

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 20, 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 20, 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 was present at the meeting.

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12-20-2023 ITEM

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

Janet Drew (via ZOOM) thanked Sheriff King and his staff for what they have done to try and bring some joy to those spending Christmas in jail. She added that she is hopeful that the Board of Visitors will do more interactive things to help people succeed next year.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. Commissioners' meeting of December 7, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on December 6, 2023 in the amount of \$605,568.48
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Warrants to be approved on December 13, 2023 in the amount of \$690,849.28
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutremble informed all that on January 10, 2024 the annual meeting for the Maine County Commissioners' Association will be held at the Senator Hotel in Augusta.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. To hear two NCEU grievances (may be in executive session)
Bill Doyle, Executive Director of the NCEU informed all that the Union wishes to have their grievances heard in executive session.
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel issues.
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 support the denial of grievance #114706
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 3-1 with Commissioner Ring opposed.
Commissioner Clark motioned to support the denial of grievance #139100.
Commissioner Andrews seconded. Vote 4-0.
- b. Introduce County Manager Zinser to seek approval for the hiring/transfer of the following individuals:
 - i. James Nassif in the full-time position of Maintenance Technician I in the Facilities Department with a date of hire of January 2, 2024.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of James Nassif in the full-time Maintenance Technician I position in the Facilities Department with a date of hire of January 2, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - ii. Mariah Jacobsen in the ~~full-time~~ (part-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 Mariah Jacobsen in the part-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 3-1 Commissioner Ring abstained from voting as she is related to Ms. Jacobsen.
 - iii. Fernando Suman in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023.
County Manager Zinser clarified that his first name is Gloria. Commissioner Clark motioned to hire Gloria Fernando Suman 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.
- c. Review and consideration of the deputization agreement with area police departments- allows area departments to do their work.
Commissioner Ring stated that she is confused as to the purpose of these Agreements.
County Manager Zinser explained that several years ago the County was

involved in an incident where officer in Town A arrested someone in Town B. Now, The Sheriff deputizes officers working in York County. This provides the County indemnification. He added that this is done yearly. Commissioner Clark stated some years back the State statue was that towns agreed to allow officers to act in other towns. Is this similar?

Sheriff King replied someone can apply to the Department of Safety and ask for officers to have statewide authority. Sheriff- King gave an example of a drunk driving case in town A and in town B the officer arrested the person and he said he was Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff King stated that it is also in law that we have this agreement.

Commissioner Clark moved to authorize the policy and authorize the County Manager to sign. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- d. Jail septic upgrades- County Manager Zinser reminded the Board that he e-mailed them the bid documents last week. He clarified that this is not a new system and will be utilizing the same tank system. But, a building will be added that extracts all of the trash. The county spent a lot of money pumping the septic system at the jail, explained the County Manager. It will have a long-term savings.

Commissioner Dutremble asked, have we already appropriated money?

County Manager Zinser replied that there is \$1.2 million in jail reserves and later in the meeting we are asking for a transfer from year end funds into capital reserves for the jail.

Commissioner Dutremble asked if we allocated ARPA money? County Manager Zinser replied that yes, we broadly assigned septic but we determined it would not be in our best interest.

The bids are due back in early January. He added that we are hoping to have the contract in place in February so it will come back to you to award the bid. Facilities Manager Rick DeRochemont stated that five (5) contractors showed up for pre-bid meeting.

- e. Review and seek approval of Shelter renewal contract- County Manager Zinser explained that he reviewed the compensation agreement with Layman Way. He added that he is asking for the Commissioners' approval. It is budgeted as \$875,000 but factoring in the overpayment from last year it will come in a bit less.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the authorization of the Agreement for the Layman Way Recovery Center in the amount of \$879,864,000 and to authorize the County Manager to sign the Agreement. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- f. Review and approval of year end surplus allocations-

County Manager Zinser stated that Finance Director Lori Lemieux is here to answer any questions. He continued that the Memo she prepared shows the proposed allocations.

Commissioner Clark motioned to reallocate and read the transfer amounts into motion as follows:

Contingency-\$50,000, Capital Improvement-\$100,000, Employee Wellness-\$10,000, Special Projects-\$450,000, Training and Development-\$10,000 and \$750,000 for a total of \$620,000. Also, a request to transfer \$750,000 from jail fund to jail capital reserves.

Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked that in the special projects transfer request of \$450,000 it is specified that is for the training center and recovery center. County Manager Zinser replied that is what is going to go for but the issue is that we would need to create a new account.

The motion was amended to add that it is the expectation of the Board that the funds will be used for the recovery and training buildings.

Also, added to the motion is that it is the expectation of the Board that the \$750,000 to jail septic. Vote 4-0.

- g. To select a representative and proxy to the Maine County Commissioners' Association Board
Commissioner Clark motioned to select Commissioner Dutremble as the York County representative for the Board as well as the Risk Pool. Richard Clark motioned to select himself as proxy for both.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- h. To select a representative and proxy to the Maine County Commissioners' Association Risk Pool Board (motion above in item g)
- i. To review and ratification of Jail Medical Contract
County Manager Zinser explained that the transition is ongoing. The contract for the pharmacy is separate. After discussion with both vendors, it was decided to contract pharmacy separately, explained the County Manager. He continued that the past contract dictated that the medical contract paid for pharmacy. This contract will keep track but we will pay for that directly. This contract is roughly \$2.1 million.
Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the jail medical contract with Armor. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Commissioner Clark added that the County Manager is authorized to sign the contract. 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
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session. 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 two requests for Leaves of Absences. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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

Susan Wiswell wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Ring motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.