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MINUTES OF THE 210TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 2:00 PM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor (acting), Mr Karim Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers

Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams Chief Financial Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Ms Patriese Richards PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin

Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor

Director, Economic Planning, Mrs Shantelle Richardson

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical

Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-

Hodge

EX MIN 19/505 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and

Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 209th Meeting held on Thursday 7 November 2019 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2019.

EX MIN 19/508 <u>INFORMATION ON HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ANGUILLA (HAA)</u> FINANCES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams Chief Financial Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Ms Patriese Richards

Council noted the presentation by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Health Authority of Anguilla with regard to budgetary estimates for 2020. Council advised that the Health Authority of Anguilla is to work with the Ministries of Health and Finance to present its budget for 2020.

Action: PS, HLPP; CEO/HAA; CFO/HAA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/510 EX MEM 19/239 CHILD PROTECTION REGULATIONS, 2019

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Executive Council to be held on Friday 22 November at 10:30 am.

Action: PS, SD; HON AG; CSD; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 19/511 EX MEM 19/242 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MOU WITH CARIBBEAN BEACON LIMITED

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Executive Council to be held on Friday 22 November at 10:30 am.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; COM MAN; PS, MHA; PS, HLPP; PS, MICUHAFE; DLS

EX MIN 19/512 <u>EX MEM 19/243 PROJECTED 2019 BUDGET OUT-TURN WITH AND WITHOUT SUPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist, PS, Finance and PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor Director, Economic Planning, Mrs Shantelle Richardson

Council considered the paper and agreed to:-

- (i) achieve "enforced savings" of at least EC\$1,740,086 from Recurrent Expenditure approved under the Appropriation Act 2019 assented to 1 April 2019, and to enforce a larger amount to act as a buffer;
- (ii) increase Recurrent Expenditure to cover the areas previously considered by Executive Council and those now identified resulting in new Recurrent Expenditure ceiling of **EC\$222,456,034**. The areas are as follows:

	EC\$
Anguilla Community College:	516,000
Medical Treatment Overseas:	1,720,000
Customs Duty Refunds:	400,000
GoA Deferred Salaries (25% owed at end of Oct 2019):	1,845,814
Anguilla Health Authority Deferred Salaries:	1,623,259
AASPA Deferred Salaries	
(Legacy Item – subject to formal documentation submitted	
by AASPA and verification of amount owed):	1,011,047
Equity Contribution to the Anguilla Development Board:	1,000,000
Claims against Government of Anguilla:	500,000

And as amended:

Insurance (to cover new vehicles): 1,500,000

Grant and Contributions

(to include payments to Caribbean Tourism Organization): 600,000

- (iii) increase the Land Acquisition head under the Capital Budget by EC\$3,902,225, given that the land compensation transaction for Blowing Point Port lands is a time sensitive one, and to authorise the Hon Minister of Finance to issue a contingency warrant to cover the amount in the interim of approval of the supplementary budget;
- (iv) increase IT Equipment head under the Capital Budget by EC\$533,539 to facilitate procurement of an Emergency Radio Communications System, given that this is a time sensitive transaction, and to authorise the Hon Minister of Finance to issue a contingency warrant to cover the amount in the interim of approval of the supplementary budget;
- (v) increase **Total Expenditure** ceiling to **EC\$234,892,298**; and
- (vi) put aside any surplus funds arising from large stamp duty transactions to the Sinking Fund.

Council stated that all Boards should submit their budget and business plans to the MFEDICT for review.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; CPO; ACC GEN; OTHER PSs; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/513 <u>EX MEM 19/244 APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS</u> TO THE BOARD OF THE WATER CORPORATION OF ANGUILLA (WCA)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) noted that a vacancy had arisen on the Water Corporation of Anguilla Board (WCA) due to resignation; and
- (ii) agreed to the appointment of Mrs Juliane Gumbs as a member of the WCA Board for a term of two years effective 28 October 2019.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; CEO, WCA (acting); HON MIN, MICUHAFE

EX MIN 19/514 EX MEM 19/245 JURY (AMENDMENT) ACT & SUPREME COURT ACT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) considered two draft bills that form part of a suite of Justice Bills, which create part of the Criminal Justice Reform; and
- (ii) approved the draft bills for passage in the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

Action: HON AG; REG, JD; CL, HOA; COP

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 19/515 <u>EX MIN 19/483 EX MEM 19/235 RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS</u> TO THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted that the current legislation allows for board appointments to be made for a term of two years and no less. Council therefore agreed that EX MIN 19/483 of 10 October should be amended to read as follows:

Council approved:

- (i) the re-appointment of Mr Christonie Fleming to the Board of the Public Utilities Commission for a term of two years, taking effect retroactively from 7 July 2019;
- (ii) the re-appointment of Mr Jerome Richardson, Vice Chairman, to the Board of the Public Utilities Commission for a term of two years, taking effect from 27 November 2019;
- (iii) the re-appointment of Mrs Idona A. Alord to the Board of the Public Utilities Commission for a term of two years, taking effect from 18 December 2019; and
- (iv) agreed that the PUC must inform the Ministry three months prior to the expiration of a Commissioner's term of office.

Council asked that the Board of the Public Utilities Commission revisit and reconsider any decisions which it may have made since 10 October with what would be an incorrectly constituted board and reconfirm to Council that it has done so.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; EX DIR, PUC; HON MIN, MICUHAFE
