

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 21, 2025

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, May 21, 2025, A. D. at 4:30 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 Hutchins- Corliss were present at the meeting.

### ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89296575530?pwd=YflxcZuQgOS1xmaf1jUhK6g8azVjI.1>

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#### 05-21-2025      ITEM

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

None

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

- a. Commissioners' meeting of April 2, 2025  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes as amended of the April 2, 2025 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Commissioners' meeting of April 9, 2025  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025 Commissioners' meeting as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- c. Commissioners' meeting of May 7, 2025  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025 Commissioners' meeting as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

##### 3    TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on May 7, 2025 in the amount of \$984,754.02  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews

seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- b. Warrants to be approved on May 14, 2025 in the amount of \$510,305.85  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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

Commissioner Clark requested to bring up an item not on the agenda. Chairperson Dutremble recommended it be brought up under the New Business section. Commissioner Dutremble informed all that the Budget Committee approved the budget, and it will go to the public hearing on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss to present new hires/transfers:
  - i. To seek hiring approval of Robert Boyd in the full-time position of Food Pantry Coordinator with an effective date of hire of May 12, 2025.  
Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss informed the Board this is a retroactive hire. Mr. Boyd had been employed with the York County Shelter Programs since 2019 and the Food Pantry coordinator since 2024.  
Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Robert Boyd in the position of full-time Food Pantry Coordinator with an effective date of hire of May 12, 2025. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.  
Vote 4-0.
  - ii. To seek hiring approval of Robert Mann in the full-time position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of hire of May 27, 2025  
Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Robert Mann in the full-time position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of hire of May 22, 2025. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.  
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked if his certification is carried over into Maine? Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Hutchins-Corliss replied that he will have to get the Maine Law Package.  
Commissioner Ring asked if he is required to take a physical agility exam? Chief Deputy Forbes replied, "no, he is a waiver candidate." His information was sent to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Vote 4-0.
- b. Update on Food Pantry- County Manager Zinser informed all that they are working their way through portions of the regulatory process to work with Good Shephard Food Bank. First County Foundation will oversee the food pantry. We should have agreements with Good Shephard Food Bank soon, he stated. The Food Pantry is moving along with no hiccup with food distribution. County Manager Zinser added that the vehicle from the shelter will be transferred to us pending signatures from the Shelter. We will get it in for an inspection. We are told it probably does need some work. We will then decide whether we need to invest in it or not.  
The volunteers will be under the direction of the First County Foundation. Commissioner Clark asked if the County Manager had checked with the Risk Pool that we are all set?

County Manager Zinser replied, yes, he spoke to them this morning. Commissioner Clark asked about the vehicle? County Manager Zinser replied that they are looking into that also.

c. Update on FY 2026 budget

County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that the budget approved by the Budget Committee includes \$100,000 for the food pantry. The Public Hearing will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 after our meeting. We have met the statutory requirements for posting the Hearing.

Commissioner Dutremble commented that he had attended both meetings and it went well.

NEW BUSINESS (not on the agenda)-

Commissioner Clark informed the Board that he received a request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting that we support their efforts to get Federal Funds to obtain land. He added that he offered to move this forward at our next meeting, but they need the letters by May 30th.

They are asking for our support in a “no objection” response to the purchase of land for the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge and the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Commissioners signing a “no objection” letter for the purpose of supporting the purchase of land for the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.

Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Commissioners signing a “no objection” letter for the purpose of supporting the purchase of land for the Great Thicket National Wildlife Reserve.

Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. 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)**

None

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

None

**9 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Ring motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.