COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable, on the eleventh day of January A.D. 2017.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:
Ronald R. Beaty Present
Leo G. Cakounes Present
Mary Pat Flynn Present

Staff Present:
Jack Yunits, Jr. County Administrator
Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant
George Heufelder Department of Health and Environment
Sean O’Brien Department of Health and Environment
Julie Ferguson Resource Development Office
Daniel Schell Resource Development Office
Beth Albert Department of Human Services
Vaira Harik Department of Human Services
Jack Meade Registry of Deeds
David Murphy Registry of Deeds

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Cakounes called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comment

Commissioner Cakounes asked if anyone would like to speak under public comment. There was no public comment offered.

5. Budget Review

Commissioner Cakounes noted that although the original budget review schedule had times listed, the Commissioners would not necessarily take departmental presentations in that order. He also noted that the Cape Cod Commission would not give its presentation as planned this morning, but would instead give it at the next regular meeting.

a. Health & Environment

Sean O’Brien and George Heufelder gave the presentation to the Commissioners. There was a discussion regarding an increase in the administration line item to account for a new director for the department. There also was a lengthy discussion regarding potential growth in the services provided by the lab. Finally, there was a conversation regarding increased grant funding, as well as a discussion regarding the department taking an increased role in work for the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative.

b. Resource Development Office

Julie Fergus and Daniel Schell gave the presentation to the Commissioners. There was a discussion regarding personnel costs, as well as a discussion regarding grant funding. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the AmeriCorps grant and the in-kind support the grant requires from the County. There also was a discussion involving the ability of the County to provide matching funds for other grants going forward.

c. Human Services

Beth Albert and Vaira Harik gave the presentation to the Commissioners. There was a discussion regarding the services provided by the department. There also was a lengthy discussion regarding funding received for departmental services through grants, match money provided by the County for those grants, and grant management systems.

d. Registry of Deeds

Jack Meade and David Murphy gave the presentation to the Commissioners. There were discussions regarding personnel, registry services, and increased space requirements for record keeping. There also was a discussion regarding the excise tax.

e. Cape Cod Commission

There was no presentation at this meeting.

6. General Business

a. Presentation by Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod on Martin Luther King Day events
Members of AmeriCorps Cape Cod presented to the Commissioners regarding volunteers, scheduling, and activities for their upcoming Martin Luther King Day event.

b. Proclamation recognizing National School Choice Week

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn that the Barnstable County Commissioners hereby recognize January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week and execute the prepared Proclamation as amended, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-1 (Commissioner Beaty abstained).

Commissioner Beaty expressed that he would not sign the proclamation himself due to complications regarding the issue of school choice. However, he stated that he had no issues with the other Commissioners signing it.

7. New Business – Other business not reasonable anticipated by the Chair

8. Commissioners’ Actions

a. January 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

b. December 30, 2016 and January 3, 2017 special meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 30, 2016 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

c. November 16 and December 30, 2016 executive session minutes

Commissioner Cakounes stated that these minutes were being held until counsel completes its review of them. He also suggested that Commissioner Beaty, as a new commissioner, review previous executive minutes. Finally, both he and Commissioner Flynn reminded the Board that they must periodically approve and release old executive session minutes for public review.

d. Agreement for a District Local Technical Assistance grant to the Cape Cod Commission from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the acceptance of the District Local Technical Assistance grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Cape Cod Commission, in the amount of $186,965.00 and execute all necessary documents as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

e. New fund for a District Local Technical Assistance grant to the Cape Cod Commission from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the establishment of a new fund for the purpose of receiving the District Local Technical Assistance Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the Cape Cod Commission as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

f. Extension of vacation carry over request for Carol Eastman

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the request for vacation carry over by Carol Eastman as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

g. Certificate for Dissolving Septic Betterments (Chair only).

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

9. County Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Cakounes:

- Commissioner Cakounes spoke about requests for future agendas including: Board discussions of budget correspondence with applicable Department presentations; rules of order and procedures for the Board, as well as Commissioners’ Goals and Objectives.

- He also reminded the Board of an upcoming presentation to be given by Bob Troy, County Counsel, at the next Assembly of Delegates meeting on the Open Public Meetings Law and Conflicts of Interest.

Commissioner Beaty:

- Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding a request by Bradley Campbell of the Conservation Law Foundation of Massachusetts to work with the County towards a public information session on drinking water.

10. County Administrator’s Report

- Mr. Yunits spoke regarding the needs for more space for record keeping at the Registry of Deeds.

- He spoke regarding assisting towns with grants through the Resource Development Office and putting together a grant management protocol.

- Finally, he spoke regarding dredge delays due to lack of permitting by towns.
11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 12:40 p.m. on this eleventh day of December, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Flynn made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

Attest:

County Clerk

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

Leo G. Cakounes
Chair

Mary Pat Flynn
Vice-Chair

Ronald R. Beaty
Commissioner

List of Documents
- Departmental Budget Presentations