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COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 2016

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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, October 5, 2016 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Marston D. Lovell
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

10-05-16

ITEM

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

None

2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Commissioner Cote motioned to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

3 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

a. Commissioner Sinden to report on Courthouse Site Selection Commission meeting Monday meeting- He explained that it was almost a surreal experience for him and that after having served two terms on a select board and two terms on this board, he was familiar with rules and conducts of meetings. He was ready to participate in discussion regarding the three remaining sites that were decided upon at the previous meeting. Commissioner Sinden added that he was prepared to argue for the County's land being the most logical and best for the taxpayers. Three members of the Site Selection Commission went to look at one of the properties that was previously unanimously rejected and they shared with the group their feelings of how great the property was and also met with real estate people handling it as well as Biddeford City officials including the Mayor of Biddeford. Commissioner Sinden continued that he objected and reminded all what had occurred at the last meeting. The Committee Chair agreed that my recollection was correct. Therefore, we (the Commission) should be in the position of evaluating the three properties chosen and making a decision. The Representative agreed that they didn't have any authorization to do this but added that "it's such a great property." It was decided that the Commission will now go on another tour. We are meeting at the jail so we will look at our (Alfred) property again. Commissioner Sinden told the Commission that there is 70-80 acres so the new Courthouse can be put wherever they want. A discussion also occurred that the Commission would want to look further at purchasing property on Route 4 to make a grand entryway. The Commission Chair agreed everything remains open. Commissioner Sinden commented that now we just have to wait and gather our arguments and make them and hope for the best. He stated that he is nervous that a decision has been made as there's lot of chatter behind the scenes. He said that he will ask for a recorded vote when the time comes.

Commissioner Lovell reminded all present that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

4 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. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).

- a. Enter into executive session pursuant to personnel issues 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A)

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

After a brief period, Sheriff King also entered into the executive session.

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

No action taken.

5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER

- a. Insurance Renewal Process underway- County Manager Zinser informed all that the new rates for health insurance are worse than last year with a 23% increase projected for 2017. We are in discussions with our insurance broker to see if there any options but the County Manager cautioned the Commissioners that we are contractually obligated to offer the two Harvard Pilgrim plans by the unions.
- b. Continuation of Poverty abatement-rescheduled to next Commissioners' meeting.

6 OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continuation of review of jail budget- the County Manager reminded all that we had met with the Sheriff and discussed various possible, cost-saving situations.

Commissioner Sinden motioned to finalize the jail budget as it stands and direct the Sheriff to continue to work with the County Manager regarding items that they have in discussion for reductions as well as continue to track the budget. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- b. Continuation of poverty abatement- item removed as there is miscommunication between party requesting appeal and the town.

Commissioner Sinden motioned that upon removal of appeal from the party, the appeal be dismissed. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Property Tax Denial Appeal Hearing (Polcaro, Limerick) rescheduled to October 19, 2016.
- b. Scheduling of property tax denial appeal -(recommend October 19, 2016)
The Commissioners agree to hear the property tax denial appeal on October 19, 2016.

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

Chief Deputy Baran addressed all present informing them October is also Domestic Violence month and distributed purple ribbon pins. He stated that he and Sheriff King had attended a meeting of Caring Unlimited. York County has the highest rate of domestic violence in Maine. Commissioner Cote added that York County also runs neck and neck with Penobscot County as the leading county in Maine with child abuse cases.

9 ADJOURN

Commissioner Lovell motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:40.

