

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

Taunton, March 27, 2018

The March term of the County Commissioners was commenced in Taunton this day, it being the fourth Tuesday of said March.

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

Also in attendance: County Treasurer, Christopher Saunders, Administrator Maria Gomes and Scott Aguiar. Chairman Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Received notices from the Bristol County Agricultural High School regarding the following employment matters:

Dawn M. Fornari Girls JV Softball Coach effective 3/20/18

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the Payroll Warrant # 18087 for w/e March 20, 2018.

It was voted to approve and accept the minutes of the County Commissioner's' Meeting of Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to approve the request of David Santoro to use the Attleboro District Court on North Main Street in Attleboro to hold an Eagle Court of Honor on May 9, 2018 from 6:15 pm to approximately 8:30 p.m.

County Treasurer, Christopher Saunders was present to discuss the bond process for obtaining the bond money necessary to finance the Bristol County Agricultural High School renovation and building project. He mentioned that he has met with Mintz Levin to discuss their services as bond counsel. He also has another appointment with a company named Locke Lord to discuss the possibility of utilizing their firm as bond counsel. He is waiting for written proposals. He needs to know the answers to the following questions: How much will the County need for the BAN? How long will they need it for? How much for the permanent bond and for how long?

Commissioner Kitchen mentioned that the BAN would most likely be around \$8 million, with the County's share being ½. He would have more detailed information after the meeting later tonight of the building committee.

No borrowing can take place until the Special Legislation passes, which is expected by July. The County currently has no bond rating. Chris is working with Moody's to establish a bond rating for the County. Moody's looks at the County's financials when establishing its bond rating. Chris Saunders indicated that he also has a meeting with three different municipal advisors next Friday.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to accept the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20 to create an Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund ('OPEB') beginning with the Fiscal 2019 Budget, for the current and future liabilities of the County for group health insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The custodian of the Fund shall be the County Treasurer.

A Retiree eligibility draft policy was reviewed. Term options were discussed. Administrator Gomes would send the commissioners more draft versions to review.

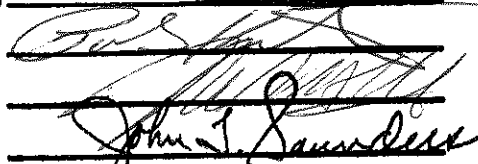
Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to send a letter to the Barnstable County Commissioners indicating the Bristol County Commissioners' support of the Swansea Waterfront Revitalization Project which will restore the swimming beach that has eroded significantly since it was last nourished in 1997 by having the Barnstable County Dredge available to the Town of Swansea.

Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that there will be a support meeting at the State House on April 4th regarding HB 4000 and the possibility of allowing counties to retain an additional 20% in deed excise. Commissioner Mitchell will be attending the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:50 pm.

APPROVED
DATE

4/24/18



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COMMISSIONERS