

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 18, 2023

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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, October 18, 2023, A. D. at 5:00 P. M.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

### 10-18-2023      ITEM

- 1      PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**  
None
  
- 2      TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
  - a. Commissioners' meeting of October 4, 2023  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.  
Vote 5-0.
  
- 3      TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
  - a. Warrants to be approved on October 4, 2023 in the amount of \$828,869.35  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
  - b. Warrants to be approved on October 12, 2023 in the amount of \$469,820.93  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
  
- 4      TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Commissioner Clark recognized the Chair's (Commissioner Dutremble) birthday and wished him many happy returns.

Commissioner Ring reported that she attended the Sheriff's Office inspection, and they did a phenomenal job. She thanked the Sheriff and deputies and all they do for the citizens of York County.

## 5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. To hear two (2) NCEU grievances (executive session may be necessary)  
(postponed)
- b. Introduce Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to seek approval for the hiring/transfer of the following individuals:
  - i. Rebecca Reed in the reserve position of DAR II in EMA with an effective date of hire of October 23, 2023  
Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Linda Corliss presented the new hires and stated that Rebecca Reed worked for a couple of years at the vaccine center. Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Rebecca Reed in the reserve position of DAR II in EMA with an effective date of hire of October 23, 2023. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
  - ii. Cheryl Holmes in the full-time position of Court Investigator in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of November 6, 2023  
Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Cheryl Holmes in the full-time position of Court Investigator in the District Attorney's Office with a date of hire of November 6, 2023. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.  
Vote 5-0.
- c. To seek Commissioner approval for First Responders' Day Proclamation on October 28, 2023  
County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that a copy of the proposed Proclamation is in their packets. He thanked the York County Sheriff's Office deputies, corrections officers and EMA for the hard work that they do.  
He added that he feels it is appropriate for the Board to recognize them. Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion.  
Vote 5-0.  
The Proclamation was read into the record by Commissioner Ring.  
County Manager Zinser recognized firefighters, also.
- d. To seek Commissioner approval to change the Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Commissioners' meeting to Thursday, December 7, 2023 to accommodate attendance at the annual holiday gathering  
The County Manager reminded all that this follows what we have done in the past.  
Commissioner Chenette commented that we do set these meeting days in advance so that the public can plan accordingly. If there is an emergency need, he is fine with it but he doesn't see shifting a meeting to attend a holiday gathering as a good reason so he stated that he would be opposed to moving a meeting time for a party.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to change the December meeting to Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Andrews seconded. Vote 4-1 with Chenette opposed.

- e. To inform Commissioners of tour of My Place Teen Center at 3:30 on November 1, 2023, prior to the regular meeting  
County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that they will meet at St. Andre's church to see what is going on and the work that is being done.
- f. To select Commission Board Member for Southern Maine Dredge Authority  
County Manager Zinser explained that the Board needs to take action on what they want to do as the first meeting of the Authority is on October 30th at 1:00 p.m. at Pine Point Fire Department.  
DISCUSSION- Commissioner Chenette said that he would like the County Manager's feedback as we are trying to make sure that we are abiding by the rules on the Federal level, so there are many moving pieces and the latest information is needed. He added that the County Manager should be our county representative. The Commissioners' motion was that it didn't have to be a Commissioner. Commissioner Chenette continued that it seems like the County Manager would have the best information at that time to be able to engage. He added that he would lean towards having staff represent us at least for the first six months.  
Commissioner Ring stated that when we entered into this, we were not going to be involved on a daily basis. We were going to turn the dredge over to them. She added that she doesn't think that the County Manager really has time to do this as he has more on his plate than he can handle. A place on the Board is fine but it shouldn't be the County Manager, stated Commissioner Ring. She added that she is not happy they are meeting in Cumberland County.  
Commissioner Clark commented that he agreed with Commissioner Ring. He believes that the County Manager will get projects put on him. He is not happy with that proposal.  
Commissioner Dutremble volunteered to serve on the Board.  
Commissioner Ring motioned to have Commissioner Dutremble serve on the Board (Southern Maine Dredge Authority). Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

## 6 OLD BUSINESS

- a. To seek Commissioner approval of Findings of Fact re: McLean v. Town of Limerick property tax abatement denial appeal Hearing  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Findings of Fact for Mr. McLean as presented. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.  
Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Chenette abstaining as he was not present at the meeting at which the Hearing was conducted.

## 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)

None

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

Susan Wiswell wished Commissioner Dutremble a happy birthday.

**9 ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.