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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve 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. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 County Commissioners' Special Meeting and the April 14, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 County Commissioners' Special Meeting and the April 14, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) Letters regarding "B Stream".

D) Liquor License Renewal for Roosevelt Conference Center D/B/A Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Roosevelt Conference Center D/B/A Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Bids:

The following bids were received:

	2006 Ford Crown Vic	2008 Ford Crown Vic
Bay Ridge Motors Inc. Staten Island, NY	\$ 225.00	\$425.00

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator with authorization to award the bids to the apparent high bidder.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Contracts:

- A) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for E-Plantation with the Town of Mars Hill.
- B) Three (3) year Snow Removal Contract for Cross Lake (Pelletier Road) with the Town of New Canada.
- C) Three (3) year Snow Removal Contract for Cross Lake (Ouellette Road) with the Town of St. Agatha.
- D) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for Benedicta and Silver Ridge with the Town of Sherman.
- E) Three (3) year Solid Waste Agreement for Benedicta and Silver Ridge with the Town of Sherman.
- F) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for T15R6 with the Town of Eagle Lake.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve all six (6) contracts as recommended by Public Works Director Paul Bernier, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Reappointments to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the following slate of individuals as representatives to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Membership:

Representing the County: Norman L. Fournier
Paul J. Underwood

Representing the U.T.: Thomas Clowes

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the slate of representatives to the NMDC membership, as recommended by the County Administrator.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) WIA Update.

Commissioner Norman Fournier reported on a meeting of Local Area 1 chief local elected officials and state officials on April 30, 2015 in Bangor. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Fournier, Commissioner Cassidy, Robert Clark, Deputy Richard Freund and Department of Labor Commissioner Jean Paquette. The meeting was held in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues between Northern Maine Development Commission and the Department of Labor. The meeting was contentious, at times. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for May 20, 2015, in an attempt to resolve this conflict.

B) Jail Reform.

The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee is headed for a divided report on LD 186, with the Republicans supporting returning the jails to county government and the Democrats supporting an amendment to rejuvenate the defunct Board of Corrections. A work session is scheduled on Friday, May 8, 2015 to move this legislation forward.

On the FY 15 Jail Supplemental funding front, the Governor's Office still refuses to release money to the five (5) county jails funded under the new law. Maine Sheriffs' Association President Joel Merry is meeting with Jonathan Labonte on Friday in an attempt to get the Administration to release the funds.

C) LD 967.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reported that he and Public Works Director Paul Bernier will be attending a work session on this bill tomorrow to answer any potential questions which may arise concerning Aroostook's Unorganized Territory Budget.

D) Other Items of Interest:

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 10. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood asked Public Works Director Paul Bernier for a status report on the Community Guided Planning and Zoning Process. Mr. Bernier indicated that four (4) public hearings have been conducted in different parts of the county and that progress is being made to issue a final report this fall.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

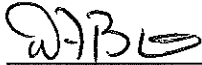
ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

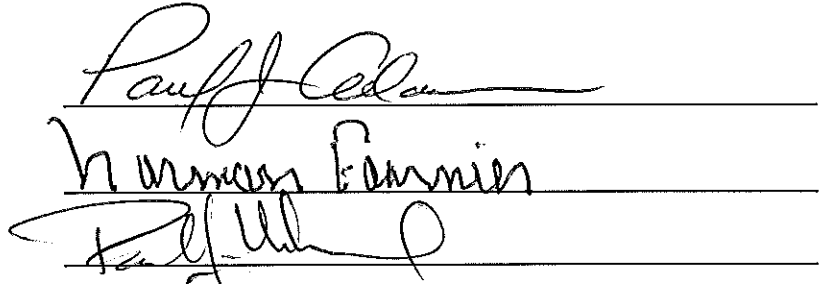
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 6, 2015