

*COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable, on the twenty-fifth day of October, A.D. 2017.

**Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:**

Ronald R. Beaty                      Present

Leo G. Cakounes                      Present

Mary Pat Flynn                      Present

**Staff Present:**

Jack Yunits                              County Administrator

Steve Tebo                              Interim Assistant County Administrator

Owen Fletcher                      Executive Assistant, Administration

Mary McIsaac                      Director, Finance Department/Treasurer

Ian Roberts                              Technical Support Specialist, Information & Technology

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Cakounes called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Moment of Silence**

**4. Public Comment**

No members of the public offered comment.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular session meeting minutes of October 8, 2017 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0*

**6. General Business**

**a. Creation of a policy for soliciting County employees during work for political or private purposes including: nonprofit donations; signatures; or votes for influencing elections**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the draft policy for soliciting County, State employees and General public on County Property as presented (amended) and refer to County Counsel for approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0*

Commissioner Cakounes explained the policy draft he crafted to the Board. He stated that he modeled much of that draft on state law. Commissioner Cakounes also discussed a recent issue regarding an election for officers on the County Retirement Board. Commissioner Beaty suggested that the draft was a move in the right direction, but County Counsel should review it before the County finalizes it.

**b. Assembly of Delegates Resolution 17-05 - Interim Deputy Speaker**

*Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Resolution 17-05, authorizing the appointment of an Interim Deputy Speaker which has been previously approved by the Assembly of Delegates on October 18, 2017 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Flynn, approved 2-0-1 (YES: Cakounes, Flynn. ABSTAIN: Beaty)*

Commissioner Cakounes explained that Counsel had looked at the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Beaty expressed concern that the subject of the resolution dealt with the internal affairs of the Assembly of Delegates, and therefore is not altogether acceptable for Board review. The Commissioners discussed County Home Rule Charter provisions regarding specific functions for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Commissioner Cakounes expressed disapproval for the proposal but stated he would support it. Commissioner Beaty abstained because he did not think it appropriate to review internal Assembly matters.

**7. Department Director Updates and Status Reports**

**Office of the County Administrator & the Department of Finance/Treasurer**

Commissioner Cakounes explained the need to periodically place these items on the agenda to ensure that staff keeps all Commissioners informed, while complying with the restrictions in the Open Public Meetings Law.

**a. Anticipated Grant match for a Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Water Testing Program**

Mr. Yunits expressed concern regarding the County's ability to continue to fund the Collaborative in its budget.

**b. Barnstable County Fire & Rescue Training Academy (FRTA) Licensed Site Professional**

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding progress the County has made in accordance with the settlement with Barnstable township. He also reported regarding recent status meetings with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. He addressed opportunities for the County Fire & Rescue Training Academy (FRTA) to innovate new ways to fight fires while creating opportunities to generate additional revenue. Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding the legislative process for a proposed earmark in the State Budget for the FRTA. Mr. Tebo explained some complications with contributions by insurance companies.

**c. Deed reviews of long-term, leased, county-owned land and buildings in the Town of Bourne**

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his efforts to gather documents on the leases. He noted the difficulties in discovering the status of the buildings on the property. He further discussed the County's retention of a title expert, at Mr. Yunits suggestion, to examine these issues. Mr. Beaty also discussed his research on this issue. Mr. Tebo asked for comprehensive title research on all County property.

**d. Proposed County Early Retirement Incentive Plan**

Mr. Yunits gave a report on the financial and legislative process. Commissioner Cakounes expressed concern regarding the length of that process and the ability of the County to realize savings in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

**e. Separation from Cape Light Compact**

Mr. Tebo stated that the Compact no longer occupied space on County property, and receives no phone or internet service from the County. Ms. McIsaac reported

on the fiscal implications of the separation. She also explained the ramifications of the separation for Compact employees and their benefits. Commissioner Beaty confirmed that the County has not yet joined the new joint power entity which the Compact transformed into. Commissioner Cakounes discussed the auditing of the Compact's funds with Ms. McIsaac. The Board also discussed with staff whether the State had to approve the creation of the Compact's new entity.

**County Dredge & the Facilities 'Department:**

**f. New County Dredge**

Mr. Tebo informed the Board that he expected the new County Dredge to be placed in the water this week for field testing. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the disposal of spoils after the Dredge completes its work. Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding the need for agreements on licensing agreements for Dredge storage and mooring.

**g. Old Jail Renovations**

Mr. Tebo updated the Board regarding the state of the demolition. He spoke regarding complications created by asbestos removal at the site. Commissioner Cakounes also discussed the allocation of office space at and near the site.

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

**9. Commissioners' Actions**

**10. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Cakounes mentioned bringing a proposed Code of Ethics back before the Board. He also noted the resignation of Ms. Felicia Penn, Chair of the Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

**11. County Administrator's Report**

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding upcoming meetings and events. He also reported on preliminary meetings with Department Directors regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

**12. Adjournment**

*Barnstable, ss. at 12:25 p.m. on this twenty-fifth day of October, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0*

Attest:

*Janice O'Connell*

Janice O'Connell, County Clerk

11/02/17  
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved.

  
Leo G. Cakounes, Chair

  
Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair

  
Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

11/01/2017  
Date