

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 –
1:00 P.M. - SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (SECOND FLOOR),
HOULTON**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Sherrill Campbell, Administrative Assistant

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Election of Officers for 2017:

A) Chair, Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to elect Paul J. Adams as the Chair of the Aroostook Board of County Commissioners for 2017.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Chief Elected Official, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to elect Norman L. Fournier as the Chief Elected Official of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program for Aroostook County.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Approval of agenda.

One (1) item was added to Art. 12, Other Business, Deputy Sheriff Commissions.

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. 5. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Maliseet Representative to the Northern Maine Development Commission.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to nominate Brenda Commander as the Maliseet Representative to the Northern Maine Development Commission.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Contracts:

- A) Fire Protection for Connor Township.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the fire protection contract with the City of Caribou for Connor Township and to authorize County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu to execute the agreement.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Ambulance Services for Connor and Madawaska Lake (T16R4).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the contract for ambulance services for Connor and Madawaska Lake (T16R4) and to authorize County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu to execute the agreement.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Central Aroostook Humane Society.

Paul Bernier, Public Works Director, reported that for the last few years there has been an increase in calls regarding stray dogs in the Unorganized Territory. The Central Aroostook Humane Society has agreed to contract with the County of Aroostook to accept stray dogs. Previously, the Public Works Director had to take stray dogs to the Houlton Humane Society. This item is budgeted in the most recent Unorganized Territory Budget.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the contract between the Central Aroostook Humane Society and the County of Aroostook.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 8. Approval of Victim Witness Advocate for District Attorney's Office.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Kelsey Theriault of Littleton as Victim Witness Advocate for the District Attorney's Office for an eighteen (18) month period.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 9. Approval of Rule 80B Expenditure from the General Fund Contingent Account.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu recommended that a bill for legal services in the amount of \$4,912.00 for Attorney John Wall's work on a Rule 80B appeal (a tax abatement appeal between the Town of Easton and the County Commissioners) be approved and

expended from the General Fund Contingent Account.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve paying \$4,912.00 to Attorney John Wall from the law firm of Monaghan Leahy, LLP, from the General Fund Contingent Account.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting

Risk Pool Meeting. Commissioner Fournier reported that 2 new claims were filed and 14 old claims were closed; close to 500 personnel have attended the training sessions for the corrections' personnel; another training session will be held in February 2017; the Risk Pool reinsurance premium will increase by 1.4%; Cumberland County has decided to stay with the Risk Pool; cyber insurance may be added as soon as January 2017; and, Aroostook County's assessment will increase by only \$162.00 for 2017.

MCCA – The 2017 Maine County Commissioners' Convention will be held in Oxford County at Sunday River; the proposed budget was approved by the Board with a dues increase of \$185.00 per member county; the MCCA is deciding whether to fill the soon-to-be-vacant Executive Director position or to reorganize the MCCA Office; the annual meeting will be held January 11, 2017 at the Senator Inn; and, Roland "Danny" Martin is sponsoring legislation to remove the 3% Jail Cap.

B) MCCA New Commissioners' Orientation/Training.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that he attended the training session for new County Commissioners and found it to be very informative and insightful.

ART. 11. County Administrator's Report:

A) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust Claims Experience Report.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu informed the Board that an error was found in the packet sent to the County of Aroostook from the Health Trust. The report was for ACAP and not for the County of Aroostook. Our loss ratio is 102%, not the 143% initially reported.

B) SUV Bid Results.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu advised that Pelletier Ford was the low bidder on the SUVs for the Sheriff's Department with a total bid price of \$80,409.00.

C) Other Items of Interest.

County Administrator Beaulieu provided a copy of an ad to the County Commissioners for an appointee to serve on the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. The deadline for submission of applications is February 3, 2017.

ART. 12. Other Business.

A) Deputy Sheriff Commissions.

Chief Deputy Shawn Gillen recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Forest Dudley of Presque Isle, Matthew Cummings of Fort Fairfield, Vance Palmer of Littleton, and Douglas Bell of Caribou as Deputy Sheriffs.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommissioning of Forest Dudley of Presque Isle, Matthew Cummings of Fort Fairfield, Vance Palmer of Littleton and Douglas Bell of Caribou as Deputy Sheriffs.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Executive Session.

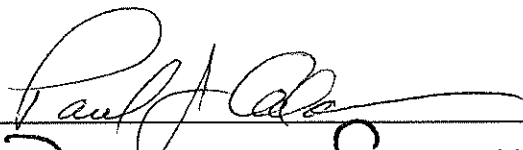
None.

ART. 14. Adjournment.

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


Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Norman Fournier





Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: January 3, 2017