

1 **fCOMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **July 10, 2024**

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8 At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and
9 holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York,
10 being held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

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13 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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- 15 Richard R. Dutremble -excused
- 16 Richard Clark
- 17 Robert Andrews
- 18 Justin Chenette
- 19 Donna Ring
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21 County Manager Greg Zinser and Deputy Manager Linda Corliss were present at the meeting.

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24 **YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE AND SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

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26 **07-10-2024 ITEM**

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28 **1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

29 Kerri McAnulty approached the Board and stated that she was a victim of a
30 violent repeat offender. She mentioned LD 692 as a new Bill regarding repeat
31 offenders.

32 Susan Wiswell of Kittery questioned why one of the warrants was over \$1 million.
33 County Manager Zinser gave her the Warrant to review.

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35 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- 36 a. Commissioners' meeting of June 19, 2024
- 37 Commissioner Chenette motioned to table this item until the next meeting.
- 38 Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
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40 **3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

- 41 a. Warrants to be approved on June 5, 2024 in the amount of \$1,009,867.66
- 42 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner
- 43 Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- 44 b. Warrants to be approved on June 12, 2024 in the amount of \$405,954.72
- 45 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Warrant. Commissioner
- 46 Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- 47 c. Warrants to be approved on June 18, 2024 in the amount of \$310,048.68

48 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Warrant. Commissioner
49 Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
50 d. Warrants to be approved on June 26, 2024 in the amount of \$493,988.83
51 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Warrant. Commissioner
52 Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
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54 **4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY**
55 **COMMISSIONERS**

56 None
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58 **5 NEW BUSINESS**

59 a. To hear MSEA grievance (may be in executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.
60 § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter –
61 Angela McWhinnie from MSEA requested this grievance be heard in executive
62 session.
63 Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1
64 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel matter. Vote 4-0.
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66 Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session.
67 Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
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69 Commissioner Chenette motioned to grant the grievance. Commissioner Ring
70 seconded the motion. Vote 2 (Coms. Ring and Chenette) in favor-2 opposed
71 (Commissioners Clark and Andrews). Motion failed.
72 County Manager Zinser informed all that he will follow up with MSEA.
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74 b. Presentation of deeds archive overview guide and timeline by Register of
75 Deeds Nancy Hammond and Archivist Paige Lilly
76 (Due to time constraints Register Hammond and Archivist Lilly were no longer
77 in attendance)
78 County Manager Zinser referred to Paige Lilly’s report and explained that they
79 intend to put this out to the public. Tonight’s goal, he explained, was to see if
80 the Commissioners were okay with this.
81 The County Manager continued that this is a comprehensive and involved
82 process. He added that he will have Paige attend the next meeting.
83 Commissioner Chenette asked the County Manager what would you put out to
84 the public?
85 County Manager Zinser responded, basically everything given to the
86 Commissioners. We are partnering with Maine State Archives on this
87 program.
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89 c. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to present the following new
90 hires and/or transfers:
91 i. Andrew O’Neill in the position of full-time Records Management Specialist
92 in the Deeds Administrative Department with a date of hire of July 29, 2024
93 Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Linda Corliss presented the new
94 hire/transfer requests to the Board.
95 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Andrew O’Neill in the
96 position of full-time Records Management Specialist with a date of hire of July
97 29, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.

98 DISCUSSION- Commissioner Ring asked if this new hire will be full time?
99 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes. Commissioner Ring asked
100 if this person would be working a 4 day or 5 day work week?
101 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied that she doesn't know yet.
102 Commissioner Ring asked if this person will receive 41 days off. Deputy
103 Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes.
104 Vote 3-1 with Commissioner Ring opposed. Commissioner Ring stated that
105 until we start reviewing our policy regarding PTO she will not be approving
106 any new (non-union) hires.
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- 109 ii. Tyreek Goncalves in the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's
110 Office with a date of hire of July 8, 2024
111 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Tyreek Goncalves in
112 the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire
113 of July 8, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.
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115 DISCUSSION- Commissioner Ring stated that he (Goncalves) does not have
116 a driver's license. Therefore, he does not qualify to be hired.
117 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss responded that he is in probationary
118 status and working on his license.
119 Commissioner Ring replied that the problem is he applied, and he does not
120 meet the requirements.
121 Commissioner Chenette asked if there have been other candidates that you
122 have brought before us and they were in the process and in probationary
123 period until they meet the requirements.
124 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes.
125 Commissioner Ring asked when is he going to academy? Deputy County
126 Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, this coming Monday.
127 Vote 3-1 (Commissioner Ring opposed).
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- 129 iii. Trinity Root in the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office
130 with a date of hire of July 8, 2024
131 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Trinity Root in the
132 position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of
133 July 8, 2024.

134 Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.
135 DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked if they have already been hired?
136 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss they know it is conditional upon
137 Commissioner approval, but, we had to get their orientation done and
138 uniforms ordered so they could attend the academy.
139 Vote 4-0.
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- 141 iv. John Chenard III in the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's
142 Office with a date of hire of July 8, 2024
143 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of John Chenard III in
144 the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire
145 of July 8, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
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- 147 v. Crystal Bourassa in the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's
148 Office with a date of hire of July 8, 2024

149 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Crystal Bourassa in
150 the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire
151 of July 8, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.
152 DISCUSSION- Commissioner Ring asked why is there no consistency in the
153 records check?
154 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss responded that Major Mitchell does
155 the background check (deputies and corrections officers) and it is done the
156 same for all candidates.
157 Vote 4-0.

THE FOLLOWING NEW HIRES WERE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

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160 Jonathan Marshall in the position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office
161 with a date of hire of July 29, 2024.
162 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Jonathan Marshall in
163 the position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of
164 July 29, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
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166 Kyle Kochanowicz in the position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office
167 with a date of hire of July 22, 2024.
168 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hire of Kyle Kochanowicz in
169 the position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of
170 July 22, 2024. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.
171 DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked for clarification that is it accurate
172 that he is living in NH but moving to Wells?
173 Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes, he will relocate.
174 Commissioner Clark amended his motion that he (Kochanowicz) must
175 relocate to York County within 6 months along with his hiring approval.
176 Commissioner Ring seconded the amended motion. Vote 4-0.
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178 Craig Sanford in the position of reserve Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office
179 with a date of hire of July 15, 2024.
180 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Craig Sanford in the
181 position of reserve Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of
182 July 15, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.
183 Vote 4-0.
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- 185 ~~d. Civil process realignment and request for additional full time position (Aug.~~
186 ~~agenda)~~
187 e. To seek approval from Commissioners on FY25 tax commitment-
188 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax
189 Commitment in the amount of \$21,552,830.00. The Tax Commitment assessed
190 to each city and town will be due on or before September 1, 2024. Interest at
191 the rate set by the Maine State Treasurer's Office of 8.5% will begin after
192 October 31, 2024, for any unpaid taxes. Commissioner Clark seconded the
193 motion.
194 Vote 4-0.
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196 f. To review and seek approval on dredge operator RFP-
197 EMA Director Art Cleaves was recognized by County Manager Zinser for the
198 work put into this project by he and his staff.

199 County Manager explained the bid submittals. A bid was received from
200 Michels Construction and one from Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe.
201 The County Manager continued that the group scored the bids received and felt
202 Michel's Construction to be the best company and therefore
203 their recommendation. Contracts will be developed, he explained.
204 He added that at the next meeting he will be bringing forth bids for the
205 dredging engineering related services to see Commissioner approval of
206 granting that contract.
207 Commissioner Chenette thanked EMA Director Art Cleaves and his team and
208 added thanks to the County Manager. He continued that the County is
209 providing hope to countless coastal communities. Our communities are in
210 desperate need of this to save livelihoods and businesses, stated Commissioner
211 Chenette.
212 Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve Michels construction for dredge
213 operations. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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- 215 g. To set date and times for review of county properties
- 216 i. Suggested date prior to August 7th meeting at 4:00 p.m.
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218 County Manager Zinser reminded the Commissioners that once a year they
219 take a tour of each county building. He is not sure which building yet they will
220 tour but will let them know.

221 Commissioner Clark suggested the time be changed to 3:30.

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223 Commissioner Ring stated that she would like to set an agenda item to
224 establish a committee to look at policies in the county.
225 Also, there have been a few accidents with county vehicles of late. There is no
226 policy for vehicles, she continued. The county has a lot of vehicles and she
227 commented that she thinks it is very important that we have some type of
228 vehicle policy.

229 County Manager Zinser replied that he is working on the vehicle use policy.
230 He agreed that there is some level of importance to it but does not believe it is
231 tied to the accidents. If we are using the accidents as a driving force, that
232 would not be why I would do it, stated County Manager Zinser.

233 Commissioner Ring replied that she is aware of a current accident in which
234 civilians were in the vehicle and it was not for County business. That is
235 concerning, she stated.

236 County Manager Zinser replied that he was not aware of civilians.
237 He added that we can put it on the agenda for further discussion. You can tell
238 me at that meeting where you would like me to spend time on it. There will be
239 a plethora of Union issues, commented County Manager Zinser.

240 Commissioner Ring said that let's at least get it on the agenda to have a
241 discussion about a committee for policies.

242 After further, brief discussion it was decided to put this item on the agenda for
243 one of the September meetings.

244 County Manager Zinser stated that he will send it out to the unions for their
245 thoughts as there should be one single, unified policy for the County.

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6 OLD BUSINESS

7 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)

- a. To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
No action was taken.

HEARD PRIOR TO ITEM #7**

8 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

None

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.