

## 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 fifteenth day of November 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.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

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

Commissioner Kitchen announced that the meeting was being recorded.

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

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| 1. Bernadette Watters | New Substitute Teacher Rate | Effective 11/16/22 |
| 2. Meaghan Tyrrell    | New Substitute Teacher Rate | Effective 11/16/22 |

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

The following warrants were reviewed /previously approved:

Payroll Warrant #23046	11/17/22	\$188,688.79
AP Warrant #23047	11/15/22	\$1,723,880.40
Payroll Warrant #23045	11/10/22	\$200,699.47 (previously approved)
AP Warrant #23041	11/08/22	\$505,253.21 (previously approved)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022. Unanimous.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice 202215807, made payable to the **National Association of Counties ('NACO')**, PO Box 38059, Baltimore, MD 21297-8059 in the amount of \$500.00 for annual County Membership dues from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023.

Vendor #5819 to be paid from 13420-52239.

Commissioner Kitchen indicated that he had a discussion with the County Treasurer and Business Manager Derek Costa about inclusion of the Capital Budget into the Bristol County Agricultural Schools Budget ('Aggie').

In order to do so, another Bristol County Advisory Board Meeting will need to be convened because it effects the bottom line of the FY '23 Budget. A date will need to be identified after the holidays to hold either an on-line or an in-person meeting.

Commissioner Saunders mentioned the report on the building boilers. He asked whether or not it would be eligible for ARPA funds or whether it should be a Capital Budget item. If it were to qualify for ARPA Funds, it would not have to be included as a Capital Budget item.

Derek Costa, Business Manager asked to circle back to the Capital Budget asking about what would need to be done if some school assessments were not paid by communities. Commissioner Kitchen stated that revenues would have to be offset with Chapter 6 and the County would seek some supplemental appropriation.

No action was taken on item #6 as the matter has been rectified.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize the County Administrator to make the determination if the quotation from **New England School Services Inc.**, 98 Hicks Avenue, Medford, MA 02155 meets the specifications and procurement regulations necessary to replace the entrance front door at the New Bedford 3rd District Court, and if so, to make the approval.

Vendor #5088 to be paid from 13420/52269.

Commissioner Kitchen stated that as a result of a discussion of the Board of Trustees meeting at the high school, he had a discussion with County Treasurer Saunders regarding payroll software limitations and the possibility of adding a module which can assist with payroll entering in the MUNIS system if the module is compatible. The County Treasurer is open to the idea. Tyler Technologies can possibly provide a demo on the module.

#### 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 #1095 from the **City of Fall River** for \$3,000 as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal. This is an addendum to application # 1077, previously approved.

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 #1053 from the **City of Fall River** for \$241,275.00 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 #1053 from the **City of Fall River** for **\$241,275.00** 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 #1013 from the **Town of Norton** for **\$278,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5275 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 #1086 from the **Bristol County** for **\$31,250.00** 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 *New Bedford Registry of Deeds buildings account 13402/52269*.

Administrator Gomes mentioned that the payroll warrant will be sent out for signatures on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Thanksgiving week holiday.

Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar mentioned that he received a request from a judge at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court to have a door installed for the interpreter's room. Commissioner Kitchen asked that it be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:29 pm.

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12/07/22

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COMMISSIONERS