

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 17, 2012

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At a special meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Government Building, Commissioners' Community Room within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday , 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 and Finance Director Vicki Ridlon were also 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 AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2012 AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2012

Commissioner Cabral motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2012 and the special meeting of October 10, 2012. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 with Commissioner Dutremble abstaining.

Item 3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowles reported that he and the County Manager had attended a Board of Corrections meeting yesterday. It was decided to hold a combined workshop and meeting on Nov 13th. Commissioner Bowles added there may be another meeting sooner. Commissioner Bowles informed the Board that the next Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission meeting would be on October 25, 2012.

Commissioner Chandler reported that the York County Co-Operative Extension's annual meeting will also be held on October 25, 2012. Commissioner Chandler informed the Board that she had attended a biased based, racial profiling meeting last week as part of diversity training. She commented that each department should have a policy on profiling. Ms. Chandler also had attended a retirement party for Sgt. Roger Hicks held on Saturday, October 13th.

Item 4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Zinser distributed the insurance committee findings presented to him and reviewed a memo to the Commissioners in which he put his recommendations. The County Manager recommends offering an HMO (His memo is attached as part of record of minutes).

Mr. Zinser stated that offering a third line allows everyone to realize a small savings.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to approve offering a new line of health insurance to York County employees so long as it is coordinated with all departments and Unions. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Commissioner Dutremble reiterated what he has stated before that his premiums are much lower where he works. He feels the York County employees can have better rates if they research further. County Manager Zinser responded that they are not all willing to give up benefits. There needs to be a discussion about the County's policy levels. Vote 5-0.

County Manager Zinser informed the Board that he had looked into the Commissioners' request from the last meeting to be certain that monies had been put into the budget to fund additional services that Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission will be performing for York County Government. Funds were increased to \$30,000.00 for SMRPC's budget. This change was made and offset with monies set aside for reserves. Therefore, no additional cost to the budget is incurred.

Item 5 NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Ouellette presented his budget. He pointed out the changes in his twelve month budget in which a new part-time (20 hrs per week) call taker/court officer has been added. The Sheriff explained that this position is necessary because of changes in the court system. Currently, one of his detectives is performing this task. He is one of the officers that has been in the department the longest so it's costing a lot of money for him to perform this task which includes scheduling Hearings and working with the District Attorney's office regarding pleas. Sheriff Ouellette explained that this takes away from the detective performing investigations.

Sheriff Ouellette also stated that his department is looking at software package that allows persons who have small damage(s) or a small theft to complete an on-line report. Commissioner Bowles questioned the feasibility of people being able to file their own reports on-line.

The Sheriff went on to state that he has two new grant positions partially funded by the COPS grants. One position will be in Parsonsfield and the other shared by Acton and Shapleigh. Those two grants will be implemented the first of the year.

Sheriff Ouellette added there is a slight increase in his equipment budget line. He explained that the cruiser laptops are between eight and ten years old. He is going to replace some. He added that there really needs to be a capital program to replace the laptops.

District Attorney Kathy Slattery presented her budget. There is one new full-time administration position which the District Attorney stated gives her an essential person she can use in many ways. Ms. Slattery commented that the budget presented still puts her department behind where they were before the layoffs. The District Attorney added that the Court system is trying to implement a consolidation program. Her office will be either modifying where they do their work and/or how they do their work. It is scheduled to be implemented in September 2013. A court officer in the Sheriff's Department will also help her department Ms. Slattery stated. Most departments in other Counties have a court officer. Commissioner Sinden commented that he hopes the State communicates with the Towns (Managers and Chiefs of Polices) regarding the court consolidation. He added that they are very concerned in his district on how officers are going to report for court as this effects town budgets (overtime). He hopes that message gets sent back to State Officials responsible for the court consolidation. D.A. Slattery agreed.

Commissioner Bowles thanked the Sheriff and District Attorney and congratulated them for the work they do. He added that they and their departments are accomplishing a lot of work with a limited budget. Commissioner Bowles asked the District Attorney if Kennebec County was the only County that had a Veteran's Court. District Attorney Slattery responded that was a pilot project and that there was no space to have such a court in York County but that the Veteran's Court certainly has a credible amount of value. She added that her department does push people up there that need to be there.

The County Manager informed the Commissioners that they had been presented with all department budgets and asked if the Commissioners wanted to act on the budget tonight. Commissioners Bowles and Sinden replied that they would prefer to wait a week before they approved the budget. The Commissioners will meet next Wednesday at 4:30.

Dr. Zois was on the agenda but did not appear at the meeting as the issue was resolved.

Item 6 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

None

Item 7 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A), ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E)

No executive session.

Item 8 ADJOURN

Commissioner Sinden motioned 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

