

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2017 – 1:00 P.M. –
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE -ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner (by teleconference)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Manager
Sherrill Campbell, Administrative Assistant
Terry "Joe" McKenna

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:02 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. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 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. Approval of full-time Custodian for Houlton Complex.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Jessica Taylor of Linneus for the position of full-time Custodian at the Houlton Complex.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Sheriff's Appointments:

- A) Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended the approval of Terry "Joe" McKenna of Ludlow for the position of full-time Deputy Sheriff Captain.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve Terry "Joe" McKenna of Ludlow for the position of full-time Deputy Sheriff Captain.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended the approval of CariAnn Conley of Bridgewater for the position of full-time Corrections Officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve CariAnn Conley of Bridgewater for the position of full-time Corrections Officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Rule 80B Expenditure from the General Fund Contingent Account.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu recommended that the final bill for legal services in the amount of \$384.00 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 \$384.00 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. 9. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood reported that the February meeting has been rescheduled until later this month. He stated that Department of Economic Development Commissioner Gervais was in Aroostook County last week visiting businesses. He reported that Commissioner Gervais stated a European firm is considering establishing a new business venture at the Loring Development Authority. Commissioner Gervais was also looking for feedback on "Right to Work" issues.

Risk Pool Meeting. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported on the January meeting. He stated that 12 new claims were filed in December and 1 claim was closed. The Risk Pool has reserved \$181,000.00 for estimated costs for these cases. Commissioner Fournier reported that there will be a repeat workshop for corrections' employees in late March in Cumberland County. The organization elected Commissioner Fournier as the Chair for 2017.

MCCA Meeting. The 2017 Maine County Commissioners' Convention will be held in Oxford County at Sunday River on September 8th through September 10th; election of officers was held with Peter Baldacci being elected Chair, Tom Coward as Vice Chair and Mike Cote as Secretary/Treasurer. The 2017 MCCA budget was approved as well.

Commissioner Fournier reported that the Legislative Policy Committee meets every Friday at 10:00. a.m. Several bills are of interest to Aroostook County. Commissioner Fournier reported that he may be seeking a legislative sponsor of a bill to compel those involved in tax abatements to comply with requests for information. His colleagues agreed with his intention.

B) Other items of interest.

Reported above.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report:

A) Safety Grant Scholarship Program.

Darren Woods, EMA Director, informed the Commissioners that this is a grant for cold water rescue training. We have been approved for a \$500.00 disbursement.

B) Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Award.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu stated that Great Lakes Fire and Rescue was

the recipient of a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1876.50. This money will be used to purchase fire equipment.

C) SHAPE Award.

County Administrator Beaulieu informed the Board that Great Lakes Fire and Rescue is again the recipient of the Department of Labor's SHAPE Award. This is the 5th such award for the department. County Administrator Beaulieu praised Chief Woods for his efforts and leadership.

D) Discussion and Nomination of Candidate to LUPC.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu stated that it is a statutory responsibility of the County of Aroostook to nominate a candidate to serve on the Land Use Planning Commission. Based on his resume and experience, County Administrator Beaulieu recommended applicant Durward Humphrey of Benedicta as the nominee to the LUPC.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the nomination of Durward Humphrey of Benedicta as the Commission's nominee to the LUPC.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

E) Other items of interest.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu reported that he had a conversation with Commissioner Paul J. Underwood regarding a request to cut down trees at the Caribou Courthouse that was approved during the December 21, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting. Mr. Beaulieu reported that it was stated the trees in need of removal were "Red Pine" trees, but after discussion with Commissioner Underwood it was determined that they are "White Pine" trees and he wanted to share this information with the Board to clarify the record.

ART. 11. Other Business.

None.

ART. 12. Executive Session to discuss unpaid leave for an employee in the Corrections' Unit.

County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu stated that based on information that had been received he was comfortable with this item being discussed in public session and he recommended an additional three (3) months of medical leave for Wendy Sabattis, an employee in the Corrections' Unit.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to grant another three (3)

months of medical leave to Wendy Sabattis, an employee in the Corrections' Unit.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Adjournment.

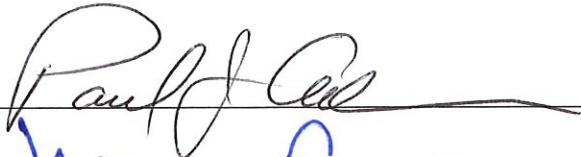
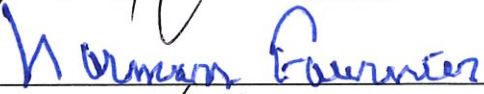

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 8, 2017