

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the eighth day of February A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and joining remotely, Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:14 pm.

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

1. Anthony Principe	Emergency Apt-Long Term SPED	Effective 2.9.22
2. Jessica Fontaine	Substitute Teacher	Effective 2.9.22
3. Ethan Hickey	Substitute Foreman	Effective 1.12.22
4. Arthur C. Guimond	Sub. Foreman-Rate Change	Effective 7.1.21
5. Laurie Cassidy	Sub. Clerk- Rate Change	Effective 7.1.21
6. Mallorie M. Chappell	Sub. Foreman – Rate change	Effective 7.1.21
7. Olga Vertentes	Food Service Cook- Rate change	Effective 7.1.21
8. Debra Gwozdz	Adm.Assit.to Supt.-Rate Change	Effective 7.1.21
9. Aydin Buckley	Emergency Apt.-Sub. Foreman	Effective 2.9.22
10. Joseph Guimond	Herdsmen	Effective 12.20.21

Received a notice from the Taunton Registry of Deed, Register Amaral on the following employment matters:

1. Jean Nadeau	Principal Clerk	Effective 1.31.22
2. Naleak O'Brien	Clerk	Effective 1.31.22

Received the following notice from the County on the following employment matter:

1. Phillip A. Rodrigues	address change	Effective 2.7.22
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A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the CP's as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

The following Warrants were presented for review/approval:

Previously approved on 2/2/22 was Payroll w/e 1/29/22.

Payroll for w/e 2/5/22

AP Warrant # 22077	2/8/22	\$446,992.26
AP Warrant # 22076	2/8/22	\$3,000.00
AP Warrant # 22074	2/8/22	\$764,546.75
AP Warrant # 22073	2/8/22	\$267,061.19

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #3358 in the amount of \$14,500.00, received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as the interim invoice for the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to 13420-52233.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Alex Stylos from The District at 11 Court Street was present at the meeting to ask the Commissioners to grant him permission to hold his weekend entertainment outdoors.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioners Saunders it was voted to approve the request of Alex Stylos of *The District* located at 11 Court Street in Taunton to use the rear parking lot area behind the Registry of Deeds building and the Superior Court on weekends for outdoor events. An insurance policy has been provided to the County Commissioner's showing the events are covered by an insurance policy.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda was an email communication from Brendan Sweeney of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance dated January 20, 2022 referring to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) allocation (also referred to as ERA2) from the US Treasury. Administrator Gomes indicated that the email was addressed to her and that she had responded to Mr. Sweeney stating that it was the County Treasurer who would be the individual authorized to apply for the funds. She provided County Treasurer Saunders email information to Mr. Sweeney.

There was no indication on how much money this involved. Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioners Saunders it was voted to authorize County Treasurer Saunders to investigate the amount of funds available to Bristol County the Emergency Rental Assistance Program fund, referred to as ERA2 and if he deems it appropriate for the County, he will apply for and accept the funds for this program. If it is not feasible to manage, he has the authority to direct the funds to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Several invoices had been received from Fire Systems Inc. regarding an emergency issue with the fire alarm call system at the New Bedford 3rd District Court. Mr. Aguiar explained the need for the emergency service and the fact that the alarm system kept going off. There was a fault in the system.

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

• Invoice #189835	12/31/21	\$1,903.95
• Invoice #189984	1/24/22	\$926.90
• Invoice #190011	1/25/22	\$3,481.84
• Invoice #190107	1/28/22	\$1,637.41

from **Fire Systems, Inc.** 955 Reed Road N. Dartmouth, MA 02747 for an emergency service of the fire alarm call system at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court.**

To be paid to **Vendor #1415** from **13420/52269.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Quotes had been received for 441 N. Main Street in Fall River. Mr. Aguiar indicated that the alarm system needed to be updated. Systems are getting away from the telephone system. Verizon is no longer supporting it. Buildings are going to a radio system. Verizon indicated that the line was no longer in service since 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to table the quotes until more information could be gathered by the Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Kitchen mentioned that fire departments want building to transfer over to a wireless system. A call should be placed to the Fall River Fire Inspectional Services department.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment invoices #22-0503 & #22-0504 dated 1/27/22 from **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, for the required pre-inspection and safety test for the elevators at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court 75N. Sixth Street**, New Bedford, MA.

It is noted that this will be charged to Budget Item **#10618-54479** for vendor **282.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to request the Dighton Board of Selectmen to waive any and all fees and other charges imposed by the Town on the solar panels on the buildings at the Bristol County Agricultural High School campus and that no such charges be imposed upon Bristol County or its Agricultural High School. The Commission requests this in light of the purpose of the solar panels which are to make its buildings and campus more sustainable, to promote the green engineering of its facilities, and also to lessen the financial effect of the cost of the school construction project as well as to foster the savings of the solar panels themselves which are installed in order to reduce the School's operating costs upon their installation.

WHEREFORE, the Bristol County Commission requests the Town of Dighton Board of Selectmen to waive any and all fees and charges related to the installation and operation of the solar panels at the Bristol County Agricultural High School.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Renewal bonds have been received for Barry Amaral, John Collias and Bernard J. McDonald III.

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

ARPA Program

Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that there is a lot of misinformation out there regarding the \$10 million revenue loss calculation. Jane Gonsalves distributed an email in response to some communications regarding the County's responsibility in dealing with revenue loss.

The town of Easton application for ARPA funds has been forwarded to the County Commissioners for a vote.

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 #1001 from the **Town of Easton** for **\$81,400.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to go into executive session at 4:40 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The Commissioners will not be returning to open session and no votes will be taken.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

APPROVED

DATE

2/22/2022
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John I. Saunders
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS