

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the first day of June 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.

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

There were no personnel matters to address.

The following payroll and AP warrants were reviewed/approved:

Payroll Warrant #21110	5/25/21	\$161,353.90
Payroll Warrant #21111	6/3/21	\$169,381.22
AP Warrant #21109	6/1/21	\$73,677.68

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of May 14, 2021 and May 18, 2021. Motion approved.

A letter from Register of Deeds Sherrilynn Mello was read regarding the large backlog of Registered Land Department documents that are not scanned and available on-line.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to grant the request of Register of Deeds Sherrilynn Mello to move forward with hiring **Avenu Insights & Analytics LLC, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120** to scan the backlog of Registered Land Department documents. The scanning cost is estimated not to exceed \$10,000.

A communication was received from Benefits Coordinator, Peter Carreiro regarding the Open Enrollment results for FY 22. Received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated May 25, 2021 from the **MIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110**, in the amount of **\$362,361.71** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for June 2021.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:

<b>Account #01-21581</b>	<b>\$362,109.21</b>
<b>Account #13420-54437</b>	<b>\$ 252.50</b>

The annual FY 2020 audit invoice was received along with the Management letter and FY 2020 financials. They were received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders a motion was made to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #2464, dated 5/21/21 in the amount of **\$15,708.69**, received from **Lynch Marini & Associates, Inc., 99 Longwater Circle, Suite 200, Norwell, MA 02061** as the invoice for the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit.

Vendor #2493 charged to 13420-52233.

A number of municipal representatives and Representative Adam Scanlon were present to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and the funds that Bristol County is eligible to apply for.

County Treasurer Saunders was present and stated that he expected to receive the County SAMS number shortly in order to be able to apply for the funds.

Commissioner Kitchen indicated that he was inclined to issue the funds as grants. The County has directed the County Treasurer to apply for the funds. Bristol County is slated to receive approximately \$109 million dollars.

Commissioner Mitchell said that there are projects at the BCAHS that could utilize some of the funds. He is disappointed with the State's lag in reimbursing the school for COVID related expenses that were submitted under the CARES Act, especially since the County voluntarily transferred its CARE ACT money back to the State. His decision to apply for the funds was based on those reimbursement problems.

Town Administrator, Kevin Dumas from Mansfield stated that all cities and towns have different needs. Mansfield suffered a revenue loss primarily in the school department due to the loss of revenue from school programs. The FY 2022 budget has been approved without the reliance on ARPA funds.

Connor Read, Town Administrator in Easton stated that it would be helpful for the communities to know the plans that the County has with the funds so that they could plan and make projections for future projects and spending.

Mike Yunits, Town Manager in Norton reiterated comments made by Mr. Dumas and Mr. Read. Massachusetts State Representative Adam Scanlon was in attendance on behalf of the communities he represents. He would be happy to speak with A & F about some of the questions that the County has regarding the US Treasury funds.

Commissioner Kitchen indicated that he would like to set up a meeting with the communities to discuss the funding and how the County would administer the program. Hopefully this could happen in the next 60 days.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders a motion was made to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice #IN2031233 in the amount of \$250.00 to TASC ('Total Administrative Services Corporation'), Client Invoices, P.O. Box 88278, Milwaukee, WI 53288-0001, for the Annual Fee.

To be paid to Vendor #8092 from 13420/52299.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell to go into executive session at 4:59 pm for the purpose of reviewing and acting on an arbitration decision. The commissioners would not return to open session.

On the motion, roll call:

Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED  
DATE

6/15/2021

  
**BRISTOL COUNTY  
 COMMISSIONERS**