

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, held in Commissioners' Conference Room, in the Superior Courthouse, on the eighteenth day of September, A.D. 2019

Board Regional Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty Present

Ronald Bergstrom Present

Mary Pat Flynn Present

Staff Present:

Jack Yunits County Administrator

Steve Tebo Assistant County Administrator

Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant, Administration

Elizabeth Braccia Director of Finance/Treasurer

Stephen Amara County Accountant

Sean O'Brien Director, Health and Environment

Phil Burt Deputy Director, Fire Rescue Training Academy

Stephen Coan Deputy Director, Fire Rescue Training Academy

Paul Tucker Deputy Director, Fire Rescue Training Academy

Ian Roberts Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology

Gail Coyne Operations Director, Cape Cod Commission

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bergstrom 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. Approval of Minutes**a. Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

6. General Business**a. Discussion and consideration of a request from Barnstable Assembly of Delegates Member James Killion, Sandwich Delegate, to hold the Barnstable Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of September 25, 2019 at Olde Colonial Courthouse, 3046 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve a request from Barnstable Assembly of Delegates Member James Killion, Sandwich Delegate, to hold the Barnstable Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of September 25, 2019 at Olde Colonial Courthouse, 3046 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

b. Fiscal Year 2019 Year End Financial Report

Ms. Braccia and Mr. Amara presented the report to the Board. Ms. Braccia reported the County received more revenue than expected. Ms. Braccia highlighted the increase from Registry of Deeds excise fees, rental fees from the Commonwealth for the courts, and savings from the County Early Retirement Incentive Program. The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the finances of the County Dredge.

Mr. Yunits addressed increases in revenue collected from the Registry's excise tax and discussed possible reasons for the increase.

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding employee benefit costs and discussed the possibility of providing incentives for employees to find health coverage through other means than County. The Board also discussed unrestricted County funds, including the possibility of their use as surplus to cushion the County from changes in revenue due to the economy. Ms. Braccia noted the County could not increase the tax levy as other governmental units could to close any possible gap between future County revenues and expenses.

c. Summary Report on the County's Early Retirement Incentive Program

Mr. Yunits described the reasons the County implemented an Early Retirement Incentive Program. In response to questioning from the Board, Mr. Yunits and Ms. Braccia estimated the County is saving approximately \$500,000.00 a year from implementing the program.

d. Revised Budget for the County Dredge

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the introduction of Proposed Ordinance 19-__ (to be numbered), To add to the County's Dredge operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020, as enacted in Ordinance No. 19-06, by making supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020, at the next meeting of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, pursuant to Section 2 – 8(e) of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Mr. Tebo answered questions from the Board on this item. He explained the County Dredge required additional funds due to changes in staffing. He further explained the department could not give an accurate figure during the Fiscal Year 2020 budget deliberations because the state of County Dredge equipment for the current Fiscal Year was not yet known. The Board questioned the workings of the Dredge Enterprise Fund, and the ability of the County Dredge to generate revenue. Mr. Tebo also reported on the status of current dredge repairs.

e. Update and recommendations from the County Health and Environment Department on the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval of the transfer of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station's license from Entergy Corporation to Holtec International

Mr. O'Brien presented to the Board on this item and explained the history of the plant's closing. Mr. O'Brien noted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the transfer of the plant's license with no public or governmental input. Mr. O'Brien requested the Board's approval to draft a letter to be submitted during the public comment period for the decision. He noted that the new license holder will not

provide the level of emergency management services provided by Entergy. The Board asked Mr. O'Brien to appear before the Board at a subsequent meeting with a draft for the Board to approve and execute.

f. Discussion on the status of grants for, and mission of, the Cape Cod Public Safety Center

Mr. Yunits commended the efforts of Mr. Burt, Mr. Coan, and Mr. Tucker to obtain federal grant money to expand the County's public safety services. He argued that the Board should rebrand the Fire Rescue Training Academy (FRTA) when it moves to Joint Base Cape Cod. Mr. Burt, Mr. Coan, and Mr. Tucker presented to the Board. Mr. Burt detailed recent grants the County has applied for and received. The Board engaged in a long discussion regarding the benefits of renaming the FRTA, and future programs the County intends to provide at a new site.

g. Reconsideration of the Barnstable Board of Commissioners' non-action on Resolution 19-03, annually recognizing September 27th as the Barnstable County Independence Day, pursuant to Section 3-8 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Resolution 19-03, annually recognizing September 27th as the Barnstable County Independence Day, pursuant to Section 3-8 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Commissioner Beaty addressed the Board and explained the need for this item. He clarified the Board's previous position that it would take no action on resolutions approved by the County Assembly of Delegates. He noted the Board could and should act on any items the Assembly passes, pursuant to Section 3-8 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, except for items that concern its internal affairs. He also noted that he mistakenly thought that any resolution passed by the Assembly would necessarily concern their internal affairs or the opinions of that body. He highlighted the relevant sections of the Charter and noted that it indeed covers more actions than the Board originally thought.

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

There was no new business at this meeting.

8. Commissioners' Actions

- a. **Authorizing the appointment to the Barnstable County Economic Development Council of Christopher Flanagan, Executive Officer of the Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of Cape Cod, as Construction Representative, for a term expiring December 31, 2019**
- b. **Authorizing the appointment to the Barnstable County Economic Development Council, of Kara Galvin, Executive Director of MassHire – Cape & Islands Workforce Board, as Workforce Development Representative, for a term expiring December 31, 2021**
- c. **Authorizing the appointment to the Barnstable County Economic Development Council of Paul Niedzwiecki, Vice President of Strategy and Government Affairs at Cape Cod Healthcare, as Healthcare Representative, for a term expiring December 31, 2021**
- d. **Authorizing the discharge of a mortgage by Emma L. Josselyn and Jacob A. Josselyn, to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded in Book 19489 Page 313, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve Item 8a through Item 8d as listed on the agenda for the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of September 18, 2019, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

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

The Board received no certificates for execution at this meeting.

9. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Beaty reported regarding his attendance at a recent Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative meeting.

10. County Administrator and Staff Reports

Mr. Yunits reported on a recent presentation he gave to the Cape Women's Coalition. He also spoke regarding the support of Cape Cod's State and Federal Legislative Delegations in obtaining grant funds for the County's public safety services, and possible assistance from the County to Towns for solar permitting. The Board discussed financial and scientific concerns regarding capping at the FRTA.

11. Adjournment

Barnstable, ss. at 11:32 A.M. on this eighteenth day of September A.D. 2019, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

List of Documents:

- Draft of the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019
- General Fund – County Operations Schedule and Expenditures Budget and Actual for Fiscal Year 2019
- Government Funds Balance Sheet (Unaudited) for Fiscal Year 2019, dated June 30, 2019
- Dredge Enterprise Fund Balance Sheet (Unaudited) for Fiscal Year 2019, dated June 30, 2019
- Proposed Ordinance 19-__ (to be numbered), To add to the County's Dredge operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020, as enacted in Ordinance No. 19-06, by making supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020
- Resolution 19-03, annually recognizing September 27th as the Barnstable County Independence Day, pursuant to Section 3-8 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter
- Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, Section 3-8
- Memorandum dated September 10, 2019 the Barnstable County Commissioners from Erin Perry, Deputy Director, Cape Cod Commission regarding "Barnstable County Economic Development Council (BCEDC) Appointments"
- Memorandum to Jack Yunits, County Administrator / County Commissioners, from Renie Hamman, HOME Program Manager, regarding "Discharge of HOME Mortgage 4 River Hill Road, Mashpee Jacob and Emma Josselyn", dated September 10, 2019
- Discharge of a Mortgage by Emma L. Josselyn and Jacob A. Josselyn, to Barnstable County, acting by and through the Cape Cod Commission, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded in Book 19489 Page 313, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds

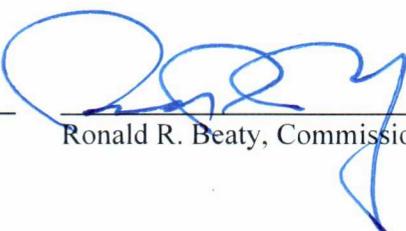
Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:



Ronald Bergstrom, Chair



Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair



Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

09/25/19
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, September 25, 2019.

A true copy, attest:



Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk

