

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner (by teleconference)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Darren Woods, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 5 D) Criminal Forfeiture.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

Memorandum dated December 17, 2014;
Two (2) memoranda dated January 14, 2015;
Memorandum dated January 22, 2015.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

It was also recommended that, in the future, all applications received for volunteer firefighters for North Lakes Fire and Rescue will be formally approved by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners support the recommendation.

ART. 9. Approval of full-time deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Chad Foley of Presque Isle as full-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Chad Foley of Presque Isle as full-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Administrator's report:

A) Fixed Asset Recording.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the dollar threshold for fixed asset recording be increased from \$100.00 to \$500.00. After a brief discussion regarding threshold levels, the following motion was made.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to establish a recordable dollar threshold level of \$500.00 for fixed assets.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Jail Reform and Funding.

Both the County Administrator and Sheriff provided an update on the current state of affairs as it relates to jail reform and funding. Of significance is the fact that the Maine Sheriffs' Association voted unanimously to support LD 186 (An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation). At a subsequent meeting of the Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Legislative Policy Committee that group voted eight (8) in favor and zero (0) against, with four (4) abstentions to support the Maine Sheriffs' Association position. As this legislation makes its way through the process, we will take whatever action is necessary to safeguard our interest and protect Aroostook County's financial well-being.

C) Other Items of Interest:

There were no other items of interest to discuss.

ART. 11. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 12. 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 we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (C) to discuss an economic development initiative in southern Aroostook."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

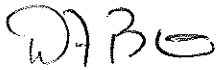
ART. 13. Adjournment.

MOTION:

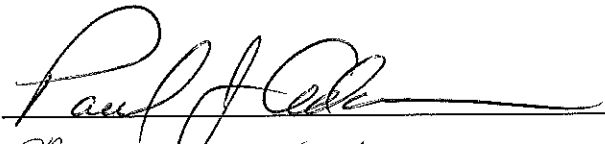
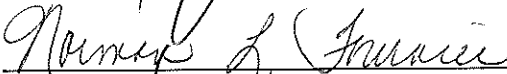
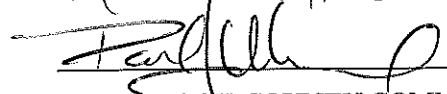
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 4, 2015

VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County (the "County") hereby authorizes a borrowing in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2015 fiscal year in the original principal amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) from Katahdin Trust Company on behalf of the County with interest thereon at 2.99% per annum.

Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 932 and Article III, Section 8(p) of the Charter of the County of Aroostook the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer of the County be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts from Katahdin Trust Company in the name of the County the sum of up to One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) at the interest rate of 2.99%; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about February 2, 2015 in such form as the Board of Commissioners and Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the County be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 148 and 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the notes be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to covenant on behalf of the County to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the notes will be excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

Update to County Commissioners

Aroostook EMA

2-4-2015

1. State of the Office
 - a. Morale high – Team building
2. Interns
 - a. Utilizing free help at EMA and FD where possible, good partnership with UMFK
3. Grant funds tightening
 - a. Funding reductions
 - b. Regulation changes
4. Padfolio
 - a. Great response of all communities & congressional office staff
5. BIDP
 - a. Project still moving forward, struggling with frequency issues
6. Exercises
 - a. Multiple exercises per quarter.
 - b. Demands for participation are increasing statewide
7. Teams
 - a. IMAT
 - b. Local Directors
 - c. Animal Response
 - d. ARES/RACES
8. Local Director Certifications
 - a. Mapleton, Fort Fairfield, MicMac's as a start. More are expected.
9. Use of Technology to Increase Outreach
10. River Ice Presentations
 - a. Fort Kent
 - b. Fort Fairfield
 - c. Island Falls
11. Shelter Trainings
 - a. Regional Shelters
 - b. Local Shelters
12. Planning Efforts
 1. County & Local EOP's
 2. Mitigation Plan
 3. County-wide COOP