

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 18, 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, December 18, 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.

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

12-18-2024 ITEM

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

Ray Lopez from Acton questioned the rate that the County Manager stated at the last meeting was offered to towns that have contract deputy agreements to rent cars vs. purchasing them from the County. County Manager Zinser replied that although he could not remember exactly, he believed that the last time that we made that offer, he believed it was to Waterboro and it was between \$9 and \$12 per hour for each vehicle. Mr. Lopez asked is everything included in that cost? County Manager Zinser replied, yes.

2 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

a. Commissioners' meeting of December 4, 2024

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

a. Warrants to be approved on December 4, 2024 in the amount of \$520,681.14
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Vote 5-0.

- b. Warrants to be approved on December 11, 2024 in the amount of \$679,231.99
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 informed all that he and Commissioner Ring attended a meeting in Augusta regarding rural patrol. He added that they received information not to the liking of the counties.

Commissioner Chenette commented that a wonderful job was done by EMA Director Art Cleaves, Deputy EMA Director Megan Arsenault and County Manager Greg Zinser at the meeting with the York County Coastal Coalition meeting. He continued that the conversation was well received and that there is a lot of interest and support. Everyone is coming together and recognizing the plight. Commissioner Chenette gave Kudos to EMA Director Art Cleaves and his team and stated that there has been a lot of great feedback from the legislative delegation.

Commissioner Clark informed all that My Place Teen Center had an Open House recently and that both he and Commissioner Dutremble attended. My Place Teen Center was given \$1.5 million in ARPA money from York County. He continued that there was quite a crowd and no doubt this will be very useful to the community.

Commissioner Dutremble added that he believes this is the best money we could have spent the ARPA money on besides the two new buildings and that it will be helping area kids.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. To seek approval of ARPA project transfers –
Commissioner Clark motioned to transfer **\$29,507.06** from the unused balance of the Commissioners' meeting room renovation project to the G&H Block Improvements project to cover the final expenditures that went beyond the existing appropriations.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to transfer the residual balances from the Commissioners meeting room renovation project for **\$54,190.04** and from the EMA Dispatch terminals and custom furniture project for **\$79.24** to the new Recovery Center building project.

Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Chenette asked why so much money was left over from the EMA project. County Manager Zinser replied that various items were cut along the way.

Vote 5-0.

- b. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to present the following new hires/transfers:
 - i. Transfer of Craig Sanford from the position of Civil Deputy to Major of Operations in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of transfer of January 6, 2025.
Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the transfer of Craig Sanford from his civil deputy position to Major of Operations in the Sheriff's Office with a date of transfer of January 6, 2025. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - ii. Prince Reagan Anderson in the position of full-time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's office with a date of hire of December 23, 2024.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Prince Reagan Anderson in the position of full-time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 23, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked if this individual speaks English as his application was done for him. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Linda Corliss replied that he does.
Vote 5-0.
 - iii. Steven Quinn in the position of reserve part-time Hazmat Technician in EMA with a date of hire of December 23, 2024.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Steven Quinn in the position of reserve part-time Hazmat Technician in EMA with a date of hire of December 23, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - iv. Mathew DuBois in the position of reserve part-time Hazmat Technician in EMA with a date of hire of December 23, 2024.
Commissioner Clark motioned to hire Mathew DuBois in the position of reserve part-time Hazmat Technician in EMA with a date of hire of December 23, 2024. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- c. To select a representative and proxy to the Maine County Commissioners' Association Board of Directors
Commissioner Clark nominated Commissioner Dutremble to serve as York County Commissioners' representative to the Maine County Commissioners' Association Board of Directors and their Risk Pool. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- d. To select a representative and proxy to the Maine County Commissioners' Association Board of Directors as well as for the Maine County Commissioners' Association Risk Pool. Commissioner Chenette nominated Commissioner Clark as proxy for the Maine County Commissioners' Association Board of Directors as well as for the Maine County Commissioners' Association Risk Pool. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- e. To review and approve MOU with City of Saco
County Manager Zinser explained that the dredge MOU is still active but what we are proposing is one step below. These MOUs will create a unified front in dealing with coastal resilience. We submitted one grant last week.
Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve the MOU with the City of Saco. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- f. To review and approve MOA with Town of Kennebunk-
County Manager Zinser explained this was the same MOU but with Kennebunk.
Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve the MOU with the Town of Kennebunk. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- g. To review and approve acceptance of Firehouse Subs grant
County Manager Zinser explained that we received a grant in the amount of \$36,750 to pay for AEDs to be in each of the cruisers at the Sheriff's Office. This grant was obtained through the work of Development Director Rachel Stansfield and Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes. County Manager Zinser thanked them for working together on this grant.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve to accept the grant to purchase AEDs for all cruisers. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Vote 5-0.
- h. To act on Recovery Center contract
County Manager Zinser explained to the Commissioners that we have to obligate the ARPA funds by December 31, 2024.
It took so long to obtain the contract for the Recovery Center as the mechanical items hit a huge snag. This includes items such as heating and ventilation. \$21,918,628.82 is a number that we are generally comfortable with. There are some concerns about mechanical so there is an allowance for HVAC for \$3 million. Landry-French feels comfortable with this number and it is a number that could go up or down. It will flush itself out, stated County Manager Zinser.
We are also aware that there are probably some costs that can be reduced through change orders such as changing the copper piping to a different piping that will be a reduction.
Other items include the Davis-Bacon requirements. When we looked at these projects, it was discovered that the recovery center is not subject to Davis Bacon but was billed at those rates.
It is important to approve that number tonight to lock in the ARPA money. Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve the Recovery Center contract amount of \$21,918,628.82. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Dutremble reminded all that this number could change.
Vote 5-0.
- i. To ratify NCEU contract
County Manager Zinser explained that the NCEU membership is slated to vote on this contract and their business agent sees no reason why this will not pass. Commissioner Chenette motioned to ratify the contract. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

6 OLD BUSINESS

- a. To discuss and approve four days/ten-hour work week schedule
County Manager Zinser reminded the Commissioners that they did approve the move to a four/ ten-hour day schedule and asked that it come back for review in December.

Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss gave a brief synopsis of the program. She stated that there are eight participating members with four more potentially participating in January. She's been checking with Department Leaders and comments are positive.

She explained that a lunch requirement came up but we addressed it.

Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss stated that they have not received an official response yet from MSEA. We don't know where they are going with it, she commented.

Discussion- Commissioner Chenette stated that eight employees doesn't seem like a lot. Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied that there has been a lot of interest. Some people who want to do it cannot because of their positions. This was not meant to be a one size fits all.

Commissioner Chenette asked of the eight who are participating how many are department heads? She replied, one leading department head and then leading. Jen G. and Jen K. are technically department leaders.

Commissioner Ring stated that she still has the same concerns that she had in the past. This policy affects very few people and is not equal to all. She added that while she understands that one size doesn't fit all, not all department heads want to offer it and they don't have to. Commissioner Ring added that therefore, she doesn't think it is a fair policy. She commented that she thinks it can come to fruition in a more equitable way.

Commissioner Chenette motioned to approve the four days/10 hour day work week. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 (Commissioner Ring opposed).

HEARD AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT

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)

a. To enter into executive session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), personnel issue.

Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Chenette motioned to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 (Commissioner Clark not in the meeting).

Commissioner Chenette motioned to grant a personal leave of absence as requested for an employee for up to three months. Vote 4-0 (Commissioner Clark not in the meeting room).

HEARD PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ray Lopez approached the Board and stated that at the last meeting Commissioner Ring inquired about what port of entry a new hire came in through. He asked

Commissioner Ring if she ever got an answer? Commissioner Ring replied, no. She stated that her concern is that they have legal working papers that are given to them even if they entered the country illegally.

Commissioner Chenette asked if Saco and Kennebunk are the only two who have signed?

County Manager Zinser stated, yes, as of today.
EMA Director Cleaves updated that we also have Old Orchard Beach.
County Manager Zinser added that we know Wells and Ogunquit and Kittery are on board.

Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Dutremble wished Happy Holidays to all!

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Chenette motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 (Commissioner Clark not present during this time).

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.