

**MINUTES**

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 – 5:30 P.M. –  
HOULTON DISTRICT COURT BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT**

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners  
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner  
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner  
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator  
Jim Madore, Sheriff  
Craig Clossey, Chief Deputy

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 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. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting and the March 20, 2009 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting and the March 20, 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.

There were no bills or warrants available to sign.

C) Renewal of Liquor License for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Liquor License renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Bids:

A) Sale of Surplus Vehicle.

The following bids were received for the surplus vehicle.

Arthur Powers                 \$2,357.00  
Limestone

North Street Auto             \$2,125.00  
Presque Isle

Arthur C. Ryzak               \$1,280.00  
Presque Isle

Steven Corbin                 \$1,003.00  
Caribou

Darren Woods                 \$ 600.00  
Caribou

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the highest bidder.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Approval of 2009 County Taxes, Due Date and Interest on Delinquent Taxes.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners approve the County Tax, with a due date of September 1, 2009 and an interest rate of 8% on delinquent taxes.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the County Tax, with a due date of September 1, 2009 and an interest rate of 8% on delinquent taxes, as recommended by the County Administrator.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of full-time custodian for the Caribou Courthouse.

The County Administrator, on behalf of Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager, recommended the hiring of Gerald Saccucci of Fort Fairfield as full-time custodian for the Caribou Courthouse.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Gerald Saccucci of Fort Fairfield as full-time custodian for the Caribou Courthouse.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's report:

A) Bid Award for EMA 1-ton Pick-up.

The County Administrator advised that the low bid of \$29,235.00 was awarded to Martin Ford of Fort Kent.

B) Forestry Grant.

Darren Woods, Public Safety Coordinator, was advised that the North Lakes Fire and Rescue has received a grant from the Maine Forest Service in the amount of \$1,775.00, to purchase a 100-watt radio for one of our fire trucks.

C) PSAP Status.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission has granted Aroostook County's request to change PSAP providers, from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Penobscot Regional Communication Center (PRCC) for land line E-911 calls only. The effective date of this change will be on or around July 1, 2009. Penobscot County Commissioners have approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the County Administrator will put the MOU on the agenda for approval at our next County Commissioners' Meeting in Fort Kent.

D) Houlton Courthouse Renovation Project update.

The Houlton Courthouse Renovation Project is coming to a conclusion. The court staff is expected to move into their new offices on Friday, April 3, 2009, and an open house is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2009. Commissioner Paul Adams is one of the dignitaries who has been asked to say a few words.

E) Army Lease.

A new lease with the Army Recruiting Office was recently approved. The new lease will be for \$1,500.00 annually over a three (3) year period, which represents a \$500.00 per year increase in our revenue line.

F) Retirement of Jail Debt Bond.

Included in the County Commissioners' packet was a letter from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank indicated that our \$500,000.00 debt on the County Jail was retired in 2008. We no longer have any outstanding debt on the jail facility.

G) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 9. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 10. 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, paragraphs (A) and (D) to discuss a personnel issue and collective bargaining issues, respectively.”

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to authorize the County Administrator to mail the signed decision concerning the B Road Petition in the Town of Hammond to the interested parties.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy  
of Commissioners' Meeting

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Douglas F. Beaulieu  
County Administrator

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: April 1, 2009