

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the twenty-fourth day of January A.D., 2023 by successive adjournments from the September term of the previous year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell (called in remotely) and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, Scott Aguiar, Brian Moniz, Attorney Robert Novack and Derek Costa.

Commissioner Kitchen announced that the meeting was being recorded and Commissioner Mitchell was calling in remotely with approval of the chairman.

Notice was received from the Bristol County Agricultural High School regarding the following employment matters:

1. Stephanie Darling	MMLA/FMLA	Effective 1/23/23
2. Deborah Coderre	Long Term Substitute	Effective 1/23/23
3. Cheryl Avery	Resignation	Effective 1/02/23

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the CP's as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries

The following warrants were reviewed/previously approved and noted for the minutes:

Payroll Warrant #23066	01/19/23	\$189,556.77
AP Warrant #23058	01/17/23	\$2,617,995.30
AP Warrant #23057	01/17/23	\$407,866.28
AP Warrant #23064	01/17/23	\$4,000
AP Warrant #23067	1/24/23	\$508,456.85
Payroll Warrant #23068	1/26/23	\$188,331.95

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the warrants as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, charging the appropriate authority, an **Invoice #17**, dated January 6, 2023, in the amount of **\$2,250.00** to **Valerio, Dominello & Hillman, LLC**, One University Avenue, Suite 300B, Westwood, MA 02090.

To be paid to Vendor #7806 from 030-09-000-1430-00-48-4-00-52235.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #4854 in the amount of **\$12,780.94**, received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as an invoice for the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to 13420-52233.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries

County Administrator Gomes noted that the contract with Lynch Marini and Associates concludes with the fiscal year 2022 audit. She inquired as to whether the commissioners wished to issue an RFP for auditing or if they wanted Lynch Marini and Associates to present a quote for the next three years. Commissioner Kitchen asked that a quote be requested from the current auditing firm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to engage **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, to file and arrange for the required annual test permit and pretest for the elevator located at the Taunton Superior Court, 9 Court St., Taunton, MA in the amount of **\$531.00** for one (1) unit, permit application fee of \$200.00, pretest \$305.00 and \$26.00 for Permit Processing Fee.

Vendor #282 be charged to Budget Item # 10610-54479.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders	yes
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Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file the two surety bonds received for Derek Costa, Superintendent and Bernard J. McDonald Iii, the Register for the Fall River Registry.

On the motion, Roll Call
 Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, the following invoices:

• Invoice #20459	1/10/23	\$541.26	NB Superior	10611/52269
• Invoice #20458	1/10/23	\$299.21	NB 3 rd District	10618/52269
• Invoice #20456	1/10/23	\$2,144.72	Taunton Sup.	10610/52269
• Invoice #20470	1/23/23	\$4,569.02	Taunton Sup.	10610/52269

from **Lemieux Heating, Inc.** 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745:

To be paid to **Vendor #465** as noted above.

On the motion, Roll Call
 Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment the following invoices:

• Invoice #29415	12/29/22	\$1,551.59	Taunton Sup.	10610/52262
• Invoice #29414	12/29/22	\$393.60	NB 3 rd District	10618/52262
• Invoice # 29474	1/17/23	\$3,467.34	NB 3 rd District	10618/52262

from **M-V Electrical Contractors, Inc.**, 10 Conduit Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

To be paid to **Vendor #5208** as noted above.

On the motion, Roll Call
 Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment the following invoices:

• Invoice #14996	12/13/22	\$883.05	Taunton Sup.	<u>10610/52264</u>
• Invoice #14997	12/13/22	\$612.50	NB 3 rd District	<u>10618/52264</u>

- **Invoice #15124** **1/03/23** **\$913.61** **NB 3rd District** **10618/52264**

from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing and Heating, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745.**

To be paid to **Vendor #553** to be paid as noted above.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment the following invoice:

- **Invoice #56932** **12/19/22** **\$967.00** **NB 3rd District** **10618/52269**

from **Guido's Plate Glass Service, Inc., 686 Cottage Street,, New Bedford, MA 02740**, glass installations to the main front entrance and the custodian's office.

To be paid to **Vendor #133** to be paid as noted above.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, , in accordance with the documentation invoice #BCCO1123 received from Catherine Rutkowski and Lara Stone, Co-Executive Directors, **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02724** for **January** operating expenses, the amount of **\$2,500.00**

It is noted this is for vendor # **6891** and will be charged to **01000-54490**.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

A letter dated January 9, 2023 from Judge Darnbrough was received regarding the judge's request to install a door for the interpreters at the New Bedford 3rd District Court. Also reviewed was a proposal from Jose Cardozo dated December 29, 2022 that had been tabled from a previous date. The proposal cost to address the judge's request was \$3,282.00. Administrator Gomes noted that she had left a message for the Facilities Director, Chuck O'Brien asking if he had any concerns with the project but she had not yet received a response.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to table to the next meeting so that Mr. O'Brien can respond.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to accept the proposal of **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.**, dated December 29, 2022 in the amount of **\$790.00** to remove two large soda machines from the 2nd floor of the **New Bedford Superior** to be removed from the building.

It will be paid to Vendor **#2893** from **10611/52299** when invoiced.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to accept the proposal of **Paul's Systems, Inc.**, 739 Ashley Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02745, dated January 16, 2023, to replace the fire alarm control panel at **Fall River Superior Building**, 441 North Main Street, Fall River, MA. Cost of the work is **\$2,134.49**.

To be paid to Vendor **#6592** from **10612/52269** when invoiced.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application **#1112** from Bristol County for **\$2,336,500.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal, to be paid to Gilbane as part of the December 7, 2022 Close-Out Agreement.

To be paid to Vendor **#7925 (Gilbane)** from the **ARPA** funding account as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries

A revenue report was presented for the Print Shop. Revenues to date have reached over \$40,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries

Old Business

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to award the FY '23 snow plowing and shoveling contract for the *Attleboro 4th District Court*, as stated in the proposals dated October 20, 2022, to **Kimmell Landscaping, LLC, 310 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769**

Vendor #7321, to be paid from 10619/52298.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to move to Executive Session at 4:27 pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and for the purpose of reviewing preliminary applicants for the position of facilities superintendent. The commissioners would not be reconvening in open session.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries

APPROVED

DATE

2/7/2023

BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

John J. Saunders