

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 1, 2021

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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, September 1, 2021 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Allen Sicard
Donna Ring (via ZOOM)

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

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09-01-21 ITEM

County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that Item 6F will be taken off from the agenda and an executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C), acquisition of real property or economic development, will be added to the agenda

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

Chief Rod Hooper addressed the Board to inform all that Saco Fire Chief, John Duross was named Maine Fire Chief of the Year. He added that in an after action review of line of duty deaths, Berwick Chief Plante mentioned the York County Incident Management Team as helpful.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. Workshop of August 4, 2021-
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. (Commissioner Ring not allowed to participate in voting as she was not physically present due to State law as explained by C.M. Zinser)
- b. Regular Meeting of August 4, 2021-
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

3 TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants dated August 4, 2021 in the amount of \$945,231.28
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Warrants dated August 11, 2021 in the amount of \$385,819.73
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- c. Warrants dated August 18, 2021 in the amount of \$481,614.91
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- d. Warrants dated September 1, 2021 in the amount of \$282,957.86
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

None

5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

None

6 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduce H.R. Director Linda Corliss to obtain hiring approval of the following individuals:
 - i. Hiring of Nathan Thayer in the position of Jail Administrator with a hire date of September 6, 2021-
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked if Mr. Thayer resided in York County. H.R. Director Corliss stated that he did not but that was not a requirement of the position. Commissioner Ring asked if he would be given a county vehicle. County Manager Zinser replied that he would be. H.R. Director Corliss informed all that Mr. Thayer’s salary is \$105,000.00. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Nathan Thayer in the position of Jail Administrator with a hire date of September 6, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - ii. Hiring of Steven Coombs in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder III in EMA with a hire date of September 2, 2021-
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Steven Coombs in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder III in EMA with a hire date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION- Commissioner Ring asked in the reserve status guarantees a certain number of hours per week. H.R. Director Corliss replied it does not. They are used on an “as needed” basis. Vote 4-0.
 - iii. Hiring of Kristen Garvin in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II in EMA with a hire date of September 2, 2021
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Kristen Garvin in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II in EMA with a hire date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - iv. Hiring of William Sakal in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II with a start date of September 2, 2021-

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of William Sakal in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II in EMA with a start date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

v. Hiring of Rebecca Gaillard in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II with a start date of September 2, 2021-

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Rebecca Gaillard in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II with a start date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

vi. Hiring of Elizabeth Martin in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II with a start date of September 2, 2021-

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Martin in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II in EMA with a start date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

vii. Hiring of Elizabeth Hillman-Garriepy in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II with a start date of September 2, 2021-

Commissioner Clark approved the hiring of Elizabeth Hillman-Garriepy in the position of Disaster Assistance Responder II in EMA with a start date of September 2, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

DISCUSSION- Commissioner Clark commented that EMA has (vaccination) Clinics scheduled almost everyday for the next few weeks. He added that he would like to commend them on their hard work.

County Manager Greg Zinser commented that he would also like to show his appreciation for EMA. He informed all that there will be booster clinics as well.

- c. Commissioner review and vote on Arundel Contract Deputy Agreement- County Manager Zinser stated that both this contract and the Parsonsfield one are renewals and have been approved by the towns already. Arundel's contract is for two deputies. Commissioner Ring asked if there were any changes made to the contracts. County Manager Zinser stated that there were some minor non-substantive wording changes and that the contracts had been reviewed by the county's legal counsel. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Arundel contract and authorize the County Manager to sign. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- d. Commissioner review and vote on Parsonsfield Contract Deputy Agreement- Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Parsonsfield contract and authorize the County Manager to sign it. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- e. Commissioner review and vote on Food Pantry Lease-Commissioner Clark asked if there had been any changes made to this lease. County Manager Zinser replied there has not. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the contract and authorize the County Manager to sign it. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- f. Commissioner review and vote on jail shower project quote-*taken off the agenda**
- g. Commissioner review and possible vote on jail campus driveway repairs- County Manager Zinser introduced Facilities Manager Rick DeRochemont to discuss. Manager DeRochemont explained that the county's plow contractor had expressed some concerns over the past winter about the condition of the

jail campus driveways to include pot holes that have since been filled. He explained that he obtained three quotes and recommends Armour Guard as they also provide striping of the parking lots in their quote.

Commissioner Clark motioned to award the bid to Armour Guard in the amount of \$34,990.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

h. Possible action(s) on American Rescue Plan Act funds-

County Manager Zinser explained to the Commissioners that he needs some direction on a couple of items previously discussed at the workshop. The first being the sewer. He stated that he has been invited to the Sanford Sewer District on September 13th to inform them as to what the County is planning. He asked the Commissioners if they are okay with him moving forward with the recovery center and housing. If so, he continued, he can then go to the engineer and get information. The other item is the back up terminal as well as the tower.

Commissioner Clark replied that he is fine with the County Manager talking with the Sanford Sewer District and spending the money on the engineering. But, he asked, if we can build our own system for \$5 million, why would we spend \$9 million to get public sewer? Commissioner Clark added that we need to consider there will also be sewer user rates on top of that as an ongoing cost. He continued that before we move forward with this, we would be well advised to talk about the costs. Anything we propose to build, stated Commissioner Clark, we need to build as energy efficient as possible. He continued that he has lots of questions for later regarding the sewer route.

Commissioner Sicard commented that having the public sewer line pass by for four or five miles will open up a whole corridor. We could possibly save some money by having others hook into the sewer.

County Manager Zinser stated that yes, there are a lot of possible opportunities and further negotiations with the sewer district.

Commissioner Andrews asked if it would be possible to build a small sewerage system at the jail and other same areas around here.

Commissioner Dutremble stated that he agreed with the other Commissioners that we should definitely get revenues from the public sewer line.

County Manager Zinser confirmed that the Commissioners are requesting on some items a committee be formed, for example the training center.

Commissioner Clark replied yes, they would like the County Manager to come back with more information at the next meeting on housing, additional opioid treatment beds to include converting the current recovery center into a detox facility and a training facility. He added that he would like included, the charge for the committee to complete items along with a schedule of completion for those items. Commissioner Clark added that each project should have different individuals on each committee. He continued that a committee is not necessary for the tower and dispatch, just a vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ring suggested the Board begin to look into the tower replacement as that is very important.

County Manager Zinser stated that he would be asking for specific authorization in the amount of \$1.4 million.

Commissioner Andrews stated that he would want an assurance of a 99 year lease from the land- owner.

Commissioner Andrews motioned to move forward with gathering more information regarding the tower replacement in the amount of \$1.4 million.

Vote 4-0.

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. § 405 (6) (D) labor Negotiations-
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to the above-noted statute. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
No action taken.
- 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 Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
No action taken.
- c. Enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C) acquisition of real property or economic development-
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to the above-noted statute. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
No action taken.

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

None

10 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.