

# COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 20, 2024

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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 20, 2024, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

## COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble  
Richard Clark  
Robert Andrews  
Justin Chenette  
Donna Ring

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

**11-20-2024**

### ITEM

- 1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
- 2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
  - a. Commissioners' meeting of November 6, 2024  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
  - a. Warrants to be approved on November 6, 2024 in the amount of \$1,139,271.67  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
  - b. Warrants to be approved on November 13, 2024 in the amount of \$392,425.22  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Dutremble stated that all Commissioners in the State of Maine will be receiving an invitation to meet with the State Department of Public Safety regarding rural patrol.

## 5 NEW BUSINESS

a. ~~To introduce Donald Dumont and Meteorologist Hendricus Lulofs from the National Weather Service to present a “Weather Ready” Certificate to EMA~~

b. Update on labor contract(s) - County Manager Zinser informed all that this item will be discussed in executive session.

County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that he was notified on November 4th that there would be an increase of 7% in the rates for next year for our health insurance through Maine Municipal. Therefore, we went out to bid, he explained. We have decided to go with Harvard Pilgrim with a decrease of 7.75%. All unions have agreed and the entire reduction is being given to the employees. Commissioner Clark motioned to terminate Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust by reading the following Resolution:

*Be it resolved, by the County Commissioners of the County of York, as follows: That the County of York, will terminate its participation in a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for the provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A. 6601 et seq., said arrangement to be know as the “**Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust**”. The prior authority granted shall be revoked effective December 31, 2024.*

Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

County Manager Zinser explained that each union contract is different so some contracts allow for more of a contribution from us but it is a fixed percentage rate.

## 6 OLD BUSINESS

a. To review and approve the Findings of Facts for the tax abatement denial appeal of Keith and Gretchen Benggio

County Manager Zinser explained that an issue arose Monday morning regarding this (matter) with the Town of Cornish asking some questions. We sent these questions to our attorney and the attorney modified the Findings of Facts.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Findings of Facts as presented. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Update on general Legislative meeting with Coastal Delegation members

County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that the date of December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. has been chosen to have a legislative delegation meeting with The Coastal Delegation members. He added that the meeting will be here at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Chenette asked County Manager Zinser to inform the Commissioners of which local legislators are going to attend.

## 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)**

Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 405 6(D) labor negotiations. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

No action was taken.

\*\*\*HEARD BEFORE ITEM 7\*\*\*

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

No public comments

**9 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.