

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 Bell, Treasurer
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Craig Clossey, Chief Deputy
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

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. Approval of minutes of the July 15, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 County Commissioners' 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. Contracts:

- A) One (1) year (7/1/09 – 6/30/10) Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Caribou and North Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$1,060.90.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the one (1) year (7/1/09 – 6/30/10) Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Caribou and North Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$1,060.90.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) One (1) year Snow Removal Contract with Rudolph St. Peter for Cross Lake Fire Station and Lakeview Senior Center in the amount of \$3,600.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the one (1) year Snow Removal Contract with Rudolph St. Peter for Cross Lake Fire Station and Lakeview Senior Center in the amount of \$3,600.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Three (3) year (7/1/09 – 6/30/12) Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Territories of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the annual amounts of \$10,365.10, \$10,676.05, and \$10,996.34, respectively.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the three (3) year (7/1/09 – 6/30/12) Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Territories of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the annual amounts of \$10,365.10, \$10,676.05, and \$10,996.34, respectively.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

Sheriff Madore recommended that the County Commissioners approve the re-commissioning of Michael Montpetit as full-time Deputy Sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the re-commissioning of Michael Montpetit as full-time Deputy Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ~~C) OVERLOAD WEIGHT LIMIT AGREEMENT WITH THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT):~~
- ~~◆ THREE (3) YEAR (1/1/2008 — 12/31/2010) AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CARIBOU FOR CONNOR TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$4,028.00, \$4,134.00, AND \$4,240.00, RESPECTIVELY.~~
- ~~◆ THREE (3) YEAR (1/1/2008 — 12/31/2010) AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CARIBOU FOR THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY OF T16R4 IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$1,054.50, \$1,082.25, AND \$1,110.00, RESPECTIVELY.~~

- ~~ART. 76. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF THE T17R4 & R5 FIRE DEPARTMENT (Darren Woods):~~
- ~~ART. APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT CHIEF AND CAPTAIN FOR THE T17R4 & R5 FIRE DEPARTMENT:~~
- ~~ART. 8. APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF PATRICIA BOUCHER, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) DIRECTOR.~~
- ~~ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:~~

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- A) Community Corrections Payment.

The County Administrator advised that the County received a check from the State of Maine in the amount of \$298,138.47, representing 80% of the Community Corrections County Funding Appropriation.
- B) 1862 Maine Map.

The County Administrator informed the County Commissioners that the Acadian Archives at the University of Maine at Fort Kent has become the new home for the 1862 Maine Map, with an “on-loan” designation.
- C) Maine Pretrial June Report.

The County Administrator reviewed the June Maine Pretrial Report with the County Commissioners.
- D) County Jail Commissary Audit.

This item was tabled until the next County Commissioners’ Meeting.
- E) Vehicle Bid Awards.

The County Administrator advised that the 2000 Crown Victoria was awarded to Jersey One Auto Sales in Jersey City, New Jersey for the high bid of \$212,000, and the 2005 Crown Victoria was awarded to John Pluto of Portland for the high bid of \$1,101,000.
- F) Other items of Interest.
 - 1. Health Sector Earmark.

The County Administrator advised that Senator Collins has been successful in getting a \$500,000.00 Federal earmark into an Appropriation’s bill for a Health Sector Grant to be administered through the Workforce Investment Act Office. Senator Collins continues to be a champion of this health sector initiative and we appreciate her leadership and continued support in this area.
 - 2. Dispatching Services for the Town of Van Buren.

The County Commissioners were advised by the County Administrator and Sheriff that it is our intent to sign a contract with the Town of Van Buren for dispatch services. Sheriff Madore provided some background information on this contract and indicated that the \$7.00 per capita fee would be prorated through the end of December 2009. It is our intent to incorporate a new rate structure for all communities that utilize our dispatching service for the next contract year. The proposed new rate will be discussed and decided in the context of the 2010 County Budget process. The County Commissioners support the proposed rate structure for the Town of Van Buren through the end of 2009.

3. Dispatch Office move.

The Sheriff apprised the County Commissioners on the various funding sources that he has been working hard to secure for the dispatch move. Thus far, anticipated grant funding amounts to \$64,300.00; some of which, we are awaiting final commitment. The County Administrator indicated that he would like to put this project on a late fall implementation time table. The telecommunication component of this move will be complicated and laden with potential technical glitches.

4. Alice McQuarrie.

The County Administrator advised that Alice McQuarrie passed away Friday, July 31, 2009. Alice had been a dedicated County employee in the Probate Office for a total of 48 years. Our condolences go out to her family for their loss.

ART. 840. Other business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 941. Executive Session. ~~TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE.~~

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

MOTION:

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

“I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraphs (A) and (C) to discuss a personnel issue and contract negotiations, respectively.”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to allow the Administrative Assistant/Deputy Treasurer to retire and to re-hire her in accordance with her January 17, 2009 request and consistent with the fiscal analysis prepared by management staff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed. Commissioners Adams and Fournier voted in favor; Commissioner Underwood voted against the motion.

ART. 10. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: August 3, 2009

