

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING - 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
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. 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. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 County Commissioners' Special Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) State of Maine v. Preston E. Brown Criminal Forfeiture.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the criminal forfeiture of \$525.00 in U.S. Currency, property owned by and seized from Preston E. Brown.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Bids:

A) Houlton Superior Court Building Flat Roof Replacement Project.

Bids were received from the following contractors:

Powers Roofing Caribou, Maine	\$33,480.00
Kevin W. Smith & Son Bangor, Maine	\$44,900.00
Roof Systems of Maine Bangor, Maine	\$45,741.00

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who adheres to the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of Bids:

A) Sinclair Transfer Station Operations.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to award the Sinclair Transfer Station Operations' bid to Deschaine Sanitation and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Silver Ridge Cemetery & Memorial Maintenance.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to award the Silver Ridge Cemetery & Memorial Maintenance to Timothy Sides and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of two (2) full-time corrections officers.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Charles Heath of Sherman and Shanice Gallagher of Hodgdon as full-time corrections officers.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Charles Heath of Sherman and Shanice Gallagher of Hodgdon as full-time corrections officers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Reappointments to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to appoint Commissioner Norman L. Fournier as representative to the NMDC Executive Board.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to appoint Tom Clowes of Madawaska Lake to the NMDC Executive Board representing the Unorganized Territory.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report.

A) Legislative Events

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu updated the County Commissioners on LD 1614, which provides supplemental funding to the county jails. This item was line item vetoed by Governor LePage and was overridden by both bodies of the Maine Legislature. It is likely that the whole bill will be vetoed by the Governor and there is no telling what the eventual outcome will be at this time.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall indicated that the money is likely to be distributed by formula. Commissioner Norman Fournier has been an outspoken proponent of the money being distributed by need, as articulated in the text of the bill.

B) Potential Scheduling of Poverty Abatement.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners conduct a paper review of a poverty abatement matter in executive session in lieu of scheduling a hearing on this matter. This will save the County money. The County Commissioners agreed with the County Administrator's recommendation. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting in executive session.

C) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported on the following items:

- Various upcoming Risk Pool training sessions and encouraged the County Commissioners to attend the correctional training in Houlton;
- Discussion on ongoing cases;
- Reinsurance is up 2% from last year; and
- Risk Pool is financially healthy.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported on the following:

- Discussed Jail Legislation, specifically LD 1614;
- Oxford County cap for jail was defeated by the Maine Legislature;
- MCCA's strategy next session is to do away with jail cap;
- Discussion regarding retiree health insurance program sponsored by NACo;
- Discussion regarding wireless broadband initiative sponsored by NACo;
- 2017 MCCA host county;
- County Day at Legislature is scheduled for April 27, 2016; and
- Prospect of new county commissioner training for elected officials when they assume office.

ART. 11. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood indicated that the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services has completed a revaluation on the Unorganized Territory. This will create phone calls which will be forwarded to the Property Tax Division.

ART. 12. Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue with Sheriff Crandall.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to go into executive session.

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

MOTION:

"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 in the Corrections' Unit at the request of the Sheriff."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Adjournment.

MOTION:



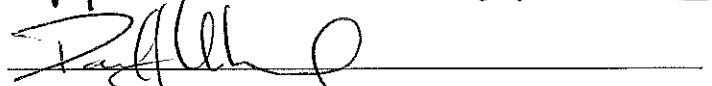
Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: April 20, 2016