

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING –WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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
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 Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood 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 October 21, 2009 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the October 21, 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. Approval of Lease Agreements.

- A) Maine Pretrial Services for Caribou location.
- B) Maine Pretrial Services for Houlton location.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to authorize the County Administrator to execute the lease agreements with Maine Pretrial Services for both Caribou and Houlton locations.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

The County Administrator noted that these lease agreements will add \$3,854.50 to the County's General Fund revenue stream.

- ART. 6. Approval of Maine Pretrial Services Agreement for calendar year 2010.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Maine Pretrial Services Agreement for calendar year 2010.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

The County Commissioners asked what would happen if the Board of Corrections implemented a statewide pretrial program. In light of that possibility, it would be advantageous for us to have an agreement with our present provider for 2010. If the State forces the County to implement a different pretrial program, we can opt out of the current contract, provided we give a thirty (30) day notice.

- ART. 7. Approval of Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Board of Directors.

The County Administrator, on behalf of Connie Sandstrom, Executive Director of the Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP), recommended that the County Commissioners approve the following individuals to serve a one (1) year term on the ACAP Board of Directors:

Raymond Mersereau, Manager, Town of Mars Hill
Gregory Bagley, Principal, Southern Aroostook Community School, Dyer Brook
Wilfred Bell, Treasurer, County of Aroostook
Peter Caron, Director, MSAD #27 (Fort Kent) Adult Education
Gary Sanfacon, Juvenile Community Corrections Officer, Department of Corrections
Dan MacDonald, Director, Caribou Adult Education
Butch Asselin, Houlton Police Chief

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the slate of individuals as recommended by Connie Sandstrom, to serve a one (1) year term as ACAP Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) Registry of Deeds.

The County Administrator indicated that the County has retained the services of Attorney Peter Marchesi of Waterville to assist the County with the MacImage issue. He also indicated that Hancock County has decided not to charge for electronic copies of their documents.

B) Maine Association of County Clerks, Administrators and Managers (MACCAM).

The County Administrator indicated that Peter Crichton, Cumberland County Manager, was elected to the Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Board of Directors.

C) Other Items of Interest.

1) Election Results.

The County Administrator advised that the referendum question on the November 3, 2009 election ballot to rename T16R4 to Madawaska Lake passed by an unofficial tally of 54 in the affirmative and 38 in the negative. 80% of eligible voters participated in this particular election.

2) Tax Abatement Matter.

The County Administrator discussed some concerns and issues regarding two (2) tax abatement requests, which originated from the Town of Van Buren. The County Commissioners asked the County Administrator to do more research before they would schedule a hearing or hearings on this matter.

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 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, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel matter."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: November 4, 2009