

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

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen (arrived at 4:10 pm), Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

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

Received a notice from the County Administrator on the following employment matter:

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| 1. Maria Sardinha | Address Change | Effective 9/1/21 |
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Received a notice from the Northern Bristol County Registry of Deeds on the following employment matters:

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| 1. Barry J Amaral | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 2. Olga Costa | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 3. Margaret Martin | Salary Increase | " |
| 4. Lynne Ferreira | Salary Increase | " |

Received a notice from the Southern Bristol County Registry of Deeds on the following employment matters:

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| 1. Sherrilynn Mello | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 2. Deborah Rose | Salary Increase | " |
| 3. Ana I. Carreiro | Salary Increase | " |
| 4. Madie-Lynn Bourgeois | Salary Increase | " |
| 5. Bernadette Galego | Salary Increase | " |
| 6. Linda A. Perry | Salary Increase | " |
| 7. Kevin M. Wenc | Salary Increase | " |

Received a notice from the Fall River Registry of Deeds on the following employment matters:

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| 1. Bernard J. McDonald III | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 2. John P. Collias | Salary Increase | " |
| 3. Virginia L. Plasski | Salary Increase | " |
| 4. Heather M. Ciullo | Salary Increase | " |

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

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| 1. Christopher Saunders | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 2. Lisa Rogers | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |
| 3. Michelle Carreiro | Salary Increase | Effective 7/1/21 |

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

The following Payroll & AP warrant were reviewed and approved:

Payroll Warrant #22021	9/9/21	\$166,898.69
AP Warrant #22018	9/8/21	\$431,707.85

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes of August 26, 2021.

County Administrator Gomes presented the list for County Tax that was approved by the Bristol County Advisory Board on August 26, 2021.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, second by Commissioner Mitchell, it was VOTED that the County Tax granted the County of Bristol for the fiscal period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be apportioned as follows and the Clerk issue warrants to the Cities and Towns in said County for their proportion of the same, to be paid to the County Treasurer:

Municipality	Tax
Acushnet	\$135,160.63
Attleboro	\$529,260.59
Berkley	\$96,746.56
Dartmouth	\$621,738.92
Dighton	\$116,664.97
Easton	\$409,750.14
Fairhaven	\$248,980.12
Fall River	\$626,007.15
Freetown	\$162,192.76
Mansfield	\$429,668.54
New Bedford	\$695,721.58
No. Attleborough	\$439,627.75
Norton	\$290,239.68
Raynham	\$253,248.35
Rehoboth	\$214,834.27
Seekonk	\$273,166.76
Somerset	\$240,443.66
Swansea	\$243,289.14
Taunton	\$616,047.95
Westport	<u>\$375,604.29</u>
	\$7,018,393.81

Motion approved

Commissioner Kitchen arrived at the meeting at 4:10 pm

Dick Johnson and Ben Johnson were present to propose a HEPA air filtering product marketed by Crimson Medical. Dick Johnson gave a brief background of the company and a description of the Austin Air Cleaner. They provided the name of a few communities that have purchased the product. Additionally, Ben Johnson discussed an energy consulting program. The County Commissioners thanked them for attending and stated that they would review the materials.

A communication from Fire Chief Brian Legendre of the Bristol County Chief's Association was received.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 contribution funding of \$25,000 to the Bristol County Fire Chiefs Association.

To be paid to Vendor **7435** from **01000/54490**

An updated communication from the City of New Bedford regarding the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone site in New Bedford. Received and placed on file.

Commissioner Mitchell and County Administrator Gomes provided an update on a recent vote of the Personnel Review Board regarding Juneteenth.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of the Bristol County Review Board to amend the Holiday list, to add Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, to the Holiday schedule in the Bristol County Personnel Board Rules & Regulations. In the event that a County facility is open on June 19th, and employees are required to work, this holiday becomes a floater and said floater is to be used within sixty (60) calendar days.

This is to be applied retroactively to 2021.

Motion approved

Administrator Gomes mentioned that an inquiry had been made from Nina Bertelli regarding a request for the County Commissioners to support a "tv market" market modification process for WBZ to be included in the channel availability in Bristol County. The Commissioners asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for a later date this fall and that the parties in question be invited to attend.

There was a brief ARPA update. A meeting of the Tri-County Group of Plymouth, Bristol and Norfolk will be held tomorrow at 12 noon in Plymouth.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted that the Bristol County Commissioners disperse the American Rescue Plan Act ('ARPA') funding on a per capita basis, less 10% that the County will retain, to the cities and towns in Bristol County who make application for the funding.

On the motion, Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

Under Old Business:

Administrator Gomes stated that John Bello, Chief Administrator of the Massachusetts Trial Court will be doing a walkthrough of the courtroom areas at the Taunton Superior Court on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 10 am.

Mr. Aguiar stated the emergency repairs to the New Bedford 3rd District Court foyer had been completed.

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 September 2, 2021 from the **MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square**, in the amount of **\$372,087.13** for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for September, 2021.

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:	Account #01-21581	\$371,834.63
	Account #13420-54437	\$ 252.50
Motion carries.		

County Administrator Gomes stated that she has begun the process of making critical updates to the PHP system on the county website. Patrick Vincent will be working with Meganet, the County's webpage host, in making the changes to bring the webpage up to date.

The next meeting dates will be the following:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4 pm

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4 pm

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 has been cancelled.

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

APPROVED
DATE _____

9/21/2021
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John S. Saunders
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS