

## 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 seventh day of March A.D., 2023 by successive adjournments from the September term of the previous year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, Brian Moniz and Scott Aguiar

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

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| 1. Richard Fitzpatrick | Temporary PR Business Manager | Effective 3/06/23 |
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Notice was received from Bernard J McDonald of the Fall River Registry regarding the following employment matter:

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| 1. Pedro M. Raposo | PT Asst. to the Registrar | Effective 3/13/23 |
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A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the CP's contingent on the successful pre-employment screenings being satisfactory to the County Commissioners.

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

Payroll Warrant #23080	03/02/23	\$184,080.61
AP Warrant #23082	03/07/23	\$155,682.16
Payroll Warrant #23081	03/09/23	\$191,903.14

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of February 16, 2023.

A communication from Superintendent Derek Costa with a request to surplus property was received. Items included: Chevy van, miscellaneous milking equipment, wash sink and a vacuum pump.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the request from Derek Costa, Business Manager of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, dated **February 17, 2023**, designated as surplus, and to declare all the identified property as surplus.

Commissioner Kitchen opened a discussion on how to handle the current fiscal year 2023 budget for the agricultural school and how to address the debt in the current budget. The debt would have to be voted on by the Advisory Board prior to year-end. In order to get a quorum, taking advantage of the current option to hold a hybrid

in person and on-line meeting prior to the end of March was discussed. Administrator Gomes asked about timing since there is a 14 day notice to the communities. The number of what is due on debt would need to be put in the budget line as a capital expenditure. It would be an amendment to school budget.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, , in accordance with the documentation invoice #BCCO2123 received from the **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02724** for **February** operating expenses, the amount of **\$2,500.00**

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated February 17, 2023 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$386,691.25** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for **March 2023**.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	<b>Account #01-21581</b>	<b>\$386,410.95</b>
	<b>Account #13420-54437</b>	<b>\$ 280.30</b>

Administrator Gomes noted that the health care increase for next fiscal year has been received. The increase is 3.5%. She suggested that there may be a couple of small changes that can be made to the plan to adjust that rate increase. That can be discussed in executive session as strategy for collective bargaining.

A letter dated February 22, 2023 was received from Michael Vining of the Bristol County Print Shop. The letter requested the commissioner's support for upgrading the computer system and internet service.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize the County Administrator to make arrangements to update the technology at the *Bristol County Print Shop* by purchasing a new computer tower and software from **CTS Computers Inc.** and upgrading the internet service by contracting with **Comcast** and discontinuing the Verizon service.

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 #1093 from the **Town of Berkley** for **\$51,947.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #**5160** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

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 **#1131** from the **Town of Berkley** for **\$82,691.40** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#5160** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application **#1135** from the **Town of Rehoboth** for **\$50,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#5168** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

Attorney Novack was to attend the executive session.

Moving on to unanticipated business.

Interim Facilities Superintendent, Brian Moniz indicated that there is a pest control issue at the Attleboro 4<sup>th</sup> District Court and requested that the County enter into a contract for pest control services.

Upon motion by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to contract with **Guardian Pest Control, Inc**, 391 Warren Avenue, East Providence RI 02914 for pest control services at the Attleboro 4<sup>th</sup> District Court. County Administrator Gomes is authorized to contract those services for 12 months.

To be paid to Vendor #2067 from **10619/52299**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to go into Executive Session at 4:20 pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The Commissioners would be returning to open session.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

The Commissioners returned to open session at 4:30 pm. Interviews of the two finalists for the position of Facilities Superintendent were commenced.

The first interview candidate was Tammy Moutinho from Fairhaven, MA.

Commissioner Kitchen asked Ms. Moutinho to review her experience with facilities management. Ms. Moutinho reviewed her experience with the City of Fall River.

The second candidate was Wayne Walkden, whose interview began at 5:15 pm.

Commissioner Kitchen asked Mr. Walkden to review his experience with facilities management. Mr. Walkden reviewed his experience owning his own company, his experience with the town of Framingham, City of Taunton and the Town of Plymouth.

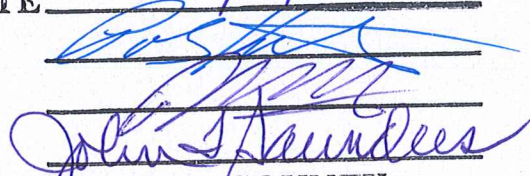
Commissioner Kitchen explained that the Commissioners would be having a meeting to review the candidates and their references in the next 7-10 days.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 5:57 pm, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen.  
Commissioner Saunders had left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

APPROVED

DATE

3/28/23

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Saunders", is written over three horizontal lines.

BRISTOL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS