COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Open Cape Building on the eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2015.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order 1:00 p.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

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

I. No Public Comment

II. Review and Approval of the Establishment of a Human Rights Advisory Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lyons suggested removing at large members from the subcommittee and putting 3 members of Assembly of Delegates. She also asked to have counsel present during the subcommittee deliberations.
Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes that Barnstable County Commissioners establish a "Human Rights Advisory Subcommittee" that will make formal recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on proposed amendments to Ordinance 08-12 in consideration of the purpose, term and member composition as described below. The purpose of the Advisory Subcommittee is to consider and recommend potential amendments to Ordinance 08-12 specifically to the consolidation of the Human Rights Coordinator position under the Human Services Department as a county employee position in consideration of the proposed FY16 budget. Any such recommendations would need review by County Counsel as to the compliance with the County Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code. The term of the Subcommittee shall be in effect until the completion of a report recommending specific changes to Ordinance 08-12. Recommendations must be submitted to the County Commissioners on or before June 3, 2015. The establishment of a short-term "Advisory Subcommittee" shall be comprised of no less than five members consisting of the following designees: two members from the Human Rights Commission, the Human Services Director, three representatives from the Assembly of Delegates and a representative from the County Administration Office, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 2-0-0.

III. Discussion and Action on the Proposals Submitted by Consulting Firms as part of the County Administrator Executive Search RFP.

Commissioner Lyons did not complete her review and Commissioner Flynn was absent. Commissioner Cakounes said that the Commissioners are obligated to review the two proposals submitted and respond to them by the guidelines of RFP. The Commissioners decided to postpone their review by another week since Commissioner Flynn was absent.
IV. Request by the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Committee for County website support and Administrative Assistance.

Commissioner Cakounes read:

Whereas;

It has become apparent that the relationship between Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Committee and Barnstable County may or may not be in violation of State Law which prohibits donations of public funds to private not for profits.

Whereas:

This relationship has been ongoing for many years and the Commissioners wish to correct any violations that may or may not exist.

Whereas;

Due to time constraints and since the process for the 2015 award cycle is underway.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes that Barnstable County Government continue the support and involvement in the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award with exception of any cash donations for the Award cycle of 2015. Furthermore; the Commissioners shall begin to address the relationship between the Committee and the County for the future, beginning for 2016 Award cycles, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 2-0-0.

Commissioner Cakounes has also submitted a draft motion to the County Administrator for the County Counsel's review regarding the future establishment and workings of the Award.
V. Commissioners' Actions.

Motion made by Commissioner Cakounes to approve the Minutes of March 11th, 2015 with the following amendment, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0:

On page 5 of the minutes the following language will be added:

"Commissioner Cakounes had completed his "evaluation Form" as required in Mass General Law Chapter 30b Sec 6, Commissioner Flynn and Lyons had not completed their review. The Commissioners agreed to bring the review process back at the next meeting, giving time for Commissioner Lyons and Flynn to complete the required forms".

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

1) Approved the appointment of Chief Paul B. Macdonald as Barnstable's representative and Lieutenant Michael Clark as alternate to the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee for a three year term, effective April 1, 2015.

2) Awarded a Bid on behalf of the Towns of Brewster, Eastham, Provincetown, Wellfleet and Truro to provide the leasing and maintenance of portable toilets for use as special events, in beach or park area to the following vendors as the responsive, responsible bidders offering the lowest prices:

   - Our Outhouses
   - MA Frazier
   - Bouse House

3) Approved the request from Cape Cod Commission for 6 days of unpaid leave for Monica Mejia, Hydrologist.
4) Voted to approve Friday, July 3rd, 2015 to be observed as a legal holiday day off for all Barnstable County Employees as July 4th, 2015 falls on Saturday this year.

5) Executed the 32 AmeriCorps member Certificates of National Service for graduation in July 2015.

6) Approved the request from Cape Cod Art Association for use of County Grounds on September 26 and 27, 2015 for the event called "Fall Art Festival".

Commissioner Cakounes had a question regarding the items approved by the County Administrator: the prepayment request from Cape Light Compact and the contract approval for the Human Rights Academy Spring Session on April 15, 2015. The County Administrator will bring the answers back to the next meeting.

VI. Commissioners’ Reports.
Commissioner Cakounes went to his first MPO meeting.

Commissioner Lyons went to Yarmouth Cultural Center regarding J1 visa workers. Last year the Commissioners contributed $5,000.00 along with other organizations to help purchase bike lights for those workers. Commissioner Lyons would like to continue that effort this year.

Commissioner Lyons also informed the public that the Substance Abuse Task Force was released last week and is available on the Human Services Department websites under www.bchumanservices.org.

Barnstable, ss. at 1:44 p.m. on this eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2015, Commissioner Cakounes made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 2-0-0.

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The foregoing records have been read and approved.

Sheila R. Lyons
Chair

Mary Pat Flynn
Vice-Chair

Leo Cakounes
Commissioner