

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse Building on the eighteenth day of February, A.D. 2015.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order 10:05 a.m.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

Mary Pat Flynn	Present
Sheila Lyons	Present
Leo Cakounes	Present

Staff Present:

Michael Brillhart	County Administrator
Justyna Marczak	Administrative Assistant
Bob Lawton	Interim Finance Director

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

I. Public Comment

Katherine Garofoli, the Administrator for Dennis Conservation Trust spoke regarding the area of 39 acres adjacent to Chapin Beach in Dennis. The area includes the Aquaculture Research Corporation (ARC) where the shellfish hatcheries are located. Ms. Garofoli spoke about the protection of the salt marshes and dunes of that area that provides such a critically important program to the Cape towns and private shellfish growers. The trust has asked the Commissioners to

support the \$250,000.00 appropriation that would help to purchase the \$3 mln conservation restriction that would permanently protect that property from any residential development.

Next Mr. Richard York, the Mashpee Shellfish Constable, also spoke in favor of the budget appropriation.

Mark Roberts, the Executive Director for the Cape Cod Conservation Trust said that the efforts are not only to protect the conservation area but also to rejuvenate the very important shellfish hatchery. The County is requested to play a very small but equally important role of being one of the funding partners and to represent the interests of the people on Cape Cod.

Bill Clark, Director for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension also requested the Commissioners to vote in favor of the appropriation stating that this project combines environmentalists with industry. The ARC created at least 1400 jobs and provides shellfish to Cape residents as well as import to the outside markets. The County's support would be a 10% involvement in the whole operation.

II. Discussion on outstanding budget issues for the proposed FY16 budget.

The Commissioners had a general discussion regarding the proposed FY2016 budget.

Aquaculture Research Corporation (ARC)

Commissioner Flynn spoke in favor of the appropriation. She said that the project has the support of the state as well as the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth and the County should be very grateful for that.

It is also the opportunity to maintain the operation that is very beneficial to local fishermen and community.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to remove from the Capital Expense Line Item the purchase of ARC Conservation Restriction in the amount of \$250,000.00 subsequently reducing the Line Item and the Bond Issue, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn for discussion, 3-2-0 not approved. Commissioner Cakounes voted to support it; Commissioners Flynn and Lyons opposed it. Motion did not pass.

Commissioner Cakounes stated that he did not support the request for the County to purchase the easement of the Conservation Restriction Land on Cape Cod. Other towns should have the right to request the County's support of their conservation restriction lands as well. The request does not only include the preservation of the conservation restriction land but also it supports the operations of a business that provides shellfish seed to the County. Finally Commissioner Cakounes stated that the County cannot afford to bond such a purchase given its financial state.

Commissioner Lyons said that this project offers environmental and community as well as economic benefits to the area. Our shellfish is depleting and the shell-fishing around the world is on the rise. It would help with the Cape waste water issue as well as it would save the 1400 jobs that are associated with that project. It provides over \$20mln in economic development to Cape Cod and regional government should support that effort.

Commissioner Flynn added that the role of the local government is to provide the infrastructure for the businesses to flourish.

Commissioner Cakounes also suggested using the License Plate Fund money to support that project.

Next the Commissioners discussed increase in revenue from Joint Initiatives and IT Department. The discussion included taking approximately \$700,000.00 from the reserves account to balance the budget.

Arts Foundation

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to remove the Arts Foundation funding of \$35,000.00 and subsequently removing \$10,000.00 from revenue side of the budget under License Plate Fund, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn for discussion. That motion was amended by Commissioner Lyons.

Commissioner Cakounes did not agree with the way the funding was established by the Commissioners for the Arts Foundation. He also did not believe the County can afford currently to financially support any organization.

Commissioner Lyons said that the Arts Foundation is a regional agency that promotes the creative economy. There is an economic benefit to Cape Cod and the County should support it. Commissioner Lyons suggested reducing the funding to \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons to reduce the amended Arts Foundation funding from \$35,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and subsequently removing \$10,000.00 from revenue side of the budget under License Plate Fund, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Cakounes opposed.

County Complex Redesign

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the County Complex Redesign funding in the amount of \$200,000.00, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes. That motion was amended by Commissioner Cakounes.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the amended County Complex Redesign funding in the amount of \$250,000.00, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Information Technology Department

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the first two I.T. items: Service Desk Analyst and Technical Support Specialist positions, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the Microsoft Licensing Expenditure in the Capital Improvements portion of the budget, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Resource Development Office

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the new part time position for the Resource Development Office, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cakounes along with Commissioner Lyons said that this position will help with the grant writing capacity and will increase the revenue for the County as well as generate the savings for the towns on Cape Cod.

Health Department

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to not support the new hires in the Health Department, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes. Motion withdrawn.

George Heufelder, Director for Health Department, stated that the new positions in Health Lab will generate revenue for the County as currently the Lab has the ability to perform the tests but does not have the personnel to perform it and the tests are being sent to other locations.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the new hires for Health Department, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Mr. Heufelder also stated that the other position he requested, the Medical Corps position, will be funded by grants and does not need to be funded by the County.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to remove the funding of new Medical Corps position, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Cooperative Extension

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to remove the Home Based Business Coordinator position from the Cooperative Extension budget, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Commissioner Cakounes said that the County cannot support the creation of this position for the financial reasons as well as the services that position would be providing to the community are

performed by other organizations such as Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the Community Rating System Coordinator position for the Cooperative Extension, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

County Dredge

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the County Dredge budget as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

HOME Consortium relocation

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the HOME Consortium relocation to Human Services Department and the cost related to it, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the creation of a new part time Human Rights Commission Coordinator position, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Bob Lawton said that there should be a new Ordinance clarifying the authority of Human Services Director over the Human Rights Coordinator position.

Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to combine the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative under the County Health Department adding a new position to the appropriate line item (\$81,693.00), increasing contract line item (\$25,000.00) and increasing Lab

Miscellaneous Supplies line item (\$150,000.00) and removing the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Budget and reducing it to 0, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn for discussion. 3-2-0 not approved. Commissioner Cakounes voted to support it, Commissioners Flynn and Lyons opposed it. Motion did not pass.

Commissioner Cakounes stated that he did not support the fact that the position of the Executive Director for the Collaborative is held by a Contractor and not employee. He also did not support the amount of \$400,000.00 in the Collaborative budget that the County appropriates for Municipal Support Initiative.

Commissioner Lyons said that the decisions on the Collaborative are made by the Governing Board comprised of the representatives from all the Cape Towns. They make a decision what projects need funding on the Cape. The position of the Executive Director is a contracted position that does not use out facilities and is one of the most strategic investments our County does. That position is a political liaison that helped obtain millions of dollars for the waste water issue here on Cape Cod. That department was created by the Ordinance and its tasks do not fit under the Health Department.

Commissioner Flynn said that the Collaborative's success is mainly due to town selectmen being on the Governing Board and representing their towns. It does report to the Commissioners but its work is to benefit the towns and not the County. There is no need for the Collaborative to report to the County Department as the Commissioners should be involved in every step of the waste water issues. It is also beneficial for the state to know that the County Commissioners are involved.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative budget as presented, with the increase of \$75,000.00 to be spent only if the state grants are received, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Cakounes opposed.

FACILITIES - Bonding

Superior Courthouse heating upgrade

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to change the cost for the Superior Courthouse heating upgrade from \$140,000.00 as presented to \$235,000.00, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn - the final voting was approved at the meeting on March 11, 2015.

Fire Academy

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons not to approve the Fire Academy HVAC replacement and New Roof, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes for discussion. Motion removed.

Both Commissioner Flynn and Cakounes stated that the Fire Academy needs all those crucial improvements to function and they need to be performed in the timely matter. That place needs to be safe for all the employees and people they train.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve new Capital Improvements Program for Facilities in the amount of \$1,329,500.00, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Elder Services

Commissioner Lyons said that the Elder Services are not the mandated County Department and she would like to propose to cut their budget to \$20,000.00. This is the year that forced the County to go to Reserves to help fund the budget and as much as the Commissioners believe in the program they need to make those difficult decisions to save the County's budget, county's programs and County departments' needs. Some of the towns that are the biggest beneficiaries of the "Meals on Wheels" program do not contribute to it.

Commissioner Flynn said that the reserves account that we are using the money from to fund the budget is created for that very purpose. Commissioner Flynn suggested the County should send a letter to the towns that do not contribute to the program and remind them how important that program is to the Barnstable County.

Commissioner Cakounes said that some of the budget items like Elder Services or Arts Foundation were put in the County's budget years ago without following any policies and procedures. He expressed his hope to create those policies and procedures in the FY2016. The Elder Services is a very important organization that is very much worthy of County's support.

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons to decrease the funding for Elder Services by half from \$80,000.00 to \$40,000.00, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes for discussion, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Flynn opposed.

Fire Training Academy

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons not to increase the FY16 Fire Training budget by \$86,446.00 but leave it same as FY15 budget, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes for discussion, 3-2-0 not approved. Commissioner Lyons voted to support it; Commissioners Flynn and Cakounes opposed it. Motion did not pass.

Next Commissioner Cakounes asked if the budget reflects the Cape Light Compact's reimbursement for the work that is performed by the County employees for the Compact as well as rent payment to the County.

Bob Lawton said that the rent issue has been resolved but the work performed by the Assistant Treasurer needs to be examined and the contract for services needs to be revised.

Final Proposed FY16 Budget approval

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to approve the FY16 Proposed Budget as amended at February 18th, 2015 meeting, the Capital Expenditure and Revenue, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes for discussion, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Cakounes opposed.

The Commissioners recessed at 1.29 p.m. and reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

Commissioner Lyons mentioned that the Commissioners did not discuss the Assembly of Delegates FY16 budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons to remove the \$20,000.00 from Assembly's legal Services line and put it into Shared Legal services, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn for discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Commissioner Flynn to remove \$20,000.00 from Assembly's FY 16 Legal Services budget line, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

III. Status Report on the County Administrator Executive Search Firm RFP and Applicants for the County Administrator Search Committee.

Commissioners decided to extend the deadline for submitting the applications for the County Administrator's Search Committee until the end of the month, February 27th, 2015.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to instruct the Interim County Administrator to contact County Council and begin to compile an outline for the Search Committee and Commissioners as to the process and time frame in the matter of Hiring the County Administrator, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn for discussion, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Lyons opposed.

Commissioners discussed the need for reviewing the County Administrator's job description and the specifics of the recruitment.

The item will be discussed at the next week's meeting.

IV. Commissioners' Actions

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the Minutes of February 11th, 2015 as presented 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the Minutes of February 11th, 2015, Executive Session and not to release it to the

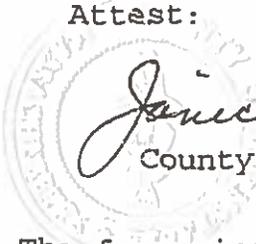
public, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-1-0, Commissioner Cakounes opposed.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the following Summary of Actions, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0:

- 1) Executed the Cooperative Agreement between Barnstable County and the Town of Chatham in the amount of \$184,000.00 to perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek.
- 2) Approved the request from Ragnar Relay Cape Cod for use of the Orleans Court House Grounds on May 9, 2015 for the running event.
- 3) Approved the request from Cape Cod Art Association for use of County Grounds on June 27 & 28, 2015 for the event called "Art in the Village".

Barnstable, ss. at 3:26 p.m. on this eighteenth day of February, A.D. 2015, Commissioner Flynn made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 3-0-0.

Attest:



Janice O'Connell
County Clerk

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

Sheila R. Lyons
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Chair

Mary Pat Flynn
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Vice-Chair

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Commissioner