

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 seventh day of September A.D., 2022 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen (joined the meeting at 4:13 pm), Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

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

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

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

1. Jessica L. Fontaine	Long Term Sub	Effective 8/29/22
2. Elizabeth Savage	Long Term Sub	Effective 8/22/22
3. Christopher A. Costa	Salary Change-Teacher	Effective 8/22/22
4. Kellie J. Costa	Salary Change-Guidance	Effective 8/22/22
5. Tracy Powers	Account Change	Effective 8/29/22
6. Gregg A. Surdi	Termination-Resignation	Effective 8/19/22
7. Olga Vertentes	New-Food Service Cook	Effective 8/22/22
8. Bethany A. Boudreau-Santilli	Account change	Effective 8/22/22
9. Michael R. Weber	Account change	Effective 8/22/22
10. Tennille Kazijian	Account change	Effective 8/22/22
11. Linda Cestodio	1:1 Teacher Aide	Effective 8/29/22
12. Brian S. Costa	Resigned-4 days' pay	Effective 9/05/22
13. Shelly Buckley	P-T Para/Teacher's Aide	Effective 9/06/22

Received a notice from the Bristol County Register of Deeds Amaral on the following employment matter:

1. Marjorie Roy	FMLA	Effective 7/11/22
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Received a notice from the Fall River Register of Deeds McDonald on the following employment matter:

1. Virginia L. Plasski	IT Director-FMLA	Effective 7/20/22
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A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the CP's as presented.

The following warrants were reviewed:

Payroll Warrant #23015	9/1/22	\$184,712.53 (previously approved)
Payroll Warrant #23019	9/8/22	\$208,442.97
AP Warrant #23016	9/7/22	\$1,449,216.01

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022.

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 August 24, 2022 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$371,936.35** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for September 2022.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$371,647.15
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 289.20

A communication was received from the Department of the Army regarding a Department of Defense program and Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) identified near Bristol County. The Former Barney Joy Battery water range has been identified as a possible FUDS site. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was VOTED that the County Tax of **\$7,193,853.66**, granted the County of Bristol for the fiscal period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 be apportioned as follows and the Clerk issue warrants to the cities and towns in said County for their proportion of the same, to be paid to the County Treasurer:

Municipality	Tax
Acushnet	138,539.65
Attleboro	542,492.11
Berkley	99,165.22
Dartmouth	637,282.39
Dighton	119,581.59
Easton	419,993.89
Fairhaven	255,204.62
Fall River	641,657.33
Freetown	166,247.58
Mansfield	440,410.26
New Bedford	713,114.62
No. Attleborough	450,618.44
Norton	297,495.67
Raynham	259,579.56
Rehoboth	220,205.13
Seekonk	279,995.93
Somerset	246,454.75
Swansea	249,371.37
Taunton	631,449.15
Westport	<u>384,994.40</u>
	\$7,193,853.66

A water leak testing report was received from the John F. Shea Co, Inc. for gutter sections at the Taunton Superior Court. The test was to ascertain whether the internal drains in the building were the cause of leaking. Scott

Aguiar stated that it was determined that the internal drains were not the issue, the damage was coming from the outside.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to proceed with scope and sequence for the restoration of the gutters and any masonry sections on the front sections of the Taunton Superior Court and the front turrets directly related to internal leak sections based on the August 12, 2022 Gutter Inspection Report.

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

• Invoice #103046	07/15/22	\$1,059.50	10618/52269
• Invoice #10335	08/05/22	\$4,924.83	10618/52269
• Invoice #103539	08/18/22	\$435.00	10618/52269
• Invoice #103144	07/22/22	\$690.00	10611/52269

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** and the **New Bedford Superior Court**.

Vendor #540 to be paid as noted above.

The New Bedford District Court HVAC Study conducted by GGD Consulting was reviewed. In the study, options 1-4 were provided. The GGD mechanical engineer recommended Option 4.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to put the specifications out to bid based on Option 4 provided in the GGD Consulting Engineers' **New Bedford District Court HVAC Study** dated August 15, 2022.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Coincidentally, Administrator Gomes noted that she had received a phone call yesterday requesting a meeting between the Commissioners and Trial Court Facilities Director Charles O'Brien and the 1st Chief Justice sometime during the third week in September to discuss the New Bedford Third District Court building. Any day that week would be acceptable to the Commissioners.

An invitation has been received from the Children's Advocacy Center to attend their ribbon cutting ceremony on September 16th from 3-5 pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to receive and place on file. Commissioners Saunders and Kitchen would try to attend.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded 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 **#1071** from the **City of New Bedford** for **\$197,859.22** 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.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded 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 **#1048** from the **Town of Berkley** for **\$49,774.00** as submitted and approved through the Bristol County ARPA Portal.

To be paid to Vendor **#5160** from the **ARPA** funding as designated by the County Treasurer.

A "Notice of Public Hearing" has been received from the City of New Bedford Planning Board regarding a Site Plan Review for a proposed construction of a commercial Parking lot and associated site improvements at NS & 195 Kempton Street. The property is located diagonal from the County's property at 75 N. Sixth Street. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

The County Treasurer was able to sign into the National Opioid Settlement Portal. The first draw down is scheduled for some time mid-September.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to authorize the County Treasurer to request drawdowns from the National Opioid Settlements as structured by the Agreement as a participating subdivision.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

It was decided to make a meeting schedule change.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, the September 20th meeting would be cancelled. The Statutory Meeting will be September 27th and the October 4th meeting will be changed to Wednesday, October 5th.

Scott Aguiar indicated that to alleviate the problems with the fire/burglar alarm system at the Attleboro District Court, new equipment must be purchased.

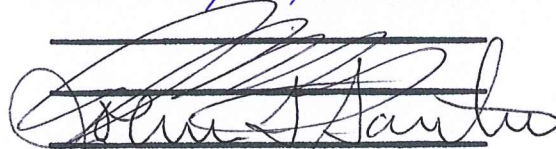
Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to authorize the emergency purchase to replace the fire alarm/burglar equipment control at the **Attleboro District Court** as proposed by the September 3, 2022 proposal from **Paul's Systems, Inc., 739 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745** in the amount of \$2,711.00.

To be paid to Vendor #6592 from 10619/52269 when invoiced.

APPROVED

DATE

9/27/22

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Santos", is written over three horizontal lines.

**BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**