

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**October 16, 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, October 16, 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.*

**Call Meeting to Order**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE AND SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

**10-16-13      ITEM**

- 1      NCEU GRIEVANCES (executive session if necessary)**  
The grievance hearings were postponed until the Commissioners' November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  
- 2      PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**  
None
  
- 3      TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2013**  
  
Commissioner Cabral motioned to accept the minutes. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

a National Adoption Day – York County Probate will host this event on November 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy would like to invite the Commissioners. The media will also be invited.

b. MCCA update

The County Manager attended the meeting as Sallie's proxy. He commented that he questions the effectiveness of MCCA as they often go different directions with different groups. There was lots of discussion regarding the role of the Executive Director.

Commissioner Sinden asked what do new members perceive their mission to be. County Manager Zinser responded that they do not know and that is part of the problem. He added that they need to have a better direction. Commissioner Sinden stated that he doesn't see any results or efforts towards MCCA being a County Commissioners association. He went on to say that the Task Force is the biggest thing going on right now and nothing was mentioned about that. He questioned if there is a unified voice of the counties. They need to prove their value to us. Mr. Zinser responded that he did talk to the MCCA president about the importance of having a unified voice (jail issue).

c. 2014 Convention Update

York County will host the MCCA 2014 convention from October 10, 2014 through October 12, 2014.

d. EMA garage update

County Manager Zinser stated that he was directed at the last meeting to pursue a contract with PATCO. He did not do that and was going to recommend putting off the EMA garage until spring but EMA Director, Leo Rogers, has told him that we are being told to get our vehicles out of the Kennebunk Fire Station. We will need to find a place for our hazmat vehicle. Leo has talked with a few other fire departments to no avail. We are at a point where we need to make some decisions. Director Rogers has had numerous conversations with area fire chiefs to see if they have any space for the vehicles. He stated that he is not comfortable with going to towns further away from Alfred and has checked with area fire departments but has had no luck. According to the EMA Director we can leave the command vehicle in Kennebunk until June but a new chief will be coming on board and we could be told to get out immediately. The Hazmat vehicle will be left out in the parking lot for now. Commissioner

Sinden asked Commissioner Cote to please give us his reasons for voting against securing a garage for EMA. Commissioner Cote stated that he understands that at some point in time the vehicles are going to need a home and that there's never a good time to do this but it has to be done. He has talked to many people and they feel that more time should be taken to find alternatives. He felt it happened awfully quickly. Commissioner Sinden responded that he has concerns for waiting to do this project: the costs go up considerably and the building will need to be re-designed to go out to bid. The pre-fabricated building that we are looking at is already designed and is a single sourced acquisition. He understands if Commissioner Cote feels there are other ways to do this to save money. Commissioner Sinden went on to state that he doesn't mind waiting if the vehicle is safe for the winter. The design will cost a few thousand dollars but if that is what our constituents want us to do, we can do it. Commissioner Cote stated that he is concerned that if we put the building where we want to put it, then, we can't sell the property. He added that if we sold the building and land we'd have money to build the garage. Commissioner Sinden responded that the folks in that building are doing a tremendous service for the County. He added that it would be a value to the county to have a garage for two critical pieces of equipment located near this building and Sheriff's department. Commissioner Sinden asked Commissioner Cote if he had an issue with the funding method. Commissioner Cote responded that he thought it was a big purchase for us without anyone else weighing in. He respects the 4-1 vote but thought the process was going a little too fast. Commissioner Dutremble stated that he wishes to clarify that this subject has been on the back burner for a long time. He added that this is not a new item and that there have been discussions about vacating from Kennebunk and building a garage to house the EMA vehicles since 2007.

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

The County Manager asked if he could direct the Finance Director to reserve \$200,000 by years' end for the garage. Commissioner Dutremble responded that he would prefer to wait until the budget process.

**7 NEW BUSINESS**

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

**9 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)**

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

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

No action taken.

**10 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the Motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

**S/YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**