

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2018

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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, May 16, 2018 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler
Richard R. Dutremble
Michael J. Cote
Richard Clark
Cynthia Chadwick-Granger

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

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

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05-16-18 ITEM

- 1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**
None
- 2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2018 MEETING**
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Chadwick-Granger seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 3 TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS**
 - a. Warrants dated 05-02-18 in the amount of: \$291,070.98
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
 - b. Warrants dated 05-09-18 in the amount of: \$274,294.60
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- 4 TO HEAR AUDIT REPORT FROM, RON SMITH OF RHR SMITH & COMPANY CPA**
Ron Smith addressed the Commission and referred to a handout he provided that shows York County has a \$5.3 million fund balance. \$2.4 million of this balance is not attached to anything. Ron Smith continued that the County has \$3 million in reserves (health insurance, capital, etc.). Mr. Smith stated that in the 3 years he has performed the County audit, this is the healthiest (financial) the County of York has been. He continued that two years ago the Commissioners were upset the audit

was late and he and his staff have stepped up. Ron Smith stated that there has been a delay in getting information from the Sheriff's Office, specifically the drug forfeiture funds. He added that there needs to be better communication. It took 3 1/2 months for us to get into the Sheriff's Office, Mr. Smith stated. Finance Director, Vicki Ridlon, tried multiple times and we tried multiple times (to meet with the Sheriff). There is a struggle to get information from that department, continued Ron Smith. We were finally allowed to get in there the end of March. The past two years we worked hard to sit in front of you sooner than later. Going forward, I understand you are going out to bid. We need to perhaps have an exit audit with you as well as a presentation. Commissioner Dutremble stated that he was very upset getting the audit late but he's glad that Mr. Smith let the Board know what happened. He added that the Commissioners will deal with the issue (not getting information from the Sheriffs' Office).

Commissioner Chadwick-Granger asked whether or not a written deadline is given as to when you need information from departments? Ron Smith responded, yes, when they first arrive and then during his firm's field work. Commissioner Chadwick-Granger asked then those dates are not taken seriously from the Sheriff's Office? Mr. Smith replied that the account is "off the books". If the Finance person got the statement, it would be fine. Commissioner Chadwick-Granger stated that as a Commissioner, she did not know this and the Commissioners couldn't understand why this happened. (late audit). She added that as a Commissioner, it will not happen again. Finance Director, Vicki Ridlon, commented that all other departments send us their bank statements on a monthly basis. We don't get them from the forfeiture account.

The County Manager asked what other counties do. Ron Smith replied that most run their forfeiture accounts through county Finance offices every month.

County Manager Zinser asked if it could be made another one of the County's funds. Ron Smith replied, absolutely. Mr. Zinser asked if there is a statutory separation in those funds. Mr. Smith replied only being able to account for them and that typically, counties pool the money. He added there is a disconnect here as the Sheriff's Office is not talking to the Finance Department.

Commissioner Clark stated that he accepts Mr. Smith's explanation as why the audit is so late but now, the County is six weeks away from its next fiscal year and that makes things difficult. Commissioner Clark asked if the audit was an unqualified audit. Ron Smith replied that it is now called an unmodified audit. Commissioner Clark asked if the asset forfeiture money goes to police functions and not the common pot. Ron Smith answered that is correct. Commissioner Clark stated that means we can't just spend it on whatever. County Manager Zinser advised that the Commissioners could resolve this issue and make a motion to take on the asset forfeiture account. Ron Smith added that the Commissioners approve the warrants and currently the forfeiture bypasses the process. He added that if he were a Commissioner, he would want to know what is coming in and going out.

Commissioner Clark replied that he was not prepared to make a motion tonight but that he would like the County Manager and county attorney to come up with the motion. I want to do this (audit) in January and February next year. I want this to move along at a much quicker pace then it did last year. Issues need to be ironed out sooner than later, commented Commissioner Clark.

Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the audit for 2017 fiscal year.

Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Clark requested that Ron Smith provide them with information on what other counties do with this money.

5 TO HEAR A GRIEVANCE FROM M.S.E.A.

Postponed

6 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chadwick-Granger informed all that after receiving the e-mail reminder about the back pack program in Commissioner Cote's area, she contacted Realty One and asked them to donate. They will be at the next meeting and will present a check.

7 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

- a. Reminder of Layman Way Recovery Center Open House on May 18, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the media with the formal ceremony at 11:00 ending at noon.

8 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduce H.R. Director, Linda Corliss, to seek hiring approval for Cornelius Stewart in the position of Corrections Officer with a start date of May 21, 2018.
County Manager Greg Zinser requested Commissioners approve the hiring. Commissioner Dutremble motioned to accept the hiring of Cornelius Stewart. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
- b. Introduce H.R. Director, Linda Corliss, to seek hiring approval for Bryan Williams in the position of Corrections Officer with a start date of May 21, 2018. County Manager Zinser requested Commissioners approve the hiring of Bryan Williams.
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the hiring of Bryan Williams. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
Commissioner Dutremble asked how many Corrections Officers were in employment currently. The County Manager replied probably 65, but, that he is aware of other resignations.
Commissioner Clark asked if they have to attend the academy. County Manager Zinser replied, yes. Commissioner Clark asked when it begins. The County Manager replied he would find out and report back to the Commissioners.

9 OLD BUSINESS

10 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. Legal counsel to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E)
Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

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

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

None

12 ADJOURN

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.