

## 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 nineteenth day of April A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

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

Also in attendance: County Administrator Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar.

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

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

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| 1. Dawn M. Fornari       | JV Girls Softball/Coach      | Effective 4/1/22  |
| 2. Daniel DeMello        | Varsity Boys Baseball Coach  | Effective 4/1/22  |
| 3. Stephanie A. Moriarty | Varsity Girls Softball Coach | Effective 4/1/22  |
| 4. Kimberly Whitmire     | New Janitor/Custodian        | Effective 4/13/22 |
| 5. Joseph R. Ryan        | Off Pd. Admin. Leave         | Effective 4/25/22 |

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

The following warrants and transfers were approved:

Payroll Warrant #22102	4/21/22	\$171,095.79
AP Warrant # 22101	4/19/22	\$1,846,678.60
Account transfers for BCAHS	\$519.56 and \$5,816.79	

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the warrants and transfers. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022.

An email communication from Davis Santoro was received.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the request of David Santoro to use the Attleboro District Court to hold an **Eagle Court of Honor** on May 17, 2022 from 6:00 pm to approximately 8:00 p.m. Overtime is also authorized for one custodian.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Report was received and placed on file. Commissioner Kitchen pointed out that the County would need to work on the items pointed out by the Management Letter. Administrator Gomes stated that she is working on a draft credit card usage policy.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #3819 in the amount of \$5,782.00, received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as the final invoice for the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to 13420-52233.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #19985 dated April 13, 2022 from **Lemieux Heating, Inc.** 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745 in the amount of **\$1,160.82** for a service and repair call to rebuild the backflow at the **Taunton Superior Court**.

To be paid to vendor #465, to be charged to 10610-52269.

A communication was received from Bernard J. McDonald III supporting the purchase of air purifiers at the Fall River Registry of Deeds. County Administrator Gomes indicated that she is waiting for a new notice from Dr. Kelly of Crimson Medical Solutions regarding a new proposal which assures the payment of prevailing wages. A prevailing wage schedule has been provided to Dr. Kelly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to table any decision related to the purchase of air purifiers through the TIPS program as proposed by Crimson Medical Solutions.

Commissioner Mitchell asked that the extension of the Fall River Children's Museum be granted.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to renew the lease agreement with the **Fall River Children's Museum** retroactive to July 1, 2021 for a three year period ending June 30, 2024. The monthly lease amount for the use of the former Fall River Superior Court at 441 North Main Street in Fall River will be \$1,000 per month and it will include all the terms and conditions of the previous lease.

A letter was received from the Bristol County Chief's Association asking for the County to continue to support its public safety programs.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to authorize \$25,000.00 in funding in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to assist with funding the Bristol County Chief's Association and its regional public safety initiatives.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to retain the services of **GGD Consulting Engineers, Inc.** of 375 Faunce Corner Road, Suite D Dartmouth, MA 02747 to perform a study of the current HVAC System at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court as proposed in their proposal L#79952, in the amount of **\$8,000.00**.

A proposal was received from Skyline Contracting and Roofing Corp. to install a new roof at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court. Since the proposal cost was estimated at \$412,250.00, the County would need to hire a design/engineering firm through the public procurement process. DCAMM could probably be an option for the project. Commissioner Kitchen would reach out to DCAMM to inquire about the project. The County would utilize ARPA funding under retained revenue.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to authorize the investigation of the use of the Designer Selection Board from DCAMM, and if not, to proceed with the County's own designer selection process to engage architectural services for the **New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court** for the construction of a new roof.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted contact the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ('DCAMM') to see if there is a designer selection board that we can utilize and if not, we will prepare a document seeking those designer services for the engineering documents for the boiler system at the **Taunton Superior Court**.

#### ARPA Program

Two application have been forwarded to the Commissioners from ARPA Coordinator Jane Gonsalves.

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 **#1015** from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$10,463.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#5165** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

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 **#1036** from the **Town of Easton** for **\$50,000.00** 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.

County Administrator Gomes reported that she has distributed the FY '23 Budget templates to the departments and asked them to return their budgets by May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Priority Needs Hearing will be held on May 17, 2022 at 4:15 pm. The posting and advertising for the hearing will be sent out the last week in April to the newspaper and the city and town clerks.

Commissioner Kitchen stated that the three Register of Deeds and the County Treasurer can be invited to the Priority Needs Hearing.

Derek Costa has notified the Commissioners that the projected County contribution to the school department budget is expected to increase by \$743,244.00 for the FY'23 budget year.

As a follow-up to the Commissioners approval of the elevator inspection at the Taunton Superior Court, a repair estimate to replace the emergency light and alarm kit in the elector.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to authorize proposal #Q-13262 from **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, for the required pre-inspection repairs for the elevator at the **Taunton Superior Court**. Total proposal cost is \$1,755.00.




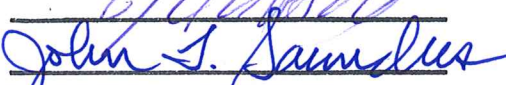
It is noted that this will be charged to #10610-52269 for vendor 282.

Plymouth County has introduced an Amendment #648 to H4700. The amendment would allow the counties of Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk and Plymouth to retain an additional 20% of deeds excise receipts and would allow Barnstable to retain an additional 7.5%. Commissioner Mitchell mentioned this was a similar attempt as previous years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:44 pm. Motion carries.

APPROVED

DATE

5/3/22  
  
  
BRISTOL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS