

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 4, 2024

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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, August 7, 2024, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

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ITEM

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

Val Philbrick of Old Orchard Beach spoke via Zoom regarding a mobile home stabilization ordinance in OOB that will go to the ballot. She voiced concerns about an administrative fee that might be imposed if this ordinance passes. She is in favor of the ordinance but not any imposing fees.

Commissioner Chenette requested she e-mail the information to him even though it doesn't necessarily pertain to County business but individual Commissioners can assist.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

a. Commissioners' meeting of August 7, 2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

a. Warrants to be approved on August 7, 2024 in the amount of \$937,081.28

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$937,081.28.

Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

b. Warrants to be approved on August 14, 2024 in the amount of \$484,679.73

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$484,679.73.

Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- c. Warrants to be approved on August 21, 2024 in the amount of \$581,819.88
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$581,819.99. Vote 4-0.
- d. Warrants to be approved on August 28, 2024 in the amount of \$362,347.81
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$362,347.81. Vote 4-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

None

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. ~~To hear 3 NCEU grievances (may be in executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter (POSTPONED)~~
- b. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to present the following new hires and/or transfers:
 - i. Kendra Smith in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Kendra Smith in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss if all MSEA members rate of pay level have been brought up per the contract. Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes.
Vote 4-0.
 - ii. Jeffrey Poirier in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Jeffrey Poirier in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - iii. Cecilia Hawes in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Cecelia Hawes in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 9, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - iv. Raegan Robertson in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 23, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Raegan Robinson in the position of full-time Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of September 23, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - v. Alyssa Green in the position of full-time Deeds Clerk in the Registry of Deeds with a date of hire of September 9, 2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Alyssa Green in the position of full-time Deeds Clerk in the Registry of Deeds with a date of hire of September 9, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- vi. Bobbi Jo Bloomfield in the position of full-time Deeds Clerk in the Registry of Deeds with a date of hire of September 16, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Bobbi Jo Bloomfield in the position of full-time Deeds Clerk in the Registry of Deeds with a date of hire of September 16, 2024.
- vii. Transfer of Craig Sanford from reserve Civil Deputy to the position of full-time Civil Deputy with a date of hire of September 8, 2024
Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss asked that the date of hire be changed to September 9, 2024.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer of Craig Sanford from Reserve Civil Deputy to full-time Civil Deputy with an effective date of transfer of September 9, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- viii. Transfer of James Foote from Facilities Department to the position of full-time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of transfer of September 16, 2024
Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss informed all that Mr. Foote had previously worked at the jail but transferred to Facilities due to family issues that have now been resolved and that he wished to go back to the jail in the position of Corrections Officer.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer of James Foote from Facilities to the Sheriff's Office in the position of Corrections Officer with an effective date of transfer of September 16, 2024. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- c. Sheriff King to recommend promotion of Corrections Office Jason Gaudette to Corporal
Sheriff King approached the Board and requested the Commissioners approve the promotion of Corrections Officer Jason Gaudette to Corporal. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the promotion of Jason Gaudette to Corporal. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- d. Set date and time for Spirit of America Award Ceremony (recommend prior to November 20th meeting at 3:30 p.m.)
County Manager Zinser explained to the Commissioners that this ceremony is typically held at one of the November meetings.
The Commissioners are fine with the date and time recommended (November 20, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.)

6 OLD BUSINESS

County Manager Zinser reminded the Board that he sent them an e-mail with the information on the guaranteed maximum pricing for the training facility. These documents are being reviewed by our attorney and architect who are also reviewing the list of exclusions.

He continued that he is hopeful to move forward soon and asked if the Board might be willing to meet next week to discuss and approve the pricing.

County Manager Zinser added that he had a slight concern that the site work pricing is for both projects, but that pricing is not ready yet for the Recovery Center.

The cost for the training facility is \$23.7 million and that is close to the original estimate. The total cost of both buildings is in the neighborhood of \$41million, stated County Manager Zinser. He continued to state that we have \$40 million. Therefore, we have over a year to come up with the one million dollars we need. The County Manager informed the Commissioners that he would like to meet next week if at all possible, to get this (project) moving forward. He explained that the Special meeting would be for the Commissioners to approve the amount. The Commissioners discussed the matter and decided that they would meet on Wednesday, September 11th at 4:30 p.m. County Manager Zinser explained that the groundbreaking ceremony would most likely be held in October and that Laundry French has a P.R. department that can help us. He added that we should also have the final pricing for the Recovery Center prior to that.

County Manager Zinser informed all that the Maine Recovery Council has invited York County to submit a full application. We are seeking a sizable amount of money that will assist with furnishing the Center.

Commissioner Ring asked about a date for the Commissioners to tour the jail facility. It was decided that the tour will take place prior to the September 18th meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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. Executive session on personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

b. Vote on executive session matter

Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss requested a leave of absence for the employee discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the leave of absence for the employee discussed in executive session. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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

None

9 ADJOURN

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

