

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**August 2, 2017**

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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 Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- Sallie Chandler
- Marston D. Lovell
- Richard R. Dutremble
- Michael J. Cote
- Richard Clark

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**

**08-02-17**

**ITEM**

**1**

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

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**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2017 MEETING**

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**TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS**

a. Warrants dated 7-12-17 in the amount of: (\$565,810.93)  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Warrants dated 7-19-17 in the amount of: (\$699,059.59)  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

c. Warrants dated 7-26-17 in the amount of: (\$379,542.98)  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

None

**5** **TO HEAR NCEU GRIEVANCE** (may be in executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) personnel issues  
ITEM NOT HEARD

**6** **TO HEAR TAX ABATEMENT DENIAL APPEAL**

a. Paul and Katherine Sullivan of Hollis (executive session may be necessary)  
The County Manager swore in Mr. Sullivan who read information from his form submitted to the Commissioners. He further explained that the road was not complete when they purchased the land but that they were told it would be. Commissioner Clark asked if any of the road exists. Mr. Sullivan replied that it ends right at his lot line. Commissioner Clark asked if the Town or the developer built the road. Mr. Sullivan replied that he did not know. Commissioner Clark stated that while the Commissioners are sympathetic to Mr. Sullivan's situation, they do not have the statutory authority to vote to give Mr. Sullivan any more relieve than the Town (of Hollis) has already given him. Commissioner Clark recommended that Mr. Sullivan take up the issue of the road with the Town (of Hollis).  
Commissioner Clark motioned to deny the Sullivan's property tax denial appeal and advised a Findings of Fact will be put forth to the Commissioners at their September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He further explained that once that is approved (FOF), the Sullivan's will have the option to proceed with their appeal to York County Superior Court. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**7** **TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Zinser stated that he and EMA Director Cleaves would like to update the Commissioners on EMA's items. He informed them that on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Senator King will be touring EMA. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, EMA will be hosting an Open House and have all of their teams here (Hazmat, IMAT) as well as members of the School Preparedness Program. The County Manager added that the drone program is expanding. Director Cleaves addressed the Board and invited them all to attend Senator King's tour of EMA on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He added that the drone was valuable during the recent Sanford Mill fire. Mr. Cleaves added that Chris Bodwell, who works in IT for the County, has been researching a smaller drone. He added that York County EMA is the only Maine County that has FAA approval to fly a drone.

**8** **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Act on snow removal contract- County Manager Zinser explained that the request for bids was advertised in local newspapers as well as on our website. Commissioner Clark asked if the numbers on the bid result sheet (attached as record) reflected a three year period to which the County Manager replied they were. Commissioner Lovell asked if there were any other bidders. County Manager Zinser replied there was one who was disqualified as the bidding requirements were not met.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the awarding of the snow removal contract for the three County buildings to John Sylvester. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark motioned to award the bid for door shoveling to Tibbett's Landscaping. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Discussion of agenda formulation- Commissioner Lovell commented that he would like to have the agenda and supporting documentation, without modification, by the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. He added that modifications (to the agenda) are difficult for him. County Manager Zinser responded that will be done. Commissioner Cote suggested the Commissioners perhaps consider holding property tax abatement denial appeals at a separate meeting so that others do not have to sit through a lengthy meeting. Commissioner Clark suggested hearing the appeals as the last item on the agenda.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Seek motion to table Farrand property tax denial appeal decision (agreement made between parties)-The County Manager explained that a letter was received yesterday from the Farrands to remove their appeal. This letter was circulated to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the withdrawal of appeal from the Farrands. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

b. Review information requested and continue discussion of vehicle acquisition for Sheriff's office-County Manager Zinser explained that after further looking into leasing vs. purchasing, the money is in the budget line to get seven vehicles. The vehicle line could be increased to \$230,000.00 next year. Commissioner Dutremble asked for clarification on whether six or seven vehicles can be purchased. The County Manager explained that the current budget line supports the purchase of six (6) new vehicles. Money could be put in the budget line from one of the reserve accounts with the County paying it back over the next three (3) years. Commissioner Dutremble asked if the repair line would go down. County Manager Zinser explained that the Budget Committee already decreased that line by \$10,000.00. Commissioner Dutremble then asked if a fleet maintenance program was in place at the Sheriff's Office for the vehicles. Sheriff King replied there was not but they were looking into purchasing a (software) program to do so. Commissioner Clark commented that he felt the Budget Committee approved a number for vehicles and that process needs to be respected. Therefore, he supports buying six (6) vehicles. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners agreed six (6) vehicles will be purchased for the Sheriff's Office this budget year.

c. Review information requested and continue discussion of contract deputy program- The County Manager commented that the Legal Opinion (received from Attorney Libby) is very clear that the town (who has a contract deputy) is required to pay the full cost of the contract. Sheriff King is given a copy of the Opinion. Commissioner Chandler moved that it is agreed this subject is closed barring any statutory changes. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- d. Schedule property tax denial appeal Hearing  
(Recommended September 6, 2017 meeting)  
Commissioners agree.

**10 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. (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).**

NONE

**11 ADJOURN**

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion.

Vote 5-0.