

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden via a teleconference within and for the County of Bristol on the fourteenth day of May 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 joining remotely: County Administrator Maria Gomes and County Treasurer, Christopher T. Saunders.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

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

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ('ARPA'). The US Treasury released draft guidance rules on May 10th. Those rules defined steps that counties must take in order to apply for the funds.

Commissioner Kitchen stated that the County was required to appoint an authorized representative to represent Bristol County. County Treasurer Saunders agreed to be named to that position.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to designate Bristol County Treasurer, Christopher T. Saunders as the Bristol County authorized representative to apply for funds from the US Treasury pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ('ARPA').

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

There was discussion as to what use the County good have for the federal funding. Treasurer Saunders suggested the idea of the County developing affordable housing within the county.

For full disclosure purposes, Treasurer Saunders did disclose that his legal practice is employed by the New Bedford Housing Authority. He briefly added how he thought the development of affordable housing could potentially work for Bristol County and he added that it would be a potential flow of future revenue.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that there may be a meeting of the Executive Board of the State County Commissioners Association on Monday. He could provide more of an update at the next meeting.

The Commissioner's decided to wait for more clarification on requesting and accepting the funds.

A motion was made by John Mitchell, seconded by John Saunders to adjourn at 11:35 am.

On the motion, Roll Call

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

APPROVED

DATE

6/1/2021

[Handwritten signatures of Paul B. Kitchen and John T. Saunders]

**BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**