

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 eighteenth day of October A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

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

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, Scott Aguiar, Peter Carreiro, Derek Costa and Christopher Boudreau.

Received a notice from Barry J. Amaral, Bristol Northern Register of Deeds on the following employment matters:

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| 1. Briana M. Travers | Resigned | Effective 10/11/22 |
| 2. Theresa Poirier | Hr. Rate Change | Effective 11/01/22 |
| 3. Carol A Godlewski | Hr. Rate Change | Effective 11/01/22 |

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

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| 1. Tara R. McCann | Salary change | Effective 10/10/22 |
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A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the CP's as presented.

The following warrants were reviewed /previously approved:

Payroll Warrant #23031	10/13/22	\$205,874.69
Payroll Warrant #23032 (Void)	10/13/22	(\$960.08)
Payroll Warrant # 23033 (Reissue)	10/13/22	\$44.81
AP Warrant #23026	10/11/22	\$443,594.11
AP Warrant #23034	10/11/22	\$247,633.22
AP Warrant #23027	10/11/22	\$709,528.51
AP Warrant #23035	10/11/22	\$646.12
 Payroll Warrant #23037	 10/20/22	 \$188,202.18
AP Warrant #23036	10/18/22	\$1,955,412.89

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022 and October 5, 2022. Unanimous.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to accept the MIIA Medex 2 rates for calendar year 2023 and authorize Chairman Kitchen to sign the agreement. Unanimous.

An Accident Report dated 9/26/22 was received from employee Glenn Souza. It was noted by Commissioner Saunders that he was marked as being out sick from October 11-15, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was requested that employee Glenn Souza provide a doctor's note for his four day sick absence for week ending 10/15/22.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize the Chairman, Paul B. Kitchen, to execute the Certificate from Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for an Order of Land Taking #8840 in the City of Fall River.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize the Chairman, Paul B. Kitchen, to execute the Certificate from Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for an Order of Land Taking #8818 in the City of Taunton.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve the request from Derek Costa, Business Manager of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, dated **October 6, 2022**, designated as surplus, and to declare all the identified property as surplus.

Commissioner Kitchen noted that the school would like to set up a meeting with Lakeville and the Tri-town communities to discuss unpaid outstanding debt assessment payments for students from those communities.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen to represent the County Commissioners at a meeting with the communities that have not paid their debt assessments for students attending the Bristol County Agricultural High School.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, charging the appropriate authority, an **Invoice #14**, dated October 6, 2022, in the amount of **\$2,675.00** to **Valerio, Dominello & Hillman, LLC**, One University Avenue, Suite 300B, Westwood, MA 02090.

To be paid to Vendor #7806 from 030-09-000-1430-00-48-4-00-52235.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, charging the appropriate authority, an **Invoice** dated October 6, 2022, in the amount of **\$875.00** to **John A. Walsh, P.C. 156 Eighth Street, New Bedford MA 02740**.

To be paid to Vendor #8276 from 13420/52235.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment the following:

- BCC07122 \$4,000 dated 7/1/22 , July
- BCC08122 \$4,000 dated 8/1/22, August

- BCC09122 \$4,000 dated 9/1/22, September
- BCC10122 \$4,000 dated 10/1/22, October

TOTAL \$16,000

Received from the Children's Advocacy Center 58 Arch Street Fall River, MA 02724 for operating expenses.

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

A communication email was received from the State Ethics Commission announcing the upcoming launch of a new conflict of interest online training program.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to appoint the *County Administrator* as the local administrator for the County when registering to link to the State Ethics Commission on line training learning management system (LMS). This new State developed system (LMS) will replace the paper distribution of notification and bi-annual certification related to ethics training.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1058 from the **City of Fall River** for **\$75,300** 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 application #1072, Commissioner Saunders asked to get a plot plan and pictures of the proposed purchase.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1072 from the **City of Fall River** for **\$1,365,000.00** 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.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1077 from the **City of Fall River** for **\$114,350.00** 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.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1060 from the **City of Fall River** for **\$950,000.00** 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.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1074 from the **Bristol County** for **\$8,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Bristol County from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer and reimbursed to the County buildings account **10618/52299**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1082 from the **City of Taunton** for **\$550,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#200** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

Christopher Boudreau of Boudreau & Boudreau attended the meeting to update the commissioners on his progress in reaching out to members of the Bristol County group life policy that has been in place for over 20 years. Indications are that there is a projected increase in the rate of 45%. He stated that Boston Mutual has a very antiquated system. Currently he has a complete and accurate census for everyone except Acushnet who is without a Treasurer. The town of Freetown is still a question.

Mr. Boudreau stated that the former broker has reached out to both Mansfield and Norton in an attempt to carve them out of the Bristol County group and take over their accounts.

Guardian Life has been contacted and they feel fairly confident that they can provide an option to the Boston Mutual policy. There are chronic billing issues at Boston Mutual.

Commissioner Kitchen asked if there are other communities in the County group that have a poor rating. How does it benefit the County to keep them in the group? All members pay the same pooled cost. There was some discussion of raising the death benefit. In the County, the benefit is currently \$4,000/\$2,000.

Mr. Boudreau would keep the County informed as he receives more information.

Administrator Gomes announced that there is a new date for the Massachusetts County Commissioner's Meeting. It will be a luncheon on Wednesday, November 16th in Plymouth. Location and times to be announced.

Administrator Gomes reminded the Commissioner's to review the draft Fraud Policy. She also stated that she would like to have the electrical service in the main office of the County Commissioners looked at as they had to move the location of the copy machine yesterday due to power surges and that was the same wall that had the spark issue a few weeks ago. Commissioner Kitchen asked Mr. Aguiar to have it investigated.

The County Commissioners were fine with a press release to be sent on the current ARPA distributions.

Unanticipated Items

Mr. Aguiar announced that two HVAC motor units failed at the New Bedford Superior Court. To get those up and running to comply with the heating requirements, he has asked for an estimate.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve the estimate from **Advance Air & Heat Company Inc** dated 9-30-22 in the amount of **\$1,625.00** to replace **2-HVAC** blower motors at the *New Bedford Superior Court*.

To be paid to Vendor #540 from 10611/52269 when invoiced.

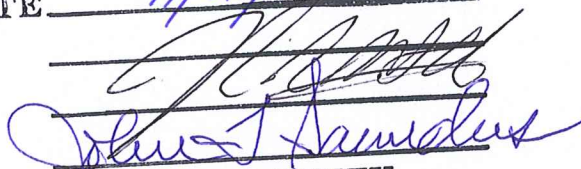
No executive session was held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to adjourn at 4:43 pm.

APPROVED

DATE

11/01/2022


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COMMISSIONERS