

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

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

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty	Present
Leo G. Cakounes	Present
Mary Pat Flynn	Absent

Staff Present:

Jack Yunits, Jr.	County Administrator
Mary McIsaac	Director of Finance/Treasurer
Owen Fletcher	Executive Assistant
Janice O'Connell	County Clerk

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Cakounes called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

Commissioner Cakounes asked if there was any public comment. Thomas Ryan of Orleans spoke representing Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Fall River and shared information regarding an event for immigrants. He also spoke in support of the Human Rights Commission (HRC). Wayne Bergeron, Selectman from the Town of Dennis, spoke supporting the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative (CCWPC) and asking for the return of Andrew Gottlieb as Executive Director. Paul Houlihan of Sandwich spoke in support of the HRC and

expressed concern regarding filling its Coordinator position. Dr. Robert Friedman also spoke in support of the HRC. Several others in the audience signed a sheet expressing support for the HRC.

5. Budget Review

a. Assembly of Delegates

Janice O'Connell, County Clerk, presented on behalf of the Assembly. Delegate John Ohman of Dennis also answered various questions from the Commissioners. There were discussions regarding: salaries; the Assembly's legal services line item; requirements for a stenographer; travel expenses; and mileage reimbursements.

b. Cape Cod Economic Development Council

Chairwoman Felicia Penn spoke to the Commissioners, participating remotely, and answered questions regarding the Cape Cod Economic Development Council's budget request. There were discussions regarding: Smarter Cape Cod; conference expenditures; grants; support for rest areas, and a breakdown of current agreements. There also was a discussion regarding the Commissioners dealing with the funds of the CCEDC separate from the regular budget process.

c. County Grants to non-departmental Agencies and Organizations

1. Arts Foundation of Cape Cod

Julie Wake of the Arts Foundation spoke to the Commissioners regarding the organization's mission and investment in artists. There was a lengthy discussion on providing more funds for the foundation from a separate grant money pool.

2. Elder Services of Cape Cod

Staff from the agency including Leslie Scheer, its Executive Director, spoke regarding the organization's relationship to State and Federal agencies and its financial situation. This included a discussion regarding the Meals on Wheels Program and the organization's cash reserves.

d. Revenues and Expenditures (County Administrator and Director of Finance/Treasurer)

Jack Yunits and Mary McIsaac spoke to the Commissioners regarding increasing personnel costs and fiscal management policies including zero based budgeting.

e. Commissioners' General Budget Discussion

Commissioner Cakounes discussed projected amendments he wished to make to the proposed budget and streamlining County services through better coordination.

6. General Business

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

8. Commissioners' Actions

a. January 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting of January 18, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

b. Subordination of Home Mortgage for Evelyn M. Gomes

Motion made by Commissioner Beaty to approve and execute the Subordination of HOME mortgage for Evelyn M. Gomes as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

c. Request of unpaid leave time for Stacy Gallagher, Director of Children's Cove

Motion made by Commissioner Beaty to approve the request for unpaid leave for Stacy Gallagher, Director of Children's Cove as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

9. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cakounes:

- Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding the budget process going forward.
- He asked that Commissioners have all their amendments to the presented Budget prepared in writing for discussion and possible vote by Commissioners on February 1st.
- He expressed that his plan is to vote the Commissioners' final Budget to send to the Assembly as required by Charter on February 8th.
- He also discussed his plans for a workshop specifically to address the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative proposed re-structure that he will be bringing forward as a Budget amendment.
- The CCWPC Workshop meeting will be posted to meet Open Meeting Law Requirements.
- No public comment will be allowed at this "special meeting".
- Finally, he spoke regarding consideration of a rollback of the Deeds Tax.

Commissioner Beaty:

- Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding attending a Barnstable Homelessness Committee Meeting and the need for greater coordination with the County.

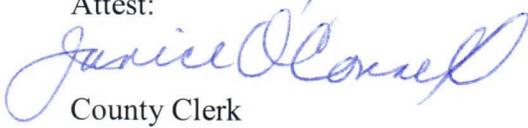
10. County Administrator's Report

There was no report from Mr. Yunits.

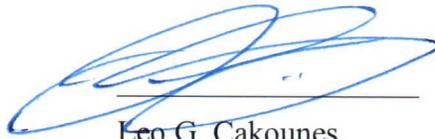
11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 12:20 p.m. on this twenty-fifth day of December, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

Attest:

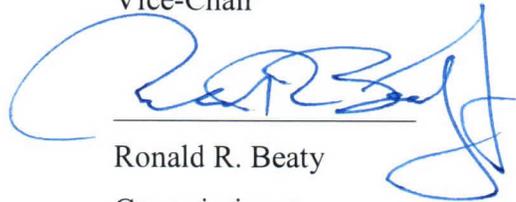

County Clerk

The foregoing records have been read and approved.



Leo G. Cakounes
Chair

Mary Pat Flynn
Vice-Chair



Ronald R. Beaty
Commissioner

List of Documents

- List of HRC supporters
- Departmental Budget Presentations
- Agency and Organizational requests for funding