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 thirteenth day of May A.D., 2025 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner John R. Mitchell, Commissioner John T Saunders called in remotely and Commissioner Julie K. Ruggiero.

Commissioner Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

All votes would be Roll Call votes due to Commissioner Saunders being remote.

Also present: County Administrator Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Tammy Moutinho.

Received notices from the Bristol County Agricultural High School on the following employment matters:

1.	Dr. Melissa Murdock	Per Diem Vet	Effective 5/13/25
2.	Dr. Melissa Murdock	Veterinary Science Med. Dir.	Effective 7/01/25
3.	Lilly Ferry	Revised CP-New Hire	Effective 5/05/25
4.	Madison Bailey	Emergency Employment-LT Sub	Effective 5/14/25
5.	Kai Spencer	Continued FMLA	Effective 5/12/25

Received notices from the Northern Bristol Registry of Deeds on the following employment matters:

1.	Naleak O'Brien	Promotion to Principal Clerk	Effective 5/19/25
2.	Alex. M. Wellington	New Hire Clerk	Effective 5/19/25

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Julie Ruggiero to approve the CP's as presented.

On the Motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

The following warrants were reviewed and read into the record:

Payroll Warrant #25121	05/08/25	$241,145.96
Payroll Warrant #25122	5/15/25	$241,574.28
AP Warrant #25119	05/13/25	$2,656,791.20
AP Warrant #25120	05/13/25	$536,657.42
AP Warrant #25116	05/13/25	$485,381.80

One History Change from the County Commissioner's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero to approve the warrants and history change as read.

On the Motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of April 29, 2025.

On the Motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of May 8, 2025.

On the Motion, Roll Call

Mr. Saunders yes
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #**8477** for **$6,000.00,** received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc.,** 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as final billing invoices for the Fiscal Year 2024Audit and a Single Audit.

Vendor **#2493** charged to **13420-52233.**

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #L251288774 dated May 6, 2025 from **Clifton Larson Allen LLP,** P.O. Box 829709, Philadelphia, PA 19182-9709 in the amount of **$20,261.00.**

To be paid to Vendor **#8151** from **02522-52239**.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Commissioner Saunders asked some question regarding the latest invoice from CLA and the return of ARPA funds.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, in accordance with the documentation, invoice #BCCO512025 received from the **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02724** for **May** operating expenses**,** in 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:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

There was discussion on the County's desire to bid Phase 3 Masonry at the Taunton Superior Court.

Tammy explained that the project will require an architect to draw up plans for the project. She will reach out to them to have a cost provided by RGB and move ahead with developing the bid documents.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero it was voted to authorize the Facilities Superintendent, Tammy Moutinho to begin the process to bid Phase 3 of the Masonry re-pointing at the Taunton Superior Court, getting the documents ready for advertisement in the Central Register.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve the execution of a contract with Comcast for a Modem/Gateway Equipment Rental at the New Bedford Superior Court. The installation cost of $99.95 plus the monthly cost of $118.45.

To be paid to Vendor # from 10611/

The Facilities Superintendent provided a building project update.

On May 8th, the Commissioners had approved Folan continuing with the emergency Phase 2 repair that was approved by DCAMM earlier in the week. There was a lengthy review of the Crocker submittals for a PCO. Crocker included costs on the PCO's received today that have nothing to do with the emergency Phase 2 repair. Crocker should only be compensated for the costs associated with the scaffolding rental that is needed by Folan for the emergency repair. Commissioner Mitchell indicated that Crocker's original number was $33,000.
Tammy indicated that she could have RGB reach out to Crocker.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve the proposal from Robinson Green Beretta Corp. **('RGB')** Architects, 50 Holden Street, Providence, RI 02908, dated May 2, 2025, noted as RGB#6853-2, in the amount of **$57,650.00** for the services needed for the Phase 2 emergency repair being performed by Folan Masonry.

To be paid to #8370 from operating funds/available ARPA returned funds.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

The New Bedford Superior Façade bids were reviewed with the Commissioners. The Base bid lowest bidder was East Coast Masonry at $933,700.00. If you add the two alternates, East Coast is till the lowest bidder. If you do the base bid and separate out the alternates, GVW would need to be considered. The City of New Bedford is providing $285,000 in CPA funds with the County contributing $265,000. The Commissioners will review this again over the next few meetings based on the budget numbers.

The New Bedford Superior Court Window Restoration project has secured $100,000 in CPA funds from the City of New Bedford. Tammy suggested retaining RGB who has proposed a cost of $21,850.00 to prepare the

bidding documents and provide construction administration. Commissioner Mitchell said they would review the matter again when the budget numbers are being reviewed.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the window study for the Taunton Registry of Deeds building. Tammy explained that Barry wants to know what he is up against in terms of the windows. The matter will be reviewed in the next few meetings.

The Fall River Children's Museum roof project has been awarded $250,000 from the City of Fall River CPA funds. The County has made no commitment of funds. The matter will be further discussed as the budget develops.

Upon motion of Commissioner Ruggiero, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the repair of the backflow prevention relief valve at the Fall River Registry of Deeds building in the amount of $400. Said work to be performed by **Lemieux Heating Inc.2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745-2827.**

To be paid to Vendor **#465 from 10615/52269.**

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve the purchase of an electric cordless power saw to be located at the **New Bedford Superior Court**. Cost not to exceed $349.00.

To be charged to 10611/53399.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

The County Administrator announced that the Court Rental Audit Review was completed. The FY'24 certified funds number is $2,465,768.60, which means that the last quarter rental payment that will be received in June will be approximately $232,885.00 higher than the projected revenues in the FY '25 budget.

The County Administrator also shared the returned numbers for ARPA returned funds.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve the use of ARPA returned funds and the State granted sustainable funds to fund the emergency repair Phase 2 masonry project in the amount of **$526,333.00**. Approximately $286,333.00 from ARPA returned funds and $240,000.00 from 02725/52269.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero to go into executive session at 5:10 pm for the purpose of discussing a confidential personnel request and to discuss strategy relation to collective bargaining. The Commissioners would be returning to open session.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

The Commissioners returned to open session at 5:19 p.m.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Ruggiero, it was voted to approve the request of Michael Vining for an unpaid leave of absence through June 30, 2025. Mr. Vining works at the Bristol County Print Shop.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded of Commissioner Ruggiero it was voted to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

On the Motion, Roll Call:
Ms. Ruggiero yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes