

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

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

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/Director, Facilities
Department

Justyna Marczak Human Resources Director

Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant, Administration

Bethany Traverse Environmental Project Assistant, Health and Environment
Department

Sean O'Brien Director, Health and Environment Department

Ian Roberts Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cakounes called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 July 11, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 25, 2018 with minor correction on Item 8a, date "for a period through June 30, 2019" not 2018 as reads, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Chairman Cakounes noted a clerical error on the draft. The end date for the period in Item 8a should be 2019 rather than 2018. The Commissioners approved the minutes but instructed Mr. Fletcher to correct the error in the final copy.

6. General Business

a. Authorizing the execution and presentation of Certificates of Recognition to agencies and volunteer organizations for supporting regional sheltering efforts during the March 2018 nor'easters

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution and presentation of Certificates of Recognition to agencies and volunteer organizations for supporting regional sheltering efforts during the March 2018 nor'easters as presented, and authorize the Chair to attend a ceremony today at 1:00 P.M. to present the certificates, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Chairman Cakounes noted his intention to present these certificates at the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee later in the afternoon. He invited Commissioners Flynn and Beaty to participate if they remained on the campus.

b. Presentation from Sean O'Brien, Health and Environment Department Director, regarding the County Water Quality Laboratory renovations, and the County Community Septic Management Loan Program

c. Presentation from Bethany Traverse, Environmental Project Assistant, Department of Health and Environment regarding the County Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program

Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Traverse combined their presentations to the Board. Mr. O'Brien detailed the history and mechanics of the County Community Septic

Management Loan Program. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion on the program including commercial participation, application based on credit score, contractor selection, municipal liens, and e-payments. Mr. O'Brien noted that the program would begin accepting online payments during its next billing cycle. The Board discussed the possibility of extending the program eligibility to include small business owners as well as homeowners. Mr. O'Brien explained that the program funders specifically asked the County to focus on homeowners. The Board also discussed the fact that the County does not pay interest on the original loan amount. Mr. O'Brien explained that if the County borrowed more money today it would have to pay interest on that loan. Mr. O'Brien next updated the Board on the progress on Water Quality Laboratory renovations. The Board discussed the use of couriers for samples.

Ms. Traverse presented to the Board regarding the County's Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program. She first detailed the history of the program. Next, Ms. Traverse explained the current program with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion including town participation, total samples, as well as fresh and salt water sites. The Board also discussed testing for bacteria in general and E. coli specifically. The Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion with Ms. Traverse on the effects of both human and animal waste on water quality. Finally, they also discussed the circumstances that would lead to beach closure, as well as the frequency of such closures.

Chairman Cakounes asked Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Traverse to work with the Board to ensure the public is aware of County provided services.

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

8. Commissioners' Actions

- a. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Barnstable and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 888, the Barnstable County Facilities Union, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Barnstable and Service Employees International Union Local 888, the Barnstable County Facilities Union, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- b. Authorizing the execution of a contract for a grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$140,471.00, for a period through June 30, 2019 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of a contract for a grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$140,471.00, for a period through June 30, 2019 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- c. Authorizing the creation of a new fund for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 funding for a grant from the MAHB to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$140,471.00, for a period through June 30, 2019 for PHEP activities**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to create a new fund for State Fiscal Year 2019 funding for a grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$140,471.00, for a period through June 30, 2019 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness activities, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- d. Authorizing the creation of a new fund for SFY 2019 funding for a grant from the MAHB to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$14,219.38, for a period through June 30, 2019 to support the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the creation of a new fund for State Fiscal Year 2019 funding for a grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to the Health and Environment Department, in the amount of \$14,219.38, for a period through June 30, 2019 to support the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

The Board discussed the level of funding relative to the funding received in previous fiscal years with Mr. O'Brien.

- e. Authorizing the execution of Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the Chair to execute Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

9. Commissioners' Reports

Chairman Cakounes spoke regarding correspondence he received from Tales of Cape Cod. The organization requested to give a presentation to the Board regarding the idea of a Declaration of Cape Cod Independence Day. This presentation would detail Cape Cod's history of an early declaration of independence from the British Crown in the 18th century.

10. County Administrator and Staff Reports

Mr. Yunits thanked the County's Information Technology Department for their efforts to modernize the Needs Action Request process to eliminate duplication and paper. He also updated the Board on the status of various pieces of legislation before the Massachusetts Legislature. He noted that though the Legislature has completed its session for contested matters, the County's Early Retirement Incentive Legislation could still proceed in informal session. Mr. Yunits detailed his contacts with State Representative Tim Whelan and his staff on Mr. Whelan's continuing efforts to obtain a hearing for that bill. Mr. Yunits also spoke regarding legislation on a tax for short-term rentals. (H.4841). Next, he spoke regarding economic development bills which could increase both seaport and dredge funding (SB2625 and H.4835). Further, Mr. Yunits discussed concerns regarding issues with Commerce Way.

11. Adjournment

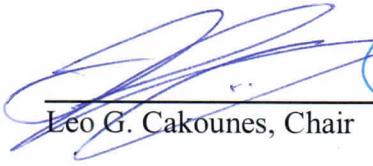
Barnstable, ss. at 11:17 P.M. on this first day of August A.D. 2018, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

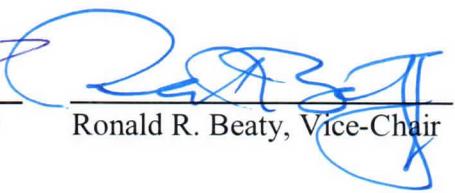
List of Documents:

- Draft minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting of July 25, 2018
- Certificates of Recognition from Barnstable County and the Regional Emergency Planning Committee to be presented to agencies and volunteer organizations for supporting regional sheltering efforts during the March 2018 nor'easters
- PowerPoint presentation of Bethany Traverse, Environmental Project Assistant, Department of Health and Environment regarding the County Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Memorandum of Agreement with SEIU Local 888, the Barnstable County Facilities Union, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021
- Agreement for Services with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in the amount of \$140,471.00, for a period through June 30, 2019

- New Fund Memo dated July 25, 2018 to the County Commissioners from Quan Tobey on the subject “Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) contract with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) for SFY19
- New Fund Memo dated July 25, 2018 to the County Commissioners from Quan Tobey on the subject “Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) contract with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) for SFY19
- Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments executed at the Board of Regional Commissioners’ Regular Meeting of August 1, 2018

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:



Leo G. Cakounes, Chair

Ronald R. Beaty, Vice-Chair

Mary Pat Flynn, Commissioner

08/08/2018
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, August , 2018.

A true copy, attest:



Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk