

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 2, 2025

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 Thursday, January 2, 2025, A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

County Manager Greg Zinser was present at the meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE AND SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

- 01-02-25** **ITEM**
- 1** **TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIRPERSON FOR 2025**
Commissioner Chenette nominated Commissioner Dutremble for Chairperson.
Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - 2** **TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2025**
Commissioner Clark nominated Commissioner Andrews. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - 3** **PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
Kerry McNaulty addressed the Board and explained that she has a protection order that is not being followed. She stated that she is supposed to have a meeting with the York County District Attorney but has not heard back from them.
Commissioner Chenette asked Ms. McNaulty when was your last communication with the DA's office and what were their excuses?
Ms. McNaulty replied that she was told by them that her offender is very manipulative and keeps moving. She added that to date, she has waited 11 days for a response.
 - 4** **TO SELECT A WORKFORCE CENTER DIRECTOR FOR 2025**
Commissioner Chenette nominated Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - 5** **TO SELECT A SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2025**

Commissioner Dutremble nominated Com Chenette. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

6 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

- a. Commissioners' Regular Meeting of December 18, 2024
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

7 TO ADOPT ROBERT'S RULES OF GOVERNANCE AS A GUIDE FOR CONDUCTING 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve using Robert's Rules of Governance as a guide for conducting 2025 Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

8 TO SELECT A DAY AND TIME FOR CONDUCTING REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS FOR 2025

1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning at 4:30 P.M.-following dates: (Thursday)January 2, January 15, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, **April 9**, May 7, May 21, June 4, (*Wednesday, June 18th if needed), July 2 (July 16th if needed), August 6, (August 20th if needed), September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the dates with the meeting times beginning at 4:30. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Chenette opposed.

9 TO REVIEW AND ADOPT POLICIES FOR 2025 AS FOLLOWS:

- a. **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE** (manager recommends '24 IRS rate 67 cents) **Clark.** Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- b. **MEALS ON COUNTY BUSINESS RATE** \$15.00-breakfast, \$20.00 lunch, \$25.00 dinner or \$60.00 per diem)

Special note:* When the event you are attending includes any of the meals you are required to take part in the meal. If you are staying at a hotel that provides breakfast, you must utilize the breakfast provided by the hotel. In these instances, the amounts stated above will be deducted from the per diem rate. *RECEIPTS REQUIRED***

Upon request, the County Manager may adjust the reimbursement rates based on prevailing circumstances.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the policies above for 2025. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION- Commissioner Ring asked if receipts are required. County Manger Zinser replied, yes.

- c. **POLICE/ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS** (manager recommends '21 rate \$20.00)

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the amount recommended by the County Manager of \$20.00. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- d. **BACKGROUND CHECKS FEES** (manager recommends Sheriff's '23 rate of \$20.00)

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the amount of \$20.00. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- e. **NOTARIZATION/ATTESTATION FEES** (manager recommends '20 rate of

\$5.00/\$10.00)

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the amounts as recommended by the County Manager. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

10 TO APPROVE TREASURERS' WARRANT(S)

- a. Approve treasurer's warrant dated December 18, 2024 in the amount of \$1,437,235.96
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant dated December 18, 2024.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- c. Approve treasurer's warrant dated December 26, 2024 in the amount of \$677,116.63
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant dated December 26, 2024.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

11 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chenette informed all that the deadline for legislative bill submission is next week. He added that there has been conversation about the submission of a coastal beach replenishment Bill and wanted to note this deadline.

Commissioner Dutremble commented that there has been conversation in regard to setting up a meeting with the Speaker of the House to discuss budgets for jail and rural patrol. He asked if the Board wants him to do so and if so, who would attend?

County Manager Zinser added that there needs to be a discussion in regard to the jail mandates for medical assisted treatment and what that is doing to the budget. He stated that he will be there if you (Commissioner Dutremble) schedule a meeting.

12 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

None

13 NEW BUSINESS

- a. To review and approve the MOU with Old Orchard Beach
County Manager Zinser explained that this MOU is in regard to coastal resiliency with Old Orchard Beach and is the same as (the MOU's) with Saco and Kennebunk.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the MOU with Old Orchard Beach.
Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

14 OLD BUSINESS

None

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

Susan Wiswell wished everyone a Happy New Year!

16 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).

- a. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A), personnel issues
Executive session not held.

17 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.