

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 -
4:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) –
FORT KENT**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

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

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 10, Other Business - Approval of firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

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. 3. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Portage Lakers ATV Club Access Route Application.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Portage Lakers ATV Club Access Route Application.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Ratification of New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 601 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to ratify New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 601 MOA as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Presentation on Maliseet Tribe Legislative Initiatives. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table this presentation until Mr. Bear can attend our meeting in person.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of Finance Committee Member Vacancies.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the slate of Finance Committee Members consistent with the recommendation of the Finance Committee in a memorandum dated February 23, 2015 from Finance Committee Chair Reynolds Raymond.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the slate of Finance Committee Members as outlined in a memorandum dated February 23, 2015.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Asbestos Awareness Plan.

Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau explained the rationale for the Asbestos Awareness Plan. It is an outgrowth of the Maine OSHA inspection in December 2014. Mr. Jandreau entertained questions and provided feedback to the County Commissioners on the plan and the OSHA inspection.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Asbestos Awareness Plan as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) Undesignated Fund Balance.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu distributed a revised fund balance document and reviewed the basis for the revised figure. We will need a healthy balance to absorb possible jail costs moving forward, if LD 186 is approved.

B) Close-out of Benedicta Deorganization Funds.

Public Works Director Paul Bernier explained the rationale for a check we received from the State of Maine relating to escrow money for Benedicta. The \$5,209.34 will be deposited in miscellaneous revenue in the UT Fund.

C) Bid Results.

The ATV bid was awarded to Tidd's Sport Shop, Inc. of Hodgdon in the amount of \$13,185.00.

D) Scheduling of Tax Abatement Hearing.

A tax abatement hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for April 3, 2015 in Caribou at 12:00 noon.

E) County Tax Aberration.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu explained an aberration in the 2015 County Tax because of the Bancroft Deorganization. The 2015 County Tax will be formally approved at the next meeting.

F) Deorganization Information.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Public Works Director Paul Bernier entertained comments and questions regarding deorganization data that was provided to the County Commissioners.

G) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 10. Other Business.

A) Approval of firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Dominic DeLuca as a firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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 we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue.”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

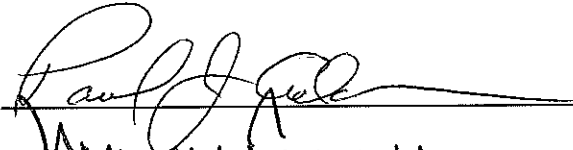
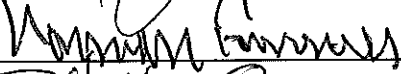
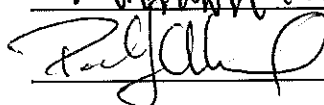
Motion voted on and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 4, 2015