

1 **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **March 17, 2021**

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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, being held
9 on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

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12 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- 13 Richard R. Dutremble
- 14 Richard Clark
- 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 meeting.

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

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27 **3-17-2021 ITEM**

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

30 None

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32 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- 33 a. Commissioners' meeting of March 3, 2021
- 34 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sicard
- 35 seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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37 ****Heard after Item 7 to wait for party presenting abatement appeal to arrive*****

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39 **3 TO CONTINUE ABATEMENT HEARING (EXECUTIVE SESSION**
40 **PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §36 841 (2) (E) CONFIDENTIAL**
41 **ABATEMENT PROCEDURES**

42 After hearing all other agenda items prior to this one, the party scheduled to
43 present their appeal before the Commissioners did not appear either in person
44 or via ZOOM. Therefore, Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive
45 session pursuant to the statute listed above. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
46 motion.

47 Vote 5-0.

48 Sanford City Manager Steven Buck and General Assistance Director Randy White
49 participated in the executive session abatement denial appeal Hearing.

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Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of the executive session hearing. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Clark motioned to deny Abatement Appeal #03172021 and asked that the County's attorney prepare a Findings of Fact for the next Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

4 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on March 3, 2021 in the amount of \$380,218.29
- b. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- b. Warrants to be approved on March 11, 2021 in the amount of \$435,408.27
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Sicard seconded the warrants. Vote 5-0.

5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

None

6 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Greg Zinser reported that he had just received information and shared it with the Commissioners regarding the American Rescue Plan of 2021. He stated that he did not anticipate much of a discussion tonight but that there will be one in the near future. County Manager Zinser stated that York County is slated to receive over \$40 million. The report goes over some of the allowed uses but we are waiting for additional guidance out of the treasury. One of the potential investments might be to take care of our longtime desire to get water and sewer to the jail and courthouse. The County Manager added that he has spoken with Sanford Sewer and Paul Schumacher from Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development about this project. Commissioner Dutremble asked how many miles is it to get the sewer connection. The County Manager responded that he was not sure. Commissioner Ring asked how long was the money available for use. County Manager Zinser replied December 31, 2024.

EMA Director Art Cleaves gave an update on the Sanford vaccine site stating that over 6,000 vaccines have been given to date. He added that they are giving 480 vaccines a day. Director Cleaves stated that they can easily move it to 1,000 vaccines a day as soon as supply comes in. There is the complication of the second dose, commented EMA Director Cleaves. He informed all that 54 people need to be on the floor. County government has come to our rescue on many days when we are short on help. Carol Lovejoy was volunteering as a way finder the other day. York County town's EMTs are giving us support. We have reached out to businesses to volunteer. Central Maine Power may be able to supply more than one person everyday, stated Director Cleaves. He is also working with other businesses.

Commissioner Clark stated that Dr. Shah is saying there will be significantly increased volumes of the vaccine coming to Maine. Do you know how many will be delivered to York County? EMA Director Cleaves said that he has a meeting with Dr. Shah tonight at 6:00 to discuss more vaccines. It may take a couple of weeks. We are undertaking another initiative with our incident management team

100 and will have them go to York County towns to administer vaccines. For example,
101 two weeks ago just under 1,000 vaccines were given via a drive-through at the
102 Buxton Fire Department. Commissioner Clark congratulated EMA Director
103 Cleaves and all assisting on successfully getting this up and running. Art
104 Cleaves explained that scheduling vaccines for the general public has been
105 challenging and that will get better. Beginning tomorrow there will be a pilot test
106 platform from the State that is a scheduling program for all of the clinics.
107 Commissioner Sicard also complimented all for what they are doing.
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109 *****HEARD BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT*****

110 **7 NEW BUSINESS**

111 a. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to seek hiring approval for Linda Waite in the
112 position of part-time Probate Clerk III with a March 29, 2021 hire date.
113 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Linda Waite in the position
114 of part-time probate clerk III with a hire date of March 29, 2021. Commissioner
115 Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
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118 **8 OLD BUSINESS**

119 None
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121 **9 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL**
122 **ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF**
123 **REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT**
124 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT**
125 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL**
126 **COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF**
127 **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)**

128 None

129 **10 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

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132 **Recess for 5 minutes.**

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134 During the brief recess, County Manager Zinser reported that budgets will be
135 handed out to the Commissioners in a couple of weeks. Commissioner
136 Donna Ring asked when the audit will be ready. County Manager Zinser
137 replied that he is hoping within a few weeks.
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140 **11 ADJOURN**

141 Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
142 motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.