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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING - TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015 - 12:00 NOON - LAW LIBRARY- CARIBOU COURTHOUSE - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Christopher and Christine Charland, Property Owners
John H. Ribe, Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston
Shirley Bartlett, Assessor's Agent, Town of Weston

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to add Article 1A) - Approval of Agenda.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

A) 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. 2. Approval of minutes of the July 15, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Application for Catering Permit for Rosette's Restaurant.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the application for a Catering Permit for Rosette's Restaurant.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Vietnam Veterans' Proclamation.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Vietnam Veterans' Proclamation.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- E) Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Aroostook and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 601.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Aroostook and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 601.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

After all items were approved and signed, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to move Article 5 after Article 3.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5 Year-end Budgets (Final).

A) Unorganized Territory (UT) Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu presented the Unorganized Territory final year-end budget for FY 15, advising that we ended the year on good financial footing. A final year-end budget analysis will be presented at one of our forthcoming meetings.

B) Jail Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu presented the year-end final Jail Budget for FY 15. He indicated that revenue exceeded expenditures by \$25,051.88. He recommended moving the undesignated fund balance to a capital account for vehicle purchases. (Sheriff Crandall supports this action.) In looking at the balance sheet account for the jail, \$31,050.49 constitutes the fund balance; therefore, he recommended this amount be transferred to a capital account to be reserved for future vehicle purchases.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to move \$31,050.49 from the undesignated fund balance to a capital account for future vehicle purchases.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Chief Deputy Shawn Gillen provided the following update on jail related issues:

- Sheriff Crandall will present a Continuing Resolution Jail Budget for FY 16 at our September 2, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting;
- Sheriff Crandall and staff are looking at ideas for potential savings in the current Jail Budget;
- The Sheriff's Office is building good rapport with the Department of Corrections (DOC);
- Our county has submitted all information regarding our jail that has been requested by the DOC, and;
- The Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator attended the Jail Corrections' Meeting with DOC Commissioner Fitzpatrick and other county personnel; that meeting essentially left many unanswered questions.

ART. 4. Tax Abatement Hearing: Christopher and Christine Charland vs. Town of Weston.

The tax abatement hearing concerning Christopher and Christine Charland vs. Town of Weston was conducted in public session. The summary and conclusion of that hearing will be codified in a written decision within thirty (30) days.

ART. 6. Funding of Capital Program for Jail Facility.

First, County Administrator Doug Beaulieu noted the typo referencing this article; Capital" was misspelled. He apologized for the same.

Second, County Administrator Doug Beaulieu is recommending reinstating the 1043 Jail Building Account. This is a building account, which is essentially for jail infrastructure improvements. This account is currently dormant in MUNIS and carries a zero reserve balance.

The County Administrator proposes to jumpstart this account by using \$50,400.00 of a MainePERS refund to provide crucial funding for an elevator upgrade in the jail.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve reinstating the 1043 Jail Building Account and transferring \$50,400.00 from the MainePERS refund to fund it.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 8. Adjournment.

MOTION:

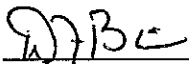
Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE:

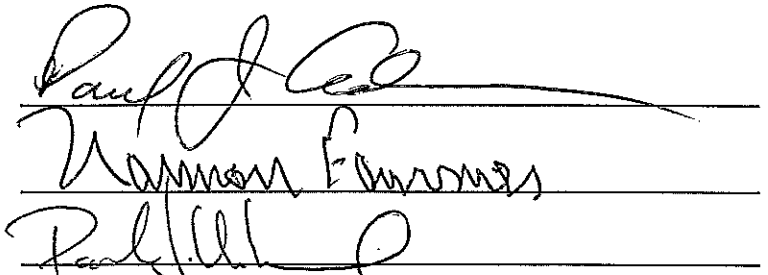
Motion voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: August 5, 2015