

## 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 eighteenth 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: County Administrator Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

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

Received a notice from the Bristol County Agricultural School on the following employment matters:

1. Deborah A. Coderre	Retirement-Teacher	Effective 6/30/21
2. Tamara Stevens	New Hire-Teacher	Effective 8/23/21
3. Samantha Hussey	New Position-History Teacher	Effective 8/23/21

Received a notice from Register Barry Amaral, Northern District on the following employment matter:

1. Olga Costa	Address Change	Effective 4/6/21
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Received a notice from Sherri Lynn Mello Register Southern District on the following employment matter:

1. Maria O. Valadao	Reclassification Admin. Asst. 16-1	Effective 5/24/21
2. Karen A. Avila-Levasseur	Reclassification Head Clerk 15-1	Effective 5/24/21

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the CP's as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

The following Warrants were reviewed:

Payroll Warrant	5/11/21	#21104	\$177.05
Payroll Warrant	5/13/21	#21105	\$172,294.76
Payroll Warrant Void	5/13/21	#21103	(\$177.05)
Payroll Warrant	5/20/21	#21108	\$160,741.16
AP Warrant	5/18/21	#21100	\$175,423.03
AP Warrant	5/18/21	#21101	\$3,897,495.88

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

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell                Yes  
 Mr. Saunders             Yes  
 Mr. Kitchen               Yes  
 Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell                Yes  
 Mr. Saunders             Yes  
 Mr. Kitchen               Yes  
 Motion carries.

A request from Christopher Gallagher had been tabled from the last meeting. Mr. Gallagher joined the meeting remotely.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted that the Bristol County Commissioners support the pending Massachusetts Special Legislation submitted by Representative Angelo L. D’Emilia, identified as HD 2016, An Act Directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to Grant Creditable Service to Christopher J. Gallagher

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell    yes  
 Commissioner Saunders    yes  
 Commissioner Kitchen     yes

Motion carries.

Commissioner Mitchell added that to be clear on the record, taking Attorney Sacco’s recommendation that this would best be addressed through legislation, the Commissioners at this time were addressing Mr. Gallagher’s request because he has no alternative other than by Home Rule Petition.

Mr. Gallagher thanked the Commissioners.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to receive the communication from the MassDOT dated April 21, 2021 regarding the altered location of a State highway layout #8767 in Fall River. Commissioner Mitchell will sign for receipt of the notification.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell    yes  
 Commissioner Saunders    yes  
 Commissioner Kitchen     yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to receive and place on file a communication from SWCA Environmental Consultants regarding the Revolution Wind Farm and Revolution Wind Export Cable Project.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

A communication was received from Lisa Roger, Director of Accounting which listed the FY 2020 close and the FY 2021 opening balances. Received and placed on file.

Administrator Gomes indicated that the bids for the Taunton Registry of Deeds roof were opened on May 12, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to award the roofing bid for project #001-2021TRD to **FRG Contractor Inc.**, 40 Oliver Street #2 Everett, MA 02149 in the amount of **\$89,930.00** as the lowest qualified bidder.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

Commissioner Kitchen asked Mr. Aguiar to meet with Mr. Stylos and the contractor before construction begins.

Administrator Gomes mentioned that there had been inquiries regarding the Juneteenth holiday.

Commissioner Kitchen indicated to add the holiday to the Personnel Regulations, the Personnel Board would need to meet and vote on the matter. Until such a vote takes place, the non-union employees and the unions who have no current contract will not receive the Juneteenth holiday.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to allow the purchase of a laptop for the County Administrator. A quote #20210515 from **CTS Computers Inc.** has been received in the amount of \$1,997.00.

To be paid to Vendor #4963 from 13420/55599.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

An update email from Brendan Sweeney of the Office of Administration and Finance stated that if the County was deferring the ARPA funds to the State or if they wished to retain and distribute locally, the County still must request the funds.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize County Treasurer Christopher T. Saunders to apply and request the federal funds that Bristol County is eligible to receive under the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**.

On the motion, Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that the Executive Board of the Massachusetts County Commissioners Association met on Monday. The concern with turning the funds over to the communities is that the Counties then are on the hook for reporting and auditing how the funds are expended. He liked Treasurer Saunders's idea of the County starting affordable housing.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Commissioner Mitchell    yes  
 Commissioner Saunders    yes  
 Commissioner Kitchen    yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoices #35877 & 35952 in the amount of \$12,500.00 & \$13,217.50 from the **J.D. Rivet & Co, Inc.**, 1635 Page Blvd. Springfield, MA 01104, and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment as the fourth & final installment on Contract #001-2020 for the Gable Roof construction at the Taunton Superior Court. Total payment \$25,717.50. To be paid from FY 2020 Encumbered Funds 10610/52265.

**Vendor #8020**

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

*Motion carries*

#### Unanticipated

A timely request had been received from the BCAHS regarding the issuance of citations to a member of each class.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to award the following citations of achievement:

Grade 9 - Lana Lucas  
 Grade 10 - Rachel Harrington  
 Grade 11 - Noah Hanson  
 Grade 12 - Alexandra Maitland

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 authorize the emergency repair of an awning window in the Clerk's Office at the **New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court**, 75 North Sixth Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The low bidder for this repair is **Silver City Glass, Inc.** in the amount of \$830.00.

To be paid to Vendor #7920 from 10618/52269.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell    yes  
 Mr. Saunders    yes

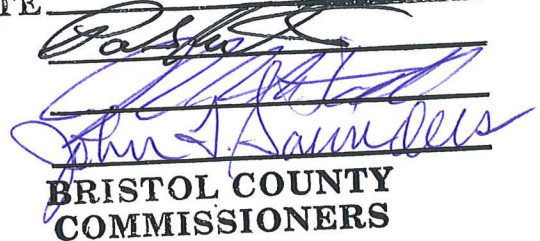
Mr. Kitchen      yes

*Motion carries*

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:40 pm

APPROVED  
DATE

6/1/2021

  
BRISTOL COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS