

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

January 4, 2017

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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, January 4, 2017 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Sallie Chandler
- Marston D. Lovell
- Richard R. Dutremble
- Michael J. Cote
- Richard Clark

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

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| 01-04-17 | ITEM |
| 1 | PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)
None |
| 2 | TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIRPERSON FOR 2017
Commissioner Cote motioned to nominate Commissioner Sallie Chandler.
Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. |
| 3 | TO SELECT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2017
Commissioner Cote nominated Commissioner Dutremble. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. |
| 4 | TO SELECT A WORKFORCE CENTER DIRECTOR FOR 2017
Commissioner Lovell nominated Commissioner Chandler. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 |

- 5 **TO SELECT A SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2017**
Commissioner Cote nominated Commissioner Dutremble. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 6 **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2016**
Commissioner Cote motioned to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 (Commissioner Clark abstained.)
- 7 **TO ADOPT ROBERT’S RULES OF GOVERNANCE FOR CONDUCTING 2017 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS**
Commissioner Dutremble motioned to accept Robert’s Rules of Governance for 2017. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 8 **TO SELECT A DAY AND TIME FOR CONDUCTING REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS FOR 2016**

Manager recommendations: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning at 4:30 P.M.- following dates: January 4th, January 18th, February 1st, February 15th, March 1st, March 15th, April 5th, April 19th, May 3rd, May 17th, June 7th, (June 21st if needed), July 5th (July 19th if needed), August 2nd (August 16th if needed), September 6th, September 20th, October 4th, October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, December 6th, December 20th.

Commissioner Lovell motioned to accept the for 2017 Commissioners’ meetings. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 9 **TO REVIEW AND ADOPT POLICIES FOR 2017 AS FOLLOWS:**
- a. **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE** (manager recommends ’17 IRS rate 53.5 cents)
 - b. **MEALS ON COUNTY BUSINESS RATE** (manager recommends ’15 rates of \$10.00-breakfast, \$15.00 lunch, \$20.00 dinner or \$45.00 per diem)
 **Special note:* When the event you are attending includes any of the meals you are required to take part in the meal. If you are staying at a hotel that provides breakfast, you must utilize the breakfast provided by the hotel. In these instances, the amounts stated above will be deducted from the per diem rate.
 - c. **POLICE/ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS** (manager recommends ’15 rate of \$15.00)
 - d. **NOTARIZATION/ATTESTATION FEES** (manager recommends ’15 rate of \$5.00/\$10.00)

Commissioner Lovell motioned to approve the fees and reimbursement rates as published in item 9. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

10 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cote reported that the annual MCCA meeting will be held on January 11, 2017. He added that it is an open meeting that will be held at the Senator Inn in Augusta beginning at 10:00 a.m.

11 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Discussion of upcoming budget process- County Manager Zinser informed the Commissioners that he has scheduled as one of his agenda items for the January 18th meeting, the Commissioners' objectives for the fy'18 budget. He added that the six (6) month reports will be available for the Commissioners. This will be the Commissioners' opportunity to give him some guidance on where they want their (County) budget to go.

b. Reminder of Public Hearing on January 18th

The County Manager told all that there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Layman Way Recover Center on January 18th in the EMA meeting room. He continued that notifications have been sent out to every town and city to get the word out. Also, some Commissioners have circulated the program booklet and are encouraging attendance. Mr. Zinser stated that the program was discussed at the recent Police Chief's meeting through D.A. Slattery and that it was well received by Police Chiefs in the County.

12 OLD BUSINESS

13 NEW BUSINESS

a. Confirmation of Deputy Register of Probate-
Commissioner Cote motioned to confirm Virginia Nadeau as Deputy Register of Probate. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Cote motioned to reverse a policy of benefits being given to Commissioners. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. (discussion)

Commissioner Cote explained that this matter has bothered him for a long time and that he believes Commissioners should only get a stipend. He continued that he feels Commissioners receiving benefits sends the wrong message.

Commissioner Clark commented that he supports Commissioner Cote's motion. He continued that he has been bothered every year that he's been on the budget committee and that it is a contradiction of what the policy manual calls for. Commissioner Clark ended by stating that he believes this practice

(of Commissioners receiving benefits) is inappropriate and unfair to the taxpayer.

Commissioner Dutremble stated that he has always said we shouldn't get raises. He continued that in 2006 when he was appointed as a Commissioner, MEPERS was a benefit offered Commissioners. His belief is that the Law states that once one is a member of MEPERS, unless they are no longer employed by the company, they cannot be forced to go off it if others are given that benefit. Therefore, he feels certain things have to be grandfathered. Commissioner Clark stated that if that's an issue, he directs the County Manager and County attorney look into it and report back to the Commissioners at their next meeting. Commissioner Clark continued that all benefits to this position are inappropriate, in his opinion, but, if we are bound by it (MEPERS), we will do so. If not, we don't continue to contribute.

The County Manager suggested clarifying words in that the Commissioners direct him to modify the existing policy and bring it back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Cote modified his motion to the above with the vote being 4-1 (Commissioner Dutremble opposed because he feels a portion of the motion might not be allowed.)

County Manager Zinser stated that he is familiar with MEPERS and does believe that Commissioner Dutremble is correct. He will call MEPERS and report back.

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

None

15 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).

None

16 ADJOURN

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.