

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 16, 2009

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Courthouse lower level meeting room in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 A. D. at 4:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sallie V. Chandler
Daniel C. Cabral
David Bowles
Richard R. Dutremble

County Manager Richard Brown and Finance Director Vicki Ridlon were also present.

All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.

Commissioner Cabral motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Executive Session entered into pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) (labor negotiations).

Commissioner Cabral motioned to come out of executive session at 4:40. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. No action taken.

Item 1 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.

Commissioner Bowles motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cabral. Commissioner Dutremble requested a change in the minutes. Vote 4-0 to accept minutes with change.

Item 2 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutremble distributed a sheet to the other Commissioners and the County Manager in which he requested various employment information be completed. Commissioner Dutremble explained that he had an alternative option to the recent layoffs and stressed that all should be considering financial data only. Commissioner Dutremble stated that by utilizing \$300,000 in current monies in the budget, increasing the tax base from the towns by 2% to 3% and the unions taking a wage freeze and furlough days, his calculations total the \$1.3 million shortfall for 2010. The Commissioner added that he has spoken to people who do not mind a small increase in their taxes.

Commissioner Bowles asked Chair Sallie Chandler the outcome of the MCCA meeting voting. Commissioner Chandler responded that the issue of the 2010 dues was not discussed at the meeting. She relayed that they did vote, however, to include the six other organizations to have voting powers.

Item 3 HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

- a. Financial Update- The Manager reported on the recent layoffs.
- b. Approval of Todd Charles' six month employment probation.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve Todd Charles' six month probation period. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- c. Joyce Kelley from EMA gave a report on a twenty four (24) hour drill that EMA will be having on October 29th and 30th. The drill is paid for through homeland security funding.
- d. Michael Vitiello addressed the board regarding NCCHC Health Services accreditation for the jail. Supporting documents are attached to the minutes. Lt. Col. Vitiello explained that the funding for this program will come directly out of the jail budget which does not have any effect on the county budget. He further stated that most counties have a full time accreditation manager and at some point he would be requesting the same. He stressed that this employee's salary will also come out of the jail budget. Commissioner Bowles asked the benefits of this position to the county. Michael Vitiello replied that the jail will then meet national standards and that it is always beneficial to have an external review of the jail's medical program.

ITEM 4 HEAR A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Vicki Ridlon distributed monthly financial reports and stated that to date no departments have exceeded their budgets. She added that the Manager had distributed a memo to all department leaders reminding them to follow and not to exceed their budgets. Commissioner Dutremble reminded all to be cautious and to not overspend their budgets the last quarter of the year.

ITEM 5 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

Several audience members commented on the recent layoffs.

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 7 OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Ouellette informed Commissioner Bowles that he had statistics on his recent request about the traffic accidents and fatalities on Route 111 and would have them available at the next meeting.

ITEM 8 ADJOURN

Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

**SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont**

**ATTEST: _____
Sallie V. Chandler, Chair**