

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the fourth day of April A.D., 2023 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

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

Also in attendance: County Administrator Maria Gomes, Facilities Superintendent Tammy Moutinho and Superintendent Derek Costa.

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

Roll Call:

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

Notice was received from the Bristol County Administrator regarding the following employment matters:

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| 1. Brian Moniz | Returned to Senior Bldg. Custodian | Effective 4/03/23 |
| 2. Tammy A. Moutinho | New Hire: Facilities Supt. | Effective 4/3/23 |

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

The following warrants were reviewed for the minutes:

Payroll Warrant #23092	4/6/23	\$190,810.12
AP Warrant # 23091	4/4/23	\$6,471,421.50

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to award a three year contract for Bristol County's financial auditing services to **Lynch Marini & Associates Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061.

Contract years and amounts:

FY '23 Audit	\$40,000
FY '24 Audit	\$41,500
FY '25 Audit	\$42,500

These rates do not include the cost of a Single Audit. Any Single Audit will be \$10,000.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

A communication was received from Blue Harvest Fisheries of New Bedford announcing the closing of the facility at 40 Herman Melville Blvd in New Bedford on May 26, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Superintendent Derek Costa was present to review the Solar Project lease.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and authorize the Chairman to endorse the leases for the Bristol County Agricultural High School Solar Project with **Solect Energy Development LLC**, 89 Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Abstain

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to declare three computer towers from the Bristol County Print Shop as surplus, and dispose of said items.

Computer Tower - Serial # 4155973098
Computer Tower -Serial # 020275073
Computer Tower -Serial # COO0920001842

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

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 March 23, 2023 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$380,918.99** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for April 2023.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$380,638.69
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 280.30

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioners Mitchell it was voted to authorize County Administrator Gomes to review and award to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder the repair contract to address a water leak issue at the **Attleboro 4th District Court**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

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 #1117 from the **Town of Fairhaven** for **\$300,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5163 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

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 #1118 from the **Town of Fairhaven** for **\$930,540.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5163 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Commissioner Kitchen stated that in regards to the termination of applications, the date is June 30, 2024.

Everything has to be expended by December of 2026. The Mintz Levin date is 6/30/24. Commissioner Kitchen suggested that something be ready for the Advisory Board regarding these dates.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve budgeting the potential increase of the **Boston Mutual** coverage to \$5,000/\$2,500 for active/retired employees at a rate estimate of \$1.04 per thousand.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

County Administrator Gomes notified the Commissioners that the elevator at the **Taunton Superior Court** has failed inspection. A proposal was received from Atlantic Elevator to do the necessary repairs to the elevator for the new inspection. The proposed cost is Q-35180 in the amount of \$2,806.00.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve a quote from **Atlantic Elevator South Co, Inc.** 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, identified as Proposal #Q-35180 for the **Taunton Superior Court** elevator repair. Cost proposal is \$2,806.00.

To be paid to Vendor #282 from 10610/52269 when the work is invoiced.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Superintendent Costa asked to revisit the Boston Mutual policy and asked about what should be budgeted for the proposed change. County Administrator Gomes noted that only approximately .01-.02 cents per employee would need to be budgeted by departments because the County bears 99% of the cost.

Old Business

Facilities Superintendent Moutinho indicated that she had three bids for the previously discussed door replacement at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court**. The following bids were received:

Guido's Plate Glass Service	\$9,985.00
New England School Services, Inc.	\$14,322.00
Silver City Glass, Inc.	\$8,370.41

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to award the bid to repair the front entrance door at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court** to the lowest bidder, **Silver City Glass, Inc.**, 8 Cohannet Ct., Taunton, MA 02780 for a price proposal of **\$8,370.41**.

To be paid to Vendor #7920 from 10618/52269 when the work is invoiced.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
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Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to move to executive session at 4:25 pm for the purpose of discussing strategy for contract negotiations. 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. No votes were taken.


A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:30 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

APPROVED
DATE

5/2/23


JOHN F. SAUNDERS
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS