

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 24, 2012

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At a special meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Government Building, Commissioners' Community Room within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral
Richard R. Dutremble
David Bowles
Gary Sinden

County Manager Gregory Zinser and Finance Director Vicki Ridlon were also present at the meeting.

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

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

None

Item 2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2012

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

Item 3 FURTHER DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2013 AND FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGETS

Commissioner Dutremble commented that he is against Commissioner raises and will not take his and donate the money to charity.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned that since there will be a \$50,000 decrease in the fy 2014 budget, the funds should be designated for food pantries throughout the County. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion.

Discussion- Commissioner Sinden stated that this raises the issue of outside agencies again. He went on to state that in his opinion, County government is not equipped to deal with the financial vetting of outside agencies. He added that the County is a steward for the tax dollars that we assess for the towns. Commissioner Sinden further commented, "We have a responsibility to make sure organizations use the funds for what it was intended. There are now 30 food pantries in York County. We would have to inspect all the audits of these pantries to do due diligence. If it is food pantries, what is it next? This just opens the door for social service agencies again. Our responsibility is to the tax payers. Twenty four towns fund the Alfred food pantry. For us to get back into the business, puts a tremendous workload on County government for us to do this effectively."

Vote 2-3. Motion fails.

Commissioner Dutremble responded it would be simple. "We won't get involved in who gets what", stated Commissioner Dutremble. He explained that each town would receive funds in correlation to the amount of County taxes they pay. Commissioner Sinden responded that by definition we are involved by taking the money. We are taking the money from the towns and then giving it back to the food pantries.

Commissioner Dutremble recommends that after the elections, the Commissioners should begin the process of working on presentation of legislation requiring that if a York County town has a certain population, they are required to contract for a deputy.

County Manager Zinser commented that this issue has been talked about a lot. He feels there would be support for this.

Commissioner Bowles added that many other states have this law. Maine Municipal Association has a huge opposition to this item stated Commissioner Bowles.

Commissioner Bowles motions to adopt the budget and forward to the budget committee at their earliest convenience. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Item 4 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

John Sylvester asked when the budget committee will receive the budget. The County Manager responded by November 1st.

Mr. Sylvester then asked where the meeting will be held. County Manager Zinser answered either here or the courthouse and that it is up to the budget committee.

Item 5 ADJOURN

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

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

ATTEST: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair