

1 **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **December 7, 2023**

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8 At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and
9 holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York,
10 being held on Wednesday, December 7, 2023, A. D. at 5:00 P. M.

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13 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- 14 Richard R. Dutremble
- 15 Richard Clark
- 16 Robert Andrews
- 17 Justin Chenette-excused
- 18 Donna Ring

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

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

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28 **12-07-2023 ITEM**

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30 **1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

31 Susan Wiswell questioned why the treasurer’s warrants were so big? County
32 Manager Zinser explained that on the first warrant there was a close out of a
33 medical contract and the other warrant represents two weeks of payroll and
34 accounts payable as there was no warrant during Thanksgiving week.

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36 Erin Donovan of Limington addressed the Board and asked what she should do as
37 she has tried to contact her Commissioner and there has been no response.
38 County Manager Ziner replied that anyone looking for their Commissioner can
39 always contact he or his assistant, Kathy and we can assist.
40 Commissioner Ring added that sometimes she has been told someone has e-mailed
41 her and it has gone into her junk mail.

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44 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- 45 a. Commissioners’ meeting of November 15, 2023
- 46 Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023.
- 47 Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. 4-0.

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3 TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on November 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,857,299.47
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Warrants to be approved on November 29, 2023 in the amount of \$1,110,168.04
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

None

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduce Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss to seek approval for the hiring/transfer of the following individuals:
 - i. Pedro Mussumba in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of November 27, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Pedro Mussumba in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of November 2, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Discussion- Commissioner Ring asked if he had proper working permissions? Deputy County Manager/H.R. Director Corliss replied, yes. Vote 4-0.
 - ii. Emma Condon in the full-time position of legal secretary in the District Attorney’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Emma Condon in the position of full-time legal secretary in the D.A.’s office. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - iii. Transfer of Scott Gagne from reserve to full-time Training and Response Coordinator in EMA with an effective date of December 4, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the transfer on Scott Gagne from Reserve to full-time Training and Response Coordinator in EMA.
Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked who had this position prior? EMA Director Cleaves replied Caitlin Lippert. Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss explained that he applied for the position as full-time but due to a Maine PERS issue he could only be hired in December. Vote 4-0.
 - iv. Mauricio Romeau in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Mauricio Romeau in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff’s Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
 - v. Dennis Ring, Jr. in the full-time position of Corrections Officer with a start

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Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Dennis Ring, Jr. in the full-time position of Corrections Officer with a start date of December 11, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Ring advised everyone that he is not related to her.

vi. John Lumbala in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 11, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of John Lumbala in the full-time position of Corrections Officer. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

vii. Nicholas Hersom in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Nicholas Hersom in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

viii. Olivia Noury in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Olivia Noury in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

~~ix. Mariah Jacobsen in the full-time position of Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with a date of hire of December 18, 2023 (REMOVED)~~
Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Corliss informed all that there are now 49- full-time Corrections officers with 14 anticipated to go to MCJA.

b. Recap of Public Hearing with Town of Alfred/general building update
County Manager Zinser gave a brief recap of the Public hearing that took place on November 27th for (2) buildings. Most comments were in favor of the buildings. Noise, traffic and water-related issues were the comments of concern. We did hire a contract with a hydro-geologist to see how much water we will be drawing from a well to be sure we can maintain a fire pond. Preliminary answers are that we will be fine, explained County Manager Zinser. He continued by saying that we are also working with this company regarding our water. We were recently notified that another service garage is going in on this road. We are also discussing with this company testing private wells of landowners with this company. In our permitting process, with the DEP and FEMA we have already made the statements that we do not intend to use any chemicals.
The projects are slated to go to the Planning Board for review on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alfred Town Hall. County Manager Zinser stated that there has been lots of correspondence back and forth with the town.
The septic design has been approved by the State IF and W signed off that there are no endangered species out there.
There is a separate permitting process with the DEP that is ongoing. We have not heard back from them. They have had it for about 4 months. We have a list of questions as a follow-up from our Federal Permitting Process. We will be sending out a last notice-final comment period.
County Manager Zinser stated that a meeting took place this morning with the contractors. We are starting door access and security conversations.

150 Commissioner Dutremble asked if they will be testing the wells before and after?
151 County Manager Zinser replied that they are talking about it right now.
152 Commissioner Dutremble responded that will protect the County.
153 County Manager Zinser commented that it appears to be like a shake down
154 (referring to Water Dist.)
155 Commissioner Ring stated that she had a conversation with one of the selectmen
156 who informed her that the Water District is a separate entity that also makes
157 demands of the town.
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160 **6 OLD BUSINESS**

161 County Manager Zinser addressed the Board and stated that although this was not
162 on the agenda, he wished to follow up regarding three bids received
163 for the medical contract. He thanked Sheriff King and Major Thayer for their
164 work with this process and starting conversations with Armor health care.
165 County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that the estimated cost is \$2.2
166 million while the current year is \$1.9 million. The County Manager reminded all
167 that this contract splits across two fiscal years. We will also need to add two
168 additional positions.
169 Commissioner Dutremble clarified that this is mandated by the State.
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172 **7 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL**
173 **ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF**
174 **REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT**
175 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT**
176 **TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL**
177 **COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF**
178 **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)**

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181 **8 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

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184 **9 ADJOURN**

185 Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the
186 motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.
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