

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

May 1, 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, May 1, 2013 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral
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 Cote seconded the motion. Vote5-0.

3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Chandler and Cote attended the recent job fair.

Commissioner Sinden reported that at a recent meeting he attended for the Town of Eliot, the design committee for the Sarah Long Bridge made a tremendous presentation. He added that if funds are available for this project, the bridge will be iconic.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager gave an update on the jail finances stating that the fourth quarter payment had not been received from the Board of Corrections as of yet. He informed all that there was a meeting scheduled for the end of the week with the jail union to discuss the possible implementation of furloughs or layoffs.

Sheriff Ouellette added that the Sheriffs met with Governor Lepage on April 30th to discuss the Board of Corrections funding situation. He stated that three possible scenarios were presented as possibilities. Sheriff Ouellette also stated that there was a discussion on finding different sources of revenue.

Commissioner Sinden asked the Sheriff whether or not the Governor indicated that he understood the County cannot, by statute, exceed their caps. The Sheriff responded that he did and talked also about emergency legislation.

Commissioner Sinden then asked if there was any discussion about if the jails were returned to the counties, would the counties be once again able to negotiate their boarding fees? Sheriff Ouellette responded that this was not discussed with the Governor but that the Sheriffs did agree that this process should resume. The Sheriff added that a committee comprised of various County and State officials is being assembled to deal with the jail budget crisis.

The County Manager recommended the Commissioners set May 15th at their next meeting to discuss compliance with the County's Code of Ethics policy. The budget committee will be notified and have the opportunity to attend.

5 NEW BUSINESS

None

6 OLD BUSINESS

None

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

Bill Burns asked what the next steps would be in regards to the eminent domain hearing which took place prior to the Commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner Sinden explained that both attorneys will submit their Findings of Facts and Briefs which the Commissioners will read. Then, the Commissioners will come together and deliberate in public session and issue a decision. He further stated that most likely the Commissioners will have an executive session with the County attorney to assist them with any possible questions. He reminded all that either party can appeal to the Superior Court.

- 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).**

None

- 9 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

S/YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant

**SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont**

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