

**A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD**

**Thursday, July 19.2018**

**Taunton Superior Courthouse**

A Public Meeting of the Bristol County Advisory Board commenced at 6:04 P.M. on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Taunton Superior Courthouse.

Notice of this meeting was issued to all members of the Advisory Board, posted on the County website, in the County Courthouses, published in the Taunton Daily Gazette and sent to the City and Town Halls in Bristol County.

Chairman Joseph Pacheco opened the meeting and asked all to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken by Maria V. Gomes, County Administrator, and Eleven out of Twenty communities were present for a total of 57.65 percent of the votes out of a total of 100.00.

<b>City or Town</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Attleboro	Paul Heroux	7.35
Dighton	Nancy Goulart	1.55
Easton	Dottie Fulginiti	5.77
Fairhaven	Daniel Freitas	3.48
Fall River	Derek Viveiros	9.36
Mansfield	Michael A Trowbridge, Sr.	6.07
Norton	Michael Flaherty	3.78
Raynham	Joseph Pacheco	3.48
Rehoboth	Frederick E. Vadnais Jr.	3.04
Taunton	Thomas C. Hoye Jr.	8.33
Westport	Richard W. Brewer	<u>5.44</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>57.65%</b>

Chairman Pacheco introduced the Executive Board, County Commissioners, County Administrator, County Treasurer and the Bristol County Agricultural High School Superintendent.

Paul Kitchen, Chairman of the County Commissioners made an opening statement highlighting that the FY 2019 Budget had increased less than 1%. He mentioned that the union employees were given the percentage increases as stated in the collective bargaining agreements. He also stated that the County had made a health care change in Fiscal Year 2019, changing health plan administrators from the Mayflower Health Group to the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association ("MIIA"). He mentioned that County Administrator Gomes had worked with the health care provider and the County will realize a savings of approximately \$500,000.00 this fiscal year.

Upon motion of Mayor Thomas C. Hoye Jr., seconded by Norton Selectman Michael Flaherty, it was unanimously voted to re-elect Raynham Selectman Joseph R. Pacheco as Chairman and Dighton Selectwoman Nancy Goulart as Clerk of the Bristol County Executive Board.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Norton Selectman Flaherty, it was unanimously voted to appoint Rehoboth Selectman Frederick E. Vadnais Jr. as the Executive Member of the Bristol County Advisory Board.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Fairhaven Selectman Freitas, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018.

Chairman Pacheco stated that he would not be reading the line by line FY 19 Budget. Each member had been provided with a copy of the printed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Hearing no objections, he continued.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Fairhaven Selectman Freitas, it was unanimously voted to approve it was voted to approve and authorize the County to issue the FY 2019 County Tax in the amount of **\$6,517,276.35**. Unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Rehoboth Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to approve the Estimated County Receipts for FY 2019 in the amount of **\$21,849,781.04**. Unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, it was voted to approve the County Budget for FY 2019 in the amount of **\$21,849,781.04**. Unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Rehoboth Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to approve the **Bristol County Agricultural High School Budget for Fiscal Year 2019** in the amount of **\$9,472,833.00**. Unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Rehoboth Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to approve the **Bristol County Agricultural High School Capital Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2019** in the amount of **\$11,798.75**. Unanimously approved.

Selectwoman Goulart asked the Chairman if the Advisory Board could be updated about the status of the school' building project.

Superintendent Adele Sands updated the Advisory Board by stating the legislation had passed both the House and Senate and the legislation has been forwarded to the Governor for his signature. She thanked the Advisory Board members for their support. She also mentioned the school's farm stand and its hours. Advisory Board members were invited to the school's Fall Show in October.

She also mentioned that the school had provided bushels of fresh vegetables and asked that those in attendance take some home with them.

A motion was made by Dighton Selectwoman Goulart, seconded by Fairhaven Selectman Freitas to adjourn at 6:17 pm.