

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 – 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 (Tardy, excused)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sandra Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Shawn Gillen, Sheriff
Craig Holder, Deputy Sheriff
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Lynds, Bangor Daily News
Bruce Flaherty, Spirit of America
Robert Dunphy, Spirit of America Recipient
Thomas Goff, Spirit of America Recipient
Ross Crandall, Spirit of America Recipient
Family of Spirit of America Recipients

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

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the agenda with three items added to ART. 16, approval of Surplus Fire Truck Bid, asset Forfeiture Funds, and approval of Surplus Maintenance Truck Bid

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Special Budget Workshop County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the

minutes of the October 15, 2019 Special Budget Workshop Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 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) Employee Recognition Awards.
- D) Election results for T17 R3.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to affirm the results of the referendum on November 5, 2019 to change the name of T17 R3 Wels to Van Buren Cove Township.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Spirit of America Presentation.

Three 2019 Spirit of America recipients were honored as follows:

- Town of Smyrna: Ross Crandall
- Town of Merrill: Thomas Goff
- Town of Island Falls: Robert Dunphy

Bruce Flaherty, representative from the Spirit of America Foundation expressed his appreciation to the honorees for their service to their communities.

ART. 8. Bid results for the GMC Transport van.
Bids were opened for the 2020 GMC Passenger van. One bid was received from Carroll's Auto Sales in the amount of \$28,487.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the bid from Carroll's Auto Sales for a 2020 GMC Passenger van if, following review, all bid specifications are met.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Bid results for Jail ADA Renovation.

A memo presented by County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier on behalf of Bryan Jandreau, Facilities and IT Director, recommended that this bid be tabled until further notice as the process to build a new jail is being discussed.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table the bids for the Jail ADA Renovation.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Bid results for Community Services pickup.

Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator, presented bids received for the 2015 Community Services Ford F150 pickup. The highest bidder was Cooper Mowry, of Kennebunk, in the amount of \$15,069.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept the bid from Cooper Mowry of Kennebunk in the amount of \$15,069.00 for the 2015 Ford F150 Community Services pickup.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Jail study commission.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier provided portions of the 1983 Jail Study Commission report for the County Commissioners to review. Mr. Pelletier has been in contact with Penobscot County Administrator Bill Collins who is willing to share the names of the members of his committee and minutes from their meetings so far. Jennifer Lynds of the Bangor Daily News offered to email articles published relating to the jail in Penobscot County to County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier. Sheriff Gillen stated that Somerset

County is willing to provide blueprints of their jail. Sheriff Gillen will inquire as to whether Somerset County would be willing to share their committee meeting minutes.

ART. 12. Five Deputy Sheriff Commissions.

Sheriff Shawn Gillen presented Dennis Appleton of Houlton, Galen White of Houlton, Ryan Johnston of Houlton and Ryan Johnson of Presque Isle for Deputy Sheriff Commission renewals.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Deputy Sheriff Commission renewals as recommended by the Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Approval of paid volunteer Fire Fighter.

In the absence of EMA Director Darren Woods, County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented Ryan McDonald for the position of paid Volunteer Fire Fighter.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Ryan McDonald for the position of paid Volunteer Fire Fighter.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14 Approval of 2020 County Commissioners' meeting schedule.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the 2020 County Commissioners' meeting schedule.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 15. County Commissioners' report.

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the November meeting of the Risk Pool: notice was received that Hartford Insurance will not re-insure the risk pool; the relationship, and benefits thereof, between the Risk Pool and the MCCA were discussed;

amounts owed to the Risk Pool from Franklin County were discussed; 8 claims were closed and 1 claim was set up resulting in an increase in reserves of \$120,000.00.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier stated at the November MCCA meeting: a discussion was held regarding what the MCCA can do to ensure that members know the value of belonging to the MCCA.

B) Legislative update.

LD 973, an act to stabilize funding for corrections was discussed.

C) Other items of interest.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier attended the Cyr Plantation de-organizational meeting with Community Services Director Paul Bernier. The residents voted 20/18 in favor of forming a committee to begin the process of de-organizing.

ART. 16. Other business.

A) Surplus Fire Truck Bids.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented a bid on the 1983 Ford Fire Engine in the amount of \$1,507.00 by Lane Moir of Woodland.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the bid of \$1,507.00 by Lane Moir for the 1983 Ford Fire Engine.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Forfeiture Consent.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to ratify the forfeiture consent form as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

C) 2011 Maintenance vehicle bid.

A bid was received from Chris Tarr of Littleton in the amount of \$300.00 for the 2011 Ford F150 maintenance pickup.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept the bid of \$300.00 from Chris Tarr of Littleton for the 2011 Ford F150 maintenance pickup.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 17. At 2:16 p.m. the following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

“I move that we enter into Executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (D) to discuss labor contracts and proposals, and pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405 sub-section 6, paragraph (E), for consultation concerning legal rights pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offers, and pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405 sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss complaints against a person.”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon return from executive session at 3:01 p.m. no action was taken.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Art. 18. Adjournment.

MOTION:

Motion made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

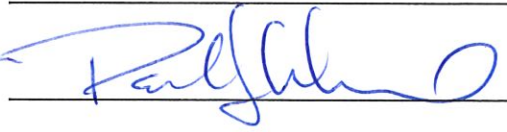
ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting







Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: November 20, 2019