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COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 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 Courthouse in the main floor court room in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, October 15, 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 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

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

None

2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Commissioner Cabral motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

3 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cote stated that we hosted a great convention (Maine County Commissioners' Association) and all the staff did a great job. He commended the department heads on a great team effort in making the convention a success.

4 HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Discussion of direction of Maine County Commissioners' Association

County Manager Zinser stated that many of the agenda items are inconsequential and there is not a lot of forward movement among the MCCA organization in his opinion. He added that there is a growing divide among the counties with some having a minimalist perspective and others who want MCCA to "morph" into MMA. Mr. Zinser commented that we should have issues with this as MMA has 429 municipalities and is a money-making machine. He reminded the Commissioners that the products MMA offers communities is much different than what counties need. The County Manager continued that MCCA has talked about bringing on legal counsel to be available to counties. He stated that counties are not going to have the same types of issues; i.e., unorganized territories-not all Counties have these. MCCA has also discussed introducing bills. County Manager Zinser asked for direction from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sinden commented that he was not a supporter of MCCA and if it wasn't for the risk pool which bars us from getting out of MCCA all together, he would not support our membership. He added that he is troubled by the amount of the dues as it is growing to a five figure amount. Commissioner Sinden went on to state that he did not see the value in MCCA having a legislative function as York County would approach our delegation for assistance. Commissioner Chair Chandler agreed and referenced when York County had to use our own delegation to assist in getting our lease amount on our HVAC system (\$284,000) out of our jail cap. Commissioner Dutremble added that MMA is for specialty type issues. Commissioner Cote commented that he is pleased about this discussion so he can brief the MCCA Board of Directors at the next meeting he attends. He added that he felt from the few meetings he has attended that the meetings were not often open meetings. Commissioner Sinden added that there is not often anything productive on the table to vote about.

b. Hiring confirmation of six (6) Corrections Officers

The County Manager introduced Sheriff Ouellette who requested approval of the officers provisionally hired earlier in the month.

Sheriff Ouellette asked that the Commissioners vote to approve the hiring of the following in the order of seniority: Amanda Parker, Jason Ledoux, Daniel Winchell, Matthew Cummer, Sonny Lyle and Spencer Wiegand.

Commissioner Dutremble approved the hiring of the six Corrections Officers listed above. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

c. Tank removal issues at the York County Government Building

The County Manager explained that there was an underground oil tank on site that was abandoned many years ago. Included in the energy upgrades at the YC Government Building was the conversion to propane. The oil tank was removed recently. When the tank was dug up, conduit encased in concrete was found along with other wires. An electrician has been called in to deal with the wires. Also an odor of propane was reported while the tank was being taken out so we have called Dead River and were told by them that we need a new propane tank.

d. EMA Director hiring process

The County Manager informed the Commissioners that the first round of interviews had been completed. The next phase of the process would be to invite a couple of Commissioners, a few area EMA Directors and some of the employees that the Director will be working with to a lunch to meet the candidates one at a time and interact with them. Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Cote agreed to participate.

e. Health Insurance updates

The County Manager informed the Board that our health insurance renewal is not looking good and that there will be an increase in premiums. He added that Aetna's rate quotes were more attractive than our current carrier, Harvard Pilgrim.

f. York County Food Rescue discussion

County Manager Zinser said he had met with some of the Board Members and Jodi, who runs the food pantry and they are looking for more County involvement with a greater presence in the governance of their organization. They service forty five (45) food pantries in York County. The County Manager is seeking guidance from the Commissioners on what direction they'd like to go with this matter. Commissioner Sinden replied that he believes we can provide them management assistance and guidance and perhaps have a couple of County Commissioners on their Board. He added that he did not believe they will need County participation monetarily.

6 OLD BUSINESS

None

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

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).

None

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Sinden motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.