

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the twentieth day of March 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 Maria Gomes, Scott Aguiar and Ken Raymond.

Meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm by Chairman Kitchen.

Payroll warrants for week ending March 17, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Received a notice from the County Treasurer's Office regarding the following employment matters which were approved by the Commissioners on March 15, 2018:

Michelle Carreiro	Senior Clerk	Effective March 19, 2018
Nicole Valois	Salary Step Adjustment	Effective March 19, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to ratify the prior approval of the CP's as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Kitchen to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, and seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize the payment for emergency repairs of a water leak at 441 North Main Street (Children's Museum), Fall River presented on the March 20, 2018 invoice from **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.** 150 Four Winds Drive, Fall River, MA 02720 in the amount of **\$1,080.00**.

Vendor #2893 from 10612-52269.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted to authorize the County Treasurer to pay invoice #16912 dated March 1, 2018 to **Lemieux Heating, Inc. 2283 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745** in the amount of **\$40,180.38** for the conversion of the high-pressure boiler heating system to a low-pressure boiler system that services the Taunton Superior Court and the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds buildings. Said invoice to be divided and charged to the appropriate accounts based on building square footage.

Vendor #465		<u>Accounts</u>	
• Taunton Superior Ct., 9 Court St.	39,000 square feet	13420/52269	\$26,166.53
• Taunton Registry of Deeds, 11 Court St.	<u>20,887</u> square feet	040/55599	\$14,013.85
	Total sq. ft.	59,887	

Lemieux has finished the majority of the work with only minor adjustments needed to finish the project.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Kitchen, it was voted in accordance with the documentation received from Michelle Loranger, Executive Director, **Children's Advocacy Center** of Bristol County, 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA 02720, dated March 5, 2018, to approve and forward to the Treasurer's

Office, an invoice for expenses related to March rent only (all occupancy costs are included in the total rent cost) in the amount of **\$2,916.00**.

It is noted this is for vendor **#6891** and will be charged to **01000-54490**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was unanimously voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer's Office for payment to the **Division of Unemployment Assistance**, Revenue Service, 5th Floor, Attn.: Reimbursable Unit, 19 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114-2589, invoice dated February 23, 2018, for reimbursement of unemployment benefits to former NB Registry of Deeds employee Layla Nunez in the total amount of **\$58.50**.

It is noted this will be charged to **13420-54432** for vendor **#8999**, Remit #3 and is submitted as a wire payment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and forward to the County Treasurer's Office for payment, Invoice #3217 & #3218 from **George E. Ferreira III, Ironmonger**, 14 Carter Street, Dartmouth, MA 02747 in the amount of \$250.00 and \$393.00, totaling **\$643.00** for the replacement of a lever lock and a combination lock system at the **New Bedford Superior Court**.

This will be paid to vendor **#7706** and charged to **10618-52269**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and authorize Register Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. to accept the estimate from **Pierre C. Sequin, dba Sequin Enterprises** dated March 7, 2018 in the amount of \$9,891.00, for the re-lamp (LED conversion) lighting at the Southern Registry of Deeds at 25 North Sixth Street, New Bedford. Actual cost may be less based on the final number and types of bulbs used for the conversion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the estimate dated March 7, 2018 from **Pierre C. Sequin, dba Sequin Enterprises**, 211 Popes Island S-5, New Bedford, MA 02740-7232, in the amount of **\$6,350** to re-lamp (LED conversion) the **New Bedford Superior Court**. Commissioner Kitchen suggested that the lamp size be reviewed and that dimmers also be considered.

Vendor **#7573** from account **13420-52269**.

County Treasurer Christopher Saunders was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He has been asked to attend next week's meeting to discuss the bonding for the Bristol County Agricultural High School Project.

Commissioner Mitchell had questions regarding the process for retaining bond counsel, financial advisor and bonding. Currently, the county has no bond rating.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the solicitation of proposals for auditing services upon the approval of the scope of services by the County Treasurer.

Commissioner Kitchen briefly discussed the acquisition of real property adjacent to the Bristol County Agricultural High School. The property is vacant and currently under tax title with the Town of Dighton. The question is whether there are funds available.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the request of Kevin P. Braga, Assistant Superintendent/Principal of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, to reimburse **Susan Davis** \$503.06 for her attendance to the AASL National Conference in Phoenix, AZ in November of 2017.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve and authorize the payment for emergency storm damage repairs of a window and frame, along with gutters at the **Taunton Superior Court, 9 Court Street, Taunton**, presented in the March 12, 2018 invoice from **Jose Cardozo Contracting Co.** 150 Four Winds Drive, Fall River, MA 02720 in the amount of **\$5,263.00**

Vendor #2893 from 10610-52269.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice # 18 from **Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C.**, PO Box 51480, Boston, MA 02205, in the amount of **\$412.50** for services rendered in connections with the opinion rendered relative to the Advisory Board voting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was unanimously voted in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, and the approval of Treasurer Christopher T. Saunders, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated April, 2018 from the **Mayflower Municipal Health Group**, P.O. Box 3390, Plymouth, MA 02361, in the amount of \$408,215.31 for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums.

To be paid to Vendor **6819** charged to **01-21581** **\$408,215.31**

To be paid to Vendor # **286** from account **13420-52235**.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was unanimously voted to approve the estimate for **\$307.67** from **A Citywide Glass, Inc., DBA Citywide Glass**, 425R State Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747 for the repair of a door frame glass at the New Bedford Third District Trial Court, 75 North Sixth Street, New Bedford.

To be paid to vendor #7717 from 10618-52269

County Administrator Gomes discussed the establishment of an OPEB Trust Fund. A copy of MGL Chapter 32B § 20 was provided to the commissioners for their review. Administrator Gomes explained that the establishment of such a policy would help the County's bond rating by showing the establishment of an OPEB Fund. She suggested putting \$25,000.00 into the Fund. Commissioner Mitchell wanted more time to review the information. Commissioner Saunders would have a discussion with the Retirement Board about how they are addressing their own OPEB obligation and the matter would be brought up again on the agenda.

The County Administrator addressed the draft policy on retiree health insurance with the Commissioners. Currently, there is no policy in place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded for discussion by Commissioner Saunders to adopt the following policy:

Retiree Eligibility

Upon retirement, eligible individuals who are currently enrolled in the County's contributory group health and life insurance programs may continue coverage as a retiree to the extent allowed by the various insurance providers provided that they otherwise qualify under said MGL Chapter 32B. Only those dependents enrolled in an insured employee's health insurance plan at time of retirement may continue coverage once that insured employee commences retirement. Retired employees may not add dependents (e.g.: a new spouse) onto their health insurance plans after retirement.

Retirees Moving Directly from Employment to Retirement:

In order to qualify for coverage as a retiree, except as specifically provided in M.G. L. Chapter 32B, section 9, an individual must have directly retired from service to Bristol County and be receiving a retirement allowance in accordance with MGL Chapter 32; that is, the retiree must currently be receiving a pension from the Bristol County Retirement System or from the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board for service immediately preceding retirement.

Deferred Retirees

An employee who resigns from Bristol County and is eligible to commence receipt of a retirement allowance on the day of the employee's resignation, but who elects to defer receipt of the retirement allowance, may be eligible to continue on the County's contributory life and health insurance programs as a deferred retiree provided that the individual pays one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly premium. Upon retirement, such a deferred retiree shall be eligible to participate in the County's contributory group health insurance program according to same terms as other similarly situated retirees, provided the deferred retiree has maintained coverage as provided in G.L. c. 32 § 9 by paying 100% of the monthly premium continuously while a deferred retiree.

A retired employee who is not participating as an employee or as a deferred retiree in the County's group insurance at the time he or she actually begins to receive a retirement or pension allowance will not be eligible to enroll in the County's group insurance plan, as retiree coverage is a continuation of existing coverage as an employee, or deferred retiree. Only those dependents enrolled in a deferred retiree's health insurance plan at time of retirement may continue coverage once that deferred retiree commences retirement. Retired employees may not add dependents (e.g. a new spouse) onto their health insurance plans after retirement.

Retirees Who Were Terminated For Cause

An employee who has been terminated from employment with the County for cause shall not be eligible to participate in the County's contributory group health insurance program whether retired or not (except pursuant to COBRA, as that law may provide).

On the motion, Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mitchell	Yes
Commissioner Saunders	No
Commissioner Kitchen	No

Motion fails at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to pay Warrants 18082,18086,18078,18083 and payroll warrant for w/e March 17, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 5:10pm.

APPROVED
DATE 3/27/18
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John F. Saunders
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS