COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the special meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Building on the third day of February, A.D. 2015.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

Mary Pat Flynn Not 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. No Public Comment

II. Budget Review for County Dredge Services.

Wayne Jaedtke, Superintendent for the County of Barnstable Dredge program, presented his department’s request for FY16 budget. The dredge has currently 14 projects that should be completed by June 2015. The dredging vessel “The Cod” is 20 years old and will need to be replaced soon. The Dredge Advisory Committee voted to increase the dredging services charge by $2 per cubic yard to cover the cost of a new vessel.
Commissioner Cakounes asked if the projected FY15 $1.28 mln revenue will be met. Mr. Jaedtke said that the income might be lower than anticipated due to decreased dredge running time and the inclement weather. Also one of the projects in Marshfield was rejected due to legal issues.

In FY16 budget projections include the increase in staffing and salaries, equipment cost and repairs. The projected revenue will be higher due to two new projects: Sampson Islands and Bass River.

III. Cape Cod Arts Foundation.

Felicia Penn from Cape Cod Economic Development Council (EDC) gave the Commissioners a handout that will be part of the minutes for this meeting.

Commissioners recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

David Kaplan, Interim Executive Director of Arts Foundation appeared in front of the Commissioners and presented the request for financial support for the Foundation’s programs.

Commissioner Cakounes requested a budget from Mr. Kaplan and the copy of bylaws for the Arts Foundation. Commissioner Cakounes acknowledged the importance of the Foundation but also stated that the County is in no financial place to give grant money out and should not single out one organization over the other as it is not fair to other equally important organizations. The Commissioners agreed they will make their final decisions while working on the FY16 budget.
IV. Budget Review for County Commissioner’s Office

Commissioner Cakounes discussed the proposed Campus Master Plan stating that the suggested amount of $100,000.00 should be increased to $250,000.00 to sufficiently cover the cost. Mr. Brillhart and Mr. Lawton said that it was placed in the budget under Capital Project Improvements in Facilities Department for $200,000.00.

Commissioner Lyons requested for some funds to be allocated for education and training of the employees. Professional and technical line will be increased by $10,000.00.

V. Discussion and potential vote on Resolution 15-01 regarding the standing committee of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates on Telecommunication and Energy, as adopted by Assembly on January 21, 2015.

Commissioner Lyons read the Resolution 15-01.

*Commissioner Cakounes made the motion to support the Resolution 15-01 regarding the standing committee of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates on Telecommunication and Energy, as adopted by Assembly on January 21, 2015, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 2-0-0.*

VI. General Budget Discussion on the adopted FY2015 budget.

Commissioner Cakounes said that the Assembly of Delegates will be issuing a Resolution 15-02 requesting County Commissioners and Department Heads to level fund the FY16 budget. Mr. Cakounes also suggested having the FY15 budget as the weekly Agenda item.

Mr. Brillhart said that the projected revenues will be lower than anticipated and the shortfall will be from the collection of the
deeds fees. He also mentioned that the departments' expenditures are down. Mr. Brillhart proposed coming back in front of the Commissioners and presenting the 7 month county status report.

Commissioner Cakounes said that there were some FY11 through FY14 bond issue revenues. Mr. Lawton confirmed that no bonding was issued in those years. He also recommended bonding the expenditures over the next three years.

Barnstable, ss. at 11:45 a.m. on this third day of February, A.D. 2015, Commissioner Cakounes made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 2-0-0.

Attest:

County Clerk

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

Sheila R. Lyons
Chair

Mary Pat Flynn
Vice-Chair

Leo Cakounes
Commissioner