices have been submitted and the fiscal year ended slightly positive although the revenue figures were down.

### **Maintenance Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Doug Wedge briefed the Commissioners on recent work done at the Wareham District Courthouse replacing carpeting, new tile floors, installing a new kitchen and expressed appreciation to County employee Miguel Barbosa for a great job painting.

### **Extension Director's Report**

4-H Extension Director Molly Lipper briefed the Board on another successful Marshfield Fair. The 4-H Extension staff was responsible for over 250 animals and 186 youth exhibits. EEE was a concern and the Town of Marshfield had a boil water mandate during the week. The staff did a great job handling all those concerns with the 4-H members. The County Farm Task Force will be meeting Tuesday to tour the County Farm buildings and infrastructure.

A task force meeting will take place Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to present the 4-H Business Plan. The task force consists of 4-H'ers and parents working together to put together a County wide Farming Program on the County Farm.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **Bridgewater Town Council resolution update**

Chairman Pallotta attended a meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to address a resolution proposed by Council President Dennis Gallagher regarding the County Farm. The Bridgewater Town Council did not move forward on the resolution and supports the County Commissioners.

#### **County Audit update**

Administrator Basler presented quotes received from the auditing firm of Melanson Heath of \$11,000 for FY 2019 and \$11,500 for FY 2020. The fee for the past three years of audits completed by Melanson Heath has been \$10,000, \$10,200 and \$10,400 respectively per fiscal year. After some discussion, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the auditing contracts for FY 2019 and FY 2020 for the auditing firm of Melanson Heath. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

### **Chatham Dredge Rental Agreement and MOU approval**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the rental agreement for the use of the county dredge with the Town of Chatham for work in the outer harbor.

Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

### **County Grant Manual approval**

Administrator Basler reports the Grant Manual is in progress and will be available for review at the next meeting. The disbursements for FY 2017 are being processed for over \$110,000 for the towns of Plymouth, Wareham and Brockton.

County Treasurer gave kudos to Administrator Basler for the yeoman's work and hours required to administer the Byrne Grant. As the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant is a federal grant the requirements of documentation are extremely time consuming.

### **Hanover Annual Cookout**

The Commissioner's received an invitation to attend the Annual Town of Hanover Cookout to be held October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Next Meeting will be a Thursday, September 19th at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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

- Meeting Minutes-August 6, 2019
- Proposal-Grant Writer Program
- Article-Wicked Local Kingston-Grant Writing Presentation to the Town of Kingston

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant