

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 4, 2020

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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 4, 2020 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Michael J. Cote -excused
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Allen Sicard

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

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11-04-20 ITEM

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

- 2 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
 - a. Regular Meeting of October 21, 2020
Commissioner Clark had one correction and one addition to the minutes.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes with those corrections.
Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- 3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
 - a. Approve treasurer's warrant dated October 21, 2020 in the amount of \$239,158.12
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - b. Approve treasurer's warrant dated October 28, 2020 in the amount of \$391,113.77
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

County Manager Greg Zinser stated that he had two items to bring up. The first being the extension of the Correctional Health Partners Agreement at the jail. This item is not on the agenda and was an oversight on his part. The other item is the Spirit of America awards. Several meetings ago, the Commissioners had asked Kathy and I to figure out a way to logistically have a ceremony here, explained the County Manager. It is really turning into a logistical issue as there would simply be too many people to shuffle in and out. It isn't going to be feasible but we will work to find a way if the Commissioners direct us to do so. The plaques are being made. He continued that his initial suggestion would be to have the Commissioners read the information about the recipients during a meeting and then send the plaque with a letter from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sicard agreed that it would not be prudent (to invite recipients in) given the pandemic that we are in. Reading their bios will give them public recognition, he stated.

Commissioner Clark added that he agreed that with the rising numbers we should probably not be inviting people in. Commissioner Andrews also agreed.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a. YC D.A. Kathy Slattery and YC Shelter Programs Executive Director Megan Gean-Gendron to give update on Layman Way Recovery Center- County Manager Zinser informed all that Item b will be postponed due to a health issue. Item h will be brought back to you (Commissioners) at the next meeting.

Megan Gean-Gendron addressed the Board. Ms. Gendron stated that since the last update given to the Commissioners in May, she will review a few of the highlights (from handout included in these minutes as record).

There have been 126 total admissions and 62 graduates. Megan Gean-Gendron added that they will be opening a recovery residence in Sanford. This will give graduates an opportunity to move into housing owned by the Shelter Programs. This will provide housing for women with six beds. It is unique as we have secured housing vouchers that will help them with rental assistance. This will allow the women to reacclimate into the community and take their time to find appropriate employment. This program will provide wrap around services. A house manager will live there as sort of a peer leader and staff will be in and out of the house daily. Ms. Gendron continued that she has two success stories in that two graduates are now employed by the agency. One is a Residential Technician at Layman Way and one is on our maintenance team. She continued that LWRC has remained COVID- 19 free.

Commissioner Clark thanked Megan for the report stating it was thorough and illuminating. Commissioner Sicard asked if there are any plans for housing for men. Megan Gean-Gendron replied that they do hope to open a recovery residence for men. The need was there for women so we are addressing that group first.

Commissioner Andrews referred to employment and asked if the program includes plans for training? Ms. Gean-Gendron replied that they ran a robust vocational training program. We have plans to bring it online but with the pandemic, we haven't been able to do so. Commissioner Andrews- asked if children will be allowed at the home?

Megan responded that some do have children and that there is a room that will be dedicated to children with books and games. She continued that sleepovers with children

will be allowed with full house agreement. Also, there are guidelines and protocols that will have to be agreed upon (by the residents). Addiction Services Supervisor, Steve Mazza explained that they have a collaboration with Goodwill Workforce Solutions program that was a national program put together for opiate users. A lot of graduates are starting to make some progress in those areas.

York County D.A. Kathy Slattery addressed the Board and stated that the program has grown in stature and reputation. People trust and believe in this program, continued District Attorney Kathy Slattery. She added that she has been present when people have talked about the impact that this program has had on them. The Commissioners asked us to track recidivism. We have only had (8) eight repeat offenders from 63 graduates and none since we last reported to you. D.A. Slattery stated that she credits this success to the strong after-care that the program offers. Also, there is lots of collaboration with the D.A.'s office. D.A. Slattery mentioned that Rachel Sherman, Victim Witness Advocate in the D.A.'s office had recent contact with a graduate that was a victim and stated that the program saved his life. Commissioner Sicard asked District Attorney Slattery if the current 24 bed facility meets the need or does York County have a larger need? D.A. Slattery replied that this (current facility) does not meet the need that we have.

- b. Director of CAC of YC, Molly Louison and Exec. Director of SARSSM, Gina Capra to give update on programs to the Commissioners-**POSTPONED**
- c. Approval of Waterboro Deputies Contract-The County Manager explained that the two agreements have been authorized by the town of Waterboro for the two deputies that they have.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the agreement with the town of Waterboro and authorize the County Manager to sign the Agreement.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- d. Introduce H.R. Director, Linda Corliss to seek hiring approval for Darcy Valido in the position of EMA Administrative Reserve with an effective hiring date of November 5, 2020.
County Manager Greg Zinser addressed the Board on behalf of H.R. Director Corliss and explained to the Board that Ms. Valido is currently the leader of EMA Dispatch team.
Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hire of Darcy Valido in the position of EMA Administrative Reserve with an effective hiring date of November 5, 2020.
Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- e. Review Donation Policy-
County Manager Greg Zinser explained that he did consult our attorney and basically York County would follow the same statute that cities and towns have to follow.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the policy with the first line word change. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- f. Act on donation of gift cards-
Commissioner Sicard motioned to approve the acceptance of 106 gift cards (pursuant to our new donation policy) destined to the use of the Sheriff's Office. He added that a letter of thanks be drafted on behalf of the County Manager and Commissioners. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- g. Review and approve the Findings of Fact for the tax abatement denial appeal Hearing for Prime Berwick Storage LLC-
County Manager Greg Zinser explained that the Findings of Facts reflect the Commissioners' decision at their prior meeting from the Hearing.
Commissioner Clark moved to approve the Findings of Fact and authorize the

Chairman to sign. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- g. Possible review and approval of sub-recipient agreement with Caring Unlimited-
POSTPONED until the next meeting.

County Manager Zinser asked for the contract extension for Correctional Health Partners to be heard at this meeting as Sheriff King and Captain Bean were present to ask questions.

Commissioner Clark motioned that he has no problem with the extension. But, since it was not on agenda we should table until the next meeting.

Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. 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)

None

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

Donna Ring of Sanford approached the Board and stated that she was curious if the county has ever accepted gift cards in the past. Commissioner Dutremble stated that he believed this was the first time. Donna Ring asked if that's why it took two months for this to come to fruition.

10 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.