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 sixth day of January 2021, 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 in attendance: County Administrator Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:07 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. Sara Faria

Food Service/Utility Person PT

Effective 1/25/2021

2. Seth R. Cook

Parental Leave

Effective 1/28/2021

3. Margaret DeBarros

Substitute Cook Helper PT

Effective 1/27/2021

The following Warrants were reviewed:

AP Warrant

01/27/21

\$47,358.79

Payroll w/e

01/28/21

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

On the motion, Roll Call vote:

Mr. Saunders

yes Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of January 12 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call vote:

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

Motion carries.

yes

abstained

Mr. Mitchell

A surety bond was received for Adele Sands in the amount of \$5,000.

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

On the motion, Roll Call vote:

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Mitchell yes Mr. Kitchen yes *Motion carries*.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the requests from Derek Costa, Business Manager of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, dated January 19, 2021, designated as **Phase 8** Surplus, and to declare all the identified property as surplus.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Kitchen yes
Motion carries.

Item # 7 was asked to be withdrawn from by the New Bedford Register of Deeds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchel to withdraw Item #7 from consideration.

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 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 January 1, 2021, 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 \$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.

Old Business

Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that he had spoken to Attorney Assad who represents the Bristol County Sheriff's Department on the matter of the open lease of office space at the Taunton Superior Court. Commissioner Mitchell said that he mentioned asking for rent for the remainder of the fiscal year. They are offering to pay the back rent due to the county which would be

Commissioner Saunders made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to continue negotiations and request at least six (6) months rent.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

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Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar indicated that he had interviewed several people for the two open positions of custodian for the County.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the recommendation of Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar to make a conditional offer of employment to **Daniel Alix** of 43 Richfield Street, North Dartmouth and **Kevin Arruda** 56 Consul Street, Fall River for custodian positions with Bristol County. Each individual will be required to have a pre-employment physical and CORI background check.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Unanticipated

Annual bonds were received for John Collias and Barry Amaral.

Commissioner Saunders made a motion, 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.

Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar asked the Commissioners to approve the emergency repair of the air handlers system at the New Bedford 3rd District Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the emergency verbal estimates from **Advance** *Air & Heat Company Inc.* 177 Bullock Road, East Freetown MA 02717 for the emergency repair of the air handler systems at the **New Bedford 3**rd **District Court**. Estimate #1 is for \$1,925.00 and estimate #2 for Handler #8 is \$1,700.00.

Vendor #540 to be paid from 10618/52269

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:17 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders Mr. Kitchen

yes yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED

DATE.

RISTOL COUNTY