

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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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 sixth day of April A.D., 2021 by successive adjournments from the March term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen and Commissioner John R. Mitchell.

Also in attendance: County Administrator Maria Gomes, Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar and Edward Byrnes from NFP Consulting.

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

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

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

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| 1. Phillip Rodrigues | Off FMLA | Effective 3/22/21 |
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Received a notice from the BCAHS on the following employment matter:

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| 1. Kevin Lynn | Interim Special Ed Director/Title I Coordinator | Effective 3/15/21 |
| 2. Dawn M. Fornari | Girls JV Softball Coach | Effective 5/1/21 |
| 3. Daniel DeMello | Varsity Boy's Baseball Coach | Effective 5/1/21 |
| 4. Stephanie A Moriarty | Varsity Girls Softball Coach | Effective 5/1/21 |
| 5. Jamie Lee Hoxie | Ed. Step Pay Increase | Effective 3/29/21 |

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Motion carries.

The following Warrants were reviewed/previously approved:

Payroll Warrant	4/01/21	#21090	\$159,701.15
Payroll Warrant	4/08/21	#21094	\$162,649.58
AP Warrant	4/06/21	#21089	\$436,068.17

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve all minutes, as presented, from March 23, 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve the requests from Derek Costa, Business Manager of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, dated March 23, 2021, designated as **Phase 9** Surplus , and to declare all the identified property as surplus.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

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

Motion carries.

Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar presented two quotes for carpet cleaning at the NB 3rd District Court.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve the **estimate Order No.8614**, for the commercial carpet cleaning at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court**, provided by **Dream Carpets, Inc.** 233 Bridle Way, Tiverton, MA 02878 in the amount of **\$3,296**. It should be noted that Dream Carpets was the lower of two bids.

Vendor # 6527 to be paid from **10618-52299**.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

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On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes noted that the Commissioners issued a proclamation designating April 2, 2021 as World Autism Day and the month of April as World Autism Month in Bristol County. The proclamation was sent to the major county newspapers and posted on the county webpage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to place the proclamation on file.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve and sign the extended license agreement with the City of Attleboro for a branch of the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds satellite location at 72 Park Street in Attleboro.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to sign the UAW contract which includes the incorporated MOA changes for the three year agreement, which covers the union employees of the Registries.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes provided the commissioners with a copy of an article in The Beacon related to the American Rescue Plan. The article stated that everyone was waiting for the US Treasury to release the regulations associated with the distribution of funds.

A notice was received from the Taunton Zoning Board of Appeals related to a sign request submitted by Alex Stylos of 15 Court Street. The board directed Mr. Stylos to receive the signoff of DCAM before it would approve the installation of the sign.

The County's COVID 19 reimbursement has been received from the State of Massachusetts. The Treasurer's Office indicated that \$61,031.11.

The Commissioners addressed the request of Edward Cabral Jr. regarding the Home Rule Petition and his request related to creditable service years.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted that the following Bristol County Commissioners support the pending Massachusetts Special Legislation submitted by Representative Angelo L. D'Emilia, identified as HD 5430, An Act Directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to Grant Creditable Service to Frank Cabral Jr.

Commissioner Mitchell indicated that he had spoken at length with the Retirement Board Attorney Sacco. The attorney hopes the Legislature addresses this issue at some point.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell yes

Commissioner Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

There was no public input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining and the associated costs of a benefit program and how that would be negotiated. The commissioners may be returning to Open Session if a vote is taken.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell yes

Commissioner Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

The County Commissioner reconvened the Open Session at 4:50 pm. The county commissioners reviewed information collected by its consultant NFP related to establishing a FSA benefit program and how the costs of that program would be negotiated.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to award the contract for the Flexible Spending Account ('FSA') service agreement to Total Administrative Services Corporation ('TASC') of 2302 International Lane, Madison, WI 53704. The county's consultant, NFP solicited quotes on the program. The TASC program will be introduced to all active employees during open enrollment. The annual administrative costs will be paid by the County to set up the program. For the first year, the County will pay the monthly per person administrative fee for all employees who enroll in the program.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell yes

Commissioner Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to adjourn at 4:52 pm

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell yes

Commissioner Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED 4/20/2021
DATE [Signature]
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John J. Saunders
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS