

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the twentieth day of October 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.

Also present: County Administrator Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar, and Mr. John Perry of Dartmouth.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Meeting is being held in-person and the public is invited to call in remotely.

A Roll Call was taken.

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

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

1. Robin Van-Rotz	FFA Advisor	Effective 8/31/20
2. Christine Courville	School Nurse-Termination	Effective 10/16/20
3. Emily Anderson	Substitute Nurse	Effective 10/14/20
4. Leslie Blanchette	FFA Advisor	Effective 8/31/20
5. Linda Hough	Admin Asst.to Bus. Mgr.	Effective 7/1/20
6. Margaret DeBarros	Food Service Termination	Effective 10/30/20
7. Mildred Gildrites	Sub.Cafeteria Cook Helper	Effective 9/22/20
8. Jo-Anna Bernier	Sub.Cook Helper	Effective 9/2/20

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

On the motion, Roll Call vote:

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

The following Warrants were reviewed:

AP Warrant	10/20/20	#21030	\$128,656.27
AP Warrant	10/20/20	#21031	\$4,498,892.15
Payroll Warrant	10/08/20	#21037	\$159,900.24

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and execute the **FY 2021** Agreement between the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, the Bristol County Retirement System and October 8, 2020. The Agreement allows the County to retain an additional \$2,712,200 in deeds excise revenue in fiscal year 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the proposal dated October 13, 2020 from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, P.O. Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 for the replacement of the detention toilet at the New Bedford Superior Court in the amount of **\$6,910.00**. Araujo was the low bidder.

Vendor # **553** to be paid from to be paid from **10611/52264**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders a motion was made to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #**7593** dated October 9, 2020 in the amount of **\$1,187.50** from **NFP Corporate Services, LLC** 340 Madison Avenue 21st Floor, New York, NY 10173 Attn: Erica Sanchez.

To be paid to Vendor #**7779** from account **13420-52200**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve in accordance with the documentation received from Catherine Rutkowski and Lara Stone, Co-Executive Directors, **Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County**, 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02720, dated October 1, 2020, and

forward to the Treasurer's Office, an invoice for expenses related to the **October** rent only (all occupancy costs are included in the total rent cost) in the amount of **\$4,000.00**.

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the installation of two (2) CAT-6 Cable connections in the Taunton Superior Court in order to provide more technology capabilities in the building. This work would be performed by **ABS Technologies**, 414 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in accordance with his estimate for the proposed scope of work dated October 7, 2020. The estimated cost of the work is \$3,734.00.

Vendor # to be paid from **10610/52299**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

A communication was received from Andy Coakley, an inmate. Mr. Coakley is an inmate writing in to the Commissioners complaining about an event involving him and the New Bedford police.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to receive and place on file. A letter should be sent to Mr. Coakley explaining that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the New Bedford Police Department.

A communication was received from Superintendent Adele Sands of the Bristol County Agricultural School regarding certain non-union pay increases and contracts for non-union people. It was noted that no pay increases could go into effect until the FY 2021 Budget is adopted and approved by the Advisory Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

Administrator Gomes updated the commissioners on the MEDEX rates for calendar year 2021. There would be no change in the rates.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to accept the MIIA Health Benefit Trust **Medex 2 & Blue Medicare Rx** rates for calendar year 2021. There will be no change in the rates. Total premium is \$366.00 per month. County Administrator Gomes would execute the document and forward it to MIIA and a notice will be sent to the Retirees along with the new prescription formulary.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Administrator Gomes mentioned that she had completed the FY 2020 Court house Rental Report. The report totaled \$2,021,678.49. It has been forwarded to the State of Massachusetts.

The FEMA clarifications for COVID expenses has been sent in to FEMA.

She reported that the gutter leak above the Administrator's office has been addressed. The lift was also able to move to the back of the building behind the library by gaining access next to the Trial Court after having one of the ballasts lifted. The large rear gutter system was unclogged. The company will be providing the County with a quote to refabricate the gutter downspouts to provide a better flow.

County Administrator Gomes reported that she is waiting to hear about any changes in the School Budget that was on schedule to be discussed later that evening. Once the school numbers are received she would balance the budget and send it to the commissioners. Derek Costa commented on some of the anticipated changes with the minimum contribution being about \$180,205.00.

Unanticipated

Scott Aguiar reported an emergency repair of the steam line at the Taunton Superior Court. Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the emergency proposal for \$6,600.00 from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, P.O. Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745, dated October 16, 2020, for the emergency replacement of 50' of 5" black steel steam pipe on the heating system at the *Taunton Superior Court*. The pipe has a thumb-hole size opening and is deteriorated and requires immediate replacement.

Vendor # 553 to be paid from 10610/52269.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Kitchen suggested a virtual meeting at 6 pm next Monday, October 26, 2020 to review and vote on the School Budget and the FY 2021 Budget. County Administrator Gomes would prepare the agenda and post a meeting.

Mr. John Perry from 5 Anderson Way, Condo 5i Dartmouth was present and asked to be heard by the County Commissioners regarding an issue he was having with the Town of Dartmouth and the failure of the Police Chief to issue him a license to carry. He indicated that he sent five certified copies of a letter sent to the Selectmen, Town Manager and Chief of Police. Mr. Perry indicated that the Chief of Police will not forward his license to carry that was renewed while he was Acting Chief. The police chief is claiming that Mr. Perry is "unsuitable". The Commissioners explained that they did not have any jurisdiction over the Town of Dartmouth's police chief and his

authority to grant a firearm's license. Commissioner Mitchell suggested that Mr. Perry re-apply and if he denies the license, he can appeal it to court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to go into Executive Session at 4:46 pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. The Commissioners would not be reconvening in Open Session.

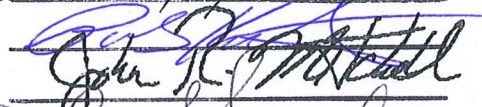
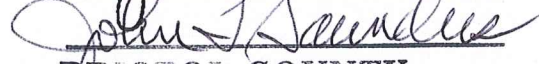
On the motion, Roll Call:

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

APPROVED

DATE

11/4/2020



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