

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019
- 1:00 P.M. – SINCLAIR FIRE STATION - SINCLAIR**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sandra Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Chief Deputy Craig Holder
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities and IT Director
John Gibson, EMA
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Cheryl St. Peter, Friends of Cross Lake
Alan Dearborn, Sinclair Sanitary District
Cecile Ouellette, Sinclair Resident
William Levasseur, Sinclair Resident
Gerry Beaulieu, Sinclair Resident
Jennie Beaulieu, Sinclair Resident
Martin Dionne, Sinclair Resident
Butch Thibodeau, Sinclair Resident
Bev Thibodeau, Sinclair Resident

Before the County Commissioners' Meeting, an election was held to choose two (2) Trustees for the Sinclair Sanitary District.

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

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

- A) Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 CDBG Phase II Public Hearing.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 CDBG Phase II Public Hearing.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) CDBG program participation documents.

Every 5 years documents to participate in the CDBG program must be updated.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the signing of documents required for the County of Aroostook to participate in the CDBG program.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Surplus vehicle bid results.

Bryan Jandreau, Facilities and IT Director, reported that there were no bids received on the 2011 Maintenance Department Ford F-150 pickup. The bid has been extended until November 13, 2019.

ART. 7. Community Services Director Paul Bernier presented paperwork for property deed transfers between the Sinclair Seniors Center and Gerry and Jennie Beaulieu of Martin's Store in Sinclair.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the transfer of property between the Sinclair Senior's Center and Gerry and Jennie Beaulieu of Martin's Store.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 8. Community Services Director Paul Bernier presented the results of an RFQ to hire a consultant for services to assist in the development of an impaired lake EPA 9-element watershed-based management plan (WBMP). Cheryl St. Peter of Friends of Cross Lake was present and answered questions related to the plan. It is the recommendation of Community Services Director Paul Bernier to hire Ecological Instincts to provide the service.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Community Services Paul Bernier to hire Ecological Instincts to provide planning consultant services to assist in the development of an impaired lake EPA 9-element watershed-based management plan (WBMP).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 9. Expense and Revenue updates for the General Fund, Jail Fund and Unorganized Territories Fund.

Deputy County Administrator of Finance Sandra L. Fournier presented revenue updates on the General, Jail and Unorganized Territories funds. The County Commissioners thanked her for her informative presentation.

- ART. 10. Consideration of one paid-call Volunteer Fire Fighter.

In the absence of EMA Director Darren Woods, County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented Michael Baugh of Caribou for the position of paid-call Volunteer Fire Fighter.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation to hire Michael Baugh of Caribou for the position of paid-call Volunteer Fire Fighter.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 11. Dispatch Services Discussion.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier surveyed Aroostook County municipalities regarding costs for dispatch services. The information was compiled and cost comparisons made. The topic is on the agenda for a future AMA meeting to discuss the possible benefits of shared dispatch costs.

ART. 12. Jail Study Commission.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented a list of proposed members for a Jail Study Commission. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier suggested several additional members to be considered. The County Commissioners stated that the Jail Study Commission progression should be a standing agenda item.

ART. 13. County Commissioners' Report.

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

MCCA. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the September MCCA meeting activities that will be taking place for the Maine Bicentennial were discussed. Commissioner Fournier reported that the 2019 MCCA Conference sessions were very informational.

At the October MCCA meeting most of the discussion centered around call sharing between the Sheriff's offices and the State Police.

Risk Pool. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that the Risk Pool is still waiting on property updates to determine re-insurance rates. There were 11 claims opened and 42 closed; a discussion was held on Cyber Security Insurance. Ransomware insurance coverage is being researched.

B) Legislative Updates.

An emergency bill to discuss lifting the jail cap has been discussed. A bill involving County revenue sharing was tabled.

C). Other Items of Interest.

None.

ART. 14. Other Business.

None.

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.A., §405(6)(A)."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

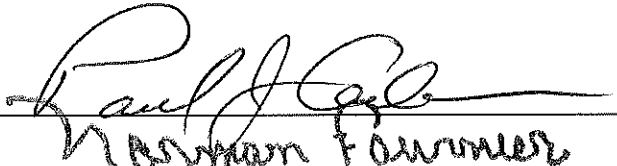
Upon return to regular session no action was warranted or taken.

ART. 19. Adjournment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

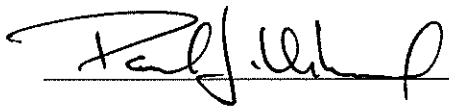
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of Commissioners' Meeting



Norman Fournier



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: October 16, 2019