

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

At a regular meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners on the first day of April, A.D. 2020, held through remote participation pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020

Board Regional Commissioners:

Ronald R. Beaty Present remotely

Ronald Bergstrom Present remotely

Mary Pat Flynn Present remotely

Staff Present:

Staff Present Remotely:

Jack Yunits County Administrator

Justyna Marczak Human Resources Director, Administration

Sonja Sheasley Communications Manager, Administration

Owen Fletcher Executive Assistant, Administration

Jennifer Frates Chief Procurement Officer, Finance

Sean O'Brien Director, Health and Environment

Beth Albert Director, Human Services

Vaira Harik Deputy Director & Senior Project Manager, Human Services

Irene Hamman HOME Program Manager, Human Services

David Murphy Assistant Register of Deeds, Registry of Deeds

Gail Coyne Fiscal Officer, Cape Cod Commission

Ian Roberts Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. The Chairman noted the Board held the meeting through remote participation pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020.

2. Pledge of Allegiance**3. Moment of Silence****4. Public Comment**

The Board permitted members of the public to join the meeting online, asked that all public comments or questions be directed Mr. Yunits by phone or email, and stated the Board would address any submissions at its next meeting. No members of the public offered comment.

5. Approval of Minutes**a. Regular Meeting of March 11, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of March 11, 2020 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

b. Regular Meeting of March 18, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of March 18, 2020 as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

6. General Business**a. Update on Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and Barnstable County**

Mr. O'Brien reported to the Board regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in Barnstable County and the Commonwealth as a whole. He also informed the Board regarding testing for the virus. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the testing results. Mr. O'Brien also discussed County supplies of personal protective

equipment (PPE) and coordination with Cape Cod Healthcare. The Board also discussed the County's order for N95 Masks. Mr. O'Brien noted the County may not receive them on time. The Board discussed calls from the public to close the bridges to Cape Cod. Mr. Yunits, Chairman Bergstrom, and Commissioner Beaty all noted that Governor Baker was the only elected official who could make that decision.

Ms. Albert discussed the effects of the emergency on the County's homeless population and housing discharged patients. The Board clarified that the County could not mandate people stay in provided housing and the County would not be managing any such facility. Ms. Harik discussed efforts to lessen the effect of the emergency on seniors.

Mr. Murphy briefed the Board on the pace of business at the Registry of Deeds. He noted the Registry on pace but may see a downturn later in the year.

Ms. Sheasly and Mr. Yunits spoke regarding enhanced County efforts to inform the public.

b. Discussion on H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

Mr. Yunits and Ms. Marczak discussed the effects of the legislation on the County. Commissioner Beaty clarified that there were two federal bills, one for economic impacts and one for personnel issues.

c. Discussion regarding the economic impact of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) on Barnstable County businesses

Mr. Yunits spoke regarding his efforts to reach out to Chambers of Commerce on Cape Cod. He informed the Board that the County would be putting together a committee to address the damage to Cape businesses.

d. Discussion and vote on the County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Sick Leave Policy Pursuant to the Enactment of the Federal Families First Corona Virus Response Act ("FFCRA"), effective April 1, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Sick Leave Policy Pursuant to the Enactment of the Federal Families First Corona Virus Response Act ("FFCRA"), effective April 1, 2020, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Ms. Marczak detailed the many provisions of the FFCRA that required changes in County policies.

- e. **Discussion and vote on the County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Family and Medical Leave Policy Pursuant to the Enactment of the Federal Families First Corona Virus Response Act (“FFCRA”), effective April 1, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to approve the County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Family and Medical Leave Policy Pursuant to the Enactment of the Federal Families First Corona Virus Response Act (“FFCRA”), effective April 1, 2020, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- f. **Discussion on the County’s Remote Work Policies**

Mr. Yunits and Ms. Marczak engaged in a lengthy discussion with the Board regarding this item. They described the controls in place to ensure County staff continued to work in a productive manner.

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

8. **Commissioners’ Actions**

- a. **Authorizing the execution of an agreement for a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, in the amount of \$95,762.70 for purchase of equipment for a project “Evaluating The Potential Impacts Of Coastal Ocean Acidification And Changing Water Quality On Commercially-Important Shellfish Production Areas”, for a period through June 30, 2020**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of an agreement for a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, in the amount of \$95,762.70, for purchase of equipment for a project "Evaluating The Potential Impacts Of Coastal Ocean Acidification And Changing Water Quality On Commercially-Important Shellfish Production Areas", as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

Mr. Maguire explained this item to the Board and discussed efforts in his Department to continue working through this crisis.

- b. **Authorizing the execution of an amendment to an agreement, for a grant from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, executed May 2, 2018, in the amount of \$985,500.00, to support the Woods Hole Sea Grant Marine Extension Program, for a period from February 1, 2018 through August 31, 2022, to update of the total amount of**

the Federal Award to WHOI and the amount currently available for all efforts, and add \$250,000.00 in Year 3 funds

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of an amendment to an agreement for a grant from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, executed May 2, 2018, to support the Woods Hole Sea Grant Marine Extension Program, to update of the total amount of the Federal Award to WHOI and the amount currently available for all efforts, and add \$250,000.00 in Year 3 funds, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- c. Authorizing the execution of two (2) proposed change orders to an agreement with the Town of Barnstable for a maximum amount of \$500,500.00 to perform dredge related work for Sampson's Island, revising the contract amount to \$405,149.00**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the execution of two (2) proposed change orders to an agreement with the Town of Barnstable for a maximum amount of \$500,500.00 to perform dredge related work for Sampson's Island, revising the contract amount to \$405,149.00, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

- d. Authorizing the ratification of the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham to do and perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek up to a maximum contract amount of \$72,000.00**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to authorize the approval of a list of pre-qualified bidders for tradespersons, for towns in Barnstable County and Nantucket, for individual construction projects estimated to cost under \$50,000.00, with two (2) one-year options to renew, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Bergstrom, approved 3-0-0

- e. Authorizing the renewal of contracts with Aggregate Industries Northeast, and Acme Shorey Precast Concrete Products, awarded April 10, 2019, for Drainage Structures and Hot Mix for towns in Barnstable County, for a period from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021**

Motion by Commissioner Beaty to ratify the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham to do and perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek up to a maximum contract amount of \$72,000.00, as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

9. Commissioners' Reports

The Commissioners offered no reports at this meeting

10. County Administrator and Staff Reports

The staff did not provide any additional reports to the Board at this meeting.

11. Adjournment

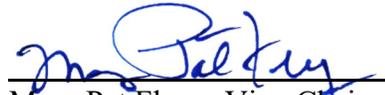
Barnstable, ss. at 11:06 A.M. on this eighteenth day of March A.D. 2020, Commissioner Beaty made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Flynn, approved 3-0-0

List of Documents:

- Draft minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of March 11, 2020
- Draft minutes of the Board of Regional Commissioners' Regular Meeting of March 18, 2020
- Congressional Research Service (CRS) Bill Summary for H.R.6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Family and Medical Leave Policy Pursuant to the Enactment of the Federal Families First Corona Virus Response Act
- County of Barnstable Emergency Modification to the Sick Leave Policy Pursuant to the Declaration of Emergency adopted March 18, 2020
- Agreement for a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, in the amount of \$95,762.70 for purchase of equipment for a project "Evaluating The Potential Impacts Of Coastal Ocean Acidification And Changing Water Quality On Commercially-Important Shellfish Production Areas", for a period through June 30, 2020
- Amendment 7 to an agreement for a grant from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, executed May 2, 2018, in the amount of \$985,500.00, to support the Woods Hole Sea Grant Marine Extension Program
- Agreement for a grant from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, executed May 2, 2018, in the amount of \$985,500.00, to support the Woods Hole Sea Grant Marine Extension Program
- Town of Barnstable Change Order No. 1, dated January 10, 2020 to Purchase Order #20004729 for the Contract entitled 2019 Dead Neck/Sampson's Island Dredging & Nourishment Project (PH2)
- Cooperative agreement with the Town of Chatham to do and perform all dredge related work for Mill Creek up to a maximum contract amount of \$72,000.00
- Memorandum dated March 25, 2020 to the County Commissioners from Jennifer Frates, Chief Procurement Officer regarding "Contract Renewal #7867 Drainage Structures & Hot Mix"
- Agreement between Barnstable County and Acme Shorey Precast Concrete Products, executed June 19, 2019, for Drainage Structures and Hot Mix for towns in Barnstable County for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year
- Agreement between Barnstable County and Aggregate Industries Northeast, executed May 1, 2019, for Drainage Structures and Hot Mix for towns in Barnstable County for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year

Approved, Board of Regional Commissioners:


Ronald Bergstrom, Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Vice-Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Commissioner

4/8/2020
Date

The foregoing records have been read and approved, April 8, 2020

A true copy, attest:



Janice O'Connell, Regional Clerk