

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 seventeenth day of May 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, Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar and Christopher Boudreau.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

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| 1. Andrea M. Garabedian | Salary change | Effective 5/9/22 |
| 2. Benjamin R. Medeiros | Off W/C | Effective 5/12/22 |

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

The following warrants and transfers were reviewed/approved:

Payroll Warrant # 22106	5/12/22	\$179,967.28 (previously electronically approved)
AP Warrant #22107	5/17/22	\$1,233,788.14
Payroll Warrant #22110	5/19/22	\$171,908.16

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the three year lease between the County of Bristol and the **Fall River Children's Museum** for the period of **July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024** with the terms and conditions as noted in the agreement. This will be for leasing a portion of the former Fall River Superior Court located at 441 North Main Street, Fall River.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to award citations to the following four students from the Bristol County Agricultural High School:

9th Grade: Christopher Morrissey
 10th Grade: Charleigh Doehler
 11th Grade: Anthony Ashe
 12th Grade: Grace Jackson

Administrator Gomes indicated that the RICOH copier lease at the Bristol County Print Shop expires at the end of June. After some review, RICOH has proposed various lease options. Mr. Vining favors the RICOH Pro C7110SX option which is a color and B & W machine that would enable him to do more in house work.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to authorize the County Administrator to execute a 60 month lease between Bristol County and **RICOH for A Pro C7110SX** copier for the **Bristol County Print Shop** for the quoted monthly rate of \$878.32 plus the software cost of \$68.49 and the monthly maintenance fee. Said lease term to begin upon delivery of equipment.

Vendor #40 to be paid from 10400/54479.

Christopher Boudreau of Boudreau & Boudreau Insurance, Inc. is the new broker of record on the County's Boston Mutual Group Life Insurance Plan. Mr. Boudreau was recently chosen by the County Treasurer to become the new broker.

He was asked to attend the meeting as an introduction to the County Commissioners. Mr. Boudreau explained some of the plan history and frustration that he had learned about related to the servicing of member units on the plan.

The Commissioners told him that they had no objection to him seeking alternative options of like instruments of insurance to see what other companies would offer for rates.

A communication was received from Michael Cioper regarding his years from creditable service. The matter had been tabled at the last meeting when a communication had been received from Representative Hendricks, who would be submitting a petition on Mr. Cioper's behalf. Commissioner Saunders asked that the matter be removed from the table.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to support the pending Massachusetts Special Legislation submitted by Representative Christopher Hendricks, identified as HD 5088, An Act directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Michael Cioper.

ARPA Program

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to remove from the table ARPA Application #1039 from the City of New Bedford.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to re-introduce ARPA application #1039, previously tabled, and approve and authorize the ARPA Director and County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to distribute funds related to the ARPA Application #1039 from the **City of New Bedford** for **\$43,650.00** 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.

The Register of Deeds from the three registries joined the meeting. Barry J. Amaral from Taunton, Sherrilynn Mello from New Bedford and Bernard J. McDonald from Fall River.

Commissioner Kitchen asked the registrars to evaluate how many of the air filtration units they would need in their buildings. The question was posed as to whether an update of any current HVAC systems could accomplish better air filtration. New Bedford is currently waiting for a new HVAC unit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to table discussion on the draft Fraud Policy until a future meeting date.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #205518209-001, dated May 10, 2022, in the amount of \$5,326.60 for a 84-86' boom rental from **United Rentals, Inc., PO Box 100711, Atlanta, GA 30384-0711** to be used for building repairs at 441 North Main Street, Fall River.

To be paid to Vendor #3503, Remit #3 from 10615/52269.

Unanticipated items

Bonding of the school building project and a vote of the Preliminary Official Statement dated May 10, 2022 was discussed due to its timeliness.

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the 17th day of May A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, as follows:

Whereas, Chapter 150 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2018 (the "Bond Act") authorizes Bristol County to issue bonds and notes to finance costs of the Bristol County Agricultural School renovation project (the "Project") in an amount not to exceed \$103,750,000, less the amount of grant funds received for the Project from the Massachusetts School Building Authority; and

Whereas, the County Commissioners have voted previously to authorize the County Treasurer to borrow up to \$64 million of long-term bonds for the Project to be issued under the Bond Act and authorized the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds.; and

Whereas, the Bond Act permits bonds and notes for the Project to be sold at public or private sale, the County has previously sold notes for the Project at private sale and currently anticipates one or more public sales of bonds or notes for the Project.

Now, therefore, to facilitate such public sales of bonds or notes, it is hereby,

VOTED:

1. That the County authorizes any of the Commissioners or the County Treasurer, acting singly (each, an "Authorized Representative"), acting in the name and on behalf of the County, to deliver one or more Preliminary Official Statements in substantially the form of presented at this meeting, and to execute and deliver one or more Official Statements in substantially the form of the corresponding Preliminary

Official Statement, in all cases with such additions, deletions or other changes, not inconsistent with this vote or the Bond Act, as are deemed necessary or desirable by such Authorized Representative, as evidenced conclusively by such Authorized Officer's delivery of such Preliminary Official Statement or execution and delivery of such Official Statement;

2. That the County authorizes any Authorized Representative, acting in the name and on behalf of the County, to executed and deliver one or more continuing disclosure undertakings in substantially the form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate attached as an appendix to the Preliminary Official Statement presented at this meeting, with such additions, deletions or other changes, not inconsistent with this vote or the Bond Act, as are deemed necessary or desirable by such Authorized Representative, as evidenced conclusively by such Authorized Officer's execution and delivery of such continuing disclosure undertaking;

3. That the County authorizes any Authorized Representative, acting in the name and on behalf of the County, to executed and deliver one or more purchase contracts for the sale of bonds or notes for the Project to underwriters, investment banks, broker-dealers or other purchasers named in such purchase contracts, in substantially the form of the Bond Purchase Agreement presented at this meeting, with such additions, deletions or other changes not inconsistent with this vote or the Bond Act, as are deemed necessary or desirable by such Authorized Representative, as evidenced conclusively by such Authorized Officer's execution and delivery of such purchase contract;

4. That the County authorizes any Authorized Representative, acting in the name and on behalf of the County, to take such actions not inconsistent with this vote or the Bond Act (including without limitation to execute and/or deliver such other representations, certificates, agreements, instruments or documents), as are deemed necessary or desirable by such Authorized Representative in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of bonds or notes for the Project, as evidenced conclusively by such Authorized Officer's action, execution and/or delivery; and

5. That the County hereby ratifies, affirms and approves the delivery of the Preliminary Official Statement presented at this meeting and all other actions, not inconsistent with this vote or the Bond Act, taken by any Authorized Representative prior to this meeting in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of bonds or notes for the Project.

Upon the motion, Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to open the Priority Needs Hearing at 4:48 pm.

The Register of Deeds from all three locations were present to discuss their preliminary budget submittals and the needs of their departments for Fiscal Year 2023.

The *Fall River Register of Deeds*, Bernard J. McDonald III was asked to review his department's needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. McDonald mentioned that the overall budget increased by 2.5%. He has one vacancy open that will be filled as a Junior Clerk position. His non-union people have a 2% increase and his own salary is reflected at 5%.

Commissioner Kitchen mentioned that a 5% increase for the registers salaries may not be possible.

Mr. McDonald mentioned that his priority in the upcoming year is his roof.

The *Taunton Register of Deeds*, Barry J. Amaral reviewed his department's needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

His overall budget is increased by 2.5%. He has given his two non-union people a 3% raise and put in 5% for his position. He will be filling two vacancies due to retirements. He anticipates two other retirements. Miscellaneous contractual includes the rental of space for the Attleboro satellite location.

Currently the facilities Superintendent is looking at maintenance and upgrading of the current HVAC system and other AC's in his building.

The *New Bedford Register of Deeds*, Sherrilynn Mello reviewed her department's needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget has increased by the 2.5%. Her nonunion person has a 2% increase, with a 5% for her position as Register of Deeds. She is thinking about an Assistant Register of Deeds position.

Commissioner Kitchen explained that if she wants to put in an Assistant Register position in FY '23, it would need to be listed in the budget if she wishes to do that during the fiscal year. She is waiting for the arrival of her new HVAC system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to close the hearing and adjourn at 5:13 pm.

APPROVED

DATE _____

6/1/2022

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John J. Saunders
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