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 seventh day of March, A.D. 2018

Board Regional 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
Justyna Marczak	Human Resources Director
Owen Fletcher	Executive Assistant, Administration
Diane Murphy	Deputy Director/Fisheries & Aquaculture Specialist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension
Joshua Reitsma	Marine Program Specialist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension
Sean O'Brien	Director, Health and Environment Department
Phil Burt	Emergency Preparedness Project Assistant, Health and Environment Department
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 February 28, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2018 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 2-0-1 (YES: Cakounes, Flynn. ABSTAIN: Beaty)

6. General Business

a. Report from Diane Murphy, Fisheries & Aquaculture Specialist, and Joshua Reitsma, Marine Program Specialist, for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, on their travel to the Milford Aquaculture Seminar in Shelton, Connecticut from January 9, 2018 through January 10, 2018

Ms. Murphy and Mr. Reitsma presented to the Board. Ms. Murphy highlighted the seminar's information regarding kelp aquaculture. She also discussed with Commissioner Cakounes a presentation at the seminar on integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA) which provides the byproducts, including waste, from one aquatic species as inputs (i.e. fertilizers, food) for another. Mr. Reitsma reported on ongoing research regarding quahog parasite unknown (QPX) diseases effecting marine life (including oysters) and harmful algal blooms. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Reitsma discussed the benefits of attending such seminars in response to questions from Commissioner Beaty.

b. County Reimbursement Policy for Employees and Elected Officials

Chairman Cakounes explained his reasoning for putting this item on the agenda. He noted that it had come to his attention that there is an internal policy, but the Board had never officially acted on it. Chairman Cakounes asked that the Board provide their thoughts on the item. He also highlighted certain sections of the policy, including sources for standards to calculate reimbursement (i.e. Internal Revenue Services (IRS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or internal), reimbursing for meals and hotels, and other areas. Chairman Cakounes noted that Mr. Yunits would examine the policy, along with other County staff members,

and make recommendations. The Board discussed, in response to questions from Commissioner Beaty, the effects of the current policy on the Assembly of Delegates. Mr. Tebo and Ms. Marczak addressed the Board regarding mileage reimbursement. Chairman Cakounes stated he would place a revised policy on an upcoming agenda when it was ready for a vote.

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

Chairman Cakounes asked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Burt to report to the Board on a nor'easter that struck the Cape in the previous week, as well as preparation for another storm expected to strike in the coming days. Chairman Cakounes also noted that he did not anticipate new storm activity and therefore did not place this item on the agenda. The Board discussed the workings of the County's opening of shelters during such storms, in response to a question by Commissioner Beaty. Mr. O'Brien highlighted the work of AmeriCorps Cape Cod members and Andrew Platt, an AmeriCorps Program Specialist with AmeriCorps. Chairman Cakounes invited Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Burt to speak to the Board to at a later meeting. Finally, he stated that the Board would act on thank you letters from the County to outside organizations at a later meeting as well.

8. Commissioners' Actions

a. Authorizing the approval of a timesheet for Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of February 18, 2018 through March 3, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the timesheet for Jack Yunits, County Administrator, for the period of February 18, 2018 through March 3, 2018, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

a. Authorizing the execution of an extension to a Regional Wide Area Network Agreement with OpenCape Corporation, for the period of June 25, 2014 through December 31, 2017, to provide high speed internet access and hosted services for the towns in Barnstable County, through December 31, 2020

Chairman Cakounes explained that he did not wish the Board to act on this item today, because concerns regarding the procurement process and continuing appropriations necessary to fund the agreement.

a. Authorizing the execution of a discharge of a mortgage by Francis X. Hurrie Jr., to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated February 21, 2001

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of a discharge of a mortgage by Francis X. Hurrie Jr., to Barnstable County, acting by and through

the Cape Cod Commission, dated February 21, 2001, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

9. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Beaty spoke regarding his continuing work with County staff to solve housing issues for members of AmeriCorps Cape Cod.

Commissioner Cakounes spoke regarding plans for an upcoming Commissioners' special workshop meeting to discuss a proposed ordinance on the Barnstable County Coastal Resource Committee.

10. County Administrator's Report

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding a coastal zone management meeting. He also thanked County staff for their efforts to address the previous week's nor'easter.

Mr. Tebo also addressed the Board regarding that storm.

11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 10.51 A.M. on this seventh day of March 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

03/21/18
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, March 21, 2018.

A true copy, attest:

Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk