

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

March 27, 2014

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Commissioners Office, 11 South Russell Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, County Attorney Mark Gildea, County Administrator Brian McDonald, 4-H Educator Molly Lipper and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of 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 5:32 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

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

ACCEPT PAYROLL AND/OR VENDOR VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the signing of Payroll and approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes-March 13, 2014

Executive Session Minutes-March 13, 2014

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and executive session minutes of March 13, 2014. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update-Power Management

Dr. Kevin Kelly of Power Management briefed the Commissioners on the recent signing of a 3 year agreement with the Norwell Housing Authority. The Town of Avon has expressed interest in the program and there will be seminars in May that with the consensus of the Board Dr. Kelly will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote-Refrigerator and Stove Bid

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of Refrigerators and Stoves for Plymouth County and various political subdivisions for the dates of March 28, 2014 to December 31, 2014 to: George Washington Toma TV & Appliance, Inc. of Brockton MA and General Electric Company of Louisville, KY

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Surplus Equipment Disposal

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to declare various computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, typewriters and back-up batteries as surplus; the items are inoperable and no longer usable to the Registry of Deeds and will be disposed of. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Plymouth County Extension Service Board of Trustees Appointments

Commissioner Hanley made a motion in accordance with MGL Ch. 128, Section 40 to appoint the following persons to the Plymouth County Extension Service Board of Trustees for a three year term effective April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017. Paul Nicol, Hanson, MA, John Illingworth, Abington, MA and Aylene Calnan, Hingham, MA

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion in accordance with MGL Ch. 128, Section 40 to reappoint Jeffrey Chandler of Duxbury, MA to a second term as Trustee for the Plymouth County Extension Service Board effective April 1, 2104 to March 31, 2017.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Abolishment of Switchboard Operator Positions

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that the positions of Switchboard Operator in the Maintenance Department are hereby abolished and the County Administrator is hereby directed to lay-off the employees occupying such positions; and it is further voted that the County Administrator is directed to hire two additional custodial positions to address the needs of the Courthouses as identified by the Trial Court. Commissioner Wright seconded for discussion.

Commissioner Wright confirmed Superintendent of Buildings Wedge will be selecting the candidates and will have them appear before the Board at the next meeting.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion–Robert Taylor, Gun Range

Robert Taylor of Action Target in Rhode Island expressed his interest in the gun range located next to the Correction Facility. Mr. Taylor stated his experience with law enforcement and his desire to “give back” to his profession prompted him to research this project. He also stated that funds would not be a problem completing the gun range. The Commissioners stated their desire to see the building completed and requested Mr. Taylor submit a business plan to review at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Plymouth County Treasurer Thomas O’Brien

Treasurer O’Brien briefed the Commissioners on the withdrawal from the Town of Plainville regarding GASB 45 and a recent meeting held to discuss the Dredge project.

Register of Deeds John R. Buckley

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on the construction of his new vault and will be meeting with a mechanical engineer next week to get quotes. Progress is being made on microfilm index projects as well.

Cooperative Extension 4-H Educator Molly Vollmer

Molly thanked the Commissioners for the special jackets ordered for the 4-H Ambassadors representing Plymouth County. Unfortunately the event at the State House was postponed due to weather but the 4-H Ambassadors would be receiving the jackets this weekend at another event. Also, Molly will be attending a Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. April 5th through the 10th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Brian McDonald presented letters drafted by Environmental Attorney Donald Nagle to Chairman Matthew Muratore of the Plymouth Board of Selectmen and the Department of Environmental Protection addressing the issues at the South Street Landfill.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to allow the Attorney to send the letters. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, April 10, 2014

At 6:50 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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SEIU-Switchboard Positions

Attorney Gildea discussed the recent negotiations held with SEIU-Clerical to impact bargain the abolishment of the switchboard positions in the Hingham District Courthouse and Brockton Superior Courthouse. The vote will be taken in open session to abolish the positions.

Discussion-Gravel removal

Attorney Gildea and County Administrator Brian McDonald attended a meeting with John Moon of Kingstown Trucking regarding gravel removal at the 100 acre lot in Plymouth. Mr. Moon requested the Counties help with permitting with the Town of Plymouth and may want to purchase additional gravel.

Discussion-South Street Transfer Station

Attorney Gildea expressed environmental as well as permitting concerns with the RFP presented by Commissioner Hanley. Attorney Gildea stated the County owns the land but does not own the currently operating Transfer Station nor have the right to do anything at this time. Attorney Gildea requested the Commissioners meet next week to devote more time to discussing the RFP. Commissioner Hanley agreed and will invite Rosemary Nolan to attend as the creator of the RFP.

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