

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 - 5:30 P.M. –
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Vern Ouellette, EMA Director
Darren Woods (Called out for Emergency Response)

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 4 C) Liquor License Renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the April 21, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 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.
- C) Liquor License Renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 5. County StormReady Presentation. (Hendricus Lulofs, Meteorologist in Charge and Michael Cantin, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist)

Hendricus Lulofs and Michael Cantin of the National Weather Service in Caribou recognized Aroostook County as a StormReady County. StormReady designation “serves as a method to test the weather hazard preparedness level of emergency management agencies. To be considered StormReady the agency must be able to successfully prove: they have an in-depth plan relating to hazardous weather, several methods to receive, understand, and distribute weather hazard information, and take an active role in teaching safety in their community.”

Mr. Lulofs recognized Vern Ouellette as an essential component in this designation. He further indicated that Vern “takes his job seriously”. Aroostook and Washington Counties are the first counties in all of New England to be recognized as StormReady.

Vern Ouellette, EMA Director, credited Darren Woods with doing most of the work related to this designation.

- ART. 6. Update of World Acadian Congress. (Jason Parent)

Jason Parent, President of the Maine Delegation of the World Acadian Congress 2014, provided an overview and update of the 2014 World Acadian Congress. Northern Maine, Northwestern New Brunswick, and Southeastern Quebec are partners in this endeavor. This is a monumental event and undertaking with an approximate budget of \$15 million. Aroostook County pledged \$1,000.00 last year from the Unorganized Territory Fund. Mr. Parent indicated that sponsorship from municipal, county, state, federal and private sectors are critical to their success.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Maine Acadian Heritage Council for the 2014 World Acadian Congress out of the Contingent Account of the Unorganized Territory Fund.

The County Administrator indicated that he had a discussion with Commissioner Fournier earlier in the week and Commissioner Fournier indicated his support of a financial contribution.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

- ART. 7. Presentation and approval of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Governance Agreement.

Ryan Pelletier, Executive Director for Local Area 1 Workforce Investment Board, reviewed a proposed new Governance Agreement for Aroostook and Washington Counties. He indicated that this Governance Agreement was required by Federal Law.

The County Administrator indicated that Mr. Pelletier worked with Commissioner Fournier on this agreement and that Commissioner Fournier fully supports the agreement.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Governance Agreement as presented by Mr. Pelletier.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

ART. 8. Contract:

- A) One year (7/1/2010 – 6/30/2010) Solid Waste Agreement with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Territory of Benedicta and Silver Ridge, in the amounts of \$13,549.63 for Benedicta and \$6,565.90 for Silver Ridge.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Solid Waste Agreement with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Territory of Benedicta and Silver Ridge, in the amounts of \$13,549.63 for Benedicta and \$6,565.90 for Silver Ridge.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Bids:

- A) Snow Removal for Fort Kent Registry of Deeds Building.

Bids were received from the following contractors:

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
T & D Snow Removal Fort Kent	\$1,800.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,900.00
Dubois Contracting Fort Kent	\$2,055.00	\$2,055.00	\$2,055.00
Voisine Construction Fort Kent	\$4,114.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,280.00

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Snow Removal bids for Sinclair, Cross Lake, Stockholm Facility and St. Peter Road in Cross Lake.

Bids were received from the following contractors:

	Option 2A Sinclair Fire Station Sinclair Senior Center		
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Ken's Snow Removal	\$4,640.00	\$5,104.00	\$5,613.00
RLW Management	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Babin Construction	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Long Lake Construction	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Bryan Forbes	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00

	Option 2B Cross Lake Fire Station Lakeview Senior Center		
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
RLW Management	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00
Babin Construction	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Bryan Forbes	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Rudy St. Peter	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00

	Option 2C Stockholm Facility		
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
RLW Management	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Babin Construction	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Bryan Forbes	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Soderberg Construction	\$3,800.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,700.00

	Option 2D St. Peter Road		
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Babin Construction	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Bryan Forbes	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder(s) who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report:

A) May 7, 2010 Tax Abatement Hearing.

The County Administrator reminded the County Commissioners that a tax abatement hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Law Library of the Caribou Courthouse.

B) Penobscot County concerns regarding LD1813.

At the last meeting in Fort Kent, this item was discussed. The County Administrator was instructed to research and report back to the County Commissioners. The County Administrator indicated that he did not believe a letter to the PUC Chair Reishus would be appropriate or in order. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that maybe a letter to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau may be more appropriate. This item will be discussed at the next County Commissioners' Meeting.

C) Other items of interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 11. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 12. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 5, 2010