

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden via in person and Go-To-Meeting teleconference within and for the County of Bristol on the twentieth day of April A.D., 2021 by successive adjournments from the March 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 4:10 pm.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

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

Received a notice from the County Commissioner's Office on the following employment matters:

1. Leo Dumas	FMLA	Effective 4/30/2021
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Received a notice from Register of Deeds Sherri-Lynn Mello on the following employment matter:

1. Karen A. Avila-Levasseur	Name/Address change	Effective 4/9/2021
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The following Warrants and Payroll for w/e 4/17/2021 were reviewed:

AP Warrant # 21091	\$202,367.08	4/13/21
AP Warrant #21092	\$2,710,506.71	4/13/21
AP Warrant #21093	\$1,500.00	4/13/21
AP Warrant #21096	\$64,211.34	4/20/21
Payroll for w/e 4/17/2021		

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Warrants and Payroll for w/e 4/17/21 as presented.

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 approve the minutes of April 6, 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

A communication was received from Mayor Jon Mitchell of the City of New Bedford regarding the city's application to the U. S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board for authority to use a new procedure to provide quick and easy access to FTZ service for companies, which could provide customs duty savings and logistical benefits.

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

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 to approve and forward to the County Treasurer's Office for payment to the Division of Unemployment Assistance, PO Box 419815, Boston, MA 02241-9815, invoice dated February 8, 2021 & March 8, 2021, for reimbursement of unemployment benefits for former **Bristol County Agricultural High School** employee, David Rines in the total amount of **\$1,533**.

It is noted this will be charged to **95100230-64432** for vendor #8999, Remit #3 and is submitted as a ACH payment.

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 for payment invoice #210 dated March30, 2021 in the amount of **\$600.00** from **McCann & Son Painting & Deleading**, 115 Rotch Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

To be paid to Vendor #8091 from **10618/52263**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

The County Commissioners reviewed the dental options offered through MIIA.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted, to revise the vote of March 23, 2021 related to 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 **with orthodontia** 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.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the request of County Administrator Gomes to enroll in two CPE courses for the renewal of her MCPPO certification with the State of Massachusetts.

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 engage **Odyssey Advisors, 11 Hayward Avenue, Bldg.4, Colchester, CT 06415** to provide actuarial valuation and consulting services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022 related to GASB 74 & 75 and OPEB. Said contract rate would be \$6,600.00 for each year.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Gomes reported that she had received a phone call from Jess Aptowitz of Mansfield asking about how Mansfield could go about applying for funds that the County will receive from the American Rescue Plan Act. She explained to him that she had no update on the federal regulations, but as soon as she did, she would share them on behalf of the County.

Mrs. Gomes also reported that she had put the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds building roof at 11 Court Street out to bid. The FY '22 department budgets have been sent out with a return date of May 10th. She asked the County Commissioners if they wished to choose a date for the Priority Deeds Budget Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to schedule the Priority Needs Hearing for May 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Old Business

Administrator Gomes noted that Attorney O'Connor advised her that he had neglected to inform her of the new House Bill number for the new session of the state legislature that had been submitted by Representative D'Emilia on behalf of Frank Cabral Jr.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, with Commissioner Saunders abstaining, to amend the vote of April 6, 2021 to support the pending Massachusetts Special Legislation submitted by Representative Angelo L. D'Emilia, identified as HD 2022, An Act directing the Bristol County

Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Frank Cabral Jr. The amended vote changes the House Bill number to reflect the new legislative session.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell yes
Commissioner Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

Unanticipated Matters

A notice was received on Monday regarding the elevator expiration from Atlantic Elevator. The previous notice was sent to Scott and never received by Administrator Gomes for the agenda.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to engage **Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc.**, 1900 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, to file and arrange for the required annual pre-inspection and safety test for the elevator located at the Taunton Superior Court, 9 Court St., Taunton, MA, - which is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, Section 64, Chapter 143.

It was further voted to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$423.00 for one (1) unit, permit application fee of \$ 400.00 for each unit tested, \$23.00 each for Permit Processing Fees, to be made payable to the Atlantic Elevator South Co., Inc. for electronic filing (**Quote# Q-19674**), and \$281.00 for the pre-inspection test as noted on **Quote# - Q-19675**.

Vendor #282 be charged to Budget Item # **10610-54479**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

No public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:25 pm

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

APPROVED
DATE 5/4/21

**BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**