

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

December 20, 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, December 20, 2017 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler (excused)
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

12-20-17 ITEM

- 1 **PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
None
- 2 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING**
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- 3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
 - a. Warrants dated 12-06-17 in the amount of: \$349,883.25
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
 - b. Warrants dated 12-13-17 in the amount of: \$354,099.91
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
- 4 **TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Commissioner Cote informed all that he attended the recent MCCA risk pool meeting. He informed all the dues will increase 2.8% - 3% due to Franklin County leaving the risk pool.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Dutremble recognized Representative Grohman as being present at the meeting.

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TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. Manager to give update on DOC meeting he attended on December 11, 2017
County Manager Greg Zinser reported that at the meeting the DOC reviewed funding. He circulated to each Commissioner a copy of a letter submitted to the Department of Corrections by him and the Sheriff. The County Manager explained that the position of York County is whatever money is appropriated for jail funding by the DOC should go through the formula distribution that is already in State law. There was also discussion on the CCA funds and the possible issues with the formulas. County Manager Zinser stated that the meeting was well attended. He added that there was talk of having a “pot of money” on hand in the event a county needed it. He feels this might become an issue.

Commissioner Cote commented that it would be nice to have a formula in place so the funding to county jails from the State doesn't have to be dealt with every year. Commissioner Clark asked if this issue moves on to the Criminal Justice Committee. The County Manager responded that he believes the report will go to the legislature in February. Representative Grohman stated that all Committee work needs to be done by March 9th. County Manager Zinser informed all that Representative Grohman has been invited to the January 17th meeting with our other representatives who sit on the Committee to perhaps have a more robust discussion at that meeting about York County's position.

Commissioner Clark asked what do we budget on (referring to the jail budget). County Manager Zinser stated as we start to go into our budget process, there is always an uncertainty. He added that this year we don't know how much money the State is going to contribute. We now receive \$1.7 for jail operations, but that he is unsure as to how much our population going to affect that. The County Manager added that we don't know until around August how much we are going to get from the State.

Representative Grohman addressed the Board and informed all that the concept of reporting back to the DOC was based on feedback that there was not good communications. He added that a narrative emerged that we don't know where this money goes. Commissioner Cote asked if Representative Grohman feels the committee has a good understanding of how county jails run or is there mixed signals. Representative Grohman responded that the understanding is getting better and that a lot of time was spent this session learning and understanding. He added there is a lot more work to be done. There was a concern as to why the money was being sent to the Counties from the State and it was implied that it is wasted. BARS reporting was not always finding its way to where it was supposed to go so, therefore, the DOC didn't know where there was space. Representative Grohman continued that they met six consecutive Tuesdays with Sheriffs to review this. He added that it would be great to host any of our Commissioners, also, as it's a real concern. Commissioner Dutremble suggested that Representative Grohman visit some of the jails to obtain a first hand look at what goes on.

The County Manager added that the CRAS reporting does not necessarily line up with how we do our own budgeting. It is not inaccurate but needs to be conveyed correctly. He added that he would be happy to sit down with Representative Grohman and bring up our jail budget and review it with him.

Representative Grohman commented that the Criminal Justice Committee did take a look at CCA funds changes and that he believes it is important that we look at it early in session. He added that he is concerned by what he heard. The Commissioners thanked him for coming in.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of County Manager's contract-
Commissioner Clark motioned to table this item to the January meeting.
Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

7 OLD BUSINESS

a. Seek Commissioner approval on Findings of Fact for abatement 12-06-17
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Findings of Facts as presented.
Commissioner Cote seconded the motion.
Motion amended to reflect Commissioner Dutremble signed (FOF) in
Commissioner Chair Chandler's absence. Vote 3-0.

8 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. 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (D)
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0
H.R. Director, Linda Corliss, was also present in this session.
Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session.
Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
No action taken.

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

Susan Wiswell wished everyone a Merry Christmas

10 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

