

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

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

*(Commissioner John R. Mitchell joined the meeting at 4:09pm as noted below)

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

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

Commissioner Kitchen announced that the meeting was being recorded.

There were no personnel actions to be reviewed.

The following warrants were reviewed /previously approved:

Payroll Warrant #23056	12/15/22	\$190,040.08
AP Warrant #23048	12/13/22	\$388,822.60
AP Warrant #23049	12/13/22	\$218,809.17
AP Warrant #23053	12/13/22	\$1,117,531.25
AP Warrant #23055	12/13/22	\$1,901,000.62

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #4734 in the amount of \$10,000.00, received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as an invoice for the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to 13420-52233.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to certify to the board of selectmen of each town and to the treasurer or other disbursing officer of each district, the amounts which have been allocated to such town or district, to be paid to the Bristol County Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 2024.

**Commissioner Mitchell phoned into the meeting at 4:09 pm.*

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 FY '22 invoices:

• Invoice #12944	11/03/21	\$828.00	NB 3rd District	<u>13420/52200</u>
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- Invoice #14129 06/22/22 \$612.50 NB 3rd District 13420/52200

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.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

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:

- Invoice #29160 dated October 26, 2022 \$1,342.14 10613/52262

from **M-V Electrical Contractors, Inc., 10 Conduit Street, Acushnet, MA 02743** for work at the ***Taunton Registry of Deeds*** building.

To be paid to **Vendor #5208**

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, , in accordance with the documentation invoice #BCCO12122 received from Catherine Rutkowski and Lara Stone, Co-Executive Directors, **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02724** for **December** operating expenses, the amount of **\$2,500.00**

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

On the motion, Roll Call

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

A notice was received from the United States Department of the Interior to be a consultant on the **Beacon Wind Project** as an invitation to consult on the project. All materials are included in the Commissioner's packets.

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

On the motion, Roll Call

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

The leaking gutters at the Taunton Superior Court were discussed. Specifically, the sections near the office space for the County Commissioner's Office.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the John F. Shea Co, Inc **Proposal #22-2210-01** dated November 10, 2022, in the amount of \$6,365.00 for the repair to the roof gutter sections at the ***Taunton Superior Court***.

It is noted this is for vendor #7921 and will be charged to 10610/52268 **once work is invoiced**.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to engage **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, to conduct the mandatory installation of an emergency phase 2 firefighter operating switch for the elevator located at the **Taunton Superior Court, 9 Court St., Taunton, MA**. This is a State requirement. **Cost of the work is \$5,115.00.**

To be paid to Vendor #282 be charged to Budget Item # 10610-52269 **when invoiced**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes
<i>Motion carries.</i>	

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 **#1107** from the **Town of Easton** for **\$100,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5162 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

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 **#1103** from the **Town of Rehoboth** for **\$9,995.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor #5168 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Motion carries.

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 **#1094** from the **City of New Bedford** for **\$60,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#590** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Motion carries.

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 **#1106** from the **Town of Westport** for **\$180,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#5171** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Motion carries

County Administrator's Update

Administrator Gomes provided the Commissioners with the current revenue report of funds through November 30, 2022.

Commissioners Kitchen asked that the Print Shop be placed on the agenda for late January, 2023.

Additionally, she indicated to the Commissioners that she wished to enter into negotiations for her successor agreement. Such notice is required prior to January 1, 2023.

Old Business

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to endorse the closeout settlement agreement with Gilbane.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Motion carries.

Register of Deeds McDonald from Fall River had emailed the Administrator asking to have the roof replacement at the Fall River Registry of Deeds addressed again. The matter was previously addressed but due to a question regarding possible asbestos, the roof was never addressed. Commissioner Kitchen asked that a meeting with Mr. McDonald be scheduled for February, 2023.

The meeting of December 27, 2022 will be cancelled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:24 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

APPROVED

DATE

1/4/2023
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John F. Saunders

**BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**