

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 16, 2015 –
12:00 NOON - REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - FORT
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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 12:00 noon.

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. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes of the December 2, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 2, 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.

ART. 6. Contract:

- A) One (1) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016) Snow Removal Contract for T17R4 (Shore Road) with Babin Construction.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve a one (1) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016) Snow Removal Contract for T17R4 (Shore Road) with Babin Construction.

After a short discussion, County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners table this item until the next County Commissioners' Meeting on January 5, 2016.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood withdrew his motion and made the following motion:

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table this item until the January 5, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting in Houlton.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of one (1) part-time jail cook.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to hire Donna Primiani of Houlton as part-time jail cook.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of one (1) Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Public Sector Appointment.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the appointment of David Morin of Madawaska to serve a one (1) year term on the ACAP Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

- A) Vehicle Bid.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that Pelletier Ford was awarded the bid for three (3) SUVs at a price of \$27,350.00 for each unit.

B) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting Update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that the Risk Pool reinsurance renewal will likely increase 3% for 2016; the County of Aroostook’s Risk Pool assessment for 2016 will increase by 1.59% from \$89,913 to \$91,361; seven (7) claims were set-up last month and seven (7) claims were closed; currently there are sixty-eight (68) outstanding claims; and, finally, the Risk Pool received an update on the Probate situation in York County.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier advised that a staff member from Senator Angus King’s Office was present to discuss WOTUS; MCCA awarded the audit bid to Ron Beaulieu of Portland; an update was provided on some of the major amendments being considered at MCCA’s Annual Meeting next month; there will be no increase in MCCA dues for 2016; and, finally, MCCA had a discussion on the District Attorney’s Restitution Account.

C) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Health Claims Experience Report.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the MMEHT Health Claims Experience Report loss ratio for the first three quarters of 2015 is 62%.

D) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Health 2016 Rate Schedule.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed the 2016 health rate schedule with the County Commissioners, which was included in their meeting packet.

E) Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) Rates.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that in the second half of 2016 that System rates will be increasing for both the employer and employees.

F) Jail Operations Audit.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu provided a brief overview of the Jail Operations Fund Audit advising that the County received a “clean” opinion. He also indicated that he was considering folding the Jail Fund Budget into the General Fund Budget during the 2017 budget process.

G) Other Items of Interest.

1. Christmas Eve.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that Governor LePage is giving Executive Branch employees the day off before Christmas (December 24th). He is recommending that the County Commissioners follow his lead.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the closure of all County Administrative Offices on December 24, 2015 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

ART. 10. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood advised that the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) has posted proposed rezoning rules regarding business districts in the Unorganized Territory of Aroostook County.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

Chair 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. Adams:

"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 matter relating to the Office of County Commissioners."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

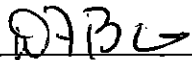
Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE:

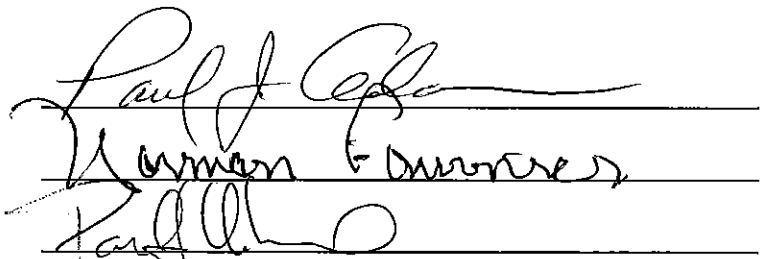
Motion voted on and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: December 16, 2015