

1 **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **August 3, 2022**

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7 At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and  
8 holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York,  
9 being held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

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12 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- 13 Richard Clark
- 14 Richard Dutremble
- 15 Robert Andrews
- 16 Allen Sicard
- 17 Donna Ring

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22 County Manager Gregory Zinser and Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss were present at the  
23 meeting.

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

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27 **08-03-22 ITEM**

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29 **1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

30 Daria Cullen spoke via ZOOM and asked what county resources and law  
31 enforcement efforts there are to identify and disband the neo-Nazi movement in  
32 Kittery (group holding banner at Kittery Trading Post recently). She stated that she  
33 hasn't heard any public denouncements of this by the Sheriff and Commissioners.  
34 Ms. Cullen added that she doesn't think silence is the answer here and that she  
35 wants to be sure something is going on there and these people are being identified  
36 and disbanded.

37 She also asked that since Nicole Turner had passed away, she is not aware if any  
38 changes have been made at the York County jail. Could the Sheriff or  
39 Commissioners provide us with an update, she asked.

40 Commissioner Sicard stated that he was not aware of these happenings in Kittery  
41 and hoped that the Kittery Police Department is involved.

42 Sheriff King replied that he was aware and made contact several times with Chief  
43 Richter and offered the full resources of the York County Sheriff's Office.

44 Sheriff King addressed Ms. Cullen's second question and stated that the  
45 investigation is not yet completed, and no toxicology reports have been received  
46 yet. He elaborated that a tragedy happened, and we are reviewing that and  
47 meetings are occurring.

48 Janet Drew spoke via ZOOM and said that she was glad that the Sheriff is meeting  
49 and talking about their processes. Could you speak to what the admission process

50 is as to who comes through the jail and uses the scanner. How does that process  
51 happen when somebody comes in, she asked? Ms. Drew added that she echoes  
52 what Daria stated in that it is very distressing that hate is a loud voice now.  
53 Sheriff King replied that he appreciated the stand that you would take about that  
54 group in Kittery but we choose not to respond.

55 People inducted into the jail that are able to be scanned safely, are scanned. They  
56 can be strip searched in some instances. We find out what medications they are on  
57 and continue the necessary ones, continued Sheriff King. If they want to get into  
58 the MAT program, they are put on a list and can participate. 78 people are  
59 currently in MAT. York County is the only county with a recovery center on our  
60 campus, commented Sheriff King.

61 Peggy Turner from Lincoln ME spoke via ZOOM and questioned why there is a  
62 gap in between an inmate signing up for MAT and getting into the program.  
63 Nicole was on the wait list, she stated. If you can't scan all and can't do cavity  
64 searches, what other ways can you be sure the drugs are not being brought in, she  
65 asked.

66 Commissioner Sicard responded that this is something that has to be ascertained  
67 once we get the full report.

68 Ms. Turner replied that it has already been deemed an overdose from the other  
69 person in her cell.

70 Commissioner Sicard replied that it helps to get all the information.

71 Commissioner Sicard added that the Sheriff said they are currently evaluating their  
72 processes.

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74 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

75 a. Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2022

76 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022.

77 Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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79 **3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

80 a. Warrants to be approved on July 13, 2022 in the amount of \$827,672.83

81 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner  
82 Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

83 b. Warrants to be approved on July 27, 2022 in the amount of \$1,058,921.71

84 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner  
85 Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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87 **4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY**  
88 **COMMISSIONERS**

89 Commissioner Chairperson Sicard asked if MCCA is still holding their September  
90 14 meeting? Kathy Dumont will send another e-mail out tomorrow to all to  
91 finalize who will be attending.

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93 **5 NEW BUSINESS**

94 a. Departmental Recognitions:

95 i. Sheriff King to recognize State of Maine Representative Matthew  
96 Harrington, Representative Heidi Sampson and Senator David Woodsome

97 Sheriff King honored three active legislators in York County-Representatives

98 Matthew Harrington and Heidi Sampson and Senator David Woodsome. All  
99 three were presented plaques by the Sheriff that contained copper from the State  
100 House dome.

- 101 ii. Deputy EMA Director Megan Arsenault to recognize EMA Mitigation and  
102 Finance Manager Laurie Ewing-

103 Deputy EMA Director, Megan Arsenault addressed the Board of  
104 Commissioners and introduced EMA staff present. Deputy Director Arsenault  
105 awarded EMA Mitigation and Finance Manager Laurie Ewing a certificate and  
106 read a statement thanking Ms. Ewing for her exemplary work in working to  
107 obtain reimbursement funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 108 b. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to request approval for the following new hires:

- 109 i. Robert Nejad in the position of Patrol Deputy in the Sheriff's Office with  
110 a hire date of ~~August 8, 2022~~ August 22, 2022

111 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Robert Nejad in the  
112 position of deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a hire date of August 22, 2022.

113 Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 114 ii. Michael Hersom in the reserve position of Fire Instructor II in EMA with  
115 a hire date of August 8, 2022-

116 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Michael Hersom in the  
117 reserve position of Fire Instructor II in EMA with a hire date of August 8, 2022.

118 Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 119 iii. Daniel Roy in the reserve position of Fire Instructor II in EMA with a hire  
120 date of August 8, 2022

121 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Daniel Roy in the reserve  
122 position of Fire Instructor II in EMA with a hire date of August 8, 2022.

123 Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 124 iv. Christine Baker in the position of Legal Secretary in the District  
125 Attorney's Office with a hire date of August 22, 2022

126 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Christine Baker in the  
127 position of Legal Secretary in the District Attorney's Office with a hire date of  
128 August 22, 2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 129 c. Discussion of PreTrial Services and consideration of contract-

130 County Manager Greg Zinser introduced Elizabeth Simoni, Executive Director  
131 of Maine Pretrial Services. Ms. Simoni explained that this service was the first  
132 in the country and that they are housed in the jail and have a small office in  
133 Biddeford. She continued that they have a strong collaboration with the courts  
134 and D.A.'s office. We are requesting funding for next year, explained  
135 Executive Director Simoni.

136 County Manager Zinser stated that this (program) is a prime example of keeping  
137 people out of jail.

138 Commissioner Ring added that this program is worth every penny and that the  
139 County has saved extraordinary money through this program.

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141 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Maine Pretrial Services contract  
142 in the amount of \$245,886.00 and authorize Sheriff King to sign it on behalf of  
143 York County. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.  
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Commissioner Ring asked Sheriff King how many pretrial prisoners are in our jail right now?

Sheriff King replied that the numbers are pretrial 191 vs. 22 sentenced, 11% sentenced people. He added that this does not include the 130 or so that are out. If we didn't have that contract those people would be in jail.

Sheriff King stated that they saved over 64,000 bed days in 2020. The average daily prisoner count in July was 218. 75 people on MAT plus 20 at the Layman Way Recovery Center.

d. To review, discuss and seek Commissioners' approval of York County's 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Victoria Ranese, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator presented the Plan and explained that it was updated with the help of 29 towns, MEMA and FEMA and public comments. She went on to state that it is a requirement for grant funding to have this Plan updated and reapproved every 5 years.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

e. To review, discuss and seek Commissioners' approval of Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the County of York and the Town of Parsonsfield  
Commissioner Sicard asked County Manager Zinser if there were any major changes? County Manager Zinser responded that there were not. Sheriff King added that they are very happy with Deputy Cyr.

Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the County of York and the Town of Parsonsfield and authorized the County Manager to sign the Agreement. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

~~f. To review, discuss and seek Commissioners' approval of the engineering and architectural contracts for the Regional Training and Recovery facilities~~

**Will be on next agenda**

**6 OLD BUSINESS**

**\*\*\*HEARD AFTER ITEM 8\*\*\***

**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)**

a. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) review of confidential records pursuant to Title 1, Section 402-paragraph 3 (Public Records) 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 office of the officials

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or the Department of Corrections under conditions that protect the information from further disclosure.”  
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to the above-noted statute. Com. Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.  
No action taken.

**\*\*\*HEARD PRIOR TO ITEM 7\*\*\***

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

Janet Drew spoke via ZOOM and commented that she is happy about more money for pretrial services. Family members are victims, too. She asked Sheriff King what are serious crimes?  
Sheriff King explained that for the last couple of years, we had an intake modification policy (due to COVID-19). A crime against a person is considered a violent (serious) crime.  
Daria Cullen spoke via ZOOM and first agreed with Janet Drew. She questioned when you use these funds, are these folks getting services for their issues that have led them to be in the situation? She added that there is a shortage of lawyers, so what does that mean for folks who are still inside and can't make bail?  
Maine Pretrial Executive Director Elizabeth Simoni explained that they screen for mental health and substance abuse disorder, education, housing etc. She added that they look for barriers and they look for strengths. They do try to employ motivational interviewing techniques as well as offer linkages to community resources. The lawyer shortage is impacting everyone, stated Ms. Simoni.  
Commissioner Sicard stated that public defenders has been a real problem in the State. It follows back to money and the Legislature can't always find enough, commented Commissioner Sicard.  
Susan Wiswall asked if the hazard mitigation plan is on the County's website?  
County Manager Zinser responded that it can be made available online.

**9 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



## COUNTY OF YORK

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*Vice-Chairperson*  
*District 1*

*Richard R. Dutremble*  
*District 2*

*Allen R. Sicard*  
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*Deputy County Manager*  
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*Lorene B. Lemieux*  
*Finance Director*

August 10, 2022

**TO:** Greg Zinser  
County Manager

**FROM:** Linda M. Corliss on behalf of Sheriff William King  
H.R. Director and Deputy County Manager

**RE:** Transfer of Matt Jones to Patrol Deputy

I would like to make a formal request for approval to transfer Matt Jones, who has been filling the temporary Jail Investigator position, to a reserve patrol deputy.

Mr. Jones has been working in a temporary compacity as the Jail Investigator since August of 2021. The temporary assignment is set to expire; however, it is in the best interest of the county for Mr. Jones to remain connected to the county to be available to assist with finalizing several key investigations.

A complete transfer packet is available for the Commissioners review on **Matt Jones**. I am looking for approval from the Commissioners for a Monday, **August 22, 2022**, transfer date.

If you have any questions, please let me know.