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**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**May 15, 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 15, 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)**

**2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 1, 2013**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to accept the minutes of May 1, 2013. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**3 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HEAR A POVERTY TAX ABATMENT DENIAL APPEAL**

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

Commissioner Sinden motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to deny the appeal based on the grounds that the municipal officers of Lebanon made a reasonable and responsible decision in this matter. He added that he can find nowhere that the Town of Lebanon acted outside the realm of their responsibility. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**4 TO DELIBERATE COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF ETHICS POLICY**

Commissioner Sinden motioned to hold a public hearing on compliance with York County's ethics policy during our meeting of June 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Sinden stated that the policy was established almost one year ago and it's time that we establish compliance. It is an important policy and needs to be enforced. Commissioner Sinden referenced a recent newspaper article in which one of the budget committee members questioned the need of the ethics policy. The vice chair of the budget committee was quoted as stating that he hoped the ethics policy decision would go away quietly. Commissioner Dutremble stated that he believed the code of ethics is important and has already been voted on by this board to be established. He questioned the need for a public hearing when the Commissioners had already voted to implement it. County Manager Zinser responded that although the Commissioners have enacted the ordinance, they haven't enforced it. To do so would be to notice individuals who have not signed it and decide whether or not to censure parties who have not signed the document. Commissioner Sinden added that decisions are made by a body, the policy has mechanisms for us to re-visit those decisions. If we don't have disclosure statements, then we would have to question all decisions made. He added that disclosure statements are critically important. Commissioner Chair Sallie Chandler acknowledged receipt of a letter from Budget Chair John Sylvster in which he requested the Commissioners delay their decision until they can meet and discuss their attorney's Decision. Commissioner Sinden asked if there was any formal grievance from the budget committee or if we know who their attorney is. County Manager Zinser responded that from deductive reasoning we've figured it out but have not received any formal letters from their attorney. Commissioner Dutremble commented that he didn't understand why it has taken the budget committee over four months to meet on the matter. Commissioner Sinden moved the question.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded moving the question (public hearing June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting). Vote 5-0.

## **5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Sinden noted that as a follow up to his comments at the last meeting regarding the Sarah Long Bridge, it is open ahead of schedule.

## **6 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

It was decided the Commissioners would meet in executive session with the County Attorney, Gene Libby, to ask any legal questions they might have regarding the recent eminent domain hearing on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Rosemary Kulow, new President of MCCA was introduced to the Commissioners.

### **a. Update and discussion of recent Maine County Commissioners Association meeting**

County Manager Zinser attended the recent meeting as Commissioner Chandler's proxy. The jail funding issue was an agenda item. There were three options discussed: 1.State takes over all Maine County jails; 2. Counties take their jails back; or 3. Develop a hybrid jail.

The County Manager expressed his concerns to Ms. Kulow regarding the recent agenda for MCCA. He stated that there were substantive issues on the agenda which was distributed in a very short time frame. Therefore, the Counties did not have time to meet to discuss and deliver their positions. If possible, County Manager Zinser recommends the agenda being distributed two weeks in advance.

### **a. Reminder of summer meeting schedule (Recommend changing July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup>)**

County Manager Zinser recommended changing the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioners agreed.

### **c. Revisit strategic planning**

It was decided that the Commissioners and Department Leaders would hold a strategic planning session with Rick Dacri on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

**8 OLD BUSINESS**

**9 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

**10 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 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).**

None

**11 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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