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3 **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

4 **June 17, 2026**

5 The regular meeting of the York County Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 4:30
6 PM at the York County Government Building in Alfred.

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8 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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10 Richard Clark
11 Robert Andrews
12 Justin Chenette
13 Donna Ring

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15 **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

16 Richard R. Dutremble

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18 County Manager Greg Zinser, Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss, Facilities
19 Director Rick deRochemont, EMA Director Art Cleaves, EMA Deputy Director Megan Arsenault, Sheriff
20 William King, and Finance Director Lori Lemieux were present at the meeting.

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

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24 **ITEM**

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

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28 Susan Wiswell of Kittery spoke in opposition to the proposed Pride proclamation, stating that the
29 decisions of the board reflect on the citizens it represents. She expressed her personal refusal to support
30 the proclamation, citing her religious beliefs and describing pride and homosexuality as sinful. She
31 referenced biblical examples to support her viewpoint and warned of potential moral consequences,
32 urging the board to reject the proclamation.

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34 **2. MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS**

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36 a. Commissioners' meeting of June 3, 2026

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38 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the minutes of June 3, 2026, as presented.**

39 **Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**

40 **Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Chenette abstaining**

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42 **3. TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

- 43 a. Warrants to be approved on June 3, 2026, in the amount of \$479,837.07

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45 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated June 3, 2026, in the amount**
46 **of \$479,837.07. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**

47 **Motion carried 4-0**

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49 b. Warrants to be approved on June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$638,150.35

50 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated June 10, 2026, in the amount**
51 **of \$638,150.35. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
52 **Motion carried 4-0**

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

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56 Commissioner Clark reported that he, along with County Manager Zinzer, attended a York Select Board
57 meeting the previous week to thank the town for its prior contribution of nearly \$300,000 from opioid
58 settlement funds toward the opioid treatment center. After delivering a presentation and inviting board
59 members to visit the facility, the York Select Board voted to provide an additional \$200,000 in settlement
60 funds. He expressed appreciation for York's generosity, highlighting that it is the first municipality in the
61 county to allocate opioid settlement funds to the treatment center and that the funding will have a
62 significant impact. He also commended County Manager Zinzer for an effective presentation.

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64 **5. NEW BUSINESS**

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66 a. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss to present new hires/transfers:
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68 i. To seek hiring approval of the following individuals in the Integrated Medical and
69 Behavioral Health Division and waive any formalities in the hiring process.

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71 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to waive any formalities in the hiring process for the**
72 **individuals hired this evening in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division.**
73 **Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
74 **Motion carried 4-0**

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77 a. Faye Massey, full time Licensed Practical Nurse effective July 1, 2026

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79 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Faye Massey in the position of full**
80 **time Licensed Practical Nurse in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with an**
81 **effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
82 **Motion carried 4-0**

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84 b. Emily Finley, full time Registered Nurse effective July 1, 2026

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86 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Emily Finley in the position of full**
87 **time Registered Nurse in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with an effective**
88 **date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
89 **Motion carried 4-0**

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91 c. Lisa White, Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 effective July 1, 2026

92 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Lisa White in the position of**
93 **Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with**
94 **an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
95 **Motion carried 4-0**

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97 d. Drew Babkirk, CNA/CRMA Per Diem effective July 1, 2026

98 Commissioner Clark asked whether the hire differed from others and why the position was not classified
99 as Tier 1 Per Diem. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss explained that, unlike Tier 1
100 per diem employees who are on call with no guaranteed hours, and Tier 2 employees who must work a
101 minimum number of shifts per month, this individual has a fixed schedule working specific hours every
102 other weekend. As a result, the position does not fit within the established tier classifications.
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104 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Drew Babkirk in the position of**
105 **CNA/CRMA Per Diem in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with an effective**
106 **date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
107 **Motion carried 4-0**

108 e. Melanie Molnar, Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 effective July 1, 2026
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110 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Melanie Molnar in the position of**
111 **Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with**
112 **an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
113 **Motion carried 4-0**

114 f. Karen O'Brien, Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 effective July 1, 2026
115

116 Commissioner Ring inquired whether any of the new hires qualified for signing bonuses. Deputy County
117 Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss clarified that none of the hires in this department, including the
118 medical staff positions discussed, are eligible for or being offered signing bonuses.
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120 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Karen O'Brien in the position of**
121 **Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with**
122 **an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
123 **Motion carried 4-0**

124 g. Felicia Boudreau, Licensed Practical Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 effective July 1, 2026
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126 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Felicia Boudreau in the position of**
127 **Licensed Practical Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division**
128 **with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
129 **Motion carried 4-0**
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131 h. Daniel Moisan, full time Licensed Behavioral Health Professional effective July 1,
132 2026
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134 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Daniel Moisan in the position of**
135 **full time Licensed Behavioral Health Professional in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health**
136 **Division with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
137 **Motion carried 4-0**
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139 i. Linda Sancetta, part time Medical Nurse Practitioner effective July 1, 2026
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141 Commissioner Ring asked whether the part-time position had minimum work hours. Deputy County
142 Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss confirmed that it does, explaining that the nurse practitioner in
143 question is scheduled to work 20 hours per week, 12 hours as a medical NP and 8 hours as a MAT NP.

144 County Manager Zinser noted that county policy allows part-time employees to work up to 29 hours per
145 week and confirmed that this position falls within that limit.

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147 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Linda Sancetta in the position of**
148 **part time Medical Nurse Practitioner in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division**
149 **with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
150 **Motion carried 4-0**

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152 j. May Olvido, Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 effective July 1, 2026

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154 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of May Olvido in the position of**
155 **Registered Nurse Per Diem Tier 1 in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division with**
156 **an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
157 **Motion carried 4-0**

158 k. Darren Sandler, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Per Diem effective July 1,
159 2026

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161 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Darren Sandler in the position of**
162 **Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Per Diem in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral**
163 **Health Division with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
164 **Motion carried 4-0**

165 ii. To seek hiring approval of Ashley Sargent in the position of full time Patrol Deputy in the
166 Sheriff's office with an effective date of June 22, 2026.

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168 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Ashley Sargent in the position of**
169 **full time Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of June 22, 2026. Commissioner**
170 **Chenette seconded the motion.**
171 **Motion carried 4-0**

172 iii. To seek hiring approval of Omarion Rose in the position of full time Corrections Officer in
173 the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.

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175 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Omarion Rose in the position of**
176 **full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.**
177 **Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.**
178 **Motion carried 4-0**

179 iv. To seek hiring approval of Remigus Ahuzi in the position of full time Corrections Officer
180 in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.

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182 Commissioner Ring asked about the individual's country of origin and how long he had been in the
183 United States. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss indicated she would need to refer
184 to the hiring packet for details and noted that general status information might be included in the
185 materials. Commissioner Clark raised concerns about the appropriateness of the line of questioning. He
186 emphasized that the county is an equal opportunity employer and objected strongly to inquiries about an
187 individual's origin or personal background, stating that such questions were inappropriate and should not
188 be part of the discussion.

189 Deputy County Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss confirmed that the individual is authorized to
190 work and that appropriate vetting had been completed.

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192 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Remigus Ahuzi in the position of**
193 **full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.**

194 **Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
195 **Motion carried 4-0**

196 v. To seek hiring approval of Richard Alme in the position of full time Corrections Officer in
197 the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.

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199 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Richard Alme in the position of full**
200 **time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026. Commissioner**
201 **Chenette seconded the motion.**
202 **Motion carried 4-0**

203 vi. To seek hiring approval of Brooklyn Bardeen in the position of full time Corrections
204 Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.

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206 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Brooklyn Bardeen in the position**
207 **of full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.**
208 **Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**
209 **Motion carried 4-0**

210 vii. To seek hiring approval of Adam Baltzer in the position of full time Corrections Officer
211 in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026.

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213 Commissioner Clark asked for an update on staffing levels for corrections officers. Deputy County
214 Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss reported that there are a couple of pending resignations, with
215 employees still working through their notice periods, but indicated that by the end of June the department
216 is expected to have 35 full-time corrections officers.

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218 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Adam Baltzer in the position of full**
219 **time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with an effective date of July 6, 2026. Commissioner**
220 **Chenette seconded the motion.**
221 **Motion carried 4-0**

222 viii. To seek transfer approval of Trinity Sharpe in the position of Trial Manager from Legal
223 Secretary in the District Attorney's office with an effective date of July 26, 2026.

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225 Commissioner Ring asked about the employee's hire date and whether she had completed her initial six-
226 month probationary period. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss explained that the
227 employee was hired in February 2026 as a legal secretary, at a time when the trial manager position did
228 not exist. She clarified that the employee would begin a new probationary period upon transitioning into
229 the new role, as outlined in the offer letter, and noted that such transfers during probation are permitted
230 when both department leaders agree, which in this case only involves one department.

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232 **MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the transfer of Trinity Sharpe in the position of**
233 **full time Trial Manager from Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's office with an effective date**
234 **of July 26, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**

235 **Motion carried 4-0**

236 b. Review and Vote on Pride Month Proclamation

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238 County Manager Zinser noted at the outset that there may not be enough support to pass the Pride
239 proclamation and urged respectful discussion. During discussion, Commissioner Ring stated she would
240 not support the proclamation, expressing the view that no group requires special recognition through
241 designated months. Commissioner Chenette spoke in favor, emphasizing that the proclamation fosters
242 inclusivity, has generated positive feedback from constituents and county staff, and supports making the
243 county welcoming to all. Commissioner Clark also supported the proclamation, framing it as recognition
244 of diversity and a gesture of respect in light of historical and ongoing discrimination against LGBTQ+
245 individuals. Commissioner Andrews indicated opposition, aligning with concerns about creating or
246 continuing proclamation-based recognitions.

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248 **Motion: Commissioner Chenette moved to approve and sign the Pride Month Proclamation.**

249 **Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.**

250 **Motion failed 2-2 with Commissioners Andrews and Ring opposing.**

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252 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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254 None.

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256 **7. TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT**
257 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR**
258 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR**
259 **NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION**
260 **WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF**
261 **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)**

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263 a. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Personnel matters

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265 **Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)**
266 **to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**

267 **Motion carried 4-0.**

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269 **Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Chenette**
270 **seconded the motion.**

271 **Motion carried 4-0**

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273 Commissioner Andrews stated no actions were taken.

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275 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

276 Heard before Item 7, Executive Session.

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278 County Manager Zinser made a general statement acknowledging that, regardless of differing views on
279 the proclamation, the LGBTQ+ community represents a valued and significant part of the county
280 workforce. He expressed appreciation for their contributions, emphasized that they are respected and
281 welcomed as employees, and conveyed his gratitude for their service to York County.

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283 9. ADJOURN

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285 **Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.**

286 **Motion carried 4-0**

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288 Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

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290 Respectfully Submitted,

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292 Patricia Murray, Executive Assistant to the County Manager

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