

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 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, February 10, 2014 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral (excused)
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)

2 TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIRPERSON FOR 2014

Commissioner Sinden nominated Sallie Chandler as Chairperson. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the nomination. Vote 3-0.

3 TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2014

Commissioner Dutremble nominated Daniel Cabral as Vice- Chairperson for 2014. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

4 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2014

Commissioner Cote motioned to accept the minutes with correction. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

5 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

a. Discussion of establishment of Commissioners by-laws

Commissioner Sinden pointed out that “*together with any tape recording*” needed to be removed from the draft by-laws. Commissioner Cote questioned whether or not the contents of the suggested by-laws were mostly state statute. Commissioner Sinden agreed that they were and also drafted by County Attorney, Gene Libby.

Commissioner Sinden moved to adopt the bylaws. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Dutremble clarified that he was running for County Commissioner.

Commissioner Sinden commented on the Maine County Commissioners’ legislative items. He feels very little information is made available from MCCA regarding bills in short session. He added that he feels every county should have a voice in MCCA which they currently do not. Commissioner Sinden went on to state a form should be developed to direct suggested legislation to the County Manager who would then discuss the legislation with the department leaders and then bring it to the Commissioners with the pros and cons. From there, the Commissioners could take an official position.

6 HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Introduce Sheriff to present jail inspection results report

Sheriff Ouellette recognized employees Lt. George Abbott and C.O. Michael Perry for their great work in preparing the required documentation for the report. He also recognized Paul Miliken, Director of Food Services and Kim Hussey from Correct Care Solutions for their excellent work. The Sheriff explained the jail received a 100% in mandatory standards and 99.2% in essential standards. He clarified that the jail was non-compliant in one area; that being washing inmates clothing prior to their release. Sheriff Ouellette stated that he does not believe it is cost effective to wash short term inmates’ clothing.

Commissioner Dutremble advised that the County should promote these positive items to show the jail is running efficiently and above standards.

Sheriff Ouellette suggested he and the County Manager perhaps hold a press conference. The County Manager added adding this review to the list of York County accomplishments.

b. Discussion- list of County Accomplishments

The County Manager reviewed the draft list of accomplishments with the Commissioners who gave some recommendations for additions. A list for circulation should be ready soon.

County Manager Zinser informed the board that we had received a request for funding from Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission (formerly Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission) and that it was the same amount as last year. He added this would be further discussed during the budget process.

The County Manager added that the budget would be circulated to the Commissioners by mid-March. Commissioner Dutremble added that the budget needed to be given to the budget committee by May 1st. There was discussion on meetings to present and discuss department budgets with the suggestion by the County Manager being to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays as was done last year.

The County Manager gave a brief update on a recent meeting he had with the Court Administrator, Ted Glessner regarding the State desiring space at the courthouse.

7 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cote suggested exploring the possibility of changing the meeting time to 5:00 or 5:30 to allow more people to attend. After a brief discussion, it was decided this item be further discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

8 OLD BUSINESS

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

Bill Burns commented that having been a selectman in Hollis, he has found that the timing of the meeting does not seem to effect the amount of people who attend the meeting rather the issues being discussed. He added that the meetings are broadcast live in Hollis. The County Manager responded that our IT department is working on recording and posting our meetings on our website.

10 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to enter into executive session.
Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to come out of executive session.
Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

No action taken.

11 ADJOURN

Commissioner Sinden motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion.
Vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

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Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont

SIGNED: _____
Sallie V. Chandler-Chair