

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-fifth day of January A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the September 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 4:00 pm.

No personnel matters.

The following Payroll and AP Warrants were reviewed:

Payroll Warrant #22072	1/27/22	\$173,872.48
AP Warrant #22071	1/25/22	\$92,317.61

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022.

A communication from the Massachusetts DOR was received approving the Deeds Excise Retainage for Fiscal Year 2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to receive and place on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer's Office for payment to the Division of Unemployment Assistance, PO Box 419815, Boston, MA 02241-9815, an invoice dated January 11, 2022 for reimbursement of unemployment benefits for former **Bristol County Agricultural High School** employee, Kevin Lynn in the total amount of **\$1,110.00**

It is noted this will be charged to **95100230-64432** for vendor #8999, Remit #3 and is submitted as an ACH payment.

Motion approved

Administrator Gomes noted that there are several emergency repair invoices.

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 #13185	12/17/21	\$2,054.54	Taunton Sup.Ct.	10610/62269
• Invoice #13197	12/17/21	\$1,572.63	Taunton Sup. Ct.	10610/52269
• Invoice #13282	1/05/22	\$329.68	Taunton Sup. Ct.	10610/52269
• Invoice #13199	12/17/21	\$635.00	NB 3 rd District	10618/52264

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

To be paid to Vendor #553.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, 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 inspection and safety test for the elevator at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court 75N. Sixth Street**, New Bedford, MA which is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, Section 64, Chapter 143.

It was further voted to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check for two (2) units, permit application fee of \$ 400.00 and \$ 25.00 per elevator. In total \$850.00 for the Permit & Processing Fee, to be made payable to the Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc. for electronic filing (Invoice # 22-0403 & 22-0404).

It is noted that this will be charged to Budget Item #10618-54479 for vendor 282.

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #19786 dated January 5, 2022 from **Lemieux Heating, Inc.** 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745 in the amount of **\$2,545.17** for an emergency service and repair call at of the condensate pump at the **Taunton Superior Court**.

To be paid to vendor #465, to be charged to 10610-52269.

Motion carries.

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 January 24, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$355,538.36** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for February 2022.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$355,249.16
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 289.20

Motion carries.

Old Business

County Administrator Gomes noted that she had received an email from the ARPA Portal stating that the County application had been approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve the Bristol County application as submitted to the ARPA Portal for the purchase of COVID-19 Antigen Testing Kits from Intrivo Diagnostics Inc. Said purchase total is **\$4,408.00**.

Unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to authorize County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to execute the contract between Bristol County and the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance for reimbursement of \$545,937.18 for the BCAHS and \$50,067.65 for other county COVID expenses.

It was noted by Derek Costa, Business Manager for the BCAHS that some COVID reimbursement costs were rejected by the state and those have been included in the submission for reimbursement through the ARPA funds.



A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to go into executive session at 4:18 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiation. The body will not be returning to Open Session and no votes will be taken.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

APPROVED
DATE _____

2/8/22

BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS