

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

December 18, 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, December 18, 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 and Finance Director Vicki Ridlon were present at the meeting.

All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.

12-18-13 ITEM

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

Bill Burns wished all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2013

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to accept the minutes. Commissioner Cabral seconded the minutes. Vote 5-0.

3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chair Sallie Chandler reported that she, Arnold Chandler,

County Manager Zinser and Assistant Kathy Dumont had recently met with Governor LePage regarding services that County government could possibly provide.

County Manager Zinser added that he felt the visit was well received by the Governor and that he wants to meet with the Commissioners to discuss a possible “pilot” project.

4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Financial update and discussion of bond rating

The County Manager reported that York County’s bond rating had increased from A to AA.

Finance Director, Vicki Ridlon, reported that through November 2013 the budgets are looking good and that all departments are under budget. She added that the jail budget is also doing fairly well but overtime is over budget for this time of year. Ms. Ridlon added that latest reports are that counties in Maine would not be receiving their 4th quarter payments from the Board of Corrections.

The County Manager added that the jail budgets would need to be looked at in January and February.

b. Schedule poverty tax abatement denial appeal hearing (recommend meeting on January 15, 2014)

The Commissioners agreed to hear the poverty tax abatement denial hearing from the Town of Buxton at their January 15th meeting.

c. Review formal complaint procedure

The County Manager recapped the subject stating that at the last meeting the Commissioners voted to approve the policy manual but wanted to think about an alternate proposal received by Michael Vitiello allowing for the non union personnel to present their complaint to the Commissioners after being denied by the County Manager.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to keep the human resource policy manual as approved. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Cote opposed.

Commissioner Sinden commented that the policy was created in 2009 and feels it is “much ado about nothing” as by law, employees have the right to grieve a suspension or termination before the Commissioners. He asked if there is any history of a non-union employee grieving anything else. The County Manager responded that he did not believe so.

Commissioner Cote stated that as a former non-union employee, he would like to see the “Commissioner” step in place. He added that until you’ve been in the position, it’s difficult to understand and that he feels it is not a good thing to change the rules around for one group and not the others.

d. January meeting schedule

(1st meeting falls on a holiday- second meeting is January 15th)

The County Manager advised the board that the first meeting falls on January 1st. He recommends meeting on January 15th (the normally scheduled meeting). County Manager Zinser added that if this is what the board wishes, a motion would be needed to keep the current officers in place until the January meeting in 2014.

Commissioner Cabral motioned that the next meeting be held on January 15, 2014 and that the current slate of officers stay in effect. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

The County Manager stated that the annual meeting for the Maine County Commissioner Association is scheduled for January 8, 2014. Therefore, the Board needs to elect a representative prior to the January 15th Commissioners’ Meeting.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to nominate Commissioner Sallie Chandler as York County’s representative to the Maine County Commissioners Association. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

5 OLD BUSINESS

6 NEW BUSINESS

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

Sheriff Ouellette reported that the Sheriffs will be meeting with the Governor tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. He added that the task force he and the County Manager were on recommended the BOC go to the appropriations committee and request counties get their fourth quarter payments for their jails.

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 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E)**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to enter into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (D) (labor negotiations). Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:07.

S/YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant

Signed: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

Signed: _____

Sallie V. Chandler-Chair