

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

Taunton, March 23, 2021

The March term of the County Commissioners was commenced via an in person and teleconference on Go-To-Meeting this day, it being the fourth Tuesday of said March.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen called in remotely, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Mitchell 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 Southern Bristol County Registry of Deeds on the following employment matter:

1. Sherrilynn M. Mello	Resignation as Adm. Assistant	Effective 3/8/21
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Received a notice from the County Commissioner's Office on the following employment matters:

1. Phillip Rodrigues	Address Change & FMLA	Effective 3/8/21
2. Jeremiah T. Kelleher	New Custodian	Effective 3/22/21

Received a notice from the BCAHS on the following employment matter:

1. Dacia Sharp	Substitute Teacher	Effective 3/15/21
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A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve all departmental CP's as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

The following Warrants were reviewed/previously approved:

Payroll Warrant	3/18/21	#21084	\$158,509.84
AP Warrant	3/16/21	#21083	\$1,000.00
AP Warrant	3/16/21	#21079	\$2,872,489.09
AP Warrant	3/16/21	#21078	\$201,069.04
Payroll Warrant	03/25/21	#21086	\$182,918.63
Payroll Warrant	03/25/21	#21087 VOID	\$78.58
Payroll Warrant	03/25/21	#21088	\$78.58
AP Warrant	03/23/21	#21085	\$418,973.11

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve all minutes, as presented, from March 9, 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Facilities Superintendent Aguiar proposed the replacement of AC#5 unit motor at the New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve Quote # 300-2021-1 dated March 16, 2021 from **Advance Air & Heat Company Inc.** 177 Bullock Road, East Freetown MA 02717 for the replacement of the exhaust fan motor on AC #5 at the **New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court**. The quote is for \$3,415.00.

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Administrator Gomes requested the reimbursement of her Notary Certification fee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize the reimbursement of the notary certification renewal of **\$60.00** to County Administrator Maria Gomes.

To be paid to #**3012** from **10300/54479**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries.*

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated March 18, 2021 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$362,852.81** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for April 2021..

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	<b>Account #01-21581</b>	<b>\$362,600.31</b>
	<b>Account #13420-54437</b>	<b>\$ 252.50</b>

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes explained that both she and Peter Carreiro had a zoom meeting today with MIIA. MIIA presented two programs to the county for a voluntary dental and vision program. The dental plan mirrored the coverage currently offered by Altus Dental. However, the rate proposed by MIIA represented a 16.9% reduction in the dental cost. A voluntary vision plan was also proposed. If the County chose to offer both programs, MIIA would offer a 0% increase in the health insurance costs for fiscal year 2022 along with a one month premium holiday.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted, to accept the proposal from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association ('MIIA'), 3 Center Plaza, Suite 610, Boston, MA 02108 to bundle the voluntary Dental Blue Freedom Plan and the voluntary BCBS Insight Standard Vision Plan with the County's current health insurance program beginning July 1, 2021. County Administrator Gomes is also authorized to execute the annual renewal document with MIIA.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes passed out some information on the American Rescue Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to table further discussion on the federal funds program to the next meeting.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes noted that she had been copied on an email sent to County Treasurer Saunders regarding the reimbursement of COVID 19 expenses for the County. She will keep the Commissioners updated on how that progresses.

The continued matter of a request from Edward Cabral regarding a Home rule Petition related to creditable service was discussed. Mr. Cabral nor his attorney were in attendance. Commissioner Mitchell asked that Roxanne Donovan be asked to attend the next meeting of the County Commissioners on April 6<sup>th</sup> to address some questions.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to move into Executive Session at 4:25 pm for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Commissioner Mitchell announced that they would not be reconvening in Open Session.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell     yes

Mr. Saunders    yes

Mr. Kitchen     yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED  
DATE

4/6/21

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BENTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS