

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2014

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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 7, 2014 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.

Call Meeting to Order

YOU ARE 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 16, 2014

Commissioner Cabral motioned to approve the minutes of April 16, 2014. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

3 NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Ouellette requested the Board approve the transfer of forfeited assets. He explained that the Court awards items seized in certain cases to the Sheriff's

department. The Sheriff added that often his department donates items such as grow lamps to local colleges that have horticulture programs.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the Sheriff's request to transfer forfeited assets. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

POVERTY ABATEMENT DENIAL HEARING

Commissioner Chair Sallie Chandler asked for a motion to enter into executive session to meet with County Counsel per 1 MRSA §405(6) (E). Commissioner Sinden motioned with Commissioner Cabral seconding the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

Commissioner Cote motioned to enter back into executive motion per 1 MRSA §405 (6) (F). Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Poverty Abatement Denial Hearing commenced. County Attorney Gene Libby, Town of Lebanon Attorney Kenneth Keating and Town Selectman Benjamin Thompson were also present at the Hearing.

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

Commissioner Sinden motioned to enter into executive session per 1 MRSA §405(6) (E) consultation with Counsel. 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.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to enter back into executive session (1 MRSA §405(6) (E) with the Plaintiff in the Hearing as well as the County's Attorney and the Town's Attorney. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to continue the poverty abatement denial hearing at the next meeting pending the receipt of documents from the Plaintiff by May 16th at 3:00 p.m that she feels were not submitted.

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.

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HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Sinden read a portion of MCCA minutes in which a Commissioner from another County made the point that costs of the annual convention need to be such that MCCA makes a profit. He stated that he

has a problem with that comment as we are dealing with taxpayer money. Commissioner Sinden continued that it is supposed to be a convention for the purpose of sharing ideas. He added that the Cliff House was close enough for him to commute and that he will be doing so and hopes the other Commissioners will do the same.

County Manager Zinser added that vendor fees make up a large portion of the revenues. Commissioner Sinden stated that he would like to see a Governor's forum.

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HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager reported that he had been meeting with Ted Glessner, State Court Administrator, regarding the need for increased court space due to the Unified Criminal Docket program initiated by the State. He added the this program will require moving of employees from court to court as filings will still be done in district courts. Many Attorneys and County administrative personnel will become transient.

There have also been discussions of a long term "fix". The Chief Justice, along with several York County legislators, visited the courthouse in December of last year. County Manager Zinser explained that his discussion with Mr. Glessner included the County's willingness to have discussions regarding relocating our Deeds and Probate departments but ultimately we have sufficient space for our County employees. A possibility of expanding the government building has been discussed as it would bring most of the County departments under one building as well as give the State more court space at a reduced rate to taxpayers. The State is currently in the process of constructing a couple of new courthouses at a cost between \$35 and \$40 million. The County Manager added that he told Mr. Glessner any move would need to be approved by the Commissioners but that he would bring this subject forth to see what their feelings are.

Commissioner Sinden responded that he feels this is a great idea but that the State needs to understand that they are the party in need. They would need to pay for the design and construction work.

County Manager Zinser added that the lease for the Springvale court space is up for renewal at the end of this year. With the UCD, the current staffing levels needed on a full-time basis at the Springvale space will decrease so the need for a building space will be less. The State Court Administrator is asking about the possibility of obtaining the consultation room which abuts their current break/supply room at the York County Courthouse in Alfred and tearing down the wall to make one room in which to relocate the civil division. The Manager has asked Mr. Glessner if perhaps the State might have room in the Springvale courthouse for our employees. This way a swapping of space can occur. Mr. Glessner feels this might be a possibility.

Commissioner Chandler stated that she is okay with this issue as long as there is a written agreement as the State has not worked well with the County in regards to the jail. Commissioner Cabral asked about the possibility of a short term lease at our

current Springvale location. The County Manager replied that might be a possibility.

County Manager Zinser informed the Board that the budget had been submitted to the budget committee. He added that the budget committee was made aware of the provision in the law that the County Commissioners are required to commit property taxes to our cities and towns in July.

6 OLD BUSINESS

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

None

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 into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (A). 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.

County Manager Zinser requested the Commissioners approve, as required by NCEU contract, an employee's request to extend his FMLA leave to an unpaid leave of absence. The Sheriff has approved this leave.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to approve the leave of absence. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Sinden motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:35.