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Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Kathryn A Dumont
Subject: Re: Good news

Hi Kathryn
Please share with Commissioners. I request my letter be read during next meeting public comments.

1.FYI: Eliot PD & NAMI (mental health) are sponsoring a free zoom in May about a CAHOOTS type program in TX.. SEE Event at Eliot PD website

2. I had thought a sheriff/ jail report would follow his time in exec session at 4/21 YCC meeting.
Recognizing that the jail population is largely Poor or Sick and vulnerable, it's discouraging that jail numbers are going UP (& in many places besides YC) 125 in jail = affecting 1250 YC lives! (For every person jailed, 10 are affected. Focus on family and mental health measures & save many county people.

3. Re covid \$\$\$ discussion 4/21 mtg
In the name of safety, we keep hiring enforcement officers and inflicting trauma of jail on whole families, while not even 10 % of county millions is budgeted for treatment. Towns lack reentry housing and employment opportunities and living wages. People need affordable, energy-upgraded housing & workers to do it.

So the proposal for a new expensive building next to one that's not running at capacity seems excessive in the face of more local needs.

Dept of Corrections & Policing

can't be the only road to corrections; it's failing families and communities.

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So how might the county effectively use this \$\$ "to help the whole county" (as was stressed in 4/21 meeting?)

\$support to prevention in most vulnerable areas, & whole county win\$. Use data/EMT to identify need

What communities are increasing arrests, ODs, evictions.?

Are NGOs reporting county areas or towns that experienced greater covid impact to health, wellness and basic income needs.

Are there places with predominance of SUD, Non-violent, bail, , warrant or await hearings arrests? Any stats that can help

YCCommissioners now have both \$\$ and power to look at data, to make Best use of covid \$\$.
Climate & Community \$upports to Lift families, Decarcerate & Employ are my vision.

We need prevention,
Programs to help support extended work hrs, with mentors and creative learning
sustainability skills arts...
Shelter, transitional community housing, mental health, gardens,
Insulation/sustainability projects for returning citizens. How can county support detox
programs/protocols
Please invest in people- US/us

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Janet Drew

On Wednesday, April 04, 2006, 11:11 AM

1 **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **April 14, 2021**

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7 At a special 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, April 14, 2021 A. D. at 3:30 P. M.

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12 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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- 14 Richard R. Dutremble
- 15 Richard Clark
- 16 Robert Andrews
- 17 Allen Sicard
- 18 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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26 **YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE AND SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

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29 **APRIL 14, 2021 ITEM**

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- 31 **1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
- 32 None

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34 **2 PRESENTATION/REVIEW OF FY 2020 AUDIT**

35 Christina Howe from RHR Smith and Company presented the audit via
36 ZOOM. She also reviewed the Management Letter. One of the items
37 contained in the letter is that almost every department reconciles their own
38 bank statements and then gives them to Finance. The auditors recommend
39 that they are looked at and signed off as reviewed. Also, the auditors
40 recommended that an accounting policies and procedures manual be
41 established to assist in guiding the Finance Department.
42 Commissioner Clark asked if this (audit) was a final version and if so, can it
43 be voted on at this meeting. The County Manager replied that it was and
44 could be approved at this meeting.
45 Commissioner Clark requested that the issues raised in the Management
46 Letter are responded to in a reasonable timeframe. He asked that the
47 County Manager and Finance Director report back in thirty days.

48 Chairperson Commissioner Dutremble agreed.
49 Commissioner Ring agreed with Commissioner Clark and added that she is
50 concerned with the timeliness of the audit and accepting it without a
51 thorough review. We shouldn't have to accept and approve it (the audit)
52 within a few days after receiving it, she commented.
53 Commissioner Sicard stated that the County is in good financial state and
54 that the management letter seems to be easily rectified. This was a difficult
55 year due to COVID-19 but it seems like the audit came together nicely.
56 Commissioner Dutremble added that it was a different year because of
57 circumstances including the retirement of the Finance Director.
58 Commissioner Ring replied, but that position was not replaced for a long
59 time.
60 Commissioner Clark moved to accept the fy'2020 audit. Commissioner
61 Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 (Commissioner Andrews not yet
62 present at the meeting.)
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64 **3 COMMISSIONER RING TO PRESENT REVISED PTO POLICY**
65 **(attached as record to these minutes)**

66 Commissioner Ring stated that she has been concerned with this (policy) for
67 a long time. "This is the third time in thirty (30) years there has been a
68 problem with management positions accruing time. When they leave, it's a
69 large payoff, stated Commissioner Ring. The last one (payoff) was in 2007,
70 she continued. Twice it has been voted that this would not be allowed
71 (accrual of time) and here we go again", commented Commissioner Ring.
72 She continued that these individuals are being paid an additional 7% to 10%
73 in buyback. "Management can determine when they can take their time off
74 and they can control their schedule", commented Commissioner Ring. "We
75 should not be accruing that liability in our budget", stated Commissioner
76 Ring. She stated that she would like to see some type of cut off as she
77 believes carrying over (time) and buy back (of time) seems a bit ridiculous.
78 Hourly employees should have to accrue it as we are paying thousands of
79 dollars up front. (*referring to her submitted policy*) Commissioner Ring
80 stated that she feels her policy is fair and equitable. "As it is now, it is very,
81 very expensive. Managers can take their time off. They don't account for
82 every hour they work or take off. If they can't take the time, said
83 Commissioner Ring, "let's start documenting the time they actually work".
84 Commissioner Clark asked if Commissioner Ring has numbers to back up
85 her comments. He stated, "You said somebody had a buyout in 2007 and
86 that was fourteen (14) years ago so it doesn't seem like a major issue to
87 me". "I don't know what you are trying to accomplish. I need actual
88 numbers", stated Commissioner Clark.
89 He added that Commissioner Ring has some allegations that there is a
90 problem but no facts to back it up.
91 Commissioner Sicard stated that he echoed Commissioner Clark's concerns

92 and added that it is difficult to pull the rug out from people already in this
93 (pto benefit) and coming out of the pandemic, one won't attract good
94 people. He added that maybe now is not the time to do this. Commissioner
95 Sicard suggested perhaps, at a later time, creating a sub-committee to report
96 back to the Commissioners but that he does not see a need for a change at
97 this time.

98 Commissioner Dutremble stated that he agreed with both of the
99 Commissioners. We will lose good people if we institute this.

100 Commissioner Ring replied that this is a policy, not a contract. The working
101 people of York County that have been in the trenches don't have this kind of
102 luxury. It needs to be equitable for all, not just a few.

103 Commissioner Clark responded to Commissioner Ring's statement that
104 some employees are working people and some are not but stating that he is
105 not going to go down the road with that kind of foolishness.

106 Commissioner Ring replied that she does not think her comment is foolish
107 and is referring to the employees who are working under contracts. Union
108 employees do not have this kind of benefit. She added that she was trying to
109 look at what was fair and equitable for all.

110 Commissioner Sicard stated that this is done by negotiations. If Union
111 employees want more benefits, they should bring this up in collective
112 bargaining.

113 Commissioner Dutremble added that the difference between contract people
114 and management is management does not get paid for overtime.

115 Commissioner Clark motioned to reject the proposed revision.

116 Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 3-1 (Commissioner Ring
117 opposed and Commissioner Andrews not yet present at meeting).

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120 **4 TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF THE FY 2022 BUDGET**

121 **Deeds budget-** Register of Deeds Nancy Hammond addressed the Board
122 and explained that the Deeds department has gone through a lot of changes.
123 The office has had no exposure. We have managed to condense and have all
124 the staff in one area while maintaining our six (6) foot distance. Two people
125 (in the deeds department) are still working from home and are very
126 productive. As of today, we have a \$300,000 increase in revenue to the
127 county. We are seeing a huge increase in sales of properties and mortgages.
128 We are not seeing many foreclosures. The State of Maine is not recording
129 many liens. Those will come around once the real estate bubble is over. We
130 have a candidate for the vacant position who I believe will be a great
131 addition to the staff.

132 Commissioner Clark questioned the dramatic increase in postage. Register
133 of Deeds Hammond explained that she decreased that number in the budget
134 last year as she delivered deeds to towns in years past to put a face to the
135 Register of Deeds.

136 Commissioner Ring commented that the online service (for deeds) works
137 great and that Register Hammond has done a great job with it.

138 Register of Deeds Hammond reminded all to sign up for the new fraud alert
139 program.
140 Commissioner Ring asked Register Hammond when she will have all of the
141 books online? Register Hammond replied they continue to work daily on
142 this and are also creating a complete, in-order set of microfilm.
143 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the deeds budget in the amount of
144 \$646,776.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0
145 (Commissioner Andrews not yet present).
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147 **Probate budget-** County Manager Greg Zinser stated that the majority of
148 increase (in this budget) is wages and benefits. One of the requested
149 increases is to the Judge's salary of \$10,000.00. Register of Probate, Carol
150 Lovejoy, presented her budget to the Commissioners. Judge Houde
151 attended the presentation via ZOOM. Deputy Register of Probate Casey
152 Hartford was also present for the meeting.

153 Register of Probate Lovejoy stated that Judge Houde is in the department
154 two days a week and every other Wednesday. He schedules workout
155 conferences (mediation without the mediator present to attempt to settle the
156 case prior to going to court). From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, we had 42
157 Petitions for Appointments of Guardians. From July 1, 2019 up to today,
158 we have had 102 Petitions for Guardians of Minors and from July 1, 2019 to
159 June 30, 2020 we had 69 Emergency Motions. The Judge has to write
160 detailed Findings of Facts for each case. He is doing this nights and
161 weekends. The new law court mandate states that all parents need a court-
162 appointed attorney in guardian for minor cases. Register of Probate Carol
163 Lovejoy continued that most cases are done via ZOOM but when they do
164 hold "in-person" court, everyone is six feet apart.

165 Commissioner Ring asked what the professional services line consists of.
166 Register Lovejoy responded that it is for court appointed guardians for
167 indigents.

168 Commissioner Sicard asked if the Clerk III position will be filled this year?
169 Register Lovejoy responded that the position started as a part-time one but
170 she would like to move it to a full-time one in July.

171 Commissioner Sicard asked if the salary will still be \$33,000.00. Register
172 Lovejoy replied that it would be.

173 Commissioner Clark moved to approve the Probate budget in the amount of
174 \$689,177.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
175 (Commissioner Andrews not yet present at the meeting.)

176 **District Attorney Budget-** York County District Attorney Kathryn Slattery
177 presented her budget. She began by stating that due to COVID-19, the court
178 shut down on March 13, 2020. A lot of remote proceedings began in May
179 of last year. The courts are starting to work on beginning to hold in person
180 trials in June. Assistant District Attorney staff have been working hard to
181 resolve cases. We have increased the use of our technology and have fully
182 implemented our cases online in the Justware system. We can deliver
183 through sharefile cases to the defense counsel. She stated that she is not

184 sure how the “in-person” court hearings will work out with the courtroom
185 situation in Alfred. The grand jury just began and handed down 134
186 indictments last week.
187 County Manager Zinser informed all that he and the Sheriff and District
188 Attorney have had conversations regarding a more case-based and
189 diversionary type approach. He went on to explain this could be
190 accomplished by bringing on social workers and case workers that can
191 perhaps handle cases before they have to go to court.
192 District Attorney Slattery stated that everyone on her staff stepped up to the
193 plate and that her department has received many compliments from the
194 Judges.

195 Commissioner Sicard commented that he recently drove by the new court
196 facility. He added that we need to figure out where the D.A. and her staff
197 will go. County Manager Zinser replied that he is not sure where
198 conversations will go but that at some point, there will have to be a
199 conversation as to what is going to be done. He added that perhaps some of
200 the COVID money the County will be receiving will be allowed to be used
201 for this type of use.

202 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the District Attorney’s office
203 budget in the amount of \$1,519,133.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
204 vote. Vote 5-0. (Commissioner Andrews present).

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206 **Juvenile Fire Prevention-EMA** Director Art Cleaves explained that the
207 program is run by two part-time individuals, Matt Leach and Molly
208 Cunningham. The program is designed to prevent any fire issues from
209 happening. This program is the model for the State of Maine. This program
210 has been taken to York County schools. The program provides private
211 counseling sessions. York County is the only county that funds this
212 initiative. The budget shows a small increase to allow them a few more
213 hours.

214 Commissioner Clark asked if Director Cleaves had any numbers to share
215 with them. Director Cleaves responded that he did not but will get them.
216 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the juvenile fire prevention
217 budget in the amount of \$33,664.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
218 motion. Vote 5-0.

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220 **Layman Way Recovery Center**-Steve Mazza and Megan Gendron were
221 present. (handout with information included as record of these minutes) Ms.
222 Gendron addressed the Board and informed them that the Center has had
223 143 admissions and has graduated 79. These figures represent a completion
224 rate of 55%. That is 10% above the national average.

225 Commissioner Sicard congratulated Ms. Gendron on the work that they have
226 done and keeping everyone safe and healthy during COVID-19.
227 Commissioner Sicard commented that the Center currently is down to 10
228 residents and asked if Ms. Gendron thought it might get back to full capacity
229 soon. Ms. Gendron replied that since the report that was circulated, the

230 count has increased to 13. She added that they have partnered with other
231 agencies and forged some new relationships. Ms. Gendron stated that they
232 look forward to the courts becoming their main referral source once again.
233 Commissioner Sicard asked Ms. Gendron what her largest need was if she
234 had a wish list. She replied that it is recovery houses. The women's
235 recovery residence had a tree fall on the roof so now that has to be replaced.
236 We are very focused on our need to open more recovery residences.
237 Commissioner Andrews asked if they had considered allowing women in
238 recovery to have their children in the homes with them?
239 Ms. Gendron responded, absolutely but that it is difficult with congregate
240 living. She added that they have dedicated a space in their recovery home
241 for women and their children to visit.
242 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Layman Way Recovery
243 Center budget in the amount of \$957,800.00. Commissioner Sicard
244 seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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246 **Commissioners' Budget-** Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the
247 Commissioners' budget in the amount of \$71,123.00. Commissioner Sicard
248 seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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250 **Management/Administration Budget-**County Manager Zinser explained
251 that the increases in the budget are largely due to the increase in the phone
252 system and wages.
253 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Management/administration
254 budget in the amount of \$1,101,732.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
255 motion. Vote 5-0.

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257 **Treasurer's Budget-** Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the
258 treasurer's budget in the amount of \$562.00. Commissioner Sicard
259 seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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261 **Communications/Dispatch-**The County Manager explained that the City of
262 Sanford provides these services for York County. Commissioner Dutremble
263 asked the length of the contract. County Manager Zinser replied that the
264 contract is for five years and that it was signed a couple of years ago.
265 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Communications/Dispatch
266 budget in the amount of \$681,354.00.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded
267 the motion. Vote 5-0.

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269 **Retirement Benefits-** Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the
270 retirement benefits budget in the amount of \$550,876.00. Commissioner
271 Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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273 **Medical and Dental Insurance-** Commissioner Sicard asked why the
274 double digit increase (17.87%) and asked if the County Manager was
275 expecting double digit increases from the insurance company? County

276 Manager Zinser responded, no but we are anticipating some additional
277 contributions as we negotiate contracts.
278 Commissioner Ring asked if the increase was from more people using the
279 insurance program as she thought the employees absorbed the increases.
280 She also asked if this (increase) included the jail staff.
281 County Manager Zinser replied it does not include the jail staff and that it is
282 necessary to factor in what might be a premium increase as we do not know
283 where we are going with other Unions yet.
284 Commissioner Ring added that every one of the Unions has a different
285 contribution.
286 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the medical and dental insurance
287 budget in the amount of \$970,454.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
288 motion. Vote 4-1 (Commissioner Ring opposed).
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290 **Debt Service-**Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the debt service
291 budget in the amount of \$493,832.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
292 motion. Vote 5-0.
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294 **Public Agencies-** County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that
295 none of the three agencies funded requested any additional funding this
296 year.

297 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the public agencies budget in the
298 amount of \$128,700.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote
299 5-0.
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301 County Manager Zinser informed all that there is no contingency funding
302 request this year.
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304 Commissioner Chairperson Dutremble informed all that the next step will be
305 to forward this budget to the Budget Committee.
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307 Commissioner Ring stated that she had looked at last year's budget and year
308 to date expenditures. Every department had a surplus last year in their
309 salary budgets and will also have one this year. She asked why are these
310 lines being overfunded and why are positions not being filled in a timely
311 fashion. We have not funded for any union negotiations. Last year we
312 spent less and now we are asking for another 4 to 5%. Is this money to have
313 just in case?, asked Commissioner Ring.

314 County Manager Zinser explained the funds are for potential union
315 negotiations. He gave the example that if the budget was designed with
316 actual wages, there would not be enough to fund the contract that the
317 Commissioners are going to be asked to approve next week.

318 Commissioner Dutremble replied that he had the same questions and went
319 on to explain that some of the positions are part-time and other positions that
320 will be filled this year. Some employees have left and their positions were
321 not filled right away. An example of this would be the administrative

322 position in the Sheriff's Office that has not been filled since December but
323 the money is in the budget. You cannot eliminate the funds in the event the
324 Department Head wishes to fill that position later in the year.
325 Commissioner Ring replied that she understood but that it is funded at the
326 high level.
327 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the fy'22 budget in the amount of
328 \$21,369,734.00 and send to the Budget Committee. Motion seconded by
329 Commissioner Sicard. Vote 4-1(Commissioner Ring opposed).

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

333 Susan Wiswell asked if the reason the phone lines increased in most budgets
334 was due to COVID-19? County Manager Zinser explained that we went
335 through the entire phone system and re-allocated and figured out cost per
336 phone line and number of phones per departments. We also did increase
337 our bandwidths. In the prior budget you will note those costs were usually
338 over budget. Susan Wiswell also asked if the audit will be posted onto the
339 county's website. The County Manager replied that it would be posted
340 tomorrow.
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343 Commissioner Ring commented that she would like to see more backup
344 information with these budgets. She stated that she would also like to see
345 the year to date figures on the cover sheet so all can see where each
346 department is at.
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6 ADJOURN

349 Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sicard seconded
350 the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.
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28 **APRIL 21, 2021 ITEM**

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31 Janet Drew of York (via ZOOM) asked if there would be electric vehicles
32 for the county in the future? She added that she wanted to stress that the
33 Federal Government is giving the counties, states and towns lots of money
34 to do good things. A teacher took a correction officer’s job for \$23,000 and
35 Ms. Drew continued that she hoped he brings a teacher culture to the jail
36 but that she doesn’t really want us to be hiring those types of people for
37 jails as she believes they should be at the schools. Ms. Drew stated that
38 it was stated at a recent meeting in Penobscot County that 80% of students
39 would benefit from mental health care. We need to look at organizations to
40 do this, she stated. One other point Ms. Drew made was that Commissioner
41 Liberty of the Maine Department of Corrections recently stated that
42 (jail/corrections officer) positions were a solid job opportunity. Mrs. Drew
43 Stated that she wants the “teacher jobs” to be there. People don’t want
44 those solid jobs, continued Janet Drew. They’d rather do something that is
45 not demoralizing.

46 County Manager Zinser responded to Ms. Drew’s comments. He stated
47 that electric vehicles are not something the County has looked at or is

48 contemplating. Our vehicles are primarily first responder vehicles.
49 He added that perhaps in future meetings we can address some of what
50 you've said. Commissioner Clark clarified Ms. Drew's comment of
51 a corrections officer job at a salary of \$23,000.00. He stated that our
52 Correction Officers make at least \$36,000.00 annually. Janet Drew thanked
53 him for that clarification.
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55 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- 56 a. Regular meeting of April 7, 2021-Commissioner Clark motioned to
57 approve the minutes. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote
58 5-0.
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60 **3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

- 61 a. Warrants dated April 7, 2021 in the amount of \$562,142.83-
62 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner
63 Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
64 b. Warrants dated April 14, 2021 in the amount of \$413,524.25-
65 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant.
66 Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
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68 **4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY**
69 **COMMISSIONERS**

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72 **5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

73 No formal reports.
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75 **6 NEW BUSINESS**

- 76 a. Commissioner review, discussion and possible approval of FOP contract
77 from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020-
78 County Manager Zinser explained to the Commissioners items that were
79 agreed to in this contract such as defining the roles and responsibilities of
80 Contract deputies and how internal investigations are to proceed. He
81 added that the majority of the items were agreed upon during arbitration.
82 County Manager Zinser stated that the Union members would each
83 receive a \$4,500 signing bonus.
84 Commissioner Ring asked if the \$4,500 signing bonus was for all
85 current employees who are in the FOP Union. The County Manager
86 responded that it included all currently employed as of the date of
87 signing of the contract. Commissioner Ring clarified that therefore any
88 employees who have left recently wouldn't get it? The County
89 Manager stated that they would not.
90 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the FOP Union contract from
91 July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 and authorize the County Manager to sign
92 the document. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
93 b. Commissioner review, discussion and possible approval of FOP contract

94 from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022-

95 County Manager Zinser explained that this contract incorporates all of
96 the changes contained in the previous contract as well as adding
97 additional funds towards health insurance and both pay scales. There
98 is a shift differential now for the Officer in Charge of an extra \$1.50 per
99 hour. Also, it was agreed to a re-opener as it pertains to the OIC with
100 the addition of the new rank of corporals.

101 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the FOP contract for the
102 period of July 1, 2020 to June 20, 2022 and to authorize the County
103 Manager to sign the contract. Commissioner Sicard seconded the
104 motion. Vote 5-0.

- 105 c. H.R. Director, Linda Corliss to request hiring request for Diane St. Pierre
106 in the position of Full-Time Deeds Clerk with an effective hiring date of
107 May 3, 2021.-

108 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Diane St. Pierre
109 in the position of full-time deeds clerk with an effective hiring date of
110 May 3, 2021. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

111 Commissioner Ring asked what the starting rate of pay is. H.R. Director
112 Corliss replied, \$15.00 per hour.

- 113 d. American Rescue plan discussion- The County Manager reminded the
114 Commissioners that a couple of meetings ago they had a brief
115 conversation regarding the plan and that he had advised them at some
116 time in the near future we would need to have some additional
117 conversations. The County Manager added that he is still waiting for
118 some guidance from the treasury so this conversation should be at the
119 30,000 ft. level. We still don't know what our allowable ways to spend
120 this money is yet but that he did provide to the Commissioners a
121 document containing a brief overview of allowable use of funds in
122 regards to responding to the public health emergency from COVID or it's
123 negative, economic impacts.

124 The County Manager reminded all that the Jail budget for next year will
125 be quite a bit lower as it was established using today's numbers (money
126 received) resulting in a small formula allocation from the State of Maine
127 this year. Water, sewer or broadband infrastructure are some of the
128 allowable uses, stated the County Manager. This document does
129 state that we are unable to transfer money to cities and towns.

130 The County Manager told the Commissioners that it would help him to
131 know where the Board might be going with ideas on how they'd like to
132 spend the funds.

133 Commissioner Ring asked if other county facilities (jail) are seeing a
134 decrease in their population numbers? County Manager Zinser replied,
135 most likely, yes but a lot of other counties have overtaken us in
136 population numbers. Sheriff King informed all that the population today
137 is 126. The County Manager added that for the large majority of the year
138 we have been hovering in the 80's.

139 Commissioner Dutremble asked if the 126 included include our inmates

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housed at the Cumberland County jail. Sheriff King replied that it did not.

Commissioner Dutremble asked about extending the public sewer system to the jail? County Manager Zinser replied that they have talked about this with the Sanford Sewer District and it won't be feasible. There is a whole litany of things that would have to happen. Commissioner Dutremble asked if we can build our own treatment plant?

County Manager Zinser replied, yes.

The County Manager stated broadband is another use but that the State is also going to be getting \$100 million for that project.

Commissioner Ring asked about a mental health facility/recovery center. County Manager Zinser stated that there have been initial, random conversations that have occurred. He added that there is a bubble in the court system that is going to pop and there will be services that clientele are going to be needing. The County Manager informed all that he, the Sheriff and D.A. have been looking at the CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets) program out of Oregon. It is a different way to police response and brings on clinical level social workers to assist with actual treatment of substance abuse and mental health. We are seeing a rise in overdose deaths and severe lack of treatment, commented the County Manager. Right now, Layman Way is really the only show in town. Their numbers are down because the court hearings are down.

County Manager Zinser continued that the only detox center in Portland is shut down right now. "Building a big, new building on the jail land is something to look at but, stated County Manager Zinser, I don't know at the end of the day if the guidance will say we can do so." He asked the Commissioners, "what are the avenues that you want me to pursue. I can do a little bit of research and report back to you."

Commissioner Sicard asked what the parameters around how long we have to spend the \$40 million? County Manager Zinser responded that we have until 12-31- 2024 to spend the money. He added that it will be in two deposits, with the first being in the amount of \$20 million. He cautioned the Board it is estimates right now until it hits our bank account and no changes are made in Washington.

Commissioner Sicard stated that the county has the opportunity to go big with some kind of project and infrastructure and change. A lot of counties are going with Broadband, continued Commissioner Sicard. He continued that he thinks we have the opportunity with 75 acres to do something more. Maybe a mini pumping station and additional beds as well as halfway houses to get people out to the workforce. The County would have two years to build it out and it would serve the whole county.

The County Manager clarified that it does state in the document that anybody receiving these funds can transfer it to a private, non-profit. He added that there have been some conversations regarding whether or not we can partner with a town to work with water, broadband, etc.

This would make for a cumbersome project, stated County Manager

186 Zinser as how would we choose one town over the other.
187 Commissioner Ring stated that one of her concerns with “ let’s go big as
188 this is one time fund and we start building buildings is that we need to
189 remember we will have to have all these towns help us pay for operating
190 these facilities. It will be a huge cost down the road once we complete
191 the buildings. Tax payers of this county will have to pick up this bill.
192 Commissioner Dutremble responded that Layman Way has proven that
193 every one person it helps, it helps ten people down the road. In the long
194 run, it saves money. Commissioner Ring replied that she does believe that
195 but we have to make sure the towns are on board.
196 Commissioner Sicard suggested maybe partnering with non-profits
197 already in business would be wise. County Manager Zinser agreed that if
198 we were to go down that road (detox center), we will have operational
199 costs and would have to work with organizations. There has to be
200 partnerships. He added that we looked at running a detox center a few
201 years ago it was \$1.5 million.
202 The County Manager mentioned that another item where assistance is
203 needed is transportation. He suggested looking into taking some funds to
204 create some type of transportation system. The County Manager stated
205 that he recently met with people from Layman Way and Sanford Housing
206 Authority who told him transportation in general is a large need in the
207 County. The County could partner with some non-profit to create this,
208 stated County Manager Zinser.
209 Commissioner Ring asked the County Manager if he meets regularly with
210 the rural towns? The County Manager replied that there is no more 12
211 town group. Commissioner Ring suggested that the County Manager
212 maybe find out with rural towns what town managers are looking at. The
213 County Manager replied that only 14 of the 19 towns have managers.
214 Commissioner Sicard commented that transit is big in this bill. We could
215 bring Biddeford-Saco in instead of buying vans. The County Manager
216 asked if the Commissioners had any other objectives? He added that he
217 will e-mail the guidance right out to them as soon as he receives it.
218 Commissioner Andrews suggested perhaps looking into uber-type of
219 transportation. He stated that he can see that transportation is a very
220 reasonable and appropriate use of the funds. People in the rural areas in
221 York County need to be able to get to jobs. He added that maybe we put
222 together a system and think outside the box of how it can be done.
223 Commissioner Dutremble recommended looking further into the
224 feasibility of doing a treatment plant. Commissioner Sicard recommended
225 that the County Manager reach out to transit operators. Commissioner
226 Andrews suggested the County Manager look at places in other parts of the
227 country as to what they do for transportation in rural counties.
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229 County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that he has
230 reached out to Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission about
231 broadband. There needs to be a study first for a needs- assessment in the

232 county. Commissioner Andrews added that mental health is a really big
233 direction as far as detox or halfway house situations.
234 Commissioner Clark stated that he wants to see more guidance and that
235 until then he doesn't find this (conversation) particularly useful so far.
236 He added that he feels the County should be looking at energy efficiency
237 projects. Some money could be used with opioid issues if we can fill the
238 beds, commented Commissioner Clark. Right now, the beds aren't full.
239 Before we build another dozen beds, we need to make sure we have
240 people that want them, stated Commissioner Clark. He added that
241 Maine has a high population of elderly people and some people shouldn't
242 be driving at a certain age. He suggested the County Manager talk to
243 York County Agency on Aging.
244 County Manager Zinser stated that this gives him some things between
245 now and when the guidance comes out. We will need more input at
246 some point with non-profits and citizens, said the County Manager.
247 e. Sheriff's Office Update (executive session may be necessary- Title 1,
248 Section 402, Subsection 3, paragraph Q. Q. (REALLOCATED FROM T.
249 1, §402, sub-§3, ¶P) Security plans, staffing plans, security
250 procedures, architectural drawings or risk assessments prepared for
251 emergency events that are prepared for or by or kept in the custody
252 of the Department of Corrections or a county jail if there is a
253 reasonable possibility that public release or inspection of the records
254 would endanger the life or physical safety of any individual or
255 disclose security plans and procedures not generally known by the
256 general public. Information contained in records covered by this
257 paragraph may be disclosed to state and county officials if necessary
258 to carry out the duties of the officials or the Department of
259 Corrections under conditions that protect the information from
260 further disclosure; [2015, c. 335, §1 (AMD).])
261 Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant
262 to Title 1, Section 402, Subsection 3, paragraph Q.
263 Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
264 Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session.
265 Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
266 No action taken.

267 ****ITEMS 7 AND 9 HEARD PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 6e.****

268 **7 OLD BUSINESS**

269 Commissioner Ring asked the County Manager if it would be possible
270 to purchase tablets for the Commissioners to have their meeting packets and
271 emails contained on.
272 Commissioner Sicard motioned to approve the purchase of five (5) tablets –
273 one for each Commissioner. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.
274 Vote 4-1 (Commissioner Clark opposed).
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276 Commissioner Sicard stated that he has heard that vaccination booster shots
277 will now perhaps be necessary in 6 months. Our Lease runs out on

278 December 21, 2021. Will we keep the Center open or are we waiting to hear
279 from the Maine CDC for guidance? County Manager Zinser responded that
280 he doesn't have an answer but that the hope was to shut it down and the
281 booster would be given by one's primary care physician.
282 County Manager Zinser informed all that he visited the Center today and
283 gave kudos to EMA and Maine Health Care. Lots of the vaccinators were
284 local firefighters and EMTs.
285 Commissioner Ring asked the County Manager about which contracts we
286 are entering into negotiations with. County Manager Zinser replied that the
287 FOP contract is good for 18 months and we have just started conversations
288 with MSEA. Their contract runs out on 6-30-21. The NCEU contract
289 expires on 12, 31,2021. We are having conversations about the next
290 contract, stated the County Manager.
291 Commissioner Ring commented that she would love us to have contracts
292 done prior to the budget with a 3- year contract for every one of them.
293 County Manager Zinser responded that the bigger issue is where the unions
294 are. Sometimes it works and sometimes it does not (to get a three year
295 contract.)
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297 **8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL**
298 **ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF**
299 **REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT**
300 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT**
301 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL**
302 **COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF**
303 **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)**

304 None
305 **9 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

306 Janet Drew commented (via ZOOM) that everyone wants Broadband but
307 that there are different ways its delivered including 5G mini microwave
308 transmission. If we could get successful intervention in school areas she
309 believes that to be more important to include mental health services. There
310 is the issue of the crisis of poverty, low wages and the stress it puts on
311 families as well as housing issues. Maybe getting some services in their
312 own communities after de-tox, would be important. Climate and people,
313 stated Ms. Drew, are what the County should look at. Sometimes we don't
314 need another building. We need to think about using the building we already
315 have and put the money into public services, concluded Janet Drew.
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317 **10 ADJOURN**

318 Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sicard seconded
319 the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



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RESOLUTION OF THE YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, the Board of the York County Commissioners resolve to increase the credit limit for TCM Bank, N.A. York County Government credit card account ending in 1180 from \$46,000.00 to \$136,000.00 in order to increase individual card credit limits for Arthur Cleaves and David Francoeur from \$5,000.00 each to \$50,000.00 each.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2021.

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