

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

17th November, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 17th November 2021

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer, Jr., chaired the Meeting held on 17th November, 2021, in the absence of Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, who was overseas on official business. The Meeting was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Premier and Minister of Finance and the Minister for Health and Social Development, who were overseas on official business.

The Cabinet:

1. Noted that Public Service Week 2021 will be held from 5th to 11th December, 2021 under the theme "A Public Service Christmas: Celebrating Family, Joy and Togetherness."
2. Approved a limited or selective tender process for the purchase of a Voter Registration and Election Management System Software, which includes the associated maintenance fees for use by the Office of the Supervisor of Elections to be utilised as the electronic database of registered voters and agreed that the Government enters into a contract with the selected vendor once the system is compatible with the election equipment presently utilised by the Office of the Supervisor of Elections in an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000).
3. Decided that the tender process be waived to provide a new contract for the provision of security services at the Elmore Stoutt High School by Lesmore Smith dba Top Priority Security Services for the six-month period from July to December 2021 due to Cabinet's decision to redefine the scope of services and noted that payment in the amount of three hundred and twenty-seven thousand, three hundred and sixty dollars (\$327,360) is available for the period July to December, 2021.

4. Decided that, subject to the approval of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the proposal for one (1) coin, 20th Anniversary of The British Overseas Territories Act – Three Graces be minted by Pobjoy Mint Ltd., in accordance with the five (5) year agreement between Pobjoy Mint Ltd. and the Government of the Virgin Islands.
5. Endorsed the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture's recommendation:
 - a. that a management committee for agricultural lands at Paraquita Bay be established and that membership of the committee be comprised of:
 - i. Dr. Harlan Vanterpool - chair;
 - ii. Ms. Kisha Frett - member;
 - iii. Mr. Oren Hodge - member;
 - iv. Mr. Amdi Vanterpool - member;
 - v. Mr. Kenrick Headley - member;
 - vi. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture or designate, *ex officio member*;
 - vii. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration or designate
 - viii. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, *ex officio member*; and
 - ix. Ms. Jeanelle Hodge, *secretary*
 - b. approved the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee.
6. Noted:
 - a. that the Minister has introduced the concept of the creation of a new Statutory Body designed to administer the distribution of lands on Anegada;
 - b. that the distribution process will be governed by the people of Anegada as constituted under an amended, future version of the Anegada Advisory Lands Committee (AALC);
 - c. that the Land and Marine Estate Policy will serve as the tool to articulate the new institutional arrangements between the AALC and Government, and
 - d. that the paper is continually being edited to reflect the ongoing dialogue; however, the initial draft was provided to sensitise Cabinet as to the progress made to date.
7. Approved three Non-Belongers land holding licence applications and a compensation for encroachment to private property for use as a public road.

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