

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - FORT KENT

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 1:00 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 Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood 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 May 16, 2016 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

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

ART. 6. Contract:

A) Three (3) year Solid Waste Agreement for Molunkus Township (TAR5) with the Town of Mattawamkeag.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year Solid Waste Agreement for Molunkus Township (TAR5) with the Town of Mattawamkeag.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of public member to the Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Board of Directors.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu, on behalf of Jason Parent, Executive Director of Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP), recommended that the County Commissioners approve the appointment of Ryan E. Pelletier of Frenchville to the ACAP Board of Directors.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood asked the County Commissioners to consider interviewing candidates for public appointments in the future to better ensure that members are going to be critical thinkers and engaged in their duties.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the appointment of Ryan E. Pelletier of Frenchville to the Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of administrative assistant to the Office of the County Commissioners.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Sherrill Campbell of Caribou as administrative assistant to the Office of the County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Sherrill Campbell of Caribou as administrative assistant to the Office of the County Commissioners.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Approval of reclassification of Human Resources Coordinator position to Human Resources Manager.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the reclassification of the Human Resources Coordinator position to Human Resources Manager.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the reclassification of the Human Resources Coordinator position to Human Resources Manager as recommended by the County Administrator.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report.

A) Road Maintenance bids.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the Road Maintenance contract for Area One was awarded to Mike Elwell of Silver Ridge.

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

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the MMEHT Health Claims Experience loss ratio for the first quarter of 2016 is 79%.

C) Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan approval.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the County received notification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), that the 2016 Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan update satisfactorily met all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations.

C) Club 17 Fire Brigade.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed a request from the Town of Van Buren Fire Department requesting financial assistance to enhance their fire/emergency response in the Van Buren Cove area.

He advised that the County has tentatively pledged a match out of the Unorganized Territory Budget of up to \$7,500.00 for fire suppression equipment, which would be maintained by both the Van Buren Fire Department and Club 17 (Van Buren camp owners).

After a brief discussion, the County Commissioners consented to move forward with this contribution.

D) Other Items of Interest.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that many Amish taxpayers from Easton are requesting abatement hearings to contest their property taxes on barns, sheds and other outbuildings. He anticipates asking the County Commissioners to schedule a day to hear all of these abatement hearings in the near future. Scheduling this hearing will be a logistical nightmare, as the Amish are dependent on public transportation which travels to Caribou only twice a month.

ART. 11. Other Business.

None.

ART. 12. Executive Session.

None.

ART. 13. Adjournment.

MOTION:

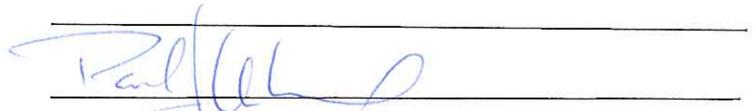
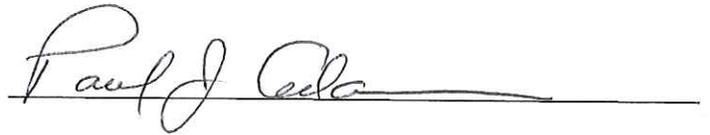
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: June 1, 2016