

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010 – 5:30 P.M. –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. 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 May 5, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the May 5, 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) Tax Abatement Hearing Decision.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to deny the petition filed by Jacob and Derek Foster for the abatement of taxes on property in Winterville Plantation.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Bids:

A) Road Maintenance – Area 1 – Southern Aroostook:

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Michael Elwell
Sherman, Maine

Rod Carney Construction
Ashland, Maine

Landry and Sons
Sherman, Maine

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 apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Road Maintenance – Area 2 – Northern Aroostook:

Bids were received from the following vendor:

Mike Ouellette and Daughters
Woodland, Maine

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table the bid 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.

ART. 6. Contract:

A) Three (3) year (7/1/2010 -6/30/2013) Solid Waste Agreement for Molunkus Township (TAR5).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year Solid Waste Agreement for Molunkus Township (TAR5) in the amounts of \$9,768.00, \$10,012.00 and 10,262.00, annually, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Reappointment to Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners approve the following slate of representatives to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board:

Representing the County: Norman L. Fournier
 Paul J. Underwood

Representing the U.T.: Walter Fournier

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the slate of representatives to the NMDC membership, as recommended by the County Administrator.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) LD 1813.

The County Administrator indicated he had researched this issue and recommended no action be taken. The Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) has weighed-in on this issue and sent a letter to Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) Chair Sharon Reishus, essentially echoing the sentiments contained in the April 15, 2010 letter to the same by Penobscot County. The County Commissioners agreed with the County Administrator's recommendation. No action will be taken at the present time.

B) Bid Awards.

The County Administrator advised the County Commissioners that the snow removal contract for the Fort Kent Registry of Deeds was awarded to T & D Snow Removal, LLC.

C) Board of Corrections (BOC) payment.

After considerable effort, the County has received the balance of its money from the Board of Corrections for the Correctional Services Budget for FY 10. The amount received is \$137,382. With these funds, the County expects to end the fiscal year on budget.

D) Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Meeting update.

The Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) has endorsed a proposal by the Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) to give counties, collectively, control over our jail fund balances. However, this action in no way guarantees that the BOC will honor the MCCA's resolution. Nevertheless, it is a significant action, in that it demonstrates mutual support by the two (2) county organizations.

E) Resignation of Deputy Register of Deeds.

The County Administrator indicated that Betty McLean, Deputy Register of Deeds in Houlton, has announced her retirement effective June 1, 2010. Betty has been a devoted County employee for over 30 years. The County wishes her well in the next chapter of her life.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the resignation of Betty McLean, Deputy Register of Deeds in Houlton, effective June 1, 2010.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

F) Other items of interest.

Sinclair Community Development Block Grant Housing Assistance Program.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Sinclair has been tentatively approved. \$250,000.00 has been set aside from the Housing Assistance Program to renovate certain eligible homes in that community. Kudos goes out to Paul Bernier, Dave Wylie and Butch Thibodeau for securing the set-aside grant funding.

ART. 9. Other Business.

There was no other business.

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 (C) to discuss personnel issues and collective bargaining negotiations, respectively."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

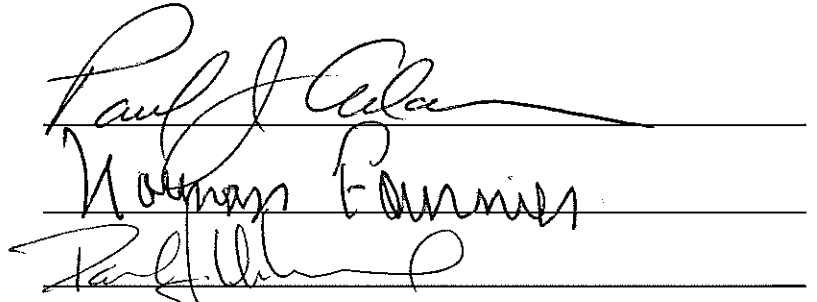
ART. 11. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 19, 2010