

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

March 25, 2016

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

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, County Attorney Mark Gildea, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –February 26, 2016, March 15, 2016

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2016 and March 15, 2016. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Vendor Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Payroll

Commissioner Hanley 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

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

Step Increases

Registry of Deeds:

Karen Santos, JG 11-5 to JG 11-6

Re-hire 90-day Temporary

Maintenance Department:

Peter McCormack, JG 1-1

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the county personnel status form for Karen Santos' step increase. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pallotta requested the discussion of re-hiring Peter McCormack be tabled to Executive Session.

Vote-Mayflower Municipal Health Group Representative

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Sandra Wright as the County Representative to the General Board of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group and County Administrator Frank Basler as alternate. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on a new requirement of the Affordable Care Act regarding health insurance reporting. Form 1095C was mailed to all active and retired employees. Treasurer O'Brien gave kudos to the collaborative efforts of Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Comptroller Mary Dundas and Human Resource Coordinator Tammy Correa. Due to their efforts the forms were mailed out to all employees two weeks ahead of the deadline.

Treasurer O'Brien also reported the health insurance rate increase for FY 2017 will be 15%.

Verizon Cell Tower Contract Amendments

Administrator Frank Basler presented the Commissioners with a contract amendment for the Verizon Cell Tower. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the amended contract. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2017 Revenue Discussion

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the recent passing of the State's supplemental budget. The District Attorney's Office will be vacating the building located at 32 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA

Treasurer O'Brien presented the Commissioners with the draft revenue figures for FY 2017. Chairman Pallotta requested a budget subcommittee convene to discuss the upcoming draft budget for FY 2017. He also, requested an appraisal of the building at 32 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA and a meeting with John Bello of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court.

Kingstown Corp Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the current status of the gravel removal at the 100 acre lot. Mr. Cushing has decided to not go forward with the gravel removal until the appeal has been resolved.

Administrator's Report-

Vehicle procurement update and renewal process

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the latest figures of fees received. The contracts are expiring at the end of April and all vendors have been contacted regarding any price increases for the renewal of the next contract. Chairman Pallotta requested Attorney Gildea's office be consulted regarding the renewal process.

Update-Permit transfer for Transfer Station

Administrator Basler, Chairman Pallotta and Michael Mowbray of Recycling Solutions will be attending a meeting with the DEP Thursday, March 31, 2016 to discuss the permit transfer. Chairman Pallotta granted an extension to the DEP to allow further review. Commissioner

Hanley feels a meeting should be held with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth to discuss the ongoing delays.

Vote-Surplus Property-2000 Ford Ecovan E35SUP and snow plows

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to declare the following items as surplus; the items are no longer usable to the department and will be disposed of:

2000 Ford ECOVAN E35SUP
VIN # 1FTSE34LXYHB80696

(2) FISHER 8 Ft. Minute Mount
Snow Plows

Commissioner Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Commendation-Captain James Hillman

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to have Administrator Basler prepare a letter of commendation for the Commissioners' signatures for the Retirement of Captain James Hillman of Pembroke from the United States Navy. Chairman Pallotta seconded,

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on new forms that will be available for the filing of Statement of Financial Interest for elected officials.

Correspondences

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a letter recently received from the City of Brockton Board of Health regarding a vacant lot located next to the Registry of Deeds, 155 West Elm Street. Various trash and debris has accumulated in the lot. The Administrator has addressed the issue with Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge and will arrange to have the lot cleaned up.

Also, a letter was received from the Town of Bridgewater Town Clerk Marilee Kenney Hunt requesting a copy of the County's Proprietors Records for the Town of Bridgewater. The Town of Bridgewater has the original copy and feels the County's copy is in better shape. The Commissioners' concur to allow the Town of Bridgewater to make a copy of the Counties copy and the cost will be paid by the Town of Bridgewater CPA funds.

Register of Deeds Buckley reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Commissioners and reports the deeds excise fees are up this year compared to last year.

Court Rent Response

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the letter of response prepared by the Treasurer be sent to the Administrative Office of the Trial Court. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Plymouth County Commissioners. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PCOT-Plymouth County OPEB Trust

Treasurer O'Brien announced an upcoming meeting, Friday, April 8th, with Bristol and Barnstable County officials. Commissioner Hanley requested Treasurer O'Brien reach out to the Norfolk County Commission Chairman to introduce the PCOT program.

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- "Wood Lot" shown on Assessors Map as Lot 54, Plymouth, MA, discuss litigation for the County of Plymouth v. Department of Environmental Protection (docket PLCV14-01289) re: Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station and strategy with respect to collective bargaining with SEIU and OPEIU, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 9:17 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 10:28 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open public session. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Friday, April 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brockton Superior Courthouse, 72 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA

At 10:30 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant