

## 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 sixth 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.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:05 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. Brian Lehane	Sub. Janitor/Custodian	Effective 9/30/20
2. Dacia Sharp	Substitute Teacher	Effective 10/07/20
3. Richard Rivera	Sub. Janitor/Custodian	Effective 10/07/20

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell 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	10/06/20	#21029	\$43,282.53
Payroll Warrant	10/08/20	#21033	\$160,366.76

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchel, 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 Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Saunders	yes

Mr. Kitchen        yes

A communication was received from MAPRE Insurance regarding employee Virginia Plasski who was involved in an automobile accident.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to authorize County Administrator Gomes to certify the sick time buyback to MAPFRE Insurance for employee Virginia Plasski. Ms. Plasski is eligible for a 75% reimbursement of her sick time resulting from an automobile accident. She used 285.5 hours of sick time as a result of her automobile accident.

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 and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice # 11208 dated October 1, 2020, in the amount of **\$2,320.00** from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 to replace insulation piping at the New Bedford 3rd District Court.

Vendor # **553** to be paid from **10618/52269**

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 and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #'s 96735, 96736 & 96792 in the amounts of \$279.00, \$1,113.00, & \$4,102.35 respectfully, from **Advance Air & Heat Company Inc.** 177 Bullock Road, East Freetown MA 02717. Total for all invoices **\$5,494.35**.

Vendor #**540** to be paid from **10618/52269**

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 and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #35809 in the amount of **\$65,000.00** from the **J.D. Rivet & Co, Inc.**, 1635 Page Blvd. Springfield, MA 01104, dated September 24, 2020, and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment as the first installment on Contract #001-2020 for the Gable Roof construction at the Taunton Superior Court. **To be paid from FY 2020 Encumbered Funds 10610/52265.**

Vendor #**8020**

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 forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, an invoice for legal services dated September 21, 2020 from *Attorney Robert M. Novack, 16 Bedford Street, Suite 3 A, Fall River, MA 02720*, in the amount of \$750.00.

Vendor # 3484 to be paid from 13420/52235.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Administrator Gomes noted that the water leak concerns in the office areas of the County Commissioner's has worsened. The leaks and damage are a health concern.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the emergency expense of repairing the water leaks in the exterior gutter areas above the Commissioner's Office work areas. **J.D. Rivet & Co, Inc.**, 1635 Page Blvd. Springfield, MA 01104 is currently on site doing the rear roof replacement and they are willing to address the areas. Maximum expenditure not to exceed \$8,000.00. Should the materials and labor cost exceed that, the Commissioners are to be contacted to authorize any further expenditure.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Administrator Gomes noted that she had reached out to the Selectman Joseph Pacheco who is the Chairman of the Bristol County Advisory Board. She was inquiring about his availability of dates to have the Advisory Board Meeting. He had indicated that he was available October 29, November 5 and November 12<sup>th</sup>. He also inquired about offering a remote participation capability due to the COVID 19 conditions. Administrator Gomes stated that she told him that she would have that discussion with the County Commissioners about location and a dial in option.

Derek Costa, Business Manager for the high school suggested the possible use of the gym at the high school. Mr. Costa would explore that option.

There was a brief discussion about distribution of the budget to the County's cities and towns. It appears that under MGL Chapter 35, Section 28, the budget needs to be distributed by November 1.

The school has also scheduled a budget revision hearing for October 20<sup>th</sup>. The budget will not be able to be balanced and finalized until the school numbers are received, reviewed and accepted.



Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment the following medical bill incurred by the employee listed in the schedule below as a result of an injury received in a work related accident:

EMPLOYEE	DOS	VENDOR	AMOUNT SUBMITTED	AMOUNT PAID
Deborah Lima-Gonsalves D.O. I 7-30-18		Southcoast Hospitals PO Box 11357 Boston, MA 02211		
	01/015/120	CPT 72040	\$255.00	\$42.15
<b>TOTAL INVOICES:</b>			<b>\$255.00</b>	<b>\$42.15</b>

To be paid to vendor #2578 from 13402-54404.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Unanticipated

Derek Costa briefly touched on the discussion that will be on the agenda at the Board of Trustees meeting later that night. One of the topics will be a discussion on the assessment of debt for the school building project and how that will impact the student assessment for each of the cities and towns. He indicated that the school would need to be looking at the debt assessment in FY '22 and they would be working closely with the County Treasurer. Commissioner Mitchell indicated that he would speak to Mr. Costa further on the subject.

Commissioner Saunders stated that he had been asked by State Representative Christopher Markey about the possible use of parking spaces at the NB 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court. There was a brief discussion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the use of two of the parking spots for lawyers of the day and eight of the other juror's spots for temporary attorney parking at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court, until such a time that jurors have been called back for sessions at the court.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:30 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

**APPROVED**  
**DATE**

*10/20/2020*  
*[Signature]*  
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*John J. Saunders*  
**BRISTOL COUNTY**  
**COMMISSIONERS**