

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 1, 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, May 1, 2024, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Justin Chenette
Donna Ring-absent

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

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05-01-2024 ITEM

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

Heidi Barker addressed the Board to explain that she has worked with the Angolan society in Sanford for one year. She added that there have been some successes with jobs here at York County within the Corrections division. She explained how they were chosen for their positions. Ms. Barker informed all that there are over 270 Angolans now living in the community. They had to learn English and be job-ready. One is now at the academy, and he has started an English class for his community. It is required that they learn English and volunteer while they are waiting for their working papers. Ms. Barker stated that she appreciates the support that Mike Perry and the county has given us.

Michael Perry addressed the Board and stated that he is a long-time resident of Sanford and a mentor for the New American population in Sanford.

Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Dutremble thanked them for what they do for the population.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. Commissioners' meeting of April 3, 2024
Commissioner Clark made changes and then motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Commissioners' meeting of April 10, 2024

Commissioner Clark made changes and then motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

c. Commissioners' special meeting of April 17, 2024

Commissioner Clark made changes and then motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

a. Warrants to be approved on April 10, 2024 in the amount of \$732,242.25
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

b. Warrants to be approved on April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$551,400.34
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

c. Warrants to be approved on April 24, 2024 in the amount of \$532,769.54
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

None

5 NEW BUSINESS

a. To hear tax abatement denial appeal Johnson v. Town of Limington-Nathan Johnson is present. No one from the town was present.

Mr. Johnson is sworn in by County Manager Zinser.

Mr. Johnson explained to the Board that he purchased this property on January 31, 2023 for \$470,000. He informed the Commissioners that he included in his information his real estate tax bills for 2021, 2022 and 2023. He was notified that taxes were doubled once we purchased the home, he explained, increasing his escrow by \$500.00 a month. He then appealed this increase to the town (Limington) as they showed the value of the property was \$741,400 in 2023.

Mr. Johnson referenced the appraisal in his informational packet that shows the value of his property at \$492,000. He requested the value be dropped to \$582,500 keeping the land value the same but decreasing the building property.

Nathan Johnson added that he provided the Board with six comparable properties.

Commissioner Clark motioned to place the value of Mr. Johnson's property at \$582,800 as requested. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Commissioner Clark amended his motion to decrease the value of Mr. Johnson's property to \$582,500. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Clark explained to Nathan Johnson that this decision won't be official until the next meeting on May 15th when the Findings of Facts will be approved.

County Manager Zinser added that after Commissioner approval, we will then send to the town.

b. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to present the following new hires and/or transfers:

i. Jennifer Elwell in the position of Human Resource Clerk in the Human

Resource Department with a date of hire of 5-20-2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Jennifer Elwell in the position of Human Resource Clerk in the Human Resource Department with a date of hire of May 20, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- ii. Lauri Nelson to transfer from Trial Manager to Victim Witness Advocate in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of 5-20-2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer of Lauri Nelson from Trial Manager to Victim Witness Advocate in the District Attorney's Office with a transfer date of May 20, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- iii. Heritier Lelo in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of 5-6-2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Heritier Lelo in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of May 6, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

*****ITEM e HEARD AFTER ITEM b*****

- c. To review and seek approval for MOA for dredge with Old Orchard Beach
Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve the MOA for the dredge with Old Orchard Beach. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
DISCUSSION- Commissioner Chenette commented that he loves seeing the forward momentum of these Memorandum of Agreements with the dredge.

- d. To review and approve RFP for Countywide CAD/RMS

County Manager Zinser explained that this system was developed with York County Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs. This will be a generic RFP as we are seeking bids on a brand-new system.

The County Manager gave some background and explained that IMC is really in the process of sunseting over the next couple of years, so we need to look at as a County what to do.

This RFP does not have dates as we don't know when we are going to issue the RFP, but we need to get a committee together for the review process.

County Manager Zinser continued that this is a lengthy RFP because the investment needed will be substantial. The County may be the master contract holder and each town would buy into it at their desired level.

The County may have to front the money and get reimbursed or perhaps each town gets billed independently.

DISCUSSION- Commissioner Chenette asked when was the last time we opened it up? County Manager Zinser replied that this will be the first time that the County is doing this. We are looking collectively to have a single, unified CAD system. Most everyone uses IMC, but everybody holds their own contract and pays fees.

Commissioner Clark asked the County Manager what he sees as the calendar for this.

County Manager Zinser replied that he would like to get the RFP out in July. We need to get a group together that can be present for the mandatory pre-bid and also be here for review of the bids. He continued that he can't give exact dates until we sit down. The County Manager stated that he can bring it back to the Board for final approval if they want but the substance isn't going to change but the dates are blank.

Commissioner Clark asked when this would go out to bid and what calendar year are we going to pay for this?

County Manager Zinser replied that we will ask vendors for different payment plans. From a cash flow perspective, he stated that he wouldn't worry about signing a contract as the towns would reimburse us within 30 days.

It will be a lengthy review process, explained County Manager Zinser with on-site meetings and demonstrations. It will probably be December before you see this (RFP) back.

Commissioner Chenette commented that this will result in collective savings for taxpayers. He asked if the County Manager had other examples from other counties?

County Manager Zinser replied that Cumberland County handles dispatch for most of their county. He continued that the driver is what are the dispatch centers using? By default, the users have to use the same program.

Somerset County and Franklin County did something similar. Here, we have a number of PSAPS and dispatch centers. Sanford Regional Dispatch handles us, North Berwick and several other area towns. County Manager Zinser explained that in this county it has been handled in a somewhat patchwork approach.

Commissioner Chenette asked do we anticipate any friction from consolidation? The County Manager replied that we are not looking to take it over.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the RFP. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- e. To review and seek approval of job description for Records Management Specialist HEARD AFTER (b)

County Manager Zinser explained this position would handle the outflow of work we are doing with Paige Lilly, our archivist.

Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss explained that the funding for this position is already there so that is why she did not bring it up during budget review. This position will start working in Deeds, but we are looking for this position to be utilized in all departments down the road.

This job would fall under the Deputy County Manager initially and then deeds.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Chenette asked is Paige not interested in the role? Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, no, she is primarily focused on archives. This position will manage all the records not only in deeds.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve the job description. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

6 OLD BUSINESS

- a. Dredge update

County Manager Zinser informed all that he expects more Memorandums of Agreement in the next couple of weeks. He continued that he sent a mooring agreement with the Town of Wells to them today. The County Manager added that he received a letter from the Saco City Administrator about shovel ready projects in Saco.

EMA Director Cleaves informed all that the bottom painting of the dredge will be done at Portland Yacht over the next few days. Then, the two side hulls need to be assembled. Michaels Team is coming back on Monday to meet with

us, explained Director Cleaves. He added that the dredge should be ready next Wednesday to be towed down to York Harbor.

Saco and Wells have permits in place so therefore, they will be the first two jobs, explained EMA Director Cleaves.

County Manager Zinser stated that Director Cleaves is trying to get a meeting with DEP as there may be an opening during the summer months.

County Manager Zinser continued that they are working on an RFP for a dredge partner as the County doesn't have the staff. It was never our intent to hire people to operate the dredge. We will start soliciting some level of interest with dredge operators primarily for finding a crew.

He added that there is a CDS request from us for \$5 million for Community Resiliency. This would include providing for some element of staffing.

County Manager Zinser thanked Director Cleaves and the EMA staff for their work.

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)

Bonnie Laughlin asked if the County Manager could share with the public what the RFP for Community Resiliency is. County Manager Zinser explained that the RFP is to find a dredging partner. The request that we submitted for Congressionally Directed Spending is to create within county government a community resilience program in York County in terms of strengthening the coast. The funds (\$5 million) could provide for staffing to operate the dredge to assist towns in their rebuilding projects from the recent storm damage. How it would progress is yet to be determined.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.