

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING –WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 - 5:30 P.M. –
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
Jim Madore, Sheriff

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

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the January 21, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting and the January 27, 2009 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting and the January 27, 2009 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting and the January 27, 2009 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

ART. 5. Contract:

- A) One (1) year (1/1/2009 – 12/31/2009) Fire Protection Contract with the City of Caribou for Connor Township in the amount of \$18,450.24.

The County Administrator recommended approval of this contract with the City of Caribou.

Commissioner Underwood suggested we should be more proactive and timely with future contracts and that several contracts over the past year have been tardy. He also suggested we should require proof of insurance from all contractors that we have a contractual relationship with.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the one (1) year (1/1/2009 – 12/31/2009) Fire Protection Contract with the City of Caribou for Connor Township in the amount of \$18,450.24, and to have the City of Caribou provide us with a copy of their Certificate of Insurance.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Request from the Maine Acadian Heritage Council in support of the opportunity to host the 2014 World Acadian Congress.

The County Administrator indicated that a letter from the Maine Acadian Heritage Council in support of the opportunity to host the 2014 World Acadian Congress was received and he recommended that a contribution could be made from the Unorganized Territory Fund, given the fact that areas of the UT are in the St. John Valley. A brief discussion ensued, with the following motion being made:

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Maine Heritage Council to support the opportunity to host the 2014 World Acadian Congress and to fund the contribution through the Unorganized Territory Budget.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Accident Report Fees. (Wilfred Bell)

Wilfred Bell, Treasurer, recommended an increase in the Accident Report fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00, advising that other counties were charging \$10.00 for these reports. Sheriff Madore advised that the fee has been \$5.00 since he first started his law enforcement career with the Town of Fort Kent and he echoed his support of the recommendation.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to increase the accident report fee to \$10.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) North/South Highway.

The County Administrator indicated that various organizations were asked to send a letter or e-mail to Jay L. Clement, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, in support of the North/South Highway initiative. The County Administrator informed the County Commissioners that they had supported LEAD's position on the North/South Highway at a County Commissioners' Meeting on August 16, 2006.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to send an e-mail reaffirming support on the North/South Highway to Mr. Jay L. Clement of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Scheduling of hearing for Town of Hammond Road Issue.

The County Administrator initiated a discussion with the County Commissioners on an appeal hearing for a road issue in the Town of Hammond. The County Commissioners agreed to hold a hearing on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Court Building in Houlton. The parties will be notified.

C) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 9. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 10. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in Executive Session.

ART. 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 11, 2009