

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 2019

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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, June 28, 2019 A. D. at 9:00 A. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Michael J. Cote
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Allen Sicard

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.

06-28-19 ITEM

- 1 **PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
Susan Wiswell- Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission recently held a meeting in Kittery regarding traffic issues. She asked Commissioner Dutremble, who serves on the Board if he knew how that meeting went. Commissioner Dutremble replied that he hasn't received an update yet.
- 2 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2019**
Commissioner Cote motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0
- 3 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**
 - a. Approve treasurer's warrant dated June 5, 2019 in the amount of \$446,757.56
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - b. Approve treasurer's warrant dated June 12, 2019 in the amount of \$280,044.04
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - c. Approve treasurer's warrant dated June 20, 2019 in the amount of \$725,139.52
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 4 **TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Commissioner Cote spoke about MCCA and informed all that a committee is looking over budgetary issues in regards to the sustainability of MCCA. He added that it is

questionable as far as the budget goes. One of the things they're looking at is to charge bigger counties with more property valuations, more money. Commissioner Sicard asked that if it's our sole lobbying group for the county, isn't that a reason to pay it? It would cost more to hire someone. Commissioner Cote replied that if and when it gets to that point where somethings presented, I'll want the full Board's input. Commissioner Sicard replied that Cumberland County has their own lobbyist and maybe we should get together with them and have their lobbyist work with us for common goals. Commissioner Cote agreed and added that sometimes what the MCCA group decides to do might not be in the best interest for York County, also. We may want to take a look at this before next session, stated Commissioner Cote.

Commissioner Clark informed all that Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. held their annual meeting in Freeport last week. He added that former Commissioner Sallie Chandler was honored and that a number of York County Government people attended. He thanked all who attended.

5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

None

6 NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of hiring of correction officers- H.R. Director, Linda Corliss addressed the Board and requested the hiring of Christopher Saiauski for the position of full time Corrections officer with a start date of 7-15-2019.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Christopher Saiauski in the position. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Ms. Corliss requested the following be hired in reserve Corrections Officer positions: Peter Cates with an effective hire date of 7-15-19.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring with a start date of 7-15-19.

Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Christopher Lancaster as a reserve corrections officer with a hire date of 7-15-19

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Christopher Lancaster as a reserve deputy with a start date of 7-15-19. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Emma Arrowsmith as a reserve officer with a start date of 7-15-2019.

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Emma Arrowsmith with a start date of 7-15-2019. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Sicard asked HR Director, Corliss what does that bring us up to for numbers(of corrections officers) and do you have any in the pipeline. Linda Corliss replied that they now have 46 corrections officers and are still down 26 positions. She added that we have 3 full time people that we are looking bringing on. Two don't need the academy. H.R. Director Corliss informed all that they are continuing recruiting and discussing different items with the Lt. Col. And County Manager. She stated that we do offer a sign on bonus as well as a referral bonus.

b. Approval of renewal of Child Advocacy Center lease- County Manager Greg Zinser stated that he is recommending approval of this two year lease. Commissioner Cote asked if we had received the insurance binder to which the County Manager replied, yes. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Manager's signing of the lease. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

c. Award audit bid-The County Manager explained that the RFP was posted online and letters were sent out to auditing firms. Two bids (available in C.M.s office for review) were received. The question before the Commissioners is which one you would vote to approve? The Finance Director would like to continue with RHR Smith. County Manager Zinser stated that he has no preference . Commissioner Clark asked the County Manager what he had heard of other company? He replied that he had heard of them and they are a smaller company. He added that he has not heard anything bad.

Commissioner Clark stated that he has worked with Ron Smith over his years in municipal government. He continued that his thought is it probably makes sense to have someone else look at the books to make sure the current auditor is not missing anything. He commented that he said that with some regret as he likes Ron and thinks he does a good job. He does a lot of counties in Maine. But, he continued, "I'd like to see a different set of eyes. Commissioner Sicard stated that RHR Smith is based in York County while the other are out of Falmouth. He added that he would tend to lean towards a County tax payer. Commissioner Cote stated that we should give consideration to awarding the bid to someone from York County although both Commissioners make good points. Commissioner Dutremble commented that the current auditors know the "ins" and "outs" and what to look for. It typically takes a new auditor a year. Commissioner Cote motioned to award the bid to RHR Smith and Co at \$12,900. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 (Commissioner Clark opposed)

d. Seek approval for the purchase of jail transport van-The County Manager explained that there had been some trouble acquiring the necessary vehicle that we need for the jail. A quote in the amount of \$32,102.00 from Stoneham Ford was presented for approval. County Manager Greg Zinser stated the safety insert cost is \$34,482.00 from Bob Barker. He explained that in the past we have been able to transfer this equipment to the new vehicle but that is not possible with this vehicle. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve purchase of the transport vehicle in the amount of \$32,102. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Clark stated that on the interior improvements, he would like to know if there anybody else that does this type of work? He added that he is shocked that we are paying more for this than the van.

Lt. Col. Vitiello responded that there is one other company that makes these (safety inserts). Bob Barker (quote presented) is an inmate services business. Their business is supplying jails and prisons. He further explained that he did a comparison and that Bob Barker does more research and they've refined their product. Apples to apples, stated Lt. Col. Vitiello, Bob Barker is less expensive for a better product. He added that they have three similar cages but we cannot convert them to the new van. There are only a small amount of companies that make this type of equipment.

Commissioner Clark asked if we bid this, when do we get the truck? How does it work? The Lt. Col. explained that Bob Barker works with upfitting companies that partner with manufacturers. Ford gets a special code and their outfit is next door to the factory. They build half of the van and upfit it and send it back to Ford to finish. Ford sends it to us once completed. So, we only pay shipping once.

Commissioner Clark asked, once approved, when does the vehicle arrive?

Michael Vitiello replied that he had not asked them yet but will get a date to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cote asked if there was any equipment that can be yarded out and sold to another county?

Michael Vitiello replied that they have stripped the inserts out and used them in the past. We have not bought a passenger van for over 15 years. They will take everything out as it is so outdated. We won't salvage a vehicle with that equipment in it. Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$34,482.00. Commissioner Sicard seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

7 OLD BUSINESS

None

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), REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)

None

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

Sheriff King thanked the Commissioners for being here to address our issues and being flexible. Commissioner Cote stated that this is what we are here for. Commissioner Dutremble also thanked the Sheriff for a good budget process this year. Commissioner Clark stated that he would prefer to start at 8:00 a.m. for special meetings. The County Manager asked the Commissioners if they wanted to have a larger conversation about meetings in general? Commissioner Cote replied, no, but that he agrees we should start any special, day meetings earlier.

10 ADJOURN

Commissioner Sicard motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

