

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

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen joined remotely, 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 4:13 pm.

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

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| 1. Roseanne Carvalho | Returning from unpaid LOA              | Effective 5/9/22  |
| 2. Anthony Principe  | Term. as Long-Term Special Ed. Teacher | Effective 4/25/22 |
| 3. Bailee Clements   | Part-time .4 Animal Science Teacher    | Effective 5/16/22 |
| 4. Robert Venuto     | Sub. Janitor/Custodian                 | Effective 5/4/22  |
| 5. Debra Steeves     | Sub. Utility Person/Sub. Dishwasher    | Effective 5/4/22  |

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

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     yes

*Motion carries.*

The following warrants and transfers were reviewed/approved:

AP Warrant # 22095	4/12/22	\$250,952.17
AP Warrant #22096	4/12/22	\$1,011,024.88
AP Warrant #22099	4/12/22	\$500.00
Payroll Warrant #22103	4/28/22	\$166,624.21
AP Warrant #22104	5/3/22	\$179,573.50
Payroll Warrant #22105	5/5/22	\$173,784.57

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve this week's warrants and enter into the record the previously approved warrants.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     yes

*Motion carries.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated April 22, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$355,096.78** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for May 2022.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	<b>Account #01-21581</b>	<b>\$354,807.58</b>
	<b>Account #13420-54437</b>	<b>\$ 289.20</b>

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #20220425 from **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.**, 150 Four Winds Drive, Fall River, MA 02720, dated April 25, 2022, for the emergency repair of a copper gutter hanging down at the 441 North Main Street, Fall River, leased to the Fall River Children's Museum.

To be paid to Vendor # 2893 from **13420/52269**.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

It was noted that the aerial lift would be rented for the month at the 441 North Main Street, Fall River location to deal with the emergency repair and inspect and secure other roof areas of the building.

A communication was received from Lisa Rogers the Director of Accounting regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 ending and Fiscal Year 2022 opening balances for the County and School departments. It was noted that the County will have \$1,985,873 in Fund 001 to assist with balancing the upcoming FY'23 Budget.

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

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

A communication was received from Representative Christopher Hendricks related to a Home Rule Petition that he will be filing on behalf of Michael Cioper and obtaining creditable service years.

Mr. Saunders explained that no action can be taken on this matter until the Home Rule Petition has been filed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to table the matter.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen        yes

Mr. Mitchell       yes

Mr. Saunders       yes

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Kitchen, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to request that the County Treasurer deposit any allowed County share of CARES reimbursement funds received (\$596,004.83) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, expended in Fiscal Year 2022 on County buildings 10618 and 10611, back into the appropriate accounts as noted on the attached spreadsheet. Total expended in FY'22 from building **10618** is \$21,318.89 and from building **10611** is \$19,742.93.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen        yes

Mr. Mitchell       yes

Mr. Saunders       yes

*Motion carries.*

Administrator Gomes noted that a communication had been received last week from Boston Mutual indicating a 43% increase in the group life insurance premium. The late notification was unacceptable and the County made this known to the new broker of record Christopher Boudreau. Today, the County was notified by Andrew McLean of Boston Mutual that a no change renewal would be issued for another year while Boston Mutual conducts a more aggressive open enrollment of voluntary plans across all county divisions which make up the group.

Commissioner Kitchen asked that the broker be invited to the next Commissioners meeting.

#### ARPA Program

Ten (10) applications had been forwarded to the commissioners from ARPA Coordinator Jane Gonsalves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen to table action on the City of New Bedford ARPA application #1039.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen        yes

Mr. Mitchell       yes

Mr. Saunders       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 #1030 from the **City of Taunton** for **\$100,000.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.



To be paid to Vendor #200 from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     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 #1014 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$18,084.67** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     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 #1018 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$8,047.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     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 #1019 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$61,783.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders     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 #1020 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$52,085.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders    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 #1021 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$26,887.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders    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 #1022 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$32,388.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders    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 #1038 from the **Town of Mansfield** for **\$210,524.00** 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.

On the motion, Roll Call

Mr. Kitchen      yes

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders    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 #1040 from the **Town of Dighton** for **\$273,719.76** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#1453** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

Scott Aguiar noted under old business that the emergency repair of the dislodged gutter will require a new gutter to be fabricated and installed. An estimate has been received from Jose Cardoza.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Kitchen it was voted, to approve the estimate dated May 2, 2022 from **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.**, 150 Four Winds Drive, Fall River, MA 02720, for the labor and fabrication cost of a new gutter to replace the damaged, hanging gutter previously removed at 441 North Main Street, Fall River, leased to the Fall River Children's Museum. Not to exceed \$2700.00.

To be paid to Vendor # **2893** from **13420/52269** after final invoice is received.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

There being no other business, Commissioner Saunders made a motion, second by Commissioner Kitchen to adjourn at 4:36 pm.


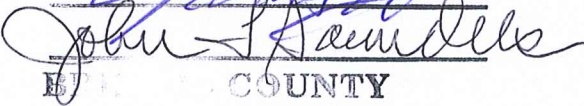
On the motion, Roll Call

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

*Motion carries.*

APPROVED

DATE

5/17/22  
  
  
 JOHN J. SAUNDERS  
 FALL RIVER COUNTY  
 COMMISSIONERS