

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden remotely via Go-To-Meeting within and for the County of Bristol on the twenty-third day of February 2021, by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell (on the phone) and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Also in attendance: County Administrator, Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

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

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

1. David Rines	Terminated as Temp. Janitor	Effective 2/15/21
2. David Rines	Hired-FT Janitor/Custodian	Effective 2/16/21
3. Katie Kochan	FT Sub Counselor	Effective 2/22/21-6/30/21

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Item #4 was addressed by the Commissioners.

Attorney Dan O'Connor and Mr. Edward Cabral were on the phone joining the meeting. Mr. Cabral, by way of his attorney, was looking for the County Commissioners to support a Home Rule Petition filed on his behalf by Representative D'Emilia, which would call for the Bristol County Retirement Board to credit Mr. Cabral with creditable service for the period January 1, 1984 to May 31, 1993.

Commissioner Kitchen asked Attorney O'Connor if they had anything else to add. There being no other information to add and no questions from Commissioner Saunders or Commissioner Mitchell, the commissioners would take the matter under advisement and provide a response to Mr. Cabral and his attorney within 30 days.

The following Warrants were reviewed:

Payroll Warrant	02/18/21	#21075	\$154,655.46
AP Warrant	02/23/21	#21076	\$419,753.44
Payroll Warrant	02/25/21	#21077	\$152,823.68

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted in accordance with a recommendation dated February 12, 2021 from Deborah Rose of the New Bedford Registry of Deeds to authorize the purchase of a HX 4944 Zeuschel Omniscan OS12002 overhead book scanner from **RetroFit Technologies, 455 Fortune Blvd, Milford, MA 01757. Quote # 88037 in the amount of \$27,818.01.**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #19183 dated February 11, 2021 from **Lemieux Heating, Inc. 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745** in the amount of **\$2,545.17** for an emergency service and repair call at the Taunton Superior Court

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #11628 dated February 11, 2021 in the amount of **\$1,876.54** from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745** for an emergency service and repair call at the Taunton Superior Court.

Vendor # **553** to be paid from **10610/52269**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, 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 February 1, 2021, and forward to the Treasurer's Office, an invoice for expenses related to the **February** 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

*Motion carries.*

A separate communication dated February 17, 2021 from Co-Executive Directors Stone and Rutkowski was received announcing that the Children's Advocacy Center through fundraising and its capital campaign have purchased the property at 58 Arch Street, Fall River. They asked the commissioners for the county's continued support of its programs and the county's continued allocation of \$31,000 to support its operating expenses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to table the matter to March 9, 2021 meeting.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Traveler's Insurance through Sylvia Insurance had provided some recommendation for work on the boiler at 441 North Main Street in Fall River. Scott Aguiar, Facilities Superintendent provided the commissioners with an update and indicated that a written report would be provided as soon as the items were addressed.

County Administrator Gomes briefly reviewed the receipt of the bi-annual report from the Division of Local Services for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The report has been shared with the Advisory Board members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to receive and place on file.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

A verbal notification was received from MIIA indicating a .52% increase in the health insurance rates effective July 1, 2021. MIIA will also be providing quotes for dental and vision voluntary plans. MIIA has asked for 24 month of dental claims history.

The FSA program is in the works. Our insurance consultant will be obtaining quotes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

#### Old Business

One of the custodians who was offered a position as custodian has withdrawn his application.

#### Unanticipated

Facilities Superintendent Aguiar stated that he had to address a faucet and cracked sink that the judge pointed out at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office, invoice #11636 dated February 12, 2021 in the amount of **\$1,115.34** from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 for a service and repair call at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Mr. Aguiar stated that he had received two quotes to cap the reducing station on the boiler system at the Taunton Superior Court. The low bidder to do this work was Araujo Bros.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell it was voted to approve **quote** dated February 23, 2021 of **\$1,743.25** from **Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating**, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 to perform an emergency repair of a steam pressure reducing system on the Taunton Superior Court Boiler.

To be paid to Vendor #**553** from account **10610-52269**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:24 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

APPROVED

DATE

3/9/2021



BRISTOL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

