

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' 2010 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING –TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010– 5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – SHERIFF’S OFFICE BUILDING - HOULTON

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. Madore, Sheriff

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ART. 2. Election of Officers:

A) Chair, Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to elect Commissioner Paul J. Adams as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2010.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to elect Commissioner Norman L. Fournier as Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

C) Maine County Commissioners’ Association (MCCA) and Risk Pool Director.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to elect Commissioner Paul J. Underwood as Director to the Maine County Commissioners’ Association (MCCA) and Risk Pool.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Committee.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to elect Commissioners Norman L. Fournier and Paul J. Underwood as representatives to Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Committee.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of Agenda.

The County Administrator recommended a correction of a typographical error for Article 9 B) – Emergency Management (not Mangement) Agency.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes of December 16, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.

Bills and Warrants will be signed at the next meeting.

ART. 6. Approval of one (1) full-time Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff Madore recommended the approval of Deputy Ross McQuade as full-time Deputy Sheriff to replace

Deputy Larry Goff who assumed the position of Domestic Violence Detective created through a Public Safety Grant. Deputy McQuade understands that this position is for one (1) year or until the grant funding runs out.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Ross McQuade as full-time Deputy Sheriff, contingent on the continuation of grant funding for the temporary, full-time position.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of Contract with Correct Rx.

The County Administrator advised that entering into this agreement with Correct Rx was approved at a previous meeting, but as a formality, he asked the County Commissioners to authorize him to execute the contract.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract for pharmaceutical services with Correct Rx for a six (6) month period.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Retirement of Accounts Payable Clerk.

The County Administrator informed the County Commissioners that Susan Pelletier, Accounts Payable Clerk, tendered her letter of retirement. Ms. Pelletier has been a dedicated employee for over twenty-five (25) years and we will miss her presence in the office. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept Susan Pelletier's resignation/retirement with regret.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Meeting.

The County's Risk Pool Assessment for 2010 is \$85,412.30. This represents an approximate 1% decrease over the 2009 assessment. This is good news.

The most significant item on the MCCA December 21st meeting agenda was a Board of Corrections (BOC) update from Neale Duffet, Chair. The significant talking points were:

- 1) BOC is struggling with its role and functions under the statute;
- 2) BOC is dysfunctional;
- 3) BOC understands that counties need State money to remain strong and viable.

The County Administrator believes that the BOC Chair and certain other Board Members are sympathetic to counties' financial needs; however, State funding is limited, at best.

The County Commissioners also had a discussion on the MCCA dues for 2010. The County Commissioners, by unanimous consent, agreed to allow Commissioner Underwood to use his discretion in voting for a 2010 dues option at the annual meeting in January.

B) Emergency Management Agency Vehicle Bid.

The County Administrator advised that the Emergency Management Agency bid was awarded to the low bidder, Carroll's Auto Sales, for \$20,885.00.

C) Maine Pretrial Services November Report.

The County Administrator reviewed the November report with the County Commissioners. Commissioner Fournier noted that the BOC spends a fair amount of time discussing pretrial issues. The County Administrator advised that not all counties have pretrial programs, and in his view, the BOC will attempt to provide some measure of uniformity throughout the State.

D) Other Items of Business.

1) Department of Energy (DOE) Grant.

The County Administrator advised that the County has been awarded \$306,800.00 to implement efficiency measures with its infrastructure (buildings). He further explained the types of projects this grant funding will encompass (energy efficient windows, doors, boilers, etc.).

ART. 10. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to go into executive session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: January 5, 2010