

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

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen and Commissioner John R. Mitchell.

Chairman Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, Derek Costa and Chris Saunders via telephone

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

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| 1. Danielle Chevalier | Fall Show Pole Barn | Effective 9/01/23 |
| 2. Colleen McCarthy | Freshman Volleyball Coach | Effective 8/29/23 |
| 3. Hannah Cutner | new-Freshman Class Advisor (split) | Effective 9/01/23 |
| 4. Alyssa Andrade | new-Freshman Class Advisor (split) | Effective 9/01/23 |

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

The following warrants were presented for review /approval::

Payroll Warrant #24033	10/05/23	\$206,168.34
AP Warrant #24034	10/03/23	\$18,474.38
AP Warrant #24031	10/03/23	\$100,980.19

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen to go to number 8 on the agenda and address the school borrowing question with County Treasurer Saunders.

Commissioner Mitchell opened the discussion about the current bonding. The current BAN is scheduled to expire on November 8, 2023. The MSBA is meeting on October 29th. They had requested more documents form the County.

Treasurer Saunders said that they have spoken to M & T Bank who holds the current Note on the Bristol County Agricultural School Building Project at this time. They are open to extending the Note with an amendment to the current note. The County asked for a six month extension with no pre-payment penalty. M& T has agreed to this request. Treasurer Saunders said that the actual interest rate that they are agreeing to is not known at this time. They have come back with an interest rate of between 5.25% and 5.75%. By amending the current BAN Note, expenses are being kept down and there will be less documents.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted to authorize County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to negotiate with **M & T Bank** to extend the County's existing BAN for no more than six (6) months with no pre-payment penalty and an interest rate that the Treasurer is comfortable with.

On the Motion, Roll Call

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
 Motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to purchase # 2 fuel oil for the ***Taunton Court Complex, New Bedford Superior Courthouse and the New Bedford Registry of Deeds,*** under the State OSD No. 2 Heating Fuel Contract (ENE 52) from **Global Montello Group Corp.** 800 South Street, Waltham, MA 02454, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, to be purchased at a fixed differential price to be applied to the daily changing lowest wholesale Boston Price, as published daily in the Oil Price Daily an OPIS Publication, Less than Truckload Differential pricing (0.1409) is applicable for all deliveries under 8,000 gallons. Truckload Differential Pricing (0.0389) is applicable for deliveries of 8,000 gallons or more.

Vendor #4052 to be charged to the appropriate building accounts.

Administrator Gomes stated there is a pest issue at the courthouse.

Upon motion by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted to contract with **Guardian Pest Control, Inc,** 391 Warren Avenue, East Providence RI 02914 for pest control services at the Taunton Superior Court. County Administrator Gomes is authorized to contract those services for 12 months.

To be paid to Vendor #2067 from 10610/52299.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted to accept the **Medex 2 rates** for calendar year 2024 and authorize the chairman to execute the acceptance letter. The rate of \$388.40 represents an overall combined increase in premium of 6.12%.

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 Raynham ARPA Application #1175** in the amount of **\$425,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5167 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

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 Berkley ARPA Application #1181** in the amount of **\$53,015.00** 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 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 **City of New Bedford ARPA Application #1137** in the amount of **\$402,236.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #590 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

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 **City of New Bedford ARPA Application #1142** in the amount of **\$175,560.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #590 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted to approve the full Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Bristol Commissioner's Office and the County Treasurer's Office and the **Teamsters Union Local No.59**. The MOA is for a one year contract, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with a 3% wage increase and includes a statement that any employee not entitled to receive a Step Increase during Fiscal Year 2024 shall receive a one-time stipend of \$400.00 on the pay period following their anniversary date. Additional changes to Bereavement Article XI are also included and accepted.

On the motion, Roll Call;

Mr. Kitchen yes

Mr. Mitchell yes

Motion carries.

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 September 26, 2023 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$401,938.68** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for **October 2023**.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$401,658.38
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 280.30

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen to go into executive session at 4:40 pm to discuss the personnel request of an employee involving current medical status. The commissioners would return to adjourn the meeting.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes



Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Kitchen to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

APPROVED
DATE

10/17/83

BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS