

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At the regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, held in the Superior Courthouse in Barnstable, on the thirty-first day of January, A.D. 2018

Board Regional Commissioners:

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

Assembly of Delegates:

Ronald Bergstrom	Delegate, Town of Chatham
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Staff Present:

Jack Yunits	County Administrator
Steve Tebo	Interim Assistant County Administrator
Justyna Marczak	Human Resources Director
Owen Fletcher	Executive Assistant, Administration
Mary McIssac	Director of Finance/Treasurer
Steve Amara	County Accountant
Paul Niedzwiecki	Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission
Kristy Senatori	Deputy Director, Cape Cod Commission
Tom Cambareri	Water Resources Program Manager, Cape Cod Commission
Gail Coyne	Fiscal Manager, Cape Cod Commission
Mike Maguire	Director, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Diane Murphy	Deputy Director/Fisheries & Aquaculture Specialist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension
Stacy Gallagher	Director, Children's Cove
Sean O'Brien	Director, Department of Health & Environment
Stephen Coan	Deputy Director, Fire Rescue Training Academy
Paul Tucker	Deputy Director, Fire Rescue Training Academy
Barbara Austin	Administrative Supervisor, Department of Health & Environment
Beth Albert	Director, Department of Human Services
Bill Traverse	Director, Information Technology
Julie Ferguson	Director, Resource Development Office
Daniel Schell	AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, Resource Development Office

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cakounes called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Comment

No members of the public offered comment.

5. Budget Workshop

Commissioners' Office

Commissioner Beaty asked that the Board level fund the Human Rights Commission's (HRC) budget at the same amount as last year. Mr. Yunits responded to a question by the Board regarding the HRC and detailed the County's problems with rising employee costs. He also noted that the activities of the HRC were not proper County functions, and that those functions would be performed better by the Commonwealth. Commissioner Beaty expressed that he had spoken to John Reed of Yarmouth, a former chair of the HRC, and that it was understood that the HRC must begin to look for a physical space elsewhere and move to secure their own funding. Commissioner Cakounes noted that the Commissioners removed HRC funding in last year's proposed budget and the Assembly did not add this money back. Rev. Dr. Katherine Epperly of Centerville, Vice-Chair of the HRC, spoke to the Board. She expressed that the HRC has not discussed moving away from the County. Commissioner Flynn spoke in support of funding for the HRC. Richard Lavoie of the Township of Barnstable spoke in support of keeping the HRC as part of the County. Commissioner Cakounes asked for the consensus of the Board. Commissioner Cakounes and Beaty expressed support, and Commissioner Flynn expressed her disapproval for the funding's removal.

Motion by Commissioner Cakounes to fund the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$837,777.00, adding to the proposed budget: \$30,160.00 for 12.5 hours of time, \$7,056.00 for health and fringe benefits, and \$437 for Medicare costs for the County Clerk and; deleting \$8,569.00 from the salary line for the Human Rights Commission, as recorded, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 2-1-0 (YES: Beaty, Cakounes. NO: Flynn)

Assembly of Delegates

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his plan to split the functions of the Assembly Clerk and Regional Clerk. He explained that he wished to restructure County operations, and personnel, to increase efficiencies. Ronald Bergstrom, Delegate from Chatham, addressed the Board regarding his concern that the Assembly controlled the Assembly Clerk's position, and that the Commissioners' could not change its description or duties. Commissioner Cakounes stated that what he proposed did not do either. The Board also discussed removing the funding for the Assembly stenographer, and that the technology in the Assembly's new meeting place was capable of producing a similar transcript.

Motion by Commissioner Cakounes to fund the Assembly of Delegates' budget in the amount of \$248,042.00, adding to the proposed budget: 1) \$60,231.00 for an additional 12.5 hours for the Assembly Clerk; 2) \$14,115.00 in health and fringe benefit costs for those additional hours 3) \$875.00 in Medicare costs for those hours, 4) \$13,103.00 for associated retirement costs and, 5) \$200.00 for copying costs; and deleting: 1) \$90,481.00 in salary; 2) \$21,201.00 in benefit costs; 3) \$1,312.00 in Medicare costs, \$19,653.00 in proposed retirement costs;

\$15,750.00 in costs for a stenographer, as recorded, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

Information Technology

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his intent not to fund Joint Initiatives. He also detailed plans to fund a portion of the Information Technology's budget through Joint Initiative funds as well as allow the Cape Cod Commission to bill the Information Technology Department for services. Mr. Yunits spoke regarding continuing work to ensure a smooth transition from the Cape Cod Commission and Information Technology Departments to deliver services.

Motion by Commissioner Cakounes to instruct County staff to allocate the correct amount from joint initiatives to the Department of Information Technology, the County Dredge, and other related Departments, 2nd by Commissioner Beaty, approved 3-0-0.

Joint Initiatives

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to instruct County staff to remove all funding from Joint Initiatives and reallocate it to related County Departments. joint initiatives to the Department of Information Technology, the County Dredge, and other related Departments, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Health

Mr. O'Brien addressed the Board. There was a lengthy discussion regarding funds placed in various departmental budgets, including Health and Environment to address possible employee costs. There was a consensus of the board to remove all such placeholder salaries from departmental budgets.

Human Services

Ms. Albert spoke to the Board. My Choice program funding was discussed. Commissioner Flynn spoke in support of the department and regionalization of services. Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding reducing costs.

Children's Cove

Commissioner Cakounes highlighted the Cove's grant applications and noted that it's budget may need to be adjusted later depending on the outcome of those requests.

Public Safety

There was a discussion of the Sheriff's unfunded pension liability. Commissioner Cakounes expressed that he would not support legislation to shift that burden to the State due to possible losses in County revenue.

Fire Rescue Training Academy

The Board noted that this budget did not include money from a recently obtained legislative earmark.

Cape Cod Commission

There was a consensus of the Board that all License Plate Funds, as well as Cape Cod Water Collaborative Funds would be removed from the budget.

There was a lengthy discussion of debt, service, bonding, new construction, and County reserves.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of January 24, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 24, 2018 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

7. General Business

a. Proposed Ordinance 18 - __: Barnstable County Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Budget

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve proposed Ordinance 18-__ (to be numbered) adopting the Barnstable County Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Budget and authorizing its forwarding to the Assembly of Delegates for review and vote as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

The Board noted that there would be no allocation for a building through bonding. Commissioner Cakounes noted that State Senator Cyr has shown interest in the County Complex. Mr. Cambareri spoke regarding his concerns on Fire Rescue Training Academy spending. He expressed his opinion that the spending plans did too little to consider environmental concerns.

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

9. Commissioners' Actions

a. Authorizing the execution of a new contract with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries for a Fiscal Year

2018 disbursement of a legislative earmark in the amount of \$58,334.00, for the period from execution through June 30, 2018, to support shellfish propagation efforts on Cape Cod.

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of a new contract with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries, for a Fiscal Year 2018 disbursement of a legislative earmark, in the amount of \$58,334.00, for a period from execution through June 30, 2018, to support shellfish propagation efforts on Cape Cod as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

b. Authorizing the Execution of Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the chairperson to execute certificates for dissolving septic betterments as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

10. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding the AmeriCorps Advisory and Human Services Advisory meetings. He also spoke regarding an upcoming Hyannis Growth Incentive Zone meeting at Barnstable Town Hall.

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding his intent to meet with Mr. Cambareri on certain budgetary issues as well as his work on County leases.

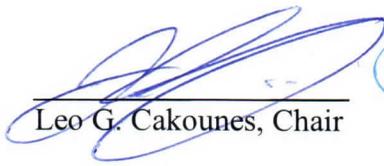
11. County Administrator's Report

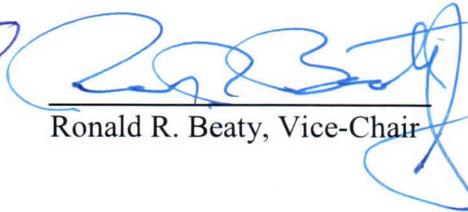
There was no report offered.

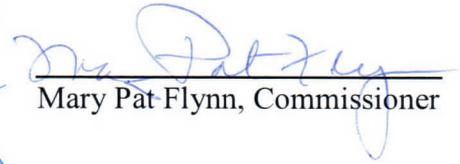
12. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 11:42 A.M. on this thirty-first day of January A.D. 2018, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0.

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:


Leo G. Cakounes, Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Vice-Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Commissioner

02/14/18
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, February 14, 2018.

A true copy, attest:


Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk