

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 16, 2022

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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, November 16, 2022 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard Clark
Richard Dutremble
Robert Andrews -excused
Allen Sicard
Donna Ring-excused

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

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11-16-22 ITEM

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

Janet Drew spoke via ZOOM and commented that the State has been commissioned to look at parole and they talked about things that need to be done, such as decriminalization and after care. If the State moves that way, I hope everyone moves that way, she stated.

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

a. Commissioners' meeting of November 2, 2022
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022.
Commissioner Dutremble seconded the minutes. 3-0.

3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

a. Warrants to be approved on November 2, 2022 in the amount of \$573,048.30
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$573,048.30. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
b. Warrants to be approved on November 9, 2022 in the amount of \$786,210.47
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant in the amount of \$786,210.47. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

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

Commissioner Dutremble informed all that York County's portion of the Maine County Commissioners' Association budget will likely increase by \$320.

Commissioner Sicard informed all that York County will have a signing ceremony with our Letter of Understanding with York County Community College tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 for our new training facility building. He added that our vaccine center will close on December 31, 2022.

5 NEW BUSINESS

a. To hear tax abatement denial appeal for John McManamy (Buxton)- County Manager Zinser swore John McManamy in via ZOOM. Mr. McManamy explained his position. He stated that he had received a new appraisal and that there are four houses on the river on the stretch of Salmon Falls Road. Three of the houses are from the 1890's and not remodeled. 53 Salmon Falls Road is a brand new house. Mr. McManamy continued that when he started to compare, it seemed to him that the assessor did not validate why he appraised my house so much differently than the other houses. He added that he has the least amount of frontage and no direct river access-200 feet of stone. 53 Salmon Falls has direct access and a sandy beach. 61 -300 ft. of river frontage and 2 sandy beaches. \$9 per foot while other houses are appraised between \$3 and \$4 per foot. Why does a smaller river frontage home seem almost 3 times higher than mine?, questioned John McManamy?

He stated that according to his figures, his house is appraised at \$206.94 a sq. ft. 61 Salmon Falls is similar to my house but billed at \$136 square foot. Mr. McManamy stated that he brought this to assessor's attention but he didn't want to entertain anything. Therefore, he is coming to the Commissioners as a last resort to come up with something fair.

Town of Buxton representative, assessor Bob Gingrass approached the Board and was sworn in by County Manager Zinser. Mr. Gingrass stated that 59 Salmon Falls Rd. sold for \$375,000. The Town's assessment, he explained, is \$337,000. 53 Salmon Falls Road is valued at \$508,100. Mr. Gingrass added that 61 Salmon Falls Road is assessed at \$391,900. All of Mr. McManamy's comps. are valued considerably more and have more acreage, explained Mr. Gingrass. Everyone on the river has their first acre valued at \$150,000 explained Mr. Gingrass. He is treated fairly. His assessment is on the lower end.

Commissioner Clark asked Mr. Gingrass if the town performed a revaluation? Mr. Gingrass stated that they had and that one hasn't been done since 1994.

Commissioner Clark stated that while he sympathized with the homeowner, he has not proven this (his property assessment) is out of line. Therefore, he motioned that Mr. McManamy's appeal be denied. Commissioner Clark added that Mr. McManamy has further remedies if he wishes to go to court. The Findings of Fact will be available at the next meeting.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

b. H.R. Director Corliss (County Manager Zinser did so in Director Corliss's absence) to seek hiring/transfer approval for:

- i. Janet Callahan – Full-time corrections officer with a DOH of 11/7/2022- Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Janet Callahan in the position of full-time corrections officer with a date of hire of November 7, 2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

- ii. Tina Cultrona – Full-time Legal Secretary with a DOH of 11/28/2022
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Tina Cultrona in the position of full-time legal secretary in the District Attorney’s Office with a date of hire of November 28, 2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
 - iii. Christine Verespe – Full-time Victim Witness Advocate with DOH 11/28/22
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Christine Verespe in the position of full-time victim witness advocate with a date of hire of November 28, 2022. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
- c. Review and consideration of new EMA job descriptions to take effect 1/1/23
County Manager Zinser explained by reading a memo from H.R. Director Corliss (attached as record).
Commissioner Clark asked for clarification if these are reserve positions and have no regular hours assigned? Or do they have regular hours that they need to work to maintain their positions? County Manager Zinser responded, not from the H.R. Policy manual but maybe for licensing purposes. Deputy EMA Director Megan Arseneault stated that we have not established a minimum (#of hours required to work) but some (hours) would be required for licensing. Having these positions during COVID really helped us, stated Deputy EMA Director Megan Arseneault. Commissioner Clark stated that his concern is that he wants to be sure we understand that these employees work on a per diem base so there would need to be some type of meeting before they come in. Commissioner Clark stated that he is not opposed to this but that he would want them to be trained. He added that some will have training from their outside employment. Commissioner Dutremble asked if we pay for study courses? County Manager Zinser replied that we would. EMA Director Art Cleaves stated via ZOOM that any training required would be covered with the Homeland Security grant. Commissioner Sicard commented that it is not a question of the money but the familiarity of the equipment so that in the event of a disaster, they’d be trained.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the new EMA job descriptions to take effect January 1, 2023. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
- d. General discussion – contract deputy program (postponed)

6 OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review and discussion of premium pay (executive session may be necessary pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(d)) (postponed)

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)

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

None

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:03 p.m.