

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 17, 2023

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, A. D. at 5:00 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Justin Chenette-excused
Donna Ring

County Manager Gregory Zinser and Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss were present at the meeting.

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

05-17-2023 ITEM

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

Janet Drew addressed the Board via ZOOM and informed them that she attended a Board of Visitors meeting recently, and they had a tour of the jail and got to speak to some of the people in there.

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

- a. Commissioners' regular meeting of May 3, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0

3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

- a. Warrants to be approved on May 3, 2023 in the amount of \$897,193.72
Clark. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Warrants to be approved on May 10, 2023 in the amount of \$792,271.40
Clark. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 **TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Ring recognized Law Enforcement Officers, especially our deputies as it is law enforcement week. She thanked them all for their dedication and their service.

Commissioner Dutremble informed all that next Wednesday in Augusta, there will be interviews for the jail budgets for the increases. He stated that if anyone can get in touch with their legislators, it is important to do so.

Commissioner Ring asked County Manager Zinser what increase are we looking at in our jail budget?

County Manager Zinser responded with a 2% increase, but he is not projecting a shortfall for us. The State only contributes a fixed dollar amount even though our costs go up, commented County Manager Zinser.

MCCA is trying to increase funds received from the State, said Commissioner Dutremble while the State is trying to use same figure as last year.

Commissioner Dutremble suggested a bill that the jail funding by the State be increased by CPI.

5 NEW BUSINESS

County Manager Zinser informed all that he had a meeting earlier in the day with Archivist, Paige Lilly. Since she was working at the courthouse today, she will give the Commissioners an update of the project.

Paige Lilly addressed the Board and informed them that she is working through items as outlined in her proposal.

She reminded the Commissioners that this project includes investigation of what records exist in York County, Augusta, online, etc.

Two volumes of a six-volume set have been found according to Ms. Lilly at the courthouse. These Court records include an index and are of the first 100 years of York County.

The Maine Historical Society did these (books) in the 1920's, Paige Lilly informed all.

Archivist Paige Lilly continued that Item 2 is the relaxing of some tightly rolled maps and folded items. She added that she could train County employees to do some of the flattening work.

Paige Lilly explained that digitizing of the microfilm rolls can be copied and made into a tif file by the Maine State Archives for about \$60 a roll.

She continued that the Maine State Library supplies a service where they have high quality scanners where we could scan the books.

Archivist Paige Lilly informed all that another issue is the unrecorded deeds and what to do with them. She advised that the County Manager has checked in with counsel. She stated that questions remain about digitizing priorities.

- a. Budget Committee meeting on May 22, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m.
The County Manager stated that there will be a full committee of all 7 members that were elected to the Budget Committee Board. There is a ZOOM option also.
- b. Update on Development Director hiring –
County Manager Zinser informed all that five people were interviewed last week and that two were asked back. One candidate withdrew yesterday so we are down to one candidate.

- c. Discussion of changing July Commissioners' meeting from July 5th to July 12th
 County Manager Zinser stated that traditionally speaking this holiday week has posed a problem with past Boards.
 We could reschedule if you wanted or you could meet earlier in June.
 Commissioner Clark asked how does this affects the tax commitment? The County Manager replied there is nothing that prevents us from doing it.
 Commissioner Clark motioned to move the July meeting from July 5th to July 12th. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- d. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to seek approval of the promotion of Michael Leary to Corporal (based on the request of Sheriff King)-
 H.R. Director Corliss informed all that Law Enforcement Week is this week and last week was Corrections Officers Week. The Sheriff's Office had a lot of activities to recognize these employees.
 H.R. Director Corliss explained the promotion process and informed all that after this process Sheriff King has requested that Michael Leary be approved for Corporal with an effective date of Monday May 22, 2023.
 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the promotion of Michael Leary with an effective date of May 22, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- e. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to seek approval of the following new hires/transfer(s):
- i. Dalton V. Hart in the position of full-time corrections officer in the York County Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of May 22, 2023
 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Dalton V. Hart in the position of full-time corrections officer with a date of hire of May 22, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
 Vote 4-0.
- f. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to seek approval of employee request for a leave of absence (executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel matters)
 Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel matters)
 Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
 Vote 4-0.
- Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
 Vote 4-0.
- Commissioner Clark motioned to approve an employee leave of absence as recommended by H.R. Director Corliss. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

6 OLD BUSINESS

None

- 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 conduct an executive session pursuant to 1.M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel issues (executive session 5f.)

HEARD PRIOR TO 5f.

- 8 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
None

- 9 ADJOURN**
Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the vote. Vote 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.