

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 11, 2012

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Courthouse first floor courtroom in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral
(excused) Richard R. Dutremble
David Bowles
Gary Sinden

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.

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

None

Item 2 TO REVIEW JAIL BUDGET 2013

The County Manager stated all Counties were directed to decrease their 2013 jail budgets by 1%. He introduced Sheriff Ouellette and Lt. Col. Michael Vitiello to present the jail budget for 2013 to the Commissioners.

Sheriff Ouellette stated that all jail revenue from state inmates has been removed. Savings shown in the budget are from pods not being re-opened. The Sheriff noted slight increases in the Aramark contract, pre-trial services and a small increase in fuel oil. The HVAC capital lease has dropped from \$420,000 to \$315,000. The Sheriff commented that the State asked for 1% cut in the budget and that York County will submit a budget with a 2.5% decrease. Sheriff Ouellette added that no capital items are included in the budget as requested by State.

Lt. Col. Vitiello explained that York County will realize HVAC savings in second half of 2013 and first half of 2014.

Michael Vitiello brought the heating repair line to the Commissioners' attention. It jumped to \$60,000.00. He explained that the lease purchase agreement includes servicing, etc. Early in the fall, the system needs to be put out to bid for ongoing servicing and maintenance. Lt. Col. Vitiello added that the HVAC system is under warranty for one year beginning April 1, 2013.

Commissioner Bowles questioned whether or not the method of distribution of CCA money is in statute. Michael responded that it once was in statute and the distribution formula dates back 15 years. Commissioner Bowles stated that he is hearing that the distribution formula is being re-visited. He added that he would like to see the formula. Michael Vitiello stated it is in the Jail Consolidation law. The County Manager feels we would be open to the formula being looked at. Commissioner Bowles stated the big question from the State's perspective would be are they looking at redistributing or simply putting "less in the pot?"

Commissioner Bowles has heard an allegation that Community Corrections Act money isn't accounted for in the same way. Michael Vitiello stated that a form is required to be filled out and signed by him, Sheriff, County Manager, and Finance Director. All monies have to be accounted for and sent to the State. Any monies not used by a County have are directed to be sent back to the State.

Commissioner Bowles questioned the method "we" choose to decrease our line being acceptable to the BOC. The County Manager stated that the directive from BOC was to reduce one's budget by 1%. There was no directive to specifically reduce the investment fund.

Commissioner Sinden is surprised that they are taking it so "neutrally". Why aren't they "up in arms" about the two million dollars they are still giving us? Commissioner Sinden added that he certainly supports the County's position in this matter. The Sheriff responded that we are keeping "our own people (inmates)." Commissioner Bowles asked about the impact statement requested by the BOC to be distributed along with the budget. Michael Vitiello explained that he will include in the statement the fact that the unit closed in FY 2012 will remain closed which will have a negative impact on the State.

Commissioner Sinden likes the idea of offering the State a pod to lease if they ask. He went on to state that this is what they should've done at the start.

Lt. Col. Vitiello explained what monies are included in the investment fund: community corrections act monies (\$5.7 mil state wide), fine and surcharge

monies that are assessed for jail operations, and \$7 mil blanket appropriation for BOC and difference from 72 hour County facilities.

Commissioner Bowles has a question in non-supervisory wages where increase looks to be 13% to 14%. Michael Vitiello explained that the overtime line is tied into this. Non supervisory wages are higher because staffing is up so overtime line is down. Existing contract obligations are funded in budget.

Commissioner Bowles questioned Aramark contract increase. How do our rates compare to other Counties? Sheriff stated that we are pretty close and reminded the Board that they are required to offer certain food items.

Commissioner Sallie Chandler questioned the video conferencing budget line. Michael Vitiello explained that is the T-1 for the new automated fingerprint identification system line. Also, some communication costs are incurred for video conferencing.

Commissioner Bowles questioned the big decrease in the sewage line. Michael explained there was a lack of preventative maintenance in some of the tanks. There is a need to pump the tanks more often which he wasn't aware of. This will save money.

Commissioner Sinden questioned the TANS interest. This is the pro-rated number provided to Michael Vitiello by the Finance Director.

Commissioner Sinden questioned the \$1500.00 for bail. Lt. Col. Vitiello explained that there are times when there is a prisoner who might need medical help. The Sheriff would approve the person being bonded and sent to the hospital. This will also save the County money.

Commissioner Bowles questioned the increase in the life insurance line. Michael Vitiello will check with Vicki Ridlon, Finance Director to verify the budgeted amount.

Mr. Vitiello explained that inmate prescriptions are flat funded. Michael stated that this number is difficult to pinpoint. Michael made the Board aware of medical insurance line which he increased at 5% for six months.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to accept budget. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter signed by Chair, Sallie Chandler in response to grievances. Commissioner Sinden motioned to approve and direct the Manager to send the letter. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Item 3 ADJOURN

Commissioner Bowles motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

ATTEST: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair