

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 sixth day of September A.D., 2023 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

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

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Also present at the meeting: Maria Gomes and Superintendent Derek Costa.

Notice was received from Superintendent Derek Costa of the BC Agricultural High School on the following employment matters submitted over the last two weeks/today:

1. Matthew Beane	Plant Science Foreman	Effective 9/01/23
2. Elizabeth Damiano	Resigned	Effective 8/21/23
3. Lori Dias	Admin. Asst. Special Needs	Effective 8/28/23
4. Donna Welshman	Account Wage Change	Effective 8/28/23
5. Monica Saviolakis	Account Wage Change	Effective 8/28/23
6. Tracy Powers	Hours Changed	Effective 8/25/23
7. Karen Minster	Wage Increase	Effective 7/1/23
8. Derek Costa	Wage Increase	Effective 7/1/23
9. Lauren Harwood	Wage Increase	Effective 7/1/23
10. Linda Cestodio	FT Paraprofessional Aide	Effective 8/28/23
11. Shelly Buckley	PT Para/Teacher's Aide	Effective 8/28/23
12. Ashley Fuller	Vocational Coordinator	Effective 7/1/23
13. Michelle Nogueira	Wage Increase	Effective 7/1/23
14. Hannah Cutner	Account Change	Effective 8/28/23
15. Jessica Fontaine	Teacher's Aide	Effective 8/28/23
16. Teresa Mello	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/25/23
17. Meaghan Tyrrell	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/25/23
18. Linda Wheelock	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/28/23
19. Mary Lawler	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/28/23
20. Laurie Cassidy	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/27/23
21. Allison Slaney	Substitute	Effective 8/28/23
22. Karyn Wilson	Sub. Nurse	Effective 8/28/23
23. Deborah Coderre	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/28/23
24. Kathleen White	Sub. Teacher	Effective 8/28/23
25. Daniel Bence	Retired	Effective 9/15/23
26. Amber Medeiros	FT Para professional Aide	Effective 8/29/23
27. Ashley Fullen	Vocational Coordinator	Effective 7/01/23
28. Karen Minster	Admissions Coordinator	Effective 8/15/23
29. Linda Hough	Wage Increase	Effective 7/01/23
30. Linda Hough	Temporary PT	Effective 9/11/23
31. Amber Medeiros	Revised Pay Rate	Effective 8/29/23
32. Shelly Buckley	Revised Pay Rate	Effective 8/28/23
33. Linda Cestodio	Revised Pay Rate	Effective 8/28/23

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

Unanimous.

The following Payroll and AP Warrants were reviewed and approved:

Payroll Warrant #24025	9/7/23	\$214,406.08
AP Warrant #24024	9/5/23	\$721,592.38
AP Warrant # 24023	9/5/23	\$53,800.07

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

Unanimous.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023. Unanimous.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was VOTED that the County Tax of **\$7,373,700.00**, granted the County of Bristol for the fiscal period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 be apportioned as follows and the Clerk issue warrants to the cities and towns in said County for their proportion of the same, to be paid to the County Treasurer:

Municipality	Tax
Acushnet	150,394.28
Attleboro	549,012.12
Berkley	100,749.56
Dartmouth	626,399.47
Dighton	121,191.50
Easton	407,378.67
Fairhaven	265,745.23
Fall River	722,768.61
Freetown	167,915.94
Mansfield	440,961.86
New Bedford	744,670.69
No. Attleborough	440,961.86
Norton	292,027.72
Raynham	252,603.98
Rehoboth	219,020.79
Seekonk	273,045.92
Somerset	262,824.95
Swansea	254,064.12
Taunton	683,344.87
Westport	<u>398,617.84</u>
	\$7,373,700.00

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve it, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated August 30, 2023 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$395,021.19** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for September 2023.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$394,740.89
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 280.30

The Trial Court has agreed to do a direct reimbursement to the Bristol County for carpet replacement at the New Bedford Superior Court. The County will be pacing the initial invoice and then it will be sent along with a copy of the check to the Trial Court for immediate reimbursement. The low bidder on the project is *Jeff Ollivierre'* **Carpets** at **\$61,485.00**.

Tammy Moutinho noted a pest problem at the New Bedford 3rd District Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to engage **Profishant Inc. 32 Adams Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719** to provide pest control services to the **New Bedford 3rd District Court** effective September, 2023. Initial service amount, NOT TO EXCEED \$475.00, with a monthly service cost of \$175.00.

To be paid to Vendor # from 10618/52299.

An MOA had been received from Attorney Robert Novack for the UAW, Local 1596 Registry of Deeds employees. Commissioner Kitchen asked that the MOA be discussed in executive session.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the **Town of Rehoboth ARPA Application #1168** in the amount of **\$133,159.90** 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.

Commissioner Kitchen briefly discussed the draft FY 2024 Budget. He suggested that \$20,000 be added to the 10618/52269 and an additional \$20,000 added to Interest Income.

Superintendent Costa asked if a re-vote by the Board of Trustees would be necessary. Commissioner Kitchen stated that the total budget number and assessments haven't changed so he did not believe a re-vote was necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to go into executive session at 4:17 pm to discuss strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the OPEIU and the UAW. The Commissioners would come out of executive session to adjourn.

On the motion:

Mr. Saunders yes

Mrs. Mitchell yes
Mr. Kitchen yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the *County of Bristol/Registers of Deeds* and the *United Autoworkers, Local 1596*, except that the "payment to employees not entitled to a Step increase" remain at \$250.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:36 pm.

APPROVED

DATE

9/26/23



BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS