

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable, on the sixteenth day of August, A.D. 2017.

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

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| Ronald R. Beaty | Present |
| Leo G. Cakounes | Present |
| Mary Pat Flynn | Absent |

Staff Present:

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| Jack Yunits | County Administrator |
| Steve Tebo | Interim Assistant County Administrator |
| Owen Fletcher | Executive Assistant, Administration |

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cakounes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

5. General Business

a. Discussion of the Official Auditor's Report for Barnstable County, for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, issued by the Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor on August 10, 2017

Commissioner Cakounes thanked the Assembly of Delegates and the press for their handling of the unofficial audit report. He explained that the Commissioners would take up the subject areas of the audit on a semi-weekly basis. He also expressed his opinion that the auditors did an extraordinary job and that the results were not surprising to him. He informed the Board and public that the Commissioners would look at the remaining leases. He explained that the Board would not look at leases that would be finished soon but wait to renegotiate them. He also explained that the auditors only had access to the County's records and that more detailed records may exist and be in the possession of other governmental entities. He further detailed that the Commissioners would delegated initial review responsibilities to Mr. Yunits and Mr. Tebo.

Commissioner Cakounes also praised Bob Lawton for his work with the County, but explained that in past years the County did not bond for capital projects as it should have. He continued, explaining that the County paid for the projects with surplus funds. Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding the nearly \$7 million deficit that he stated was caused by dealing with capital projects in this manner. He suggested contacting the Cape & Islands Legislative Delegation to remedy the problem. Commissioner Cakounes stressed that the County did not currently have a decent bond rating and that it would make it hard to bond for current capital projects.

Commissioner Cakounes also spoke about the audit findings regarding granting money to outside organizations with no process. He stressed that the Board had already addressed this issue with new grant procedures.

b. Discussion on the Board of Regional Commissioners Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Message

c. Discussion on Barnstable County's Three Year Strategic Plan

d. Update on the County of Barnstable's Informal Survey of Town Officials and Staff on their familiarity with, and use of, County Services

The Commissioners discussed these three items together. Commissioner Cakounes stated that drafts of these items would be prepared by October 1st. He asked that Powers and Sullivan be contacted to give a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit on a day that the Assembly of Delegates met as well. He also stated that the Survey would guide the Strategic Plan, which would inform the Budget Message.

e. Discussion on Emergency Action related to Flood Damage to the County Complex

Commissioner Cakounes thanked Judge Nickerson for his help with Eversource and spoke about the phone calls that he, and everyone else, made. He detailed that a new pole and new wires were up, and that there was only a small transformer problem to be solved. Mr. Tebo thanked his staff in general and Don Reynolds, for all their extra work and assistance.

6. New Business – Other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

7. Commissioners' Actions

a. Authorizing the Appointment of Dora Camara to the Cape and Islands Workforce Development Board, as a representative of a joint-labor management Registered Apprenticeship program, for a term through June 30, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to appoint Doris Camara to the Cape & Islands Workforce Development Board as a representative of a joint-labor management registry apprenticeship program for a term to expire June 30, 2020 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

b. Authorizing the Approval of a Grounds Request from the Harbor to the Bay, Inc to use the parking lots of the County Complex on September 23, 2017 in conjunction with the 15th Annual harbor to the Bay AIDS Benefit Bike Ride

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the request from Harbor to the Bay Inc. for the use of the County Parking lot on September 23, 2017 in conjunction with the 15th Annual Harbor to the Bay Aids Benefit Bike Ride, subject to provisions set forth in the County Use Policy, including yet not limited to; insurance, post event clean-up, and all other provisions required by the Assistant County Administrator/Facilities Director, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

c. Authorizing the Approval of the Timesheet for Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of July 23, 2017 through August 5, 2017

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the Timesheet for Jack Yunits County, Administrator, for the period of July 23, 2017 through August 5, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

- d. Authorizing the Execution of a Discharge of HOME Mortgage, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, for James & Lisa Veazie, and Paul Wirth**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to execute a Discharge of a HOME Mortgage, acting through the Cape Cod Commission, for James & Lisa Veazie, and Paul Wirth, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

- e. Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to a Grant Agreement with the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI), in the amount of \$4,207,884.00, for the period of February 1, 2014 through July 31, 2017, awarding additional incremental funding in the amount of \$88,407.00 to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension to support the WHOI Sea Grant Program, and extending the performance period to January 31, 2018**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to execute an amendment to a Grant Agreement with the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Wood Hole Oceanographic Institute in the original amount of \$4,207,884.00 for the period of February 1, 2014 through July 31, 2017, awarding an additional incremental amount of \$88,407.00, and extending the period to January 31, 2018 to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in support of the WHOI Sea Grant Program, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

- f. Authorizing the Execution of Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the Chair to execute Certificates of Dissolving Septic Betterments as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

8. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Beaty asked that Beth Albert be placed on an upcoming agenda to discuss Homeless expenditures in response to recent editorials about homelessness.

Commissioner Cakounes informed the Board that he would place on the agenda for next week a request by Commissioner Beaty the discussion on a "Code of Ethics". He also stated he would like to hold a working session with Commissioners to review and make changes to the ordinance that created the Economic Development Council. He further stated that the session would be like the one previously held for the ordinance that created the Cape Cod Water

Collaborative, a posted working session with invited guests to participate. The public would be welcome to attend but no public comment would be allowed.

9. County Administrator's Report

Mr. Yunits thanked the auditors for their work regarding leases and capital spending items. He also spoke regarding an upcoming meeting with Standard & Poor for Bond certificates. He advised the Commissioners that a discussion of the Early Retirement Incentive Program should be placed on the next agenda. He also spoke regarding drafting Real Estate Policies.

10. Adjournment

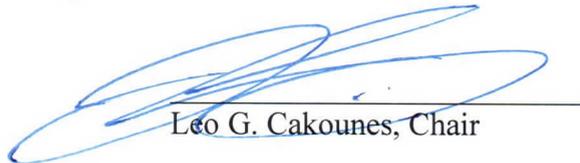
Barnstable, ss. at 11:58 a.m. on this nineteenth day of August, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0

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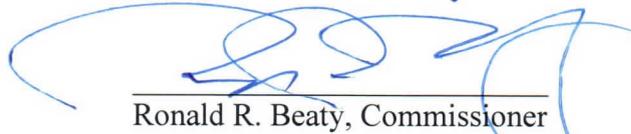

Janice O'Connell, County Clerk

08/23/17
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved.


Leo G. Cakounes, Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

08/23/17
Date