COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse Building in Barnstable on the twenty eight day of May, A.D. 2014.

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

Mary Pat Flynn Present
Sheila Lyons Present
William Doherty 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. Discussion and potential vote on Ordinance 14-02, the proposed County Budget for FY15, as amended and adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on May 21, 2014.

Commissioner Flynn stated that the Assembly of Delegates amended the proposed FY15 budget presented by the Commissioners, rejecting 2.5% tax increase. The 2.5% tax increase has been utilized by the County since 2008. Commissioner Flynn emphasized that the only sustainable
source of revenue for the County is the 2.5% tax increase since the deeds excise tax is unpredictable and unreliable.

Commissioner Doherty expressed his concerns regarding the support of very arbitrary action taken by the Assembly of Delegates. He also said that he regrets not taking the advantage of the 2.5% tax increase in the past as well as not creating the sufficient reserves funding in order to support and to provide a leveled funding mechanism for the County’s future projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to disapprove the Ordinance 14-02, the proposed County Budget for FY15, as amended and adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on May 21, 2014, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.

All three Commissioners agreed that much of the needed improvements for the Information Technology Department, including the services provided to the towns of Truro and Wellfleet and e-permitting services might be affected if the Assembly’s amendment goes in effect.

Next Commissioners asked attorney Bob Troy to explain what will happen after the Assembly receives the Commissioners’ disapproval and has a special meeting on Friday, May 30th. Mr. Troy presented all the option that the Commissioners are facing, according to his memo that will be a part of the meeting minutes:

- If neither body takes action - the default provisions of the Charter will be triggered and the Commissioners’ proposed budget will become the legal budget for FY15 because of the provisions of the Charter that make June 1 of each year preceding the next fiscal year a “drop dead” date.
If Commissioners approve the Ordinance 14-02, the amended budget - it becomes lawful upon their signing the document after a public meeting.

If Commissioners disapprove the Ordinance 14-02, the amended budget and send it to the Assembly of Delegates within 10 days - the Assembly may override the Commissioners’ action by a vote of its members representing two-thirds of the population of the County. In that case the amended budget becomes the legal budget for FY15.

III. Commissioners Actions

Motion made by Commissioner Lyons to approve minutes of May 21, 2014, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 2-1-0. Commissioner Doherty abstained.

Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the following Summary of Items, 2nd by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0:

1) Approved the payment in the amount of $335,422.94 to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group for health, dental and vision insurance for employees and retirees for the month of June, 2014.

2) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and Contract Paper Group in the amount of $23.54 per case to provide the bulk delivery of copy paper to towns and schools in Barnstable County, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

3) Executed the Contract between Cape Cod Commission and AECOM Technical Services to provide engineering and related services to the Cape Cod Commission in updating the area wide (208) water quality management plan with the execution through June 30, 2015.
4) Executed the Omnibus Consent Form for the Simpkins School Residences Limited Partnership to allow the hire of Callahan, Inc. as the general contractor to complete the project.

5) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and Borden & Remington Corp. to provide water chemicals to the Water Departments in Barnstable County, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

6) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and Univar USA Inc. to provide water chemicals to the Water Departments in Barnstable County, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

7) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. to provide water chemicals to the Water Departments in Barnstable County, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

8) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and NBC Distributers to provide water chemicals to the Water Departments in Barnstable County, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

9) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and The Tree House for the supply and delivery of toners, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

10) Executed the Contract between Barnstable County and City Toner LLC for the supply and delivery of toners, as awarded on May 14, 2014.

11) Renewed the contract with AECOM Technical Services to provide engineering and related services to the Cape Cod Commission in updating the area wide (208) water quality management plan.

12) Approved the request from Pan-Massachusetts Challenge for the use of the Superior Court House grounds for the 35th annual PMC to benefit the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute event to be held on Sunday, August 3rd, 2014.
Barnstable, ss. at 9:35 a.m. on this twenty eighth day of May, A.D. 2014, Commissioner Lyons moved to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Doherty, approved 3-0-0.