

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 16, 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, May 16, 2012 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral
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)

ITEM 2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2012.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to accept the minutes. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

ITEM 3. TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowles reported on the Maine County Commissioners Association meeting. A contract agreement was reached with Malcolm Ulmer to the position of risk pool manager. A second tentative agreement was reached with Tim Leet as executive director. The goal is to try to get him on board soon as the contract with Howe and Co. expires in June. Commissioner Dutremble question if Malcolm Ulmer's salary of \$162,000 includes his assuming of all his expenses. Commissioner Bowles responded that it did and that it is an eighteen month contract with no salary changes. Commissioner

Bowles added that the details on Mr. Leet's salary are still not worked out but he believes it to be in the \$70,000 range.

Commissioner Bowles reminded all that SMRPC's annual dinner is June 13th and that, unfortunately, there is a conflict as our EMA is holding their recognition dinner that same evening.

Commissioner Sinden has been meeting with councils and selectboards in his district. Financial reports are being well received.

ITEM 4. TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager reported that the County's Standard & Poors rating is A-. They expressed delight in their review of our audits.

Mr. Zinser reminded the Commissioners of meeting dates for summer (1st Wednesday of each month except for July 5th which is a Thursday) and of the new location at the York County Government Center

The County Manager gave an update of the Corrections Working Group discussion on the county's budget. York County was put into category 2 meaning we did not reduce our budget as intended. We submitted a 2.5% reduction but the CWG wanted us to reduce our investment fund. They voted to send to the Board of Corrections a recommendation to ask for further reductions of 1% to 1.3. RHR Smith presentation is next week in which they will present the results of their financial analysis of the system.

Commissioner Sinden commented that he was kind of confused and asked what they want from us. We are almost maxed with our inmates. We met the law and did what we were asked to do. We are housing the prisoners that we are supposed to house. Now, we are being asked to cut further. The system they set up is not working for them. It is a perfect time for them to realize this and everyone needs to re examine.

Commissioner Bowles asked Sheriff Ouellette for an update on new recruits. Sheriff Ouellette responded that six people have been through the process and waiting for the final move to the jail floor. Another group is close. The initial group of nine are on the floor minus three who have left and gone to police departments. Eleven positions are currently vacant minus the six that are soon to be on the jail floor.

Mr. Zinser reported that July 30th will be the date for the annual safety training for employees from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The Commissioners will be present to serve breakfast.

The Manager referenced the technology services pilot project memo he distributed and added that he welcomes comments. He added that a couple of

options are being explored for the half time position approved during the budget process for an IT person. He advised the Commissioners that he may be asking for a full time position or two part-time positions. Commissioner Sinden commented there has to be some capital at the beginning. This is the model for other towns for County services . No town is going to have to pay for services they do not receive.

The County Manager informed the Commissioners that he had begun the process of drafting a letter and form to reach out to the towns regarding outside agencies which he has e-mailed to the Commissioners for their approval.

Lastly, Greg informed the Commissioners that he is meeting with the twelve town group on Monday at which he will talk about what services the County can provide.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

PATCO Construction is on site working on the pre-release center. The County Manager and Sheriff are working on the project.

ITEM 6 OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

ITEM 8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES

Commissioner Bowles motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Dutremble motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

ITEM 9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Bowles moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

ATTEST:

Sallie V. Chandler-Chair

