

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in New Bedford within and for the County of Bristol on the fifth day of October 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.

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

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes, Scott Aguiar, Tom Pasternak and Dr. Angela Haliburda.

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

- 1. Tennille Kazijian GSA Advisor Effective 9/27/22
- 2. Linda Cestodio FT 1:1 Paraprofessional Aide Effective 8/30/22
- 3. Amber Medeiros FT 1:1 Paraprofessional Aide Effective 8/30/22

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the personnel transactions as presented. Unanimously approved.

The following warrants were reviewed:

AP Warrant # 23028	10/5/22	\$64,797.34
Payroll Warrant # 23030	10/6/22	\$9,410.51
Payroll Warrant # 23029	10/6/22	\$194,981.34

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated September 28, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$379,952.35** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for October 2022.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$379,663.15
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 289.20

Tom Pasternak and Dr. Angela Haliburda attended the meeting to discuss the potential of utilizing some of the County's Opioid settlement funds to create a program or website that could be utilized by people experiencing addiction problems, whether personally or as a family member. More discussion would be needed once the guidelines for the use of funds was clearly understood. Some sort of regional County website was discussed. There was also a potential to partner with the cities or towns in order develop a program and/or website. The County would forward some information to Mr. Pasternak and to Dr. Haliburda.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted, to authorize the County Treasurer to request the 4 year OPIOID Settlement pull down of funds.

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 #103869	09/16/22	\$1,546.45	10618/52269
• Invoice #103878	09/16/22	<u>\$3,000.45</u>	10618/52269
	TOTAL	\$4,546.90	

from **Advance Air & Heat Company Inc.** 177 Bullock Road, East Freetown MA 02717 for a service call and to the existing HVAC system at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court** and the **New Bedford Superior Court**.

Vendor #540 to be paid as noted above.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application **#1061** from the **City of Fall River** for **\$1,522,877.00** 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.


County Commissioner Mitchell expressed that he has been hearing about some frustration with CLA in the review of applications.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the emergency repair request of Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar to hire **Dillon Boiler Services Co., Inc.** 380 Crawford Street Fitchburg, MA 01420 to re-tube and repair boiler #1 at the **Taunton Superior Court** which currently has 12 leaking tubes. Estimated cost of repair is \$6,290.00.

To be paid to Vendor **#6719** from **10610/52269** when the work is completed and invoiced.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:57 pm.

APPROVED
DATE 10/18/22


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COMMISSIONERS**