

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 - 4:30 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

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 March 3, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 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) Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery Funding Request.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to deny the funding request from Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Overload Weight Limit Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the Unorganized Township of T7R5 and T8R5.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Overload Weight Limit Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the Unorganized Township of T7R5 and T8R5.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

E) Tax Anticipation Note.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Tax Anticipation Note as prepared by legal counsel. (Attachment I)

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed. (Chair Paul J. Adams abstained from voting.)

ART. 6. Approval of one (1) paid-call volunteer firefighter for North Lakes Fire & Rescue.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Tracey Nichols of Caribou as paid-call firefighter for North Lakes Fire & Rescue.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Tracey Nichols of Caribou as paid-call firefighter for North Lakes Fire & Rescue.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting Update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported the audit was reviewed by the auditor and the Risk Pool was given a clean audit; approval was given to hire Attorney Peter Marchesi to provide training seminars for primarily correctional issues; and, the Pool's cash flow situation is limited because revenue from various counties is ongoing.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Norman L. Fournier advised that he will be serving on the Budget and Finance Committee, Legislative Policy Committee and the Corrections' Committee; there was discussion regarding LD 1614, which would provide funding to county jails; there is national legislation in the hopper to allow health insurance to continue for pretrial inmates; and, the annual MCCA Convention will be held at the Hilton Garden in Bangor from September 30, 2016 to October 2, 2016.

B) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Claims Experience Report.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the MMEHT Health Claims Experience loss ratio for calendar year 2015 is 58%. This should be favorable in keeping our rate increase down next year.

C) Other items of interest.

1) Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the North Fire and Rescue received a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for cold water rescue gear from the Steven and Samantha King Foundation.

ART. 8. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood provided demographic material regarding Aroostook County, which he thought would be of interest to the Board.

ART. 9. Executive Session.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to go into executive session.

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

MOTION:

"I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 10. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

Paul J. Underwood

Norman L. Fournier

Paul J. Underwood

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: March 16, 2016

VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County (the "County") hereby authorizes a borrowing in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2016 fiscal year in the original principal amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) from Katahdin Trust Company on behalf of the County with interest thereon at 2.75% per annum.

Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 932 and Article III, Section 8(p) of the Charter of the County of Aroostook the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer of the County be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts from Katahdin Trust Company in the name of the County the sum of up to One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) at the interest rate of 2.75%; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about March 25, 2016 in such form as the Board of Commissioners and Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the County be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County such documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing; and that no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 148 and 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the notes be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to covenant on behalf of the County to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the notes will be excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.