

Pursuant to proper notice, a public meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk was held in their offices at the County Administration Building, 614 High Street, Dedham, MA in said County on December 18, 2019, notice of said meeting having been posted as required by law.

Commissioners present were:
 Chairman Francis W. O'Brien
 Commissioner Peter H. Collins
 Commissioner Joseph P. Shea

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Shea led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Shea and

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the Open Session Meeting of
 December 11, 2019 as submitted

Chairman O'Brien asked for any public comments.

Linda Austin, Vice-President, AFSCME Local Registry of Deeds Unit, thanked the Commissioners, Treasurer's Office, and Commissioners' Office staff for working to distribute retroactive checks before Christmas. She thanked Commissioner Shea for participating in negotiations and thanked the Commissioners for ratifying a new three year agreement.

Chairman O'Brien thanked Ms. Austin for taking the time to express her gratitude.

Michael Mullen, County Director, announced John McGowan, Superintendent of Buildings, will not present the Capital Improvement Report this week.

Chairman O'Brien announced there were no personnel matters to consider.

Chairman O'Brien announced the Commissioners executed payroll and expense warrants as follows:

20-24(24.1)	Payroll – County	63,336.63
20-24	Payroll – County	136,060.12
20-24	Payroll – School	309,162.29
12-03-20	Expense – County	542,993.27
20-06	Expense – School	194,720.19

Chairman O'Brien announced there are no bid openings as detailed in Exhibit A.

Chairman O'Brien announced there are contract awards as detailed in Exhibit B.

Dale Kurtz presented the Report of the Veterans' Services Advocate as detailed in Exhibit C.

Chairman O'Brien asked Mr. Kurtz to assist the operation of the Town of Dedham Veterans' Services Officer (VSO) office. Chairman O'Brien stated the Dedham VSO unexpectedly separated from service.

Chairman O'Brien thanked Mr. Kurtz for his report.

Michael Mullen, County Director, discussed the Commissioners' statutorily required quarterly meeting on Christmas Day. He recommended the Commissioners' order the meeting postponed to the following week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Collins and

ORDERED: The County Commissioners hereby postpone their Quarterly Meeting for December 25, 2019, held in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 34, Section 9, to Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. for the transaction of County business.

Mr. Mullen presented the Report of the County Director. He reported on Quincy District Court. Mr. Mullen stated he spoke with John McGowan, Superintendent of Buildings. Mr. Mullen stated Mr. McGowan reported the Quincy District Court parking kiosks were delivered. Mr. Mullen stated the kiosks will be installed this afternoon. Mr. Mullen stated he is working with Quincy Parking officials to develop a plan to notify area motorists of the coming changes in parking enforcement at Quincy District Court. He thanked Commissioner Shea for his hard work and on the Quincy District Court parking project. Mr. Mullen stated the County ordered parking permits for Quincy District Court employees. The County will give Clerk Tobin the opportunity to distribute the employee parking permits.

Mr. Mullen thanked Ms. Austin for her work during the collective bargaining process.

He reported on the FY21 Budget. Mr. Mullen stated Commissioners' Office staff will distribute the budget memorandum to departments in early January. He will focus on budget planning and preparation in the next few months.

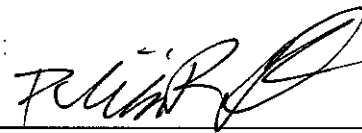
Chairman O'Brien wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Collins and unanimously.

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

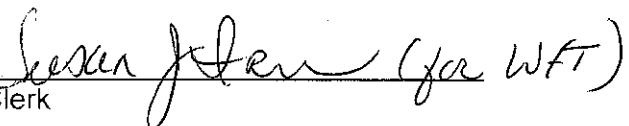
Ass't Clerk  (for WFT)

EXHIBIT A**BID OPENINGS****DECEMBER 18, 2019**

Bids were publicly received by 1:30 PM at the Norfolk County Commissioners Meeting, pursuant to Chapter 30B of the MGL's.

1. No bids were opened.

EXHIBIT B
AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

DECEMBER 18, 2019

It was moved by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Collins and unanimously:

VOTED: to award the following contract(s)

No contracts were awarded.

Veterans' Services Advocate
Commissioners' Report
18 December 2019

The Norfolk County Veteran Service Advocate maintains contact and more importantly relationships with all VSOs within the county as well as VSOs throughout the state and other vital contacts for the service of our veterans.

The VSA hosts a Veterans Coffee Social on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Franklin Senior Center. We had over 30 veterans attend the social on December 4th. Again, a choral group entertained the veterans with holiday music and sing along.

Participated in the Salute to Service program at Gillette Stadium on November 24th. Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff, General James McConville, were key attendees. Met with members of the Kraft organization, the Athletic Director and staff from West Point. We had a brief meeting with Governor Baker at the end of the day.

Attended the Avon Veterans Day celebration. Provided proclamation from Governor Baker to the Town of Avon.

Oversaw a Wreathes Across America event in Franklin.

In the early stages of recertifying all Chapter 115 recipients. This entails reviewing income, assets, living arrangements, medical coverage.

Completed the negotiation of new service agreements with Franklin and Avon which include payment for a part time assistant in the Veterans Office.

Working on a SHRAB grant for the Town of Franklin.

Supporting the creation of a Korean and Vietnam War Memorial in Avon.