

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at New Bedford within and for the County of Bristol on the second day of January A.D., 2019 by successive adjournments from the September term of the previous year.

Present: Chairman Paul B. Kitchen and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Meeting commenced at 11:30 am.

It being the first Wednesday of January 2019, Bristol County Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen administered the oaths of office to Barry J. Amaral, Northern District Register of Deeds; Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., Southern District Register of Deeds, and Bernard J. McDonald III, Fall River District Register of Deeds who were elected to their respective offices in the November 2018 election.

Notices were received from the Bristol County Agricultural High School regarding the following employment matters:

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| 1. Aaron G. Caswell | Paid Administrative Leave | Effective 12/12/18 |
| 2. Derek Costa | School Business Manager | Effective 1/07/19 |
| 3. Wendy A. Irons | School Bus. Mgr.-Retirement | Effective 1/23/19 |
| 4. Susan Davis | Termination-Media Specialist | Effective 1/09/19 |
| 5. John Martin | Substitute Teacher | Effective 1/03/19 |
| 6. Kourtne Bouley | Substitute Teacher | Effective 1/03/19 |
| 7. Madeline McGuire | Title 1 Teachers Aide | Effective 1/02/19 |

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the AP Warrant #19062 in the amount of \$58,407.73.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen it was unanimously voted to approve and to send to the County Treasurer for payment, the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan invoice dated December 14, 2018, in the amount of \$57,911.79 due January 15, 2019, for the Bristol County Agricultural High School Sewer Project.

It is noted this will be to Vendor #6993 and charged in this manner: \$49,281.70 to 97100230-57705
\$ 8,630.09 to 98600230-57710

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen it was unanimously voted to approve and to send to the County Treasurer for payment, the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan invoice for Administrative Fees dated December 14, 2018, in the amount of \$647.26 due January 31, 2019, for the loan taken out for the Bristol County Agricultural High School Sewer Project.

It is noted this will be to Vendor #6993 and charged in this manner: \$647.26 to 97100230-57706.

Motion was made to adjourn at 11:51 am.

It was voted to authorize Paul B. Kitchen, Chairman, to execute the representation letter from Lynch, Marini and Associates, Inc. and forward to Christopher T. Saunders, Treasurer for their signatures.

It is noted once executed by all parties; this letter will be sent to Lynch, Marini and Associates.

Item #6 on the Agenda was removed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to accept and place on file the Surety Bond for Bernard J. McDonald III, Fall River Register of Deeds.

Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Gomes reported that Crocker Architectural was currently working on the new gutters above the main courtroom at the Taunton Superior Court.

Facilities Superintendent expected to hear back from the Project Manager from RebuildEx as to when the inside repairs will begin. Nothing on the court schedule until May.

She suggested that an article be developed to be placed on the Agenda to set aside funds for the repairs needed at the county buildings. The unexpected roof leak at the Taunton Superior Courthouse will use up all funds currently set aside in the County Deeds Budget. There are a number of other building issues that need to be addressed.

Unanticipated Items

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen it was unanimously voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer’s Office for payment, invoice dated December 20, 2018 from the MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110, in the amount of \$385,167.29 for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for January, 2019.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$384,936.89
	Account #1340-54437	\$ 230.40

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen it was unanimously voted to approve and to send to the County Treasurer for payment, the reimbursement request of \$99.15 from County Administrator Gomes for the purchase of thirteen emergency backup batteries for lights at the Attleboro District Court.

To be paid to #3012 from 10619-53399.

The Director of Accounting, Lisa Rogers is looking into obtaining a County credit card so that purchases can be made with that card rather than employees personal credit cards.

Administrator Gomes reminded the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Association of County Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th in Falmouth. The meeting attendance will be posted in case any votes need to be taken by the Commissioners.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:51 am