

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

Present: Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Commissioner Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Also in attendance at the meeting Maria Gomes and Scott Aguiar.

Commissioner Mitchell announced that the meeting was being recorded.

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

1. Skyler M. Hall	Fall Show Pole Barn	Effective 9/1/22
2. Kerrie Blanchard	FMLA	Effective 9/16/22
3. Adam Latham	Fall Show Advisor	Effective 9/1/22
4. Dawn Fornari	Fall Show Advisor	Effective 9/1/22
5. Leslie Blanchette	Fall Show Advisor	Effective 9/1/22
6. Melissa Duffy	Fall Show Advisor	"
7. Seth Cook	Fall Show Advisor	"
8. Mary Lawler	Substitute Teach-Salary Increase	Effective 10/31/22
9. Jessica L. Fontaine	"	"
10. Deborah A. Coderre	"	"
11. Derek J. Seibert	"	"
12. Elizabeth R. Cronin	"	"
13. Justin D. Simmons	"	"
14. Karyn F. Wilson	"	"
15. Laurie S. Cassidy	"	"
16. Linda J. Wheelock	"	"
17. Teresa Mello	"	"
18. Jay Lee	"	"
19. Christine DePaula	"	"

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

1. Naleak O'Brien	Return from FMLA	Effective 10/25/22
2. Elizabeth M. Resendes	New Hire Clerk	Effective 11/28/22

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

The following warrants were reviewed /previously approved:

Payroll Warrant #23040	10/27/22	\$190,967.12
Payroll Warrant #23038 (Void)	10/20/22	(\$845.34)
Payroll Warrant #23039	10/20/22	\$845.34
Payroll Warrant #23043	11/03/22	\$196,745.17
AP Warrant #23044	11/01/22	\$3,198,260.93

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the reading of the warrants and the amounts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022.

A communication was received from Sylvia Group Insurance regarding the loss control recommendations for the County's buildings boiler systems. A copy of those were provided to Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

A communication was received from the Bristol County Retirement Board regarding the pension appropriations for fiscal year 2024 outlining the amounts to be paid by member units. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

A communication was received from the Board of Elevators regarding Fire Fighter Phase II Emergency Operation of elevators. Mr. Aguiar noted that the elevator at the Taunton Superior Court will need to be changed to comply with the new regulation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the mileage reimbursement voucher for County Administrator **Maria Gomes** with mileage from July 2022-October 2022, in the amount of \$96.19.

To be paid to #3012 to be paid from 10300/52282.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to table the discussion on the Capital Budget until Commissioner Kitchen was in attendance.

Administrator Gomes presented a proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to adopt the **2023 Meeting Schedule** for the County Commissioners.

The Commissioner reviewed a proposal to approve the repair of two HVAC motors at the New Bedford Superior Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the repair of the HVAC motors as noted above.

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

• Invoice #14790	10/24/22	\$1,537.38	FR Children's Museum	10612/52269
• Invoice #14807	10/26/22	\$612.50	Taunton Sup. Ct.	10610/52264

- Invoice #14806 10/26/22 \$1,045.00 NB Sup. Ct. 10611/52264

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

To be paid to **Vendor #553** to be paid as noted above.

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

- Invoice #104172 10/14/22 \$567.00 NB Sup. Ct. 10611/52299
- Invoice #104170 10/14/22 \$2,030.28 NB 3rd District Ct. 10618/52299

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

To be paid to **Vendor #540** to be paid as noted above.

A proposal was presented by Facilities Superintendent Aguiar from Araujo to drain and replace a valve at the New Bedford 3rd District Court. Commissioner Saunders asked Mr. Aguiar to obtain another quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to table until another quote is received.

Facilities Superintendent Aguiar presented a quote from a vendor on the State bid list to replace a door at the New Bedford 3rd District Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to table this item.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the proposal dated October 18, 2022 in the amount of **\$8,500.00** from **Gorman Construction, Inc.**, PO Box 195, Raynham, MA 02767, for a rooftop gutter and interior drain repair and the repair of the interior wall damage in the first floor courtroom at the **New Bedford Superior Court.**

To be paid to **#7947** from **10611/52269** when work is completed.

ARPA Program

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, 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 **City of Fall River** for **\$305,000.00** 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 Mitchell, it was voted to approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA

Application **#1070** from the **Town of Raynham** for **\$950,000.00** 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 Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the **Fiscal Year 2023** contribution funding of **\$25,000** to the **Bristol County Fire Chief's Association**, c/o Chief **Brian R. Legendre**, 1118 Drift Road, Westport, MA 02790.

To be paid to Vendor **7435** from **01000/54490**

Old Business

Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar stated that he wanted to know how much work the County wanted to do on the New Bedford Superior Court cupola. Mr. Aguiar stated that he would like to see the bell operational at the building. Commissioner Mitchell asked that the company hired to prepare a report provide the estimate and plan options for the cupola to give the County some cost estimates.

Unanticipated

Just today the November invoice for the November health insurance premium cost was received. Administrator Gomes asked that rather than the invoice being paid late, she asked that the Commissioners address the monthly invoice now.

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 October 25, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$391,839.45** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for **November 2022**.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$391,550.25
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 289.20

There is a meeting of the Massachusetts County Commissioners Association on November 16, 2022 at 11:30 am in Plymouth. Commissioner Saunders noted that he would plan on attending.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:31 pm.

APPROVED

DATE _____

BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS