COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners held at the Superior Court House in Barnstable on the twenty-fifth day of May, A.D. 2016.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:
Mary Pat Flynn               Present
Sheila R. Lyons              Present
Leo Cakounes                 Present

Staff Present:
Jack Yunits                   County Administrator
Kara Mahoney                  Interim Administrative Assistant

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

The Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

I. Public Comment

Chairman Flynn asked if anyone wished to speak under Public Comment. None offered.

II. General Business

a. Discussion with Paul Niedzwiecki, Chairman of the Building Needs Assessment Committee, on the facility planning committee study.

Paul Niedzwiecki provided an overview on the previous report he gave to the Commissioners prior to the new year. At that time the building needs committee report was out and it suggested the Committee move forward with a more detailed analysis on the complex and discussed bringing in an outside consultant, someone who has experience with designs of campuses. He explained soon after that discussion the plan called for the Committee to use $250,000 for both short term and long term space planning needs and they discussed where the $250,000 was going to come from. Then, instead of being available the $250,000 was potentially going to be bonded and capital needs of the County would need to be bonded. He met with Commissioner Cakounes and Steven Tebo, Director of Facilities, and they decided
in a cooperative fashion to take out the short term planning piece because of limited options. They looked at using old jail space for County employees to free up space for the courts to use and increase County revenue.

Mr. Niedzwiecki reported he has been meeting regularly with County Administrator, Jack Yunits, and updating him on the process and what has been done. Mr. Niedzwiecki was charged with the ability to speak with the State and was able to have conversations with the Trial Court Administrator and Legislators. He feels what the County can offer the state that other areas of the Commonwealth cannot is the possibility to give the State a place to consolidate the trial court that is pre-permitted and already has local acceptance from the Community. The Courts are currently going through the bond process, and it looks unlikely the bond will happen this year which will give the County more time to plan and discuss what needs to be done.

Mr. Niedzwiecki reported the State is willing to talk to the County. He suggested the County come up with some suggestions and have something put together to discuss with the State.

Mr. Niedzwiecki expressed he has done what he can do to the extent of what he was authorized to do. He feels confident at this point handing the project over to the County Administrator.

He showed a visual three dimensional model presentation of the County Complex as it exists now and a model showing how it can serve the public better and how to open the complex up for higher value uses. He explained the presentation today is to show the Commissioners the possibilities of what they can do. There is still a lot of other possibilities that can be discussed.

*Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes in pursuunt to action taken by the Board of Commissioners on August 12, 2015 at which time the Board appointed Paul Niedzwiecki to the position of “Project Manager for the County Complex Infrastructure Plan”, the Board releases Mr. Niedzwiecki from his appointment and obligations in conjunction with the position, 2nd by Sheila Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to appoint the County Administrator, Jack Yunits, as the “County Complex Facilitator”. Duties are described in the Building Needs Assessment Committee Report dated August 4, 2015, 2nd by Sheila Lyons, motion failed with Commissioner Cakounes voting in favor, and Commissioners Lyons and Flynn opposed, 1-2-0.*

b. Discussion on the Commissioners meeting schedule for Summer 2016.

Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet weekly with a regular meeting time of 2:00 p.m.
III. New Business

No new business discussed.

IV. Commissioners Actions:

a. Vote to approve the regular session Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2016.

   *Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2016, as presented. 2nd by Sheila Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

b. Vote to approve the regular session Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2016

   *Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2016, as presented, 2nd by Sheila Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

c. Vote to approve the Summary of Actions over $25,000

   *Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to move the following items under Summary of Actions; under Contracts, items 1-2; under Bid Awards, items 3, 5-7 (omitting 4); under personnel action, item 8; under chair only, items 9-19, as presented, 2nd by Sheila Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

SUMMARY OF ITEMS:

**CONTRACTS**

1. Executed the contract between Barnstable County and The Tree House to provide toners to Barnstable County and other political subdivisions for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (bid awarded on May 11, 2016)

2. Executed the First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through the Commissioner of its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance on behalf of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth for Leased Premises consisting of the Barnstable District Court Building, Barnstable Superior Court Building, Barnstable Probate and Family Courthouse and, Orleans District Court.

**BID AWARDS**

3. VOTED: to award the bid for the performance management software licenses for the towns in Barnstable County to **OpenGov** as the responsive, responsible bidder offering
the most advantageous proposal.

4. Omitted the vote to renew the contract between Barnstable County and Jessica McHugh to provide coordination of the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative in Barnstable County for the extended period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

5. VOTED: to renew the contract with Paula Schnep to provide coordination of the Regional Network on Homelessness for the extended period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

6. VOTED: to renew the contract with Accord Vending to provide vending machine services for the extended period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

7. VOTED: to award the bid for the Supply and Delivery of Office Supplies to WB Mason as the responsive, responsible bidder.

PERSONNEL ACTION

8. Pursuant to Chapter 8.3(g) of the Barnstable County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, VOTED: to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 employee vacation carryover requests.

CHAIR ONLY


17. Executed a Certificate of Dissolving Betterments for Kevin E. Violet and Mary J. Violet.


V. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Cakounes was contacted by Elenita Muniz from the Human Rights Commission and asked to read a press release for the Malcolm McDowell Award for Human Rights Activism. He was invited as the Commissioner from Harwich to attend the ceremony and will be attending later in the day at 4:00 p.m. at the Harwich Community Center.

Commissioner Lyons reported that she attended the Tech Council meeting last week where there were different stakeholders that talked about the grid modernization that is being discussed by the State, Eversource and National Grid.

Commissioner Cakounes attended a MPO meeting on Monday that discussed a number of amendments to the 2016 TIP plan. MPO voted to make the amendments and its out for public input.

Commissioner Flynn reported that the Commanders of the joint air base Cape Cod gave a presentation to the Falmouth Selectmen Monday night. There is a great deal of contributions to the communities outside the base. The main mission on the base is solely intelligence now.

VI. County Administrator’s Report

Jack Yunits said in reference to Commissioner Lyons report that he would talk to Maggie Downey, Cape Light Compact Administrator, in regards to putting something up on the County website.

Mr. Yunits is working on a Q&A for the new EPA Health Advisory (Environmental Protection Agency) on PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate) and its impact on the County. He hopes to finish up today and get to Wellfleet Department heads to edit. Then will forward to the Commissioners before anything is done with it.

Mr. Yunits attended the Barnstable Town Council meeting last week and discussed the issue with the Fire Training Academy. He will be asking County staff to help formulate a grant team to pursue both emergency grants and long term brownfield grants. They will try to file for a feasibility grant this summer. He also contacted and left a message with DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) yesterday and asked them to test south east side of Mary Dunn pond.

Met with representatives from MIIA (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency) yesterday and learned a lot about the County’s insurance policies and figured out where voids were in the current insurance coverage and how to fix it. They will focus on Workers
Compensation coverage and a safer working environment for the AmeriCorps members as they work a great deal outdoors.

Mr. Yunits reported he is meeting with Steve Tebo, Facilities Director, and real estate appraisers tomorrow for the Pocasset property.

Mr. Yunits and Steve Tebo have continued to have conversations with the State regarding the Route 6 rest stop area and exploring options including a convenient store and gas station.

Barnstable, ss. At 3:32 p.m. on this twenty-fifth day of May, A.D. 2016, Commissioner Cakounes motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Sheila Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

Attest:

[Signature]
County Clerk

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

Mary Pat Flynn
Chair

Sheila Lyons
Vice-Chair

Leo Cakounes
Commissioner
List of Documents provided at meeting:

- Press release for the Malcolm McDowell Award for Human Rights Activism.
Malcolm McDowell Award for Human Rights Activism
A reception and award presentation for **Miriam Massaad of Harwich** tomorrow, **May 25th**, beginning at **4:00 p.m. at the Harwich Community Center**. Miriam will receive the **Malcolm McDowell Award for Human Rights Activism**, presented by the Human Rights Commission, to honor her six years of leadership and advocacy as a member of the Human Rights Academy.

As an immigrant from Lebanon in 2001, Miriam experienced first-hand the anti-Arab prejudice of the time. Despite that, she has remained an optimistic advocate for both local and global human rights. When Harwich High School and Chatham High School were slated to become Monomoy Regional High School, Miriam was instrumental in leading exercises, gatherings, and activities to help create a single community from these two very different schools. She founded the middle school human rights club and has been co-president of the high school human rights club for three years. She has traveled to Boston and Washington to educate and lobby legislators about genocide. Following graduation, she heads to Paris to volunteer in a program aiding refugees. Her career goal is to become a biomedical engineer and “create easy access for people in underdeveloped countries to get their needed vaccines, surgeries, and treatment for disease.”

Miriam is the second Monomoy student to earn the McDowell Award. Last year, Jade Miller received the honor for her years of work with Best Buddies and leading a Special Olympics event for two years. I hope Harwich is as proud of these young women as is the Human Rights Commission