

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 – 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 (participating by teleconference)
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Leigh Smith, Treasurer (participating by teleconference)
Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Chief Deputy Craig Holder
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities & IT Director (participating by teleconference)
Melissa Richardson, Register, Deeds South (participating by teleconference)
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- ART. 2. Tabled.
- ART. 3. There was no public comment.
- ART. 4. 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 with the following amendments:

Table items 2,7,8 and 9 and 13.

Add:

ART. 6. C) Covid-19 Protocols.

ART. 6 D) Review of Telephone/Video Conference Policy.

ART. 13 A) Approval of MDOT Over-limit Permit for Cross Lake and Sinclair.

Amend ART 15 to read: Approval of One Full-time Community Caseworker and two Full-time Corrections Officers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the February 19, 2020 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 County Commissioners' meeting with the following amendment:

ART. 15 second motion should read "...negotiate a contract for ambulance services for Madawaska Lake Township..."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) COVID-19 protocols.

MOTION:

Motion by Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve COVID-19 protocols to be in effect until April 2, 2020 as proposed, and to give the County Administrator the authority to extend the effective date as deemed necessary.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Review of Telephone/Video Conference policy.

Mr. Pelletier intended to request a review of the policy due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, LD 2167 "An (emergency) Act to Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" allows that a body may conduct a public proceeding through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation during a pandemic. No action deemed necessary.

ART. 7. Tabled.

ART. 8. Tabled.

ART. 9. Tabled.

ART. 10. Personnel Policy Termination Clause.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Dispatch contracts for the communities of Allagash, Bridgewater, Monticello, Van Buren and Madawaska.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the dispatch contracts for the above communities as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Ambulance services contract with Ashland for Oxbow North, Scopan, and other Unorganized Townships.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the ambulance service contract with the amendment that the yearly terms be added to page five of the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13A. MDOT Over-limit Permit for Cross Lake TWP and Sinclair TWP.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the MDOT Over-limit Permit for Cross Lake TWP and Sinclair TWP.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14. Three Paid On-Call Volunteer Firefighters.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the EMA Director's recommendation for the three paid on-call volunteer fire fighters.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 15. One full-time Community Case Worker and Two full-time Corrections Officers.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Sheriff's recommendation for one Community Case Worker and two full-time Corrections Officers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16. TAN Documents.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the 2020 Tax Anticipation Note as presented

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 17. Jail Commission.

Mr. Pelletier presented three different groups of possible Jail Commission Committees with members based on population and geography for consideration.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to select group A with the addition of Commissioner Adams to the group, and with the authority for Mr. Fournier and Mr. Pelletier to select a member of the public from District 3 to serve.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and approved.

ART. 18. County Commissioners' Report.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier informed the board that the MCCA/Risk Pool meeting scheduled for March was cancelled. Mr. Fournier updated the board on several legislative issues.

ART. 19. At 2:05 p.m. the following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood.

MOTION:

I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A., §405, (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

The board exited executive session at 2:10 and the following action was taken:

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve an employment agreement between the County of Aroostook and Ryan D. Pelletier for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 20. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy

of Commissioners' Meeting

R Pelletier

Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator

Paul J. Adams
Norman Fournier
Paul J. Underwood

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 18, 2020