

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 18, 2012

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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 first floor courtroom in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, January 18, 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 was 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)

Several people commented on the Budget Committees' action of reinstating funding to the York County Shelter in the York County Budget for 2012.

Item 2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF JAUNUARY 4, 2012

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' January 4th meeting. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Item 3 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowles informed the Board that he had attended the recent Maine County Commissioners Association meetings and the recent Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission meeting as well as the Board of Corrections meeting. He deferred his report on these meetings until the next meeting.

Commissioner Sinden reported on the Maine County Commissioners Association conference call he participated in. He added that three bills that

could have an impact on Maine Counties were discussed. These bills include the PSAPS (public safety answering point) and the State's effort to take them over.

Item 4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Greg Zinser reminded all about the open house at the new York County Government Building held on January 22nd.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

York County Budget Chairman John Sylvester, presented the budget committee's budget to the Commissioners.

Budget Committee Member David James read a statement (attached as record to these minutes).

Commissioner Dutremble responded to Mr. James' statement by saying he agrees with consolidation of funding social service agencies.

Commissioner Sinden asked why the budget committee chose to fund only one of the three agencies that appeared before them to request funding.

Budget Committee member Mr. James replied that the committee felt the number one priority is to provide food and shelter. Therefore, the York County Shelter would benefit most from the funding.

Commissioner Sinden responded there are many agencies in York County that are valued. He added that some type of standardized method of funding needs to be established.

Commissioner Dutremble asked why the York County Food Pantry asked for 13% less for the food pantry while increasing their salary/benefit line by 7%.

Commissioner Sinden continued that he had done his due diligence and was troubled by the numbers he found. For example, the York County Shelter Executive Director receives a six figure salary and benefits package. Commissioner Sinden added that he had looked at York County Community Actions' tax returns and found that they had a 3.5% increase in payroll while its' management payroll was decreased by .9%. In comparison, for the same period, the York County Shelter Program increased its' payroll 11% for its' employees and 14% for management.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to reject increasing the miscellaneous line \$31,868 to fund the York County Shelter food pantry and further direct the County Manager to enter

into a dialogue with cities and towns regarding the role of the County in funding social service organizations and to report back to the Commissioners by August 1, 2012.

In the event the Budget Committee reauthorizes funds for the above line item, the Commissioners reserve their plenary authority over administration of the County budget pursuant to Title 30-A, Section 101,102, and 501.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Sinden moved to amend the motion to “To restore funding of \$30,000 for the ortho-imagery project” As part of the motion Commissioner Sinden also clarified how this affected certain budget lines.

This motion adds \$30,000 for the ortho imagery, reduces the miscellaneous line to \$8,870,254. It increases the EMA MEMA reimbursement revenues line to \$154,407 and sets the municipal assessment at \$16,032,700.

Motioned passed 3-2 with Commissioners Dutremble and Cabral opposed.

Commissioner Bowles clarified that the Commissioners are rejecting two items of the Budget Committees’ budget: rejecting the Shelter funding and adding funding to the ortho imagery project. However, Commissioner Bowles stated, the Commissioners still reserve the right to negotiate with the Sheriff regarding the new position the Budget Committee funded in their budget given to the Commissioners. He added that there are a number of issues that need to be discussed prior to the approval of this matter.

Commissioner Sinden added that by funding a former grant position in the Sheriff’s Department, the Budget Committee is creating a new position which the Commissioners need to approve.

County Manager Zinser informed Budget Chairman John Sylvester that he will supply him with a letter regarding the rejection of the budget by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowles thanked John Sylvester for the professional deliberations that occurred amongst the Budget Committee this year. He also thanked Budget Committee member Tammy Jo Girard for taking minutes of their meetings.

ITEM 6 OLD BUSINESS

None

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

None

**ITEM 8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405(6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH
LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405(6) (E).**

None

ITEM 9 ADJOURN

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

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

ATTEST: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair