

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the eighth day of January A.D., 2020, by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Administrator Gomes stated that the first item on the agenda was to accept nominations for the position of Chairman for the Bristol County Commissioners.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to nominate Paul B. Kitchen as Chairman of the Bristol County Commissioners for Calendar Year 2020.

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

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| 1. | Leslie Blanchette | Voc. Curriculum Coordinator | Effective 12/16/19 |
| 2. | Melanie O’Gara | Substitute Teacher | Effective 01/08/20 |
| 3. | Kourtnie Bouley | Terminate Sub. Teacher | Effective 01/10/20 |
| 4. | Kourtnie Bouley | Natural Resource Mgmt. Teacher | Effective 01/13/20 |

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019.

The following Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved:

Payroll Warrant	#20060	\$155,759.97
AP Warrant	#20059	\$495,103.77
Payroll Warrant	#20064	\$173,306.29
AP Warrant	#20063	\$ 49,697.89

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the Warrants as presented.

Administrator Gomes presented a report from a Henry Sousa dated December 20, 2019 regarding a slip and fall that he had on the stairs outside the Attleboro District Court. There were also statements from the Senior Building Custodian and from a crossing guard. Received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer’s Office for payment, invoice #168 in the amount of \$5,000.00, received from **Lynch**

Marini & Associates, Inc., 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061 as the first invoice for the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to **13420-52233**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer for payment, the invoice #8335, dated 1/2/2020, from **Silver City Glass, Inc.** 8 Cohannet Ct., Taunton MA 02780 in the amount of **\$451.00** for the emergency repair of the Law Library window at the Taunton Superior Court.

Paid to vendor #7920 from **10610/52269**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to engage **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, to file and arrange for the required annual inspection and safety test for one elevator located at the Taunton Superior Court, 9 Court Street, Taunton which is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, Section 64, Chapter 143.

It was further voted to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$422.00 for one unit, permit application fee of \$ 400.00 and \$ 22.00 for Permit Processing Fees, to be made payable to the Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc. for electronic filing (**Quote# Q-11113**).

Vendor #282 be charged to Budget Item # **10610-54479**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer for payment, the Invoice #10016 in the amount of \$890.13 from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 to perform an emergency repair of the sink at the New Bedford 3rd District Court

To be paid to Vendor #553 from account **10618-52264**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer for payment, the Invoice #10015 in the amount of **\$1,383.73** from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 to perform an emergency repair of the heating system at the Fall River Children's Museum, 441 No. Main Street, Fall River.

To be paid to Vendor #553 from account **10612-52264**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #18273 dated December 13, 2019 from **Lemieux Heating, Inc.** 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745 in the amount of **\$1,936.96** for the cleaning and repairs of the boiler at the Taunton Superior Court.

To be paid to vendor #465, to be charged to **10610-52269**.

A communication from Roxanne L. Donovan, Executive Director of the Bristol County Retirement Board, announcing the County’s Fiscal Year 2021 pension appropriation. Received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to certify to the board of selectmen of each town and to the treasurer or other disbursing officer of each district, the amounts which have been allocated to such town or district, to be paid to the Bristol County Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell 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 15, 2019, in the amount of **\$58,490.23** due January 15, 2020, for the Bristol County Agricultural High School Sewer Project.

It is noted this will be to Vendor #**6993** and charged in this manner: **\$50,352.96 to 97100230-57705**
\$ 8,137.27 to 98600230-57710

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell 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 15, 2019, in the amount of **\$610.30 due January 31, 2020**, 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: **\$610.30 to 97100230-57706**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve the extension of a contract with **Avenu Enterprise Solutions**, LLC, as recommended by Register of Deeds Bernard J. McDonald, III. Said contract will be for three (3) years beginning September 13, 2019. Year one of the contract will be for \$6,550.00 with a 3% increase in each subsequent year.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to appoint the following representatives to the Board of Trustees to the Bristol County Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust (‘OPEB’):

County Commissioner Representative	John T. Saunders
Member	Barry J. Amaral
Member	Peter Carreiro

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to rescind the County Commissioner’s vote of August 27, 2019 pertaining to actuarial services as it relates to Other Post-Employment Benefits (‘OPEB’) that were to be performed by Stone Consulting Inc.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to engage **Odyssey Advisors, 11 Hayward Avenue, Bldg.4, Colchester, CT 06415** to provide actuarial valuation and consulting services for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 related to GASB 74 & 75 and OPEB. Odyssey Advisor was the lowest bid out of three proposals. Said contract rate would be \$6,350.00 with additional in person meeting to be \$750.00.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize the County Administrator to purchase a new time stamp machine for the County Commissioner's office.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve the mileage payment to the County Administrator that was dated back to October 2019 in the amount of **\$108.16**. Vendor #3012 to be paid from 10300/52282.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve the February 4, 2019 quote from **Gorman Construction, Inc.** PO Box 195, Raynham, MA 02767, in the amount of **\$11,660.00**, to repair the noted roof leaks and skylight repair at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court**. To be paid to Vendor #7947 from 10618/52269.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve the request of David Santoro to use the Attleboro District Court on North Main Street in Attleboro to hold an Eagle Court of Honor on March 11, 2020 from 5:45 pm to approximately 8:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded 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 December 20, 2019 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110**, in the amount of **\$379,589.12** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for **January, 2020**. To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:

Account #01-21581	\$379,343.32
Account #13420-54437	\$ 245.80

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve in accordance with the documentation received from Michelle Loranger, Executive Director, **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County**, 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02720, dated January 1, 2020, and forward to the Treasurer's Office, an invoice for expenses related to the **January** rent only (all occupancy costs are included in the total rent cost) in the amount of **\$2,916.00**. **Although the Center is invoiced by its landlord for a different amount, the Bristol County Commissioners only authorizes an offset rent contribution of \$2,916.00.**

It is noted this is for vendor # **6891** and will be charged to **01000-54490**.

Unanticipated Items

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted, pursuant to Massachusetts Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2018, to authorize County Treasurer Christopher T. Saunders to borrow an

additional **\$13,200,000.00** in a short-term Bond Anticipatory Note ('BAN'), to continue with the Bristol County Agricultural High School Building and Renovation project. Unanimously approved.

Jo-Anne Sbrega would be invited into the January 28, 2020 meeting to discuss grants that the Fall River Children's Museum has received. Mrs. Sbrega has some thoughts on how they would like to use the grant money.

Administrator Gomes briefly mentioned that there is a worker's compensation case for an employee, now retired, at the New Bedford Registry of Deeds that is still active. Register Kalisz is interested in making a settlement offer.

At 4:30 pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation.

The Chairman announced that the Commissioners would not be returning to open session.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes