

# COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 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, June, 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 and Finance Director Vick Ridlon were 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 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF MAY 21, 2014**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**3 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

None

**4 HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

a. Executive Session **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).**

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to enter into executive session.  
Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to come out of executive session.  
Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to ratify the six month County Patrol Agreement. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to approve the three year ( 7-1-14 thru 6-30-17) County Patrol contract. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion.  
Vote 5-0.

County Manager Zinser introduced Charemon Davis from RHR Smith & Company to review the June 30, 2013 Audit report.

Ms. Davis reviewed the audit with the Commissioners and public audience present. She made the recommendation that York County Government develop a capital plan.

The County Manager agreed and further explained that monies have been put in liability accounts which hasn't been done in the past and that we are now at a point where the focus should be on implementing a capital improvement plan. He gave an example of the EMA Command Van explaining a cost of approximately up to \$500,000 for a new van.

Ms. Davis reiterated that this is very important and clarified that capital is also the maintenance of buildings and vehicles.

Commissioner Sinden asked if there were any major comments and recommendations from the auditors. Ms. Davis responded that they would be the same as recommendations made last year and added that the letter is not included in this audit.

County Manager Greg Zinser, along with the York County Commissioners, recognized Finance Director, Vicki Ridlon, for all her hard work and presented her with a letter stated the same.

The County Manager updated the Commissioners on the Sanford dispatch issue which was brought to their attention at the previous meeting whereby Sanford sent us a bill in the amount of \$100,000.00. He explained that he met with City Manager Steve Buck regarding this unexpected increase in the contract. Mr. Zinser stated that record keeping for the York County and Sanford regarding this issue is paltry. He recommended to the Commissioners that we offer to pay Sanford \$50,000.00 and sign a one year contract with them and review our options. County Manager Zinser added that this issue warrants some discussion as the money is not in our budget. He suggested, although doesn't recommend, appropriating the funds from surplus or continue to pay what we are paying now knowing we may have to make a payment out of surplus at the end of the year.

Commissioner Cote asked if we had any sense what this service (dispatch) would cost York County elsewhere. The County Manager responded that he did not know. He reminded the Commissioners of the cost of the potential necessity of having to change software. Mr. Zinser added that, as he understands it, the PSAP for our territory still has to go through Sanford.

Commissioner Cote asked Sheriff Ouellette what his feelings are about the quality of dispatch services in Sanford. Sheriff Ouellette replied there appears to be a high turnover rate of dispatchers in Sanford so therefore someone is always being trained. They do not have a full staff. Also, the dispatch center does not have enough room so officers can hear the call taker and supervisor talking at the same time which is at times, very confusing. Lastly, there are connectivity problems which need a lot of attention.

Commissioner Dutremble questioned the fact that since we've been paying Sanford all these years, is this not considered a signed contract? County Manager Zinser responded yes, but it is our word against their word.

Commissioner Sinden asked if Sanford Dispatch has taken any steps to improve their service. The County Manager responded that he was told by City Manager Buck the staff is at twenty individuals and training is continuing. Commissioner Sinden further stated he wonders what the strength of our position will be if we agree to pay \$50,000 and Sanford refuses to accept that as payment in full. County Manager Zinser responded that he feels the County's position is strong as he does not believe Sanford dispatch could survive if they lose our revenue.

Sheriff Ouellette remarked that another fairly sized entity is leaving Sanford dispatch. He added that he and former County Manager Richard Brown had spoken to Cumberland County at one time regarding the possibility of the two counties running a dispatch center together which he feels is better than what York County is now as a user of the Sanford Dispatch only with no say in how the dispatch center is run.

The County Manager advised the Commissioners that it isn't necessarily easy for York County to have a "shopper mentality" like the smaller towns in York County who use Biddeford or York Dispatch services.

Commissioner Dutremble added that he doesn't know if Biddeford would have the capacity to take on York County Sheriff's Department in their dispatch center.

Commissioner Sinden stated that he feels we have to continue to hold firm at \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Cote added that we do not seem to have any knowledge or understanding of what other entities would charge us.

Commissioner Sinden stated that he feels future planning is a mute point and that we need the extra year to do some future planning as to which dispatch center York County should use, adding we can obtain this information to make our best,

permanent decision. He stressed that we cannot be without dispatch and asked if six months would be sufficient to make a change if that was the decision?

County Manager Zinser suggested one year. Sheriff Ouellette cautioned the Board that, in his opinion, the problems with dispatch go back to when dispatch was put together. He added that the Town of York is currently attempting to build a new building so they cannot take on York County's dispatching needs at this time.

County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that the Budget Committee has voted and passed a budget and scheduled their public hearing for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners that meetings for June, July and August are the first Wednesday of the month but that other meetings may be called if needed.

County Manager Zinser informed the Board that the HVAC preventative maintenance bidding resulted in two companies: AAA Energy and Mechanical Services, submitting bids (documentation attached as record of these minutes). After reviewing the bids and hearing the recommendations of the County Manager the following motion was made.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to award Mechanical Services the two year contract for preventative HVAC maintenance of the York County Courthouse and York County Government Building beginning July 1, 2014 in the amount of \$37,680.00. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to award AAA Energy for preventative HVAC maintenance of the York County Jail and Re-entry Center for 2 years beginning July 1, 2014 in the amount of \$117,600.00. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**5 NEW BUSINESS**

**6 OLD BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Cabral motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to the above listed statutes. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:05.

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