## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**BRISTOL SS** 

Taunton, September 22, 2020

The September term of the County Commissioners was commenced in Taunton this day, it being the fourth Tuesday of said September.

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

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:03 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. Andrea Garabedian

New: Teacher-PE/Health

Effective 9/23/20

2. Kathleen Reilly

Yearbook Advisor

Effective 9/8/20

3. Alexander McKeen

Regrade

Effective 8/24/20

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

9/22/20 #21025

\$504,047.70

Payroll Warrant

9/24/20 #21027

\$158,746.73

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 8, 2020.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

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Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

A communication was received from the New Bedford Finance and Operations Manager regarding the annual application for the JAG Grant.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to endorse the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application for the cities of Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton. 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 \$250.33 mileage reimbursement for County Administrator Gomes for dates between January-June 2020 from previous year's bill.

Vendor #3012 to be paid from 13420/52200.

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 forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #118953, dated July 1, 2020 from the **Massachusetts Municipal Human Resources**, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110 in the amount of \$350.00 for the annual membership dues for the County Administrator.

Vendor # 7658 charged to 13420-52234.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

The commissioners reviewed the MOA received from the UAW representing the Registry of Deeds union employees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to endorse the recommendation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Bristol and the International Union, United Autoworkers Workers of America (UAW), AFL-CIO and its Local Union 1596, made up of Registry of Deeds employees for the following periods:

FY' 2021-July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 FY' 2022-July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 FY' 2023-July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Said MOA will be sent to the Advisory Board for review and a vote.

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 Operating and Deeds Excise Budget for the Fall River Registry of Deeds, submitted by Register Bernard, for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$1,352,087.49.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

Yes

Mr. Saunders

Yes

Mr. Kitchen

Yes

The Commissioners reviewed the three proposal to provide auditing services to the County. Commissioner Saunders indicated that he had discussion with the County Treasurer and he also recommended awarded the contract for services to Lynch Marini and Associates.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to award a three year contract for Bristol County's financial auditing services to **Lynch Marini & Associates Inc.**, 99 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061.

Contract years and amounts:

FY '20 Audit

\$30,500

FY '21 Audit

\$31,500

FY '22 Audit

\$32,500

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

Yes

Mr. Saunders

Yes

Mr. Kitchen

Yes

Facilities Manager, Scott Aguiar indicated that there was a problem with the HVAC system at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court. The emergency repair that is needed will cost approximately \$4,102.00.

County Administrator Gomes passed out MGL Chapter 35, Section 28 regarding the budget distribution dates and timeframes.

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Mitchell

Yes

Mr. Saunders

Yes

Mr. Kitchen

Yes

APPROVED

DATE

BAISTOL COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS