

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

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	present
Mr. Saunders	via telephone
Mr. Kitchen	present

Chairman Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:18 pm.

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, County Administrator.

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

1. Debra Gwozdz	Sub. Admin. Asst.	Effective 10/16/23
2. Danielle Chevalier	Fall Show Pole Barn	Effective 9/1/23
3. Joseph. M. Gaspar	Resignation	Effective 10/10/23
4. Amanda Eusebio	Regrade-Science Teacher	Effective 11/06/23
5. Kerrie Delisle	Admin. Asst.to Business Mgr.	Effective 10/23/23
6. Amy Bosse	Admin.Asst.to Superintendent	Effective 10/23/23

Received a notice from the Southern Bristol Registry of Deeds on the following employment matters:

1. Bernadette P. Galego	Retirement	Effective 10/31/23
2. Susanne M. Medeiros	Termination-Tech Fund	Effective 10/02/23

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

The following Warrant have been/will be reviewed and entered into the record:

Payroll Warrant #24035	10/12/23	\$267,673.00
AP Warrant #24036	10/17/23	\$764,431.39
AP Warrant #24037	10/17/23	\$1,056,006.00
AP Warrant #24030	10/17/23	\$554,905.30
Payroll Warrant #24040	10/19/23	\$204,370.36
Payroll Warrant Void #24038	10/12/23	-\$808.01
Payroll Warrant #24039	10/12/23	\$808.01

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders 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 Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023.

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 forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, in accordance with the documentation, invoice #BCCO1012023 received from the **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02724** for **October** operating expenses, in the amount of **\$2,500.00 each**.

It is noted this is for vendor # **6891** and will be charged to **01000-54490**.

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the proposal from **Elite Plumbing & Mechanical, LLC** dated October 6, 2023 in the amount of \$950.00 to repair and replace a water line and install a valve at the *Fall River Children's Museum*.

To be paid to Vendor \$8384 from 10612/52264 when the repair is invoiced.

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the following Snow Removal contract awards for the FY'24 season as recommended by Facilities Superintendent Tammy Moutinho:

<i>New Bedford 3rd District, New Bedford Superior Court and New Bedford Registry of Deeds-</i>	<u><i>Ford Industries</i></u>
<i>Fall River Registry/Children's Museum-</i>	<u><i>Reis Property Management</i></u>
<i>Taunton Superior Court</i>	<u><i>Reis Property Management</i></u>
<i>Attleboro 4th District Court</i>	<u><i>Kimmell Landscaping</i></u>

On the motion

Mr. Mitchell	yes
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Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries.

A communication from the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware was received regarding Blue Harvest Fisheries LLC. A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to replace and put on file.

On the motion:

Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to award the bid to replace the roof at the Fall River Registry of Deeds Building as bid in IFB #24-05 to **Silktown Roofing, Inc.** **27 Pleasant Street Manchester CT 06040** at a proposed contract price of **\$78,125.00** with an added ALT#1 Abatement cost of **\$22,000.00**. Total contract cost is **\$100,125.00**. Silktown was the lowest bidder. This roof replacement project is to be submitted through the ARPA portal under the revenue replacement category.

On the motion:

Mr. Mitchell yes
 Mr. Saunders yes
 Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries.

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 #1179 in the amount of **\$53,798.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell Yes
 Mr. Saunders Yes
 Mr. Kitchen Yes
Motion carries

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 Fall River** ARPA Application #1188 in the amount of **\$250,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#538** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

Commissioners reviewed the final FY'24 Budget.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024** Budget for the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds, submitted by Register Barry J.

Amaral, in the amount of **\$2,319,513.56**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024** Budget for the Bristol County Southern District Registry of Deeds, submitted by Register

Sherrilynn Mello, in the amount of **\$2,020,015.27**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024** Budget for the Fall River Registry of Deeds, submitted by Register Bernard J. McDonald III, in the amount of **\$1,429,102.92**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024** Budget for the Bristol County Commissioner's Office in the amount of **\$409,337.76**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Bristol County Print Shop in the amount of \$118,022.93.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Bristol County Buildings totaling \$2,137,541.15.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Bristol County Agricultural High School as follows:**

-BCAHS Budget is	\$11,621,849.95
-BCAHS Core Budget is	<u>\$6,159,294.59</u>
<i>for a total amount of</i>	\$17,781,144.54

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Bristol County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$558,454.03.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Deeds in the amount of \$4,783,132.67.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to accept the **Bristol County Fiscal Year 2024 Budget** as submitted in the amount of **\$32,837,572.32** broken down as follows:

Interest on County Debt	\$0.00
County Commissioners	\$409,337.76
Print Shop	\$118,022.93
Courthouse Buildings	\$2,137,541.15
B. C. Agricultural School	\$11,621,849.95
Aggie Core	\$6,159,294.59
Misc. Account {Deeds \$82913,736.00}	\$107,950.00
Unpaid Bills {Deeds \$ 60,000.00}	
Reserve Fund {Deeds \$20,000.00}	
Medical/Life Insurance {Deeds \$880,289.67}	16,289.49
Advisory Board Exp.	\$1,000.00
Contributory Retirement[Deeds \$280,000}	\$1,131,068.00
County Audit {Deeds \$54,975.00}	
County Treasurer	\$558,454.03
Taunton Registry	\$1,614,513.56
New Bedford Registry	\$1,133,015.27
Fall River Registry	\$1,019,102.92
Capital Improvements	
OPEB Trust Fund	\$25,000.00

Deeds Excise Budget

Taunton Registry	\$705,000.00
New Bedford Registry	\$887,000.00
Fall River Registry	\$410,000.00
County	\$2,209,000.67
DOR- BCSO Unfunded Pension Liability	<u>\$2,574,132.00</u>

Total Budgets **\$32,837,572.32**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to accept the **Bristol County Fiscal Year 2024 Estimated Receipts** as submitted in the amount of **\$32,837,572.32** broken down as follows:

Registries of Deeds	
Taunton	\$576,500.00
<i>Postage</i>	\$5,500.00
<i>Dial-in/Internet</i>	\$198,500.00
New Bedford	\$550,000.00
<i>Postage</i>	\$7,000.00
<i>Dial-in/Internet</i>	\$28,000.00
Fall River	\$363,500.00
<i>Postage</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Dial-in/Internet</i>	\$30,000.00
County Tax	\$7,373,700.00
Courthouse Rental [est.]	\$2,023,545.11
Print Shop	\$50,000.00
Misc. Income	\$20,000.00
Interest Income	\$120,000.00
B. C. Agricultural School	\$13,040,341.54
Unreserved	\$1,664,353.00
Deeds Excise Fund Receipts	
Taunton Registry	\$650,000.00
New Bedford Registry	\$390,000.00
Fall River Registry	\$362,500.00
DOR - BCSO Unfunded Pension Liability	\$2,574,132.00
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Deeds Excise Budget	
Carry Over Amount	
Taunton Registry	\$445,000.00
New Bedford Registry	\$731,000.00
Fall River Registry	\$265,000.00
County	\$1,367,500.67

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries

County Administrator Gomes announced that the Advisory Board Chairman Pacheco has chosen November 9, 2023 at 6 pm at the Student Commons Room at the Aggie school.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to move in to executive session to discuss on-going strategy related to the negotiation of the OPEIU contract with the County custodians. The Commissioners would return to open session.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes

Mr. Kitchen Yes
Motion carries

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:59 pm.

Mr. Mitchell Yes
Mr. Saunders Yes
Mr. Kitchen Yes
Motion carries

APPROVED

DATE

10/31/2023

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BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS