

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the thirteenth day of February A.D., 2018 by successive adjournments from the September term of the previous year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Also in attendance were Scott Aguiar, Jack Sbrega, Jo-Anne Sbrega from the Children's Museum and Edward Byrnes from NFP Consulting.

Meeting was called to order at 4:12 PM by Chairman Kitchen.

Payroll warrants for week ending February 10, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

It was noted that Warrants #'s 18071, 18072 and 18073 were reviewed and approved electronically by the Commissioners on February 6, 2018.

Employment matters were not discussed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 30, 2018.

Jo-Anne Sbrega from the Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, Inc. was present to discuss the upcoming lease renewal of County property located at 441 North Main Street, Fall River. She began by thanking Bristol County and the Commissioner's for stepping up to support the Museum. She explained that it is a constant effort to raise money and then build something. There has been close to \$500,000 in improvement work done at the Museum. The Museum had raised approximately \$412,000 through fundraising and grants which was primarily used for the HVAC which is 90% complete.

Ms. Sbrega updated the Commissioners on the renovations and changes that had taken place over the last few years. She also updated the Commissioners on the current Space Room, which when completed, will be the main attraction to the Museum.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to extend the lease agreement, including the Addendums that regulate the utilities, between The County of Bristol and the Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, Inc., 441 North Main Street, Fall River, MA 02720 for a period of three (3) years from July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. Each year the parties shall renegotiate the financial terms of the lease without any requirement that one party give notice to the other and the parties hereby agree timely, to begin negotiations.

It is noted the lease amount will be \$ 1,000.00 per month from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Received a notice from the Bristol County Retirement Board regarding an upcoming meeting on March 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. regarding a discussion on a Cost of Living increase for County retirees.

Said correspondence placed on file.

Received a Western Surety Bond renewal certificate to continue bond coverage for the County Treasurer, in the amount of \$200,000 from February 23, 2018 through February 23, 2019.

Said correspondence was placed on file.

Received two quotes for plumbing work to be performed at the 441 North Main Street building currently leased to the Fall River Children’s Museum. One quote from Prodigy Services and another from Araujo Bros.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to approve the proposal dated January 31, 2018 from Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating, PO Box 50225, New Bedford, MA 02745 to replace 2” return line that is leaking and also remove an existing urinal at 441 North Main Street, Fall River, MA (Fall River Children’s Museum) for the amount of \$1,318.00. Said proposal was the lowest quote received.

To be paid to Vendor #553 from account 13420-52269.

County Administrator Gomes explained that a kick-off meeting with the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (‘MIIA’), representatives from BCBS and Edward Byrnes, our insurance consultant was held last Friday. The complete staff in the Commissioner’s Office were invited to the meeting since they will all be assisting with the open enrollment process. Information sessions and open enrollment will take place in the first two weeks of April.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested that a letter of thanks be sent from the Commissioners to former Mayor Dumas, thanking him for all the work he did associated with the Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to go into Executive Session at 4:28 pm, under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and not to reconvene in Open Session.

On the motion, Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Saunders	yes
Commissioner Mitchell	yes
Commissioner Kitchen	yes

APPROVED

DATE _____

John A. Saunders

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