

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 eighth day of March 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.

Also in attendance: County Administrator Gomes, Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar and Mansfield Town Manager Kevin Dumas.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

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

1. David Rines	FMLA 1/24/22-3/25/22	Effective 1/25/22
2. Kourtnie Bouley	Regrade-BA +15	Effective 3/7/22
3. Aydin Buckley	FT Sub foreman	Effective 2/28/22
4. Tracy Powers	Food Service/Cook Helper	Effective 3/7/22

Received a notice from Register Barry J. Amaral on the following employment matters:

1. Maria M. Vieira	Reclassification to Office Supervisor	Effective 3/7/22
2. Cheryl M. Cain	Reclassification to Head Admin. Clerk	Effective 3/7/22
3. Patricia A. Lamothe	Reclassification to Head Admin. Clerk	Effective 3/7/22
4. Isabel F. Mendonca	Reclassification to Sr. Principal Clerk	Effective 3/7/22
5. Carolyn Mitton	Reclassification to Principal Clerk	Effective 3/7/22

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

Motion carries.

The following warrants were reviewed/approved:

Payroll Warrant #22083	2/24/22	\$174,152.93 (previously approved)
Payroll Warrant #22084	3/3/22	\$168,356.33 (previously approved)
Payroll Warrant # 22086	VOID	\$1,886.76
Payroll Warrant #22087	Re-issue	\$1,886.76
Payroll Warrant w/e 3/5/22	approved 3/8/22	
AP Warrant # 22085	3/8/22	\$99,898.00

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell Yes
Mr. Saunders Yes
Mr. Kitchen Yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 & February 28, 2022.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell Yes
Mr. Saunders Yes
Mr. Kitchen Yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and send to the Treasurer's Office for payment, in accordance with the documentation invoice # BCC02122 received from Catherine Rutkowski and Lara Stone, Co-Executive Directors, **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County for February operating expenses**, the amount of **\$3,000.00**.

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

On the motion, Roll Call

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

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated February 28, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$362,657.74** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for **March 2022**.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$362,368.54
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 289.20

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 approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, the emergency repair invoice #20220215 from **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.**, 150 Four Winds Drive, Fall River, MA 02720, dated February 15, 2022, for the repair of a jail cell bench at the ***New Bedford 3rd District Court***.

To be paid to Vendor # 2893 from 13420/52269

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

Scott Aguiar explained that there was a leaking steam pipe at the Taunton Superior Court that had to be fixed. An emergency repair was required.

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

• Invoice #13459	02/08/22	\$430.54	Taunton Sup.Ct.	10610/52269
• Invoice #13464	02/10/22	\$1,216.03	Taunton Sup. Ct.	10610/52269

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

To be paid to Vendor # 553.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

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

• Invoice #190401	1/31/22	\$1,062.60
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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

Motion carries.

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

• Invoice #100778	11/19/21	\$945.00
• Invoice #101395	01/21/22	\$138.00
• Invoice #101611	02/04/22	\$345.00

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. Expenses could be considered as an ARPA

expense.

Vendor #540 to be paid from 13420/52269

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

County Administrator Gomes presented a declaration to the County Commissioners related to the current State of Emergency in the County. It was decided that data from the Department of Public Health indicates that the COVID -19 risk has been significantly reduced based on vaccination data.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve the **termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Bristol County.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes stated that she has revised the budget workbook to reflect the fiscal year 2023 dates and is preparing to send the information out to each department. She asked the commissioners to consider what date they would like to have the priority needs meeting as it is necessary to have it advertised and posted with all the County's communities.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested the last meeting date in May. Administrator Gomes made note of the date.

Preliminary health insurance rates from MIIA show an increase of 1.43%.

Commissioner Kitchen noted that he had had some discussion with Mr. Dumas related to the release of ARPA Funds.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted that if figures from the communities on ARPA eligible projects, with the exception of lost revenue, are approved through the ARPA Portal and the County Commissioners, then the full sum shall be made available to the community.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Motion carries.

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 #1005 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$90,000.00** 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.

Old Business

Administrator Gomes stated that she had been contacted by the Attorney General's Office regarding the Opioid Settlement that the County had agreed to be part of. The attorney general has decided to increase the distribution from 15% to 40%. Commissioner Kitchen has executed the amended settlement agreement and it has been sent into the AG's office.

Tabled from the February 8, 2022 meeting, the fire alarm box system at the FR Registry of Deeds and the FR Children's Museum was in need of replacement. Mr. Aguiar presented clarification from the Fall River Fire Department that indicated there was only one fire call box needed for the location. He recommended that the bid be awarded to Fire Systems Inc.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the project quote # 85508 from **Fire Systems Inc.**, 955 Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747 to install a fire call radio box at the **441 North Main Street, Fall River, MA** location that would service both the Fall River Registry of Deeds and the Children's Museum location. Quote amount \$4,986.68.

To be paid to Vendor #1415 from 10615/52269 after the completion of the installation.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Mr. Aguiar also mentioned that additional rot damage was found in a window area at the NB 3rd District Court. He asked that the Commissioners approve the repair of the additional damage that was discovered.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the Proposal #2120 dated 2/10/22 in the amount of **\$1,368.94** from **Silver City Glass, Inc.** to replace and additional section of the Clerk's Office lunchroom windows and surrounding woodwork at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court** that was found to be rotted during the replacement of the other section of windows.

To be paid to Vendor #7920 from 13420/52269

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Kitchen asked Mr. Aguiar to obtain roof bid estimates for the NB 3rd District Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:30 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

APPROVED

DATE 3/22/22


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COMMISSIONERS