

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 16, 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, October 16, 2024, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Justin Chenette
Donna Ring (excused)

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

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

10-16-2024

ITEM

- 1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
None
- 2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
 - a. Commissioners' meeting of October 2, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 3 affirmative with Commissioner Chenette abstaining.
- 3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
 - a. Warrants to be approved on September 25, 2024 in the amount of \$582,237.37
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - b. Warrants to be approved on October 2, 2024 in the amount of \$605,893.20
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- 4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
None

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. ~~To hear a MSEA grievance (may be in executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel matter) removed by MSEA~~
- b. Seek Commissioner approval to apply for and accept 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant
County Manager Zinser explained that this grant is jointly applied for with the City of Biddeford and is typically used for training. The amount for York County is \$10,984.00.
Commissioner Chenette motioned to apply for and accept the funding from the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- c. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Linda Corliss to request approval for the following new hire(s)/transfer(s)
 - i. To approve the transfer of Tracy Demers from Trial Manager to Paralegal in the District Attorney's Office effective October 21, 2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer of Tracy Demers from Trial Manager in the D.A.'s Office to the position of Paralegal in the D.A.'s office with an effective date of October 21, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

6 OLD BUSINESS

County Manager Zinser informed all that Commissioner Chenette was here for an EMA briefing on the status of recovery efforts. An Interlocal Agreement with the towns will hopefully start next week. County Manager Zinser proposed that EMA Director Cleaves brief us all at the next meeting.

Commissioner Chenette commented that he appreciates Art and his team and agrees that we need to engage State legislative colleagues about this and the Jail and that we need to engage legislators before their statutory closure usually in early to mid-December. He continued that we need to think about how we do this. We need to educate and let them know how we as the county can play a critical role. Commissioner Chenette added that sand replenishment is needed along the coast. We need to do our presentations and engagements sooner than later.

County Manager Zinser recommended the development of a fact sheet for us. He added that the formation of the Coastal Resilience Coalition will help us and have the voice to say that we have \$40 million in damage here in York County.

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 (via zoom) stated that she recently heard that the State of VT is looking at legislation to pull back money from fossil fuel companies for damage. People that are causing it are going to pay for it.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.