

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON**

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  
Darrell O. Crandall, Sheriff (participated by teleconference)

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 June 16, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 16, 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.

ART. 6. Contracts:

- A. Three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Fire Protection Agreement for TCR2 with the Town of Monticello.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Fire Protection Agreement for TCR2 with the Town of Monticello. and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

- B. Three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Fire Protection Agreement for Bancroft Township with the Municipality of Reed Plantation.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Fire Protection Agreement for Bancroft Township with the Municipality of Reed Plantation and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Sheriff's Department Appointments:

- A) Recommissioning of one (1) full-time deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Adam K. Boisvert as full-time deputy sheriff.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommissioning of Adam K. Boisvert as full-time deputy sheriff.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

- B. Approval of one (1) part-time dispatcher.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring Christine Wallace of Hodgdon as part-time dispatcher.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Christine Wallace of Hodgdon as part-time dispatcher.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

**ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:**

**A) LD 186 update.**

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised the County Commissioners that LD 186 became law without the Governor's signature. It is recorded as PL 2015, Chapter 335. He further indicated that he had been reviewing the budgetary requirements of the new law and he believes we should incorporate our FY 16 Jail Budget into our upcoming budget process.

He also believes that an interim, continuing resolution budget should be prepared for the County Commissioners review and approval in August. Sheriff Crandall concurs with this plan of action.

Sheriff Crandall indicated that the Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) has retained legal counsel to review Chapter 335 and the Sheriff will share those recommendations with the County Commissioners at the appropriate time.

The County Administrator reviewed the current status of the year-end adjustments relating to the FY 15 Jail Budget. At the current time, revenue exceeds expenditures by approximately \$46,000.00. We are hoping when we close the year sufficient funds will be available to purchase a transport van. Sheriff Crandall has reached out to Commissioner Fitzpatrick to obtain his approval should we be in a position to make this purchase.

**B) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.**

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier indicated that most of the discussion revolved around LD 186. He also indicated that there are approximately 50,000 medical marijuana users in the State of Maine. This was mentioned in context of a contract the Maine Sheriffs' Association has with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier advised that a \$25,000.00 cost allocation contribution was approved from the Risk Pool to MCCA. Safe driving awards were discussed and approved; Hartford Insurance Company, which provides reinsurance to the Risk Pool, has decided to conduct walk-through audits for the following jails: York, Somerset, Cumberland and Two-Bridges.

Finally, former Sheriff Donnie Smith's request to provide Risk Pool coverage for criminal charges against him was denied.

**C) Airport Advisory Committee appointment.**

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to appoint Paul J. Underwood as interim

Airport Advisory Committee member to the Presque Isle Regional Airport.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Oath to Witness for Tax Abatement Hearings.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Oath to Witness for Tax Abatement Hearings as presented.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

E) Registry of Deeds (South) Passport Processing Center approval.

Registry of Deeds (South) has received notification that they have been approved as a new Acceptance Agent for passport applications. The Certificate of Designation from Washington is forthcoming.

F) County and Municipal Detention Facility Advisory Committee appointment.

Jail Administrator Craig Clossey has been appointed to the County and Municipal Detention Facility Advisory Committee for a term of one (1) year. Congratulations to Jail Administrator Clossey!

G) Wind Development update.

Public Works Director Paul Bernier indicated that he had a recent conversation with a representative from EDP Renewables in reference to the status of the wind project application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Company representatives have indicated that they have one (1) more lease agreement to negotiate and they are hopeful that the application packet will be on its way shortly.

H) Other items of interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 9. Other Business.

The August 19, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting will be changed to Thursday, August 20, 2015.

ART. 10. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

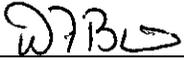
ART. 11. Adjournment.

**MOTION:**

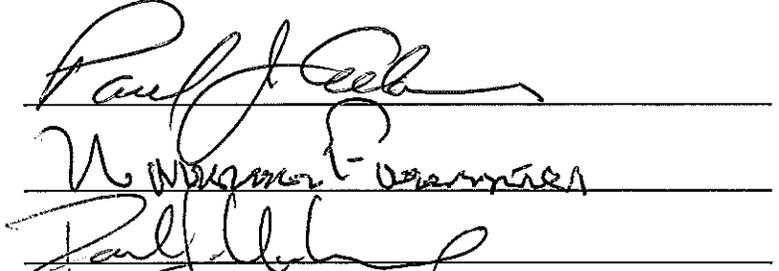
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy  
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu  
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: July 15, 2015