

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 – 1:00 P.M. –
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sandra L. Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance
Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Chief Deputy Craig Holder
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Richard Clark, Spirit of America Recipient
Robert Vigue, Spirit of America Recipient

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ART. 2. There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the February 20, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 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) Tax Anticipation Note.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Tax Anticipation Note as presented. (Attachment 1)

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Spirit of America Awards.

A Spirit of America Award was presented from the Community of Perham to Richard and Susan Clark and from the Communities of Castle Hill, Mapleton and Chapman to Robert Vigue.

ART. 7. Deputy Sheriff Commissions.

Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended the renewal of two (2) Deputy Sheriff Commissions for William Campbell and Stacey Mahan.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation for renewal of two (2) Deputy Sheriff Commissions for William Campbell and Stacey Mahan.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Consideration of meeting for a poverty tax abatement.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to hold an executive session at the next County Commissioners' meeting to consider a hearing for a poverty tax abatement.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Commissioners' Report.

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the March Risk Pool meeting: there were 10 claims set up resulting in an increase of \$152,000.00 in reserves; a letter from Attorney Peter Marchesi was discussed commending Captain Craig Clossey for his cooperation on a current claim; the risk pool is currently doing well financially.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the March MCCA meeting: there was a lot of discussion regarding two legislative bills – LD 973, "An Act To Stabilize County Corrections", and LD 657, "An Act To Reorganize the Probate Courts"; a discussion was held regarding the FEMA audit for Cumberland County; funding was

approved for the "Pirate Program" for the state of Maine Bicentennial – the County will be responsible to select four students to attend; \$1,000.00 was approved for the Criminal Justice Committee members and possibly the Appropriations Committee members to visit select county jails to view conditions.

B) Legislative Update: See above.

C) Other Items of Interest.

None.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report:

A) Dispatch Service Agreements.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented Dispatch Service Agreements for the towns of Van Buren, Hodgdon, Monticello, St. Agatha, Bridgewater, Littleton, Easton and Haynesville.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the dispatch agreements as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Update on County archives.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier reported that after Jen Lynds, reporter with the Bangor Daily News, published a second article regarding the archives in Houlton, there was renewed interest in preserving the archives. The Maine State Archives expressed an interest in taking the collection and would work on digitalizing it. The Fort Fairfield Library also expressed an interest and would also work on getting the collection digitalized. The University of Maine at Presque Isle would take the collection, digitalize it and would offer it digitally to other County libraries. The County Administrator favors the University of Maine's proposal and has asked that the University submit a formal presentation to be discussed at a future County Commissioners' meeting.

C) MDOT Construction over-limit permit for Benedicta TWP.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the MDOT Construction Over-limit Permit for Benedicta TPW.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Other Business.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier reported that he and Commissioner Paul J. Underwood met with Christopher "Kip" Nichols President of Aroostook Energy Association. A future meeting will take place regarding the possibility of purchasing power for the County once more information has been gathered from the Facilities Director regarding kilowatt usage, etc.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that he attended the NorthLakes Fire Recognition Dinner and was impressed with the number of volunteers in the department and by a recent donation to the department from a Caribou individual. County Commissioner Fournier asked that the County Administrator work with the EMA Director to find a way to suitably recognize the individual at a future Commissioners' meeting.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 2:17.

VOTE:

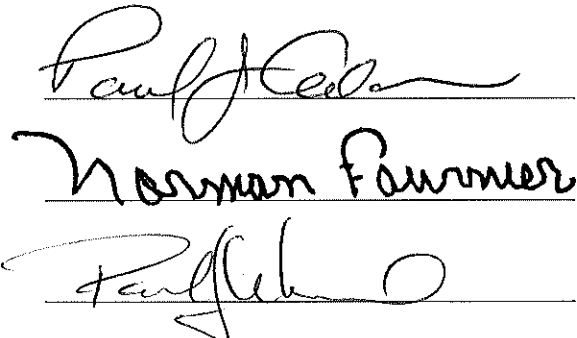
Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy

of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 20, 2019

MARCH 20, 2019

AROOSTOOK COUNTY
VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County (the "County") hereby authorizes a borrowing in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2019 fiscal year in the original principal amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) from Katahdin Trust Company on behalf of the County with interest thereon at 3.25% per annum.

Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 932 and Article III, Section 8(p) of the Charter of the County of Aroostook the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer of the County be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts from Katahdin Trust Company in the name of the County the sum of up to Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) at the interest rate of 3.25%; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about March 29, 2019 in such form as the Board of Commissioners and Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the County be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 148 and 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the notes be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to covenant on behalf of the County to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the notes will be excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.