COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

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

Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty Absent
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
Stacy Gallagher Director, Children’s Cove
Bobbi Moritz Resource Development Office

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comment

Mr. John Ohman, Assembly of Delegates Member from Dennis, spoke regarding a recent Open Public Meetings Law complaint by Commissioner Beaty which was recently dismissed by the State Attorney General’s Office. Mr. Ohman formally asked that the County provide information regarding how much these complaints are costing the County to defend.

Ms. Sheila Mulchahy of Barnstable spoke regarding her belief that Commissioner Beaty had targeted Barnstable Disability Commission and the Town of Barnstable because of a disagreement with a town council member.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of December 13, 2017

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 13, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

6. General Business

a. Discussion of and presentation by Stacy Gallagher, Director of Children’s Cove, on an application for a Victim of Crime Act Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to authorize the County Administrator and/or chairperson to execute all related necessary documents in the application for the “Victim of Crime Act Grant” by Children’s Cove as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

Ms. Gallagher addressed the Board regarding the reasons that Children’s Cove is seeking the grant. She spoke regarding budgetary concerns making it necessary to look for alternate funding sources. This funding, if received, would come from the Federal government.

b. Discussion on public participation and comment at County Public Meetings and Hearings

Commissioner Cakounes gave brief explanation on the procedures for Public Comment at public meetings and public hearings.
c. Discussion on Proposed Ordinance 17-__: Providing for a recall procedure for elected County Officials and a letter, authored by Commissioner Beaty, published by Cape Cod Today on December 12, 2017, regarding that ordinance.

Commissioner Cakounes stated that he put this item on the agenda because he was asked to do so by a member of the public. He read Commissioner Beaty’s letter into the record. Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his concerns with the letter but also his staunch support for the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. He highlighted that Commissioner Beaty was clear that he was speaking as an individual. He stated that the entire Board does not agree with these statements.

Ms. Mulcahy of Barnstable asserted her belief that public officials’ statements should be given more weight because of their positions. She expressed her support for the recall provision proposed by the Assembly of Delegates.

Mr. Ohman addressed the Board, and took exception to what he considers veiled threats contained in Mr. Beaty’s letter.

Ms. Paige Riley of Brewster spoke regarding Mr. Beaty’s behavior and her belief that it was part of a pattern of behavior. She also expressed her support for the recall provision.

Ms. Laura Innis spoke regarding her disapproval of Commissioner Beaty’s behavior.

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his concerns on the process contained in the proposed ordinance, specifically highlighting possible financial costs. Commissioner Flynn spoke regarding her support for the provision and her feeling that it was a very important.

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

8. Commissioners’ Actions

   a. Authorizing the approval of a Timesheet for Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of November 26, 2017 through December 2017

   Motion by Commissioner Flynn to approve the timesheet for Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of November 26, 2017 through December 9, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.
b. Authorizing the approval of a grounds request by Gosnold of Cape Cod for the David Lewis 5K on September 29, 2018 in honor of National Recovery Month

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to approve a grounds request by Gosnold of Cape Cod for the David Lewis 5K race on September 29, 2018 in honor of National Recovery Month subject to the provisions set forth in the current and 2018 revised County Use Policy including yet not limited to; post event clean-up, insurance, and other such provisions set forth by the Facilities Director/ Interim Assistant Administrator as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

c. Authorizing the rejection of all bids and cancellation of procurement for Roof Replacement and Asbestos Abatement at the East Wing of the Former House of Corrections, opened on November 7, 2017

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to authorize the rejection of all bids and cancellation of procurement for roof replacement and asbestos abatement at the East Wing of the Former House of Corrections, opened on November 7, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

d. Authorizing the award of a contract to Stericycle Environmental Solutions for the collections of household hazardous waste, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with a renewal option for two (2) additional one-year periods

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to award a contract to Stericycle Environmental Solutions for the collections of household hazardous waste, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, with a renewal option for two (2) additional one-year periods as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

e. Authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham for an amount not to exceed $130,000.00 to do and perform all dredge related work for Fox Hill Channel

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to authorize the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham for an amount not to exceed $130,000.00 to do and perform all dredge related work for Fox Hill Channel as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

f. Authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham for an amount not to exceed $54,000.00 to do and perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek Channel
Motion by Commissioner Flynn to authorize the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham for an amount not to exceed $54,000.00 to do and perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek Channel as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

g. Authorizing the execution, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, of a Discharge of Mortgage by Laura Johnson under the HOME Program

Motion by Commissioner Flynn to authorize the execution, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, of a Discharge of Mortgage by Laura Johnson under the HOME Program as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.

9. Commissioners’ Reports

There were no Commissioner Reports given.

10. County Administrator’s Report

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding a meeting with State Representative David Vieira regarding systems to cleanup at the Fire Academy. He also highlighted the work of the County on reducing the impact of opiates on the community.

11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 10:53 A.M. this twentieth day of December, A.D. 2017, Commissioner Flynn made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Cakounes, approved 2-0-0.
The foregoing records have been read and approved.

A true copy, Attest:

[Signature]

Barnstable County Regional Clerk

December 20, 2017