

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 16, 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, December 16, 2020 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

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12-16-20 ITEM

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

- 2 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
 - a. Regular Meeting of December 2, 2020
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
 - a. Approve treasurer's warrant dated December 2, 2020 in the amount of \$115,972.43
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - b. Approve treasurer's warrant dated December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$550,474.88
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- 4 **TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Commissioner Dutremble presented Commissioner Cote a plaque to thank him for his service to the County.

5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

None

6 NEW BUSINESS

- a. To introduce Molly Louison, Director of the CAC of York County/Assistant Director of SARSSM and Gina Capra, Executive Director of SARSSM- Director Molly Louison read updates regarding the Child Advocacy Center and gave background information to the Commissioners. The Center opened in 2017 and is a program of SARSSM that exists largely because of the County. Ms. Louison gave thanks to Commissioner Cote and told him that he has been such an amazing supporter even before we opened our doors. She continued that they see children between the ages of 3-18 and occasionally outside of that if they are working with Police Depts. Last fiscal year- (packet enclosed as part of these minutes). (10-19-20 through 9-20-20) with one full time family advocate, three forensic interviewers, we had 187 recorded interviews, over 300 hours of one on one support, 104 law enforcement referrals, 9 indictments on 45 criminal counts as well as almost 60% connected to mental health services. Molly Louison gave a COVID update and stated that they utilized their forensic interviewer with Wells P.D. Ms. Louison added that they have re-arranged their space for social distancing. The County gave us access to a bigger room also this year. Molly asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Andrews stated that he applauds what they are doing and asked if they deal with any trafficking issues? Ms. Louison stated, yes, and they utilize an additional referral pathway in Preble Street; an organization that does anti trafficking interviews. Also, they have a separate service of trafficking team meetings. Sometimes the kids are on the run. There are also online risks for children right now due to COVID. Commissioner Cote commented that Molly and her employees do a great job. He added that we partnered with you folks and it is one of the good things the county does. It makes a lot of sense and he is glad we can help. Commissioner Cote stated that he appreciates it and he hopes it goes on for years and years. CAC of York County is the only in the State of Maine that works with the D.A.
- b. To recognize employees for their annual years of service- H.R. Director Corliss approached the Board and stated that we want to publicly recognize these employees. Director Corliss listed the names and years worked for York County Government (on record with these minutes). Sheriff King read the names of employees in his departments. York County Manager Greg Zinser recognized the following department leaders- Carol Lovejoy (40 years), William King (10 years) and Art Cleaves (5 years).
- c. To review and seek approval of ARAMARK Food Service Agreement Amendment (renewal #5)- County Manager Greg Zinser asked for the Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Clark moved to approve the amendment (renewal #5) and authorized the County Manager to sign. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- d. To review and seek approval of year end allocations- County Manager Zinser

explained the requested allocations (attached as record to these minutes) and stated that the County did experience costs due to COVID and that the overall net revenue is \$941,104.00.

He listed the proposed allocations and added that the Jail ended with \$1.59 million.

Commissioner Dutremble moved to approve the year end allocations as proposed by County Manager Zinser. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- e. Schedule tax abatement denial appeal Hearing for Eliot resident (suggested meeting date of January 20, 2021)

The Commissioners are in agreement with hearing the Appeal at their January 20, 2021 meeting.

- f. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to seek hiring approval for Justin Greenlaw in the position of reserve Hazmat Operator in EMA with a start date of December 21, 2020-

H.R. Director Linda Corliss addressed the Board to request the hiring of Justin Greenlaw in the position of reserve Hazmat Operator and stated that he is currently a part-time fire fighter for Old Orchard Beach Fire Department and the Hollis Fire Department. Mr. Greenlaw also holds an Associate Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Justin Greenlaw in the position of reserve Hazmat Operator in the EMA with an effective start date of December 21, 2020. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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OLD BUSINESS

- a. Re-approve Mutual Aid Agreement due to language change-
County Manager Greg Zinser explained that shortly after this Agreement was approved by the Commissioners he was informed that gender neutral language had been added as well as a change on line 52 on which a line was added “for personal injury....”. Our attorney agrees with changes, stated the County Manager. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve amendments to the Agreement and authorized Sheriff King and Chairman Cote to sign the document. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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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. M.R.S.A. §405 6(D) labor negotiations
County Manager Zinser informed all that he did believe there will be an action after this session. Commissioner Clark moved to enter into executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to schedule a special meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to consider two collective bargaining agreements. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

*****HEARD PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

9 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S) heard prior to exec. Session
Susan Wiswell (via phone) wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Elect Donna Ring thanked Commissioner Cote for his service as a Commissioner and a deputy.

Commissioner Clark also thanked Commissioner Cote for his service and stated that the County is in better shape. He added that Commissioner Cote has done a huge amount of work (for the County) that we don't see such as in his rolls at MCCA and the risk pool.

Commissioner Dutremble reiterated what Commissioner Clark said and added that he, too, realizes the time and effort that Commissioner Cote put in (on the MCCA Board) as he substituted for him once in awhile.

Commissioner Cote replied that it is a tough moment for him. He added that the eight years that he has served on the Board of Commissioners has been good. He continued that he learned a lot and that it was a very interesting job to have. Commissioner Cote stated that he always believed it did more for me than I did for it. County government is a very interesting form of government, said Commissioner Cote. He informed all that he still had not heard from the Commissioner of Corrections on what he is going to do about the jail standards.

10 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.