

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

Taunton, September 28, 2021

The September term of the County Commissioners was commenced in Taunton this day, it being the fourth Tuesday of said September.

Present: Chairman Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

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

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

- 1. Emily Anderson Temporary Sub Foreman Effective 07/1/21
- 2. Keith LePage FMLA Effective 10/4/21
- 3. Roseanne Carvalho FMLA Effective 10/8/21
- 4. Sara Faria Food Service/Utility Person- Termination Effective 8/31/21
- 5. Christina DePaula Food Service/Utility Effective 9/26/21
- 6. Olga Vertentes Food Service Cook Helper Effective 9/26/21

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

- 1. Glenn F. Souza Address change Effective 9/27/21
- 2. Eduino Martins Address change Effective 9/27/21

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell to take Senator Pacheco out of order under ARPA and then allow the remainder of the item to be addressed in order. Seconded by Commissioner Saunders.

Senator Marc Pacheco asked to appear before the County Commissioners to discuss the possibility of using the County's ARPA funds to help repair the Taunton Superior Court. He briefly reviewed the history of some of the trial court construction project and the bond bill that was set aside to also renovate and update the Taunton Superior Court both outside and inside as the second phase of the project. When the trial court was built, the superior court part of the project (Taunton Superior Court) was authorized, but delayed. Senator Pacheco says most of the research has been done on this building by DCAM. Now, many of the supporters of the project have retired and there is new administration.

He stated that the State Legislature has been neglectful of the building. He encouraged the County to use the ARPA funds to help address the repairs needed to the Taunton Superior Court. The old estimate to address the building was somewhere around \$40 million. Those figures would need to be readdressed. He would like to see the historic treasure brought back to life. Social justice and civil rights issues should all be brought to the forefront.

Senator Pacheco said that he would be happy to arrange a meeting between the state departments and the county. The Commissioners thanked the Senator for attending the meeting.

The following Payroll & AP warrant were reviewed and approved:

Payroll Warrant #22027	9/30/21	\$178,931.82
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A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to approve the warrant as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve in accordance with the documentation invoice # BCC09121 received from Catherine Rutkowski and Lara Stone, Co-Executive Directors, **Children’s Advocacy Center of Bristol County for September operating expenses**, the amount of **\$4,000.00**.

It is noted this is for vendor # **6891** and will be charged to **01000-54490**.

An email from Advance Air & Heat indicated that the chiller at the New Bedford 3rd District Court can no longer be repaired. The Commissioners discussed submitting the invoices through the CARES Act or through ARPA funds.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted, to approve and forward to the Treasurer’s Office for payment the following invoices:

• Invoice #100027	9/03/21	\$2,126.67
• Invoice #100103	9/10/21	\$5,250.00
• Invoice #100121	9/10/21	\$ 135.00
	TOTAL	\$7,511.67

from **Advance Air & Heat Company Inc.** 177 Bullock Road, East Freetown MA 02717 for an emergency service call related to the existing HVAC system at the **New Bedford 3rd District Court**. Funding reimbursement through the CARES Act or ARPA Funds are to be requested for any allowable expenditures, including the attached invoices.

Vendor #540 to be paid from 13420/52269

A Cultural Day event was briefly discussed. As soon as more information is received, it will be shared with the commissioners.

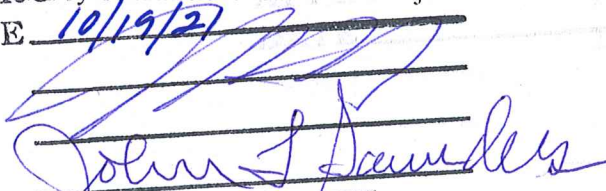
Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to authorize the County Administrator to review and authorize the payment of the October **MIIA** health insurance invoice.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted, to authorize County Treasurer Christopher Saunders to execute the ARPA Addendum Agreement with Clifton Larson Allen LLP that is dated September 20, 2021.

County Administrator Gomes provided a savings report on the MIIA Health Insurance switch from Mayflower to MIIA.

Next meeting is October 19th at 4 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:53 pm.

APPROVED
DATE 10/19/21

BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS