

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 15, 2022

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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, June 15, 2022 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Allen Sicard
Donna Ring

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

06-15-22 ITEM

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

Janet Drew (via ZOOM) commented about the recent death in the Cumberland County jail stating that it is so distressing for so many people. I have talked about the corrections job being a hard job, she commented. It's hard being in a cage and it's hard watching someone in a cage. More things are needed to make it better for everybody. People there need to feel seen and cared for and not always punished.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

a. Commissioners meeting of June 1, 2022
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes with one correction.
Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

a. Warrants to be approved on June 1, 2022 in the amount of \$514,667.58
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant . Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
b. Warrants to be approved on June 8, 2022 in the amount of \$595,486.66
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutremble informed all that he received an e-mail from MCCA stating that the State Police are not pulling out from rural patrol. County Manager Zinser added that he received the same e-mail. We will need to continue to pay attention. In my view, it won't happen right away.

Commissioner Dutremble stated that MCCA (he is on the Board) had a meeting with all counties (about this matter).

Commissioner Clark commented that the Chief of the State Police has been on television recently about reorganizing the department.

Commissioner Sicard added that's what they told us a couple of years ago when they wanted to pull out of a couple of towns.

Commissioner Dutremble stated that at the MCCA meeting they discussed that they are funded by the DOT and maybe we should get funding from them.

County Manager Zinser stated that he knows a portion of the highway fund pays for the State Police.

Commissioner Sicard reminded all that it's not if, it's when. It is going to be an expensive proposition. Hollis has about 1500 calls per year.

Commissioner Sicard informed all that he was defeated in the primary election yesterday. Justin Chenette received 1869 votes funded with over \$17,000. I did contact the State Ethics Commission today asking legislation to support clean elections for county elections, stated Commissioner Sicard.

This also happened in a District Attorney race where over \$300,000 was spent.

This is exactly what happened in State races that caused the legislature to pass the Clean Election Act. He wished Justin (Chenette) the best of luck and stated that there is still lots of work to be done through December.

5 NEW BUSINESS

a. ~~H.R. Director Linda Corliss~~ County Manager Zinser to request approval for the following new hires:

- i. Gabrielle Carpenter in the position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a start date of 6-16-22

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Gabrielle Carpenter in the position of Corrections Office at the Sheriff's Office with a start date of 6-16-2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

County Manager Greg Zinser asked that the Board consider approving a late edition to the agenda of the transfer of Emily Enger from Deeds to the position of VWA secretary in the District Attorney's Office with an effective date of 7-5-22.

Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the transfer of Emily Enger from the deeds department to the District Attorney's office in the position of Victim Witness Advocate Secretary with a start date of July 5, 2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Commissioners to approve tax commitments

County Manager Zinser explained that this is the yearly time that we go through the tax commitment process. The Board has a couple of options, he explained, either reject the budget transmitted to you by the Budget Committee or otherwise accept the budget and commit the taxes.

Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the budget received from the Budget Committee and approve the tax commitment letters.
Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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)

None

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

Janet Drew asked if we can get information if there is a Board of Visitors meeting as to what happens. County Manager Zinser will send an e-mail to the Sheriff to get in touch with Ms. Drew.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.