

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 7, 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, December 7, 2023, A. D. at 5:00 P. M.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

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

#### 12-07-2023      ITEM

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

Susan Wiswell questioned why the treasurer's warrants were so big? County Manager Zinser explained that on the first warrant there was a close out of a medical contract and the other warrant represents two weeks of payroll and accounts payable as there was no warrant during Thanksgiving week.

Erin Donovan of Limington addressed the Board and asked what she should do as she has tried to contact her Commissioner and there has been no response. County Manager Ziner replied that anyone looking for their Commissioner can always contact he or his assistant, Kathy and we can assist. Commissioner Ring added that sometimes she has been told someone has e-mailed her and it has gone into her junk mail.

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

- a. Commissioners' meeting of November 15, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023.  
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. 4-0.

**3 TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS**

- a. Warrants to be approved on November 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,857,299.47  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Warrants to be approved on November 29, 2023 in the amount of \$1,110,168.04  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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

None

**5 NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduce Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to seek approval for the hiring/transfer of the following individuals:
  - i. Pedro Mussumba in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of November 27, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Pedro Mussumba in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of November 2, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.  
Discussion- Commissioner Ring asked if he had proper working permissions? Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes. Vote 4-0.
  - ii. Emma Condon in the full-time position of legal secretary in the District Attorney’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Emma Condon in the position of full-time legal secretary in the D.A.’s office. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
  - iii. Transfer of Scott Gagne from reserve to full-time Training and Response Coordinator in EMA with an effective date of December 4, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer on Scott Gagne from Reserve to full-time Training and Response Coordinator in EMA.  
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.  
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked who had this position prior? EMA Director Cleaves replied Caitlin Lippert. Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss explained that he applied for the position as full-time but due to a Maine PERS issue he could only be hired in December. Vote 4-0.
  - iv. Mauricio Romeau in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Mauricio Romeau in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
  - v. Dennis Ring, Jr. in the full-time position of Corrections Officer with a start

date of December 11, 2023

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Dennis Ring, Jr. in the full-time position of Corrections Officer with a start date of December 11, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Ring advised everyone that he is not related to her.

vi. John Lumbala in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of John Lumbala in the full-time position of Corrections Officer. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

vii. Nicholas Hersom in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Nicholas Hersom in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

viii. Olivia Noury in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Olivia Noury in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

~~ix. Mariah Jacobsen in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023 (REMOVED)~~  
Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss informed all that there are now 49 full-time Corrections officers with 14 anticipated to go to MCJA.

b. Recap of Public Hearing with Town of Alfred/general building update  
County Manager Zinser gave a brief recap of the Public hearing that took place on November 27<sup>th</sup> for (2) buildings. Most comments were in favor of the buildings. Noise, traffic and water-related issues were the comments of concern. We did hire a contract with a hydro-geologist to see how much water we will be drawing from a well to be sure we can maintain a fire pond. Preliminary answers are that we will be fine, explained County Manager Zinser. He continued by saying that we are also working with this company regarding our water. We were recently notified that another service garage is going in on this road. We are also discussing with this company testing private wells of landowners with this company. In our permitting process, with the DEP and FEMA we have already made the statements that we do not intend to use any chemicals.

The projects are slated to go to the Planning Board for review on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alfred Town Hall. County Manager Zinser stated that there has been lots of correspondence back and forth with the town.

The septic design has been approved by the State IF and W signed off that there are no endangered species out there.

There is a separate permitting process with the DEP that is ongoing. We have not heard back from them. They have had it for about 4 months.

We have a list of questions as a follow-up from our Federal Permitting Process. We will be sending out a last notice-final comment period.

County Manager Zinser stated that a meeting took place this morning with the contractors. We are starting door access and security conversations.

Commissioner Dutremble asked if they will be testing the wells before and after?  
County Manager Zinser replied that they are talking about it right now.  
Commissioner Dutremble responded that will protect the County.  
County Manager Zinser commented that it appears to be like a shake down  
(referring to Water Dist.)  
Commissioner Ring stated that she had a conversation with one of the selectmen  
who informed her that the Water District is a separate entity that also makes  
demands of the town.

**6 OLD BUSINESS**

County Manager Zinser addressed the Board and stated that although this was not  
on the agenda, he wished to follow up regarding three bids received  
for the medical contract. He thanked Sheriff King and Major Thayer for their  
work with this process and starting conversations with Armor health care.  
County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that the estimated cost is \$2.2  
million while the current year is \$1.9 million. The County Manager reminded all  
that this contract splits across two fiscal years. We will also need to add two  
additional positions.  
Commissioner Dutremble clarified that this is mandated by the State.

**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)**  
None

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

**9 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the  
motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.