

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 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, November 6, 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)

Bill Burns asked when the redistricting of Maine Counties will be in effect. Commissioner Chair Chandler commented that she spoke with Julie Flynn at the State House earlier in the day and the redistricting was still not finalized.

2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2013

Commissioner Sinden motioned to approve the minutes with one change in the date listed for the convention. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion with the change. Vote 5-0.

3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chair Chandler reported that the Maine Coastal Counties Workforce received a Made in America grant in the amount of \$1.4 million.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Introduce Sheriff to request transfer of forfeiture funds

Sheriff Ouellette asked that the Commissioners approve the transfer of firearms seized. Commissioner Cote asked if the Sheriff keeps the firearms for his department. The Sheriff responded that he does.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the transfer of the forfeiture items. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Introduce EMA Director to discuss Vigilant Guard exercise

The County Manager introduced EMA Director Leo Rogers who spoke about the state-wide Vigilant Guard exercise conducted under the direction of the Maine National Guard. Director Rogers stated that York County's emergency operating center is participating in this exercise as well as York County's IMAT team.

The County Manager added that several County employees had volunteered to participate in this event.

c. H.R. Director update –possible executive session

d. Schedule date and time for tax abatement denial request hearing
(recommended date of December 4, 2013)

The Commissioners agreed to hear the tax abatement on December 4th.

e. H.R. Manual update

The County Manager reported that he hopes to finalize the manual at the December 4th meeting. He added that he is currently working on compensation scales for non-union employees as directed by the Commissioners.

f. Authorization to move forward with propane conversion at jail

The County Manager explained to the board that the jail converted to propane to heat their domestic water several years ago and that the County now has the opportunity with some of our vendors to convert the entire system. He went on to state that savings are estimated to be \$80,000 year

beginning in 2014. The funds for this project are budgeted utilizing the savings. County Manager Zinser requested the board consider and give him broad authorization.

Commissioner Sinden asked if the amount for the conversion project is under the cap of jail funds. The County Manager responded that it was and is a current budgeted item.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve moving forward with the propane conversion project at the jail. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

g. Consideration of Food Rescue freezer funding

County Manager Zinser explained that there is a need for a freezer by the Food Rescue program and that they were still \$5,000.00 short on funding and the Commissioners have expressed a desire to assist with a donation.

Commissioner Sinden stated that he is in favor of this donation as the organization serves the County serving 45 food pantries and soup kitchens. He added that this request came for a specific need and is itemized as to exactly how the funds will be utilized.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to provide the Food Rescue with a donation to enable them to purchase a freezer in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to move the funds out of undesignated funds. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners that the November 20th meeting will begin at 4:00 as there are several grievances to be heard as well as a training session with Attorney Libby.

5 OLD BUSINESS

None

6 NEW BUSINESS

None

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

Rachel Sherman asked if there were any issues with the door being locked at the last meeting. County Manager Zinser responded that all were allowed into the meeting and that there were no issues.

Bill Burns asked if the non union wage rates were tied into Davis Bacon. The County Manager replied that they were not.

8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A)

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

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

No action taken.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:39.

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