

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017 – 1:00 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Bob Dorsey, President, CEO, Aroostook Partnership
Sherrill Campbell, Administrative Assistant

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood commended the race coordinators for the New England Nordic Ski Association Eastern Cup Nordic Ski races, held over December 16th and 17th in the town of Fort Kent stating that volunteers and race coordinators did an excellent job.

ART. 3. Approval of Agenda.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier asked that the following additions be made to article 5:

- D) Bargaining Agreement, Teamsters Local Union 340.
- E) St. Peter's Store Liquor License Renewal.
- F) M&D Bear Den Catering Permit Application.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 County Commissioners meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the November 21, 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.
- C) Town of Patten Ambulance Service Agreement.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Town of Patten Ambulance Service Agreement.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Teamsters Local Union 340 Bargaining Agreement.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Teamsters Local Union 340 Bargaining Agreement.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- E) St. Peter's Store liquor license renewal.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve a liquor license renewal for St. Peter's Store.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- F) M&D Bear Den Catering Permit Application.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve a catering permit application for M&D Bear Den.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Presentation of Caring for the Crown report by Bob Dorsey.

Bob Dorsey, President and CEO of Aroostook Partnership gave a PowerPoint presentation to those in attendance entitled, "Caring for the Crown: Taking stock of the Future and a Renewed Call for Action".

The County Commissioners thanked Mr. Dorsey for his informative presentation.

ART. 7 Approval of Paid Call Volunteer Firefighters.

In the absence of Fire Chief Darren Woods, County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented Jamie Pelletier of Fort Kent, for approval as a paid-call junior firefighter, and Daniel Dudar of New Canada, for approval as a paid-call volunteer firefighter.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Fire Chief's recommendations.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of full-time Corrections Officer.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended approval of Nicholas Hannigan of Houlton to fill the position of full-time Corrections Officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve Nicholas Hannigan of Houlton to fill the position of full-time Corrections Officer as presented by Sheriff Crandall.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Appointment of part-time Deputy Sheriff (Civil Process).

Sheriff Darrell Crandall presented Richard York of Island Falls for approval for the position of part-time Deputy Sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Sheriff Darrell Crandall's recommendation of Richard York of Island Falls for the position of part-time Deputy Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Jail Review Report.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall reported that a comprehensive simulated inspection of the Aroostook County Jail was conducted on November 30, 2017 and December 1, 2017 at the request of the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. The inspection resulted in positive feedback in the areas of implementing practical programs that can be useful to offenders such as money management, life skills and servesafe certification. Also reported was that turnover is minimal in the Jail and as a result the staff interviewed during the inspection demonstrated great experience and awareness in regard to respective assignments to include area searches, key control, and relative post orders to name a few. There were several recommendations made in the report and Sheriff Crandall stated that he will have his staff attend to them.

County Commissioner Paul J. Adams thanked Sheriff Crandall and congratulated him and his staff on a successful inspection.

ART. 11. Acting Deputy Register of Probate.

The County Commissioners approved and signed the original appointment of Donna M. Rockwell as acting Deputy of Probate.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Donna M. Rockwell as acting Deputy of Probate.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool.

MCCA. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that an information seeking meeting was held between the County Commissioners and the Sheriffs on December 11th to determine priorities for the upcoming legislative year and the priorities that were identified were funding, tax caps, court delays, and the lack of funding; it was recommended that funding be distributed via a formula rather than distributed on need; there is an increased concern regarding funding for the upcoming year; MCCA county dues increased dues by 2%; there was a suggestion to conduct a training session for County Commissioners at the January 10th Annual Meeting to be held at the Senator Inn; a discussion was held on the County Commissioners' role in marijuana regulations in the

Unorganized Territories; law may be amended so that County Commissioners have the same power as selectmen regarding authorization to adopt marijuana regulation ordinances in the Unorganized Territories.

Risk Pool. There were 12 claims opened and 12 claims closed resulting in an increase in the reserves by \$54,000.00; cyber insurance will be a separate policy; Aroostook County will receive a 4.6% increase in the cost of insurance premiums which is approximately \$4,000.00.

B) Legislative Update.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that as soon as the Commissioners recommendations are presented to legislature action may be taken on the Jail.

ART. 13. County Administrator's Report.

A) Bid award for three (3) 2018 Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive SUVs.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier stated that two bids were received for three (3) 2018 Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive SUVs. Recommendation was made that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Pelletier Ford of Fort Kent.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to award Pelletier Ford of Fort Kent the bid for three (3) 2018 Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive SUVs.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Other items of interest.

None.

ART. 14. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood stated he had done some research on the Letter of Map Amendment. Commissioner Underwood stated that any letters sent from the Aroostook County Commissioners should clarify that applicants should work with FEMA and LUPC as the Aroostook County Commissioners have no jurisdiction. Public Works Director Paul Bernier will have a follow up conversation with Commissioner Underwood at a later date.

ART. 15. Executive Session.

MOTION:

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

"I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S., §405, (6) (A) and Title 1, M.R.S., §405,

(6) (D) to discuss:

- 1) Update by Adhoc Administrative Committee.
- 2) Update on Law Enforcement Negotiations with New England Police Benevolent Association Local 601.
- 3) County Administrator's six month evaluation.
- 4) Deeds/Probate.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session there was no action taken.

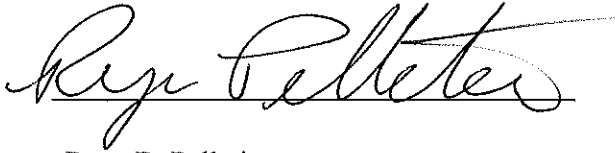
ART. 16. Adjournment.

MOTION:

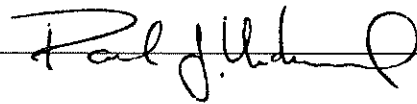
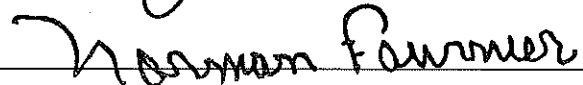
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: December 20, 2017