

HOUSE No. 5023

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 28, 1969.

The committee on Counties, to whom was referred the annual report of the Director of Accounts (under Section 28 of Chapter 35 of the General Laws) of estimates of county receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1969 (House, No. 4745), report in part the accompanying bill (House, No. 5023).

For the committee,

LAWRENCE P. SMITH.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BRISTOL COUNTY, ITS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, OF SUNDRY OTHER SERVICES, FOR CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, FOR INTEREST AND DEBT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF LAW AND GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. To provide for the maintenance of the county of
2 Bristol, its departments, boards, commissions and institutions,
3 of sundry other services, for certain permanent improvements,
4 for interest and debt requirements, and to meet certain require-
5 ments of law, the following sums for the several purposes and
6 subject to the conditions specified in section two are hereby
7 appropriated, subject to the provisions of law regulating the dis-
8 bursement of county funds and the approval thereof for the year
9 nineteen hundred and sixty-nine:

BRISTOL COUNTY

Item.	Sub-total.	Total.
1. For interest on county debt		\$60,241.80
2. For reduction of county debt		80,000.00
3. For county commissioners, salaries and expenses		20,483.61
1. Personal services	\$19,046.61	
2. Contractual services	1,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials	325.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	112.00	
4. For Transportation and expenses of county and acting commissioners		1,000.00
5. For clerk of courts, salaries and expenses		159,040.25
1. Personal services	143,825.25	
2. Contractual services	11,500.00	
3. Supplies and materials	3,300.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	415.00	
6. For county treasurer, salaries and expenses		80,975.15
1. Personal services	72,368.15	
2. Contractual services	4,500.00	
3. Supplies and materials	2,350.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	532.00	
5. Equipment	1,225.00	

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Continued.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
7. For sheriff, salary and expenses		\$17,052.40
1. Personal services	16,127.40	
2. Contractual services	500.00	
3. Supplies and materials	125.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	300.00	
8. For registry of deeds, salaries and expenses — Taunton		128,505.45
1. Personal services	97,049.45	
2. Contractual services	18,260.00	
3. Supplies and materials	4,425.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	587.00	
5. Equipment	8,184.00	
8. For registry of deeds, salaries and expenses — New Bedford		104,338.90
1. Personal services	88,488.90	
2. Contractual services	11,400.00	
3. Supplies and materials	3,250.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	500.00	
5. Equipment	700.00	
8. For registry of deeds, salaries and expenses — Fall River		113,256.05
1. Personal services	96,555.80	
2. Contractual services	9,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials	4,650.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	550.00	
5. Equipment	2,500.25	
8a. For registry of probate, salaries and expenses		17,322.00
1. Personal services	500.00	
2. Contractual services	8,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials	6,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	2,020.00	
5. Equipment	802.00	
9. For law library, salaries and expenses — Taunton		15,235.60
1. Personal services	7,732.60	
2. Contractual services	265.00	
3. Supplies and materials	90.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	7,113.00	
5. Equipment	35.00	
9. For law library, salaries and expenses — New Bedford		15,186.00
1. Personal services	7,821.00	
2. Contractual services	335.00	
3. Supplies and materials	80.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	6,800.00	
5. Equipment	150.00	
9. For law library, salaries and expenses — Fall River		15,157.00
1. Personal services	7,747.50	
2. Contractual services	500.00	
3. Supplies and materials	60.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	6,800.00	
5. Equipment	49.50	
10. For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages		373,550.00
11. For examination of dams		8,500.00

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Continued.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
12. For criminal costs in superior court		\$272,031.73
1. Personal services	80,397.23	
2. Contractual services	187,510.00	
3. Supplies and materials	2,850.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	650.00	
5. Equipment	624.50	
13. For civil expenses in supreme judicial, superior, probate and land courts, including auditors, masters and referees		200,238.80
1. Personal services	70,978.80	
2. Contractual services	127,445.00	
3. Supplies and materials	1,100.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	280.00	
5. Equipment	435.00	
14. For district courts, salaries and expenses:		
District Court of Taunton		134,741.90
1. Personal services	122,086.90	
2. Contractual services	7,475.00	
3. Supplies and materials	3,650.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	930.00	
5. Equipment	600.00	
District Court of Fall River		197,692.73
1. Personal services	160,930.48	
2. Contractual services	13,763.10	
3. Supplies and materials	5,850.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	10,819.00	
5. Equipment	843.25	
6. All other	5,486.90	
District Court of New Bedford		\$253,367.18
1. Personal services	222,864.68	
2. Contractual services	15,450.00	
3. Supplies and materials	8,525.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	2,550.00	
5. Equipment	3,977.50	
District Court of Attleboro		121,567.03
1. Personal services	107,863.03	
2. Contractual services	6,600.00	
3. Supplies and Materials	2,755.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	1,809.00	
5. Equipment	2,540.00	
District Court — Juvenile Division		44,644.40
1. Personal services	42,234.40	
2. Contractual services	1,600.00	
3. Supplies and materials	325.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	300.00	
5. Equipment	185.00	
District Court — Appellate Division		500.00
1. Personal services	300.00	
2. Contractual services	160.00	
3. Supplies and materials	40.00	
15. For medical examiners and commitments of insane		63,186.50

BRISTOL COUNTY — *Concluded.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
16. For jail and house of correction, maintenance and operation		457,874.38
1. Personal services	320,081.38	
2. Contractual services	30,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials	95,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	3,500.00	
5. Equipment	9,293.00	
17. For training school		12,000.00
18. For court houses and registry buildings, maintenance and operation		383,843.47
1. Personal services	203,000.70	
2. Contractual services	127,392.00	
3. Supplies and materials	20,080.20	
4. Current charges and obligations	956.00	
5. Equipment	2,414.57	
6. All other	30,000.00	
20. For agricultural school or county aid to agriculture, maintenance and operation		573,582.63
1. Personal services	402,670.63	
2. Contractual services	52,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials	90,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations	9,000.00	
5. Equipment	19,912.00	
24. For non-contributory pensions		52,000.00
25. For contributory retirement system and supervisory expenses		175,136.65
26. For miscellaneous and contingent expenses		56,030.11
27. For unpaid bills of previous years		33,503.28
28. For reserve fund		50,000.00
29. For advertising recreational, industrial and agricultural advantages of the county		45,000.00
30. For forest fire patrol		6,350.00
39. For group insurance.		65,000.00
Total amount of appropriations		<u>\$4,408,135.00</u>
Less estimated amount available for reduction of county tax		<u>1,158,000.19</u>
And the county commissioners of BRISTOL COUNTY are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year in the manner provided by law, the sum of		\$3,250,134.91

1 SECTION 2. Sums appropriated in section one are based upon
2 detailed schedules approved by the joint committee on counties,
3 copies of which are deposited with the director of accounts.

4 Said director shall file with the county commissioners and the
5 county treasurer of the county of Bristol a certification of the
6 amounts above appropriated as set forth in the approved
7 schedules. Except as provided by this act or except as otherwise
8 provided by law, no liability may be incurred and no expenditure
9 shall be made in excess of the amount available in an existing
10 appropriation for a function, a main group, a class or a subclass.

11 Transfers within an appropriation from a main group to an-
12 other main group may be made upon written request of the au-
13 thorized official of the organization unit with the written ap-
14 proval of the county commissioners, and copies of said request
15 and approval shall be filed with the county treasurer; provided,
16 however, that no transfer shall be made from the main group
17 "personal services", "equipment", "structures and improve-
18 ments" or "improvements to land" to another main group nor
19 shall any transfer be made from any other main group into any
20 of the aforementioned main groups.

21 Transfers within an appropriation between classes and be-
22 tween subclasses within a main group may be made by the au-
23 thorized official of the organization unit whenever in his opinion
24 public necessity and convenience so requires; provided, how-
25 ever, that no transfer shall be made within the classes of the
26 main groups "personal services" or "equipment".

27 Amounts included for permanent positions in sums appropri-
28 ated in section one for personal services are based upon schedules
29 of permanent positions and salary rates as approved by the
30 joint committee on counties, and, except as otherwise shown by
31 the files of said committee, a copy of which shall be deposited
32 with the county personnel board, no part of sums so appropri-
33 ated in section one shall be available for payment of salaries of
34 any additional permanent positions, or for payments on ac-
35 count of reallocations of permanent positions, or for payments
36 on account of any change of salary range or compensation of any
37 permanent positions, notwithstanding any special or general law
38 to the contrary.

39 Moneys appropriated under this act for the purchase of equip-
40 ment shall be expended for the purposes specified in the schedule
41 as approved by the joint committee on counties and for no other
42 purpose.

1 SECTION 3. No expense incurred for mid-day meals by
2 county officers and employees, other than those who receive as

3 part of their compensation a noncash allowance in the form of
4 full or complete boarding and housing, and those county officers
5 and employees who are stationed beyond commuting distance
6 from their homes for a period of more than twenty-four hours,
7 shall be allowed; provided that officers or employees who have
8 charge of juries or who have the care and custody of prisoners,
9 insane persons or other persons placed in their charge by a
10 court or under legal proceedings for transfer to or from court
11 to an institution or from institution to institution and persons
12 certified by a district attorney as engaged in investigation
13 shall be reimbursed for the expense of mid-day meals when
14 necessarily engaged on such duty; and provided, further, that
15 county officers and employees in attendance at meetings and
16 conferences called by or for any group or class on a statewide
17 basis shall be so reimbursed.

18 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph,
19 not more than two employees of a county may be reimbursed
20 for meals and other expenses incurred in attendance at a meeting
21 or conference called by or for any group or class on a statewide
22 basis.

23 No moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended by
24 county officers or employees for monthly telephone service
25 furnished to such officers or employees at places other than
26 regular offices.

27 No moneys appropriated under this act shall be approved by
28 the county commissioners and expended by the county treasurer
29 for any unpaid bills of previous years which were incurred prior
30 to January first of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

1 SECTION 4. The allowance to county officers and employees
2 for expenses incurred by them in the operation of motor vehicles
3 owned by them or by any member of their immediate families
4 and used in the performance of their official duties shall not
5 exceed eight cents a mile, except in cases where a higher allow-
6 ance is specifically provided by statute; provided that in the
7 case of commitments of the insane the justice of the court order-
8 ing the commitment may order a higher rate, but not to exceed
9 forty cents a mile one way. No expenditures shall be made
10 for travel outside the commonwealth for attendance at con-
11 ferences or conventions.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

