

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 18, 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 first floor courtroom in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 A. D. at 4:30 P.M.

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

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.

Item 1 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Commissioner Bowles motioned to approve the minutes with a correction from Commissioner Sinden. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Dutremble abstaining as he had not received the minutes prior to the meeting.

Item 2 HEAR ANY REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowles addressed the board about the Maine County Commissioners' Association meeting he had recently attended. He reported that a straw vote had been taken reference the new dues structure. The majority of the counties represented at the meeting voted for the new dues structure. After discussions, the MCCA board is going to report back with another proposal at their next meeting. Commissioner Sinden asked what the main argument was to defend the new proposal. Commissioner Bowles responded that one of the MCCA board members had informed them that the proposed method is accepted and used around the country (size of County's budget, size of valuation, the County's ability to pay). Commissioner Bowles added that we (the Commissioners) see the dues structure as "an ability to pay".

Commissioner Dutremble addressed the board stating that he will refuse a pay raise for himself. Mr. Dutremble also expressed comments over his unhappiness with the budget that was presented.

Item 3 TO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

- a. 2010 Budget Update- The Manager distributed an updated budget to the Commissioners which shows changes to the Sheriff's budget but does not change the bottom line of the County budget.

Commissioner Bowles motioned to approve the updated budget. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Dutremble opposed.

The Manager informed the board that the LD 1 cap is at 3.32%. Mr. Brown added that \$1.5 million is required to fund the entire proposed 2010 budget. He further stated that the budget submitted is the same as this year's budget. He explained that an override would be required to fund the entire proposed 2010 budget. The process requires a majority vote of the budget committee and a majority vote by the commissioners. Additionally, if the citizens of York County are unhappy with the override, they can petition the vote and get the issue on a ballot at a special election.

- b. Harvard Pilgrim- The Manager asked that the Commissioners vote to give him the authority to sign the Harvard Pilgrim insurance contract for one year.

Commissioner Dutremble motioned to give the Manager authority to sign the insurance contract with Harvard Pilgrim. Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

- c. BID POLICY- County Manager Brown informed the board that he had included an old County bid policy in their information package and recommended that sometime in the near future, the policy be updated. The Manager added that if the board wished, he would meet with department leaders to obtain updates on their bid practices, etc. The Commissioners directed him to do so.

Item 4 HEAR A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Vicki Ridlon distributed year to date summary financial reports to the Commissioners.

ITEM 5 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENTS(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

None

**ITEM 8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (D) and CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL
COUNSEL PURSUANT TO M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E).**

None

ITEM 9 ADJOURN

**Commissioner Cabral motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sinden
seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:10.**

Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant

**SIGNED: _____
Kathryn A. Dumont**

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