

## COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2020

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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, February 19 , 2020 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble  
Michael J. Cote  
Richard Clark  
Robert Andrews  
Allen Sicard

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

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#### 02-19-20      ITEM

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

None

##### 2      TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

a. Approve treasurer's warrant dated February 5, 2020 in the amount of \$494,208.11  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Approve treasurer's warrant dated February 12, 2020 in the amount of \$335,232.89  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

a. Commissioner Cote to report on Bicentennial committee- Commissioner Cote stated that the committee will look at more proofs of coins prior to making a decision. He added that the parade details are in place. Commissioner Cote continued that the video talked about might now be looked at as a County project instead of a bicentennial project. He added that maybe an art show with some of the school kids instead of the video would be a fun project. Commissioner Cote stated that everyone

is working on their various projects and we are sticking to the core projects. February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 is when the next meeting will be held and is open to the public.

Commissioner Cote discussed concerns of Commissioner Sicard about the call sharing with the State Police in regard to nothing received from them in writing. He would like us to direct the County Manager to write a letter to the State Police to get more information.

Commissioner Sicard explained that he and Commissioner Cote attended a recent MCCA meeting at which the subject (of rural patrol) was discussed and it is a much bigger issue for many counties than the town of Hollis is for us. Commissioner Sicard continued that he has had conversations with the Board of Selectmen and a Senator in that town. They both asked what do we have in writing. He had to tell them we don't have anything. Budgets are being worked on so we need to be proactive, stated Commissioner Sicard. He directed that the Town of Hollis, State Representative(s) and Senator(s) representing Hollis be copied on this letter.

Sheriff King informed all that he had a conversation with the County Manager earlier today and relayed to him that he had spoken to the Chair of the Hollis Board and he wants something in writing from the State Police. He circulated a new call share agreement from Hollis and informed all that it states that we have the town of Hollis. Commissioner Sicard commented that this (new document circulated) is not a letter, though. Commissioner Cote added that we agreed as the MCCA Board we would write a letter stating that if there is funding for rural patrol, they should be using the monies appropriately.

Commissioner Sicard said that he would be hesitant to lead with this with the people of Hollis (agreement circulated by the Sheriff from the State Police) as four towns still are getting coverage and Hollis are not. Commissioner Cote replied that we really can't answer that question.

Commissioner Sicard motioned to direct the County Manager and Sheriff to compose and sign a letter to the Maine State Police in regard to Hollis (rural patrol), requesting confirmation in writing that they will no longer patrol in Hollis as of 1-1-2021. This way everyone is in the loop. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion.

#### DISCUSSION:

County Manager Zinser stated that he needed some guidance. Commissioner Sicard replied that through our discussions we want written verification/confirmation that Hollis will not be covered by the State Police as of 1-1-21. We want confirmation that this is true. County Manager Zinser asked if he should direct the letter to Commissioner (John) Cote and to the Colonel. Commissioner Sicard agreed. Commissioner Clark asked shouldn't all towns that are currently covered by the State Police be notified. He added that he doesn't see why we wouldn't copy the appropriate persons in all of the municipalities that are currently covered by rural patrol. The County Manager recommended starting with a draft letter. Commissioner Cote asked if this letter could be approved at the next meeting. Commissioner Clark stated that we need to get this going. Commissioner Sicard commented that he thinks all four towns should get a letter but they might have a different slant than Hollis.

Vote-5-0.

#### **5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

No formal reports.

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hear two MSEA grievances (may be heard in executive session(s) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel- Rachel Sherman, MSEA Local 1297 President, requested the grievances be heard in executive session.  
Commissioner Dutremble motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Both grievances are heard in executive session.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to deny grievance referred to as 11-19-19.  
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to deny grievance referred to as 11-06-19.  
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
  
- b. Recognition of Sgt. Kevin Collins who was named Maine Sheriff Association's Police Officer of the Year- Sheriff King informed all present that Sgt. Collins was Named Deputy of the Year by the Maine Sheriff's Association. Sheriff King added that Deputy Collins was honored recently in Waterboro where he is the contract deputy for his sustained superior performance.
- c. Seek Commissioner guidance on 2021 budget- County Manager Zinser reported that he has started receiving budgets back from department heads. He explained that he is seeking objectives from the Commissioners in terms of the budget. Mr. Zinser continued that there have been some preliminary discussions about a full- time maintenance person at the Sheriff's Office and possibly another part- time position in the Finance Dept. As far as the Layman Way Recovery Center, he is looking to increase the budget and there are a few new initiatives but nothing overly large. Commissioner Dutremble commented that the Commissioners have been conservative for 13 years with an average yearly increase only slightly over 1%. Eventually we will need higher increases. Last year was a little over 2% and he would not want to see an increase any higher than that. Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Andrews agreed. Commissioner Sicard suggested we find a partner in the healthcare field who would like to work with us at Layman Way. Commissioner Dutremble stated that we have tried. Commissioner Sicard replied that maybe now that it has a track record we can attract a partner. Commissioner Clark stated that he realizes there are incremental changes due to inflation and wages. He feels that new requests are what the Commissioners should be focused on. He'd like them itemized out. Also, he wants the Department Head to know that if they want something (in their budget)not approved by the Manager, it should be brought to the Commissioners. The County Manager replied that he will always give the department heads requests to the Commissioners.
- d. Seek Commissioner approval on renewal of Food Pantry Lease with Y.C. Shelter Programs, Inc. (not heard at February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting) The County Manager presented the lease to the Commissioners signed by the Y.C. Shelter Programs, Inc. Commissioner Clark moved to approve and authorize the County Manager to sign. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

7 **OLD BUSINESS**

None

8 **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. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 402, (3) (Q)

Security plans, staffing plans, security procedures, architectural drawings or risk assessments prepared for emergency events that are prepared for or by or kept in the custody of the Department of Corrections or a county jail if there is a reasonable possibility that public release or inspection of the records would endanger the life or physical safety of any individual or disclose security plans and procedures not generally known by the general public. Information contained in records covered by this paragraph may be disclosed to state and county officials if necessary, to carry out the duties of the officials or the Department of Corrections under conditions that protect the information from further disclosure; [2015, c. 335, §1 (AMD).]

Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve that the county retains the services of Allied Engineering, Inc. (AEI) for the purpose of providing engineering consultation at the York County Jail. The specific plans and information regarding this project concern security matters at the jail and are exempt from public disclosure under Maine law (see 1 M.R.S.A., § 402, (3) (Q)). The proposed cost of the professional services provided by AEI is \$39, 250. The Commissioners also approve forgoing any formalities in the County Bidding policy due to the uniqueness of this project. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) personnel issues. Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to the above-noted statute. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

H.R. Director, Linda Corliss addressed the Board and requested approval for a leave of absence for an employee as disclosed in executive session effective January 30, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the leave of absence for the employee discussed in executive session from January 30, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

\*\*\*HEARD BEFORE ITEM 8\*- Rachel Sherman addressed the Board and stated that she would like to advance the two grievances to arbitration and would like a written decision.

**10     **ADJOURN****

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.