

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2013

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Government Building in the Commissioners' Community Room in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral (excused)
Richard R. Dutremble
Michael J. Cote
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.

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

None

2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2013

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the minutes of April 17, 2013. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion with two corrections. Vote 4-0. Commissioner Cabral not present.

3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Chandler and Cote attended the Maine County Commissioners Association meeting. Commissioner Chair Sallie Chandler mentioned that the new executive director of MCCA would like to attend one of York County's Commissioners' meetings.

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TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager informed the board that the work on the pre-release center due to the recent fire was nearly complete. He added that the building should be re-occupied by the end of next week. Mr. Zinser added that we are expecting to be reimbursed by the State for the work. Leo Rogers, Facilities Director, updated the Commissioners with the work progress and stated that the floor repair work had begun, the sheetrock had been replaced and that the painters would be there within the next two days.

The County Manager explained the potential impacts of the Affordable Care Act in 2014 to the Commissioners. He informed the Commissioners that insurance will have to be offered to any employees working thirty (30) hours or more which currently includes approximately twenty eight (28) employees. County Manager Zinser stated that some departments may need to be re-structured such as the civil process department.

The County Manager added that there are extensive reporting requirements involved with the new health care act. Also, there will be a “Cadillac tax” instituted in 2018 for any companies offering plans that are too “rich”. Currently, the county offers one such plan.

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NEW BUSINESS

A date for May 15, 2013 was set for the Commissioners to hear a poverty abatement denial appeal.

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OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners deliberated on the Neve tax denial appeal.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to grant the appeal to set \$269,000.00 as the value as requested by the property owners. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote passes with a 3-1 decision (Commissioner Dutremble opposed).

Commissioner Sinden explained his reasoning for his motion. He is convinced that the amount of \$269,000.00 is a reasonable amount based on evidence presented including that from two contractors. Commissioner Sinden added that the Town’s code enforcement officer also viewed the property. All persons stated that the property was uninhabitable and that the property was vacant and under foreclosure. Commissioner Cote stated that he totally agrees with Commissioner Sinden and that the photographic evidence and other evidence presented, conveys this.

Commissioner Dutremble stated that he disagrees and does not feel the appeal was timely and that the property owners should have contacted the tax assessor when they originally purchased the property.

Commissioner Sinden argued that is what the appeal process is for and why one is given six (6) months from the date of tax commitment to do so and that the Neve's have met the time requirement.

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

None

8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (a), ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E).

9 ADJOURN

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

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Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant

**SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont**

**SIGNED: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair**