

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017 –
1:00 P.M. – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (SECOND FLOOR)**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Manager
Anne-Marie Marquis, Financial Analyst
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Joe McKenna, Law Enforcement Captain
Joseph Cyr, Houlton Pioneer Times
Susan Bell, Houlton Town Council
Sherrill Campbell, Administrative Assistant

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

None.

ART. 3. Approval of Agenda.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier asked that the following two items be added:

Art. 9. C) Sheriff Position.

Art. 10. C) Nomination of Risk Pool Director.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Minutes.

Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

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

minutes of the October 12, 2017 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants. (Two County Commissioners signed, one abstained.)
- C) Employee Recognition Awards.

ART. 6. Approval of Sheriff Commission Renewal.

In the absence of Sheriff Darrell Crandall, Chief Deputy Shawn Gillen recommended Renewal of Deputy Sheriff Commission for Reid Clark.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the recommendation for the Renewal of Deputy Sheriff Commission for Reid Clark.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of part-time Corrections Officer.

Chief Deputy Shawn Gillen recommended the approval of Jim Bell for the position of part-time Corrections Officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Chief Deputy Gillen's recommendation of Jim Foster for the position of part-time Corrections Officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

In the absence of EMA Director Darren Woods, Christina Theriault, Human Resource Manager, asked for approval of John Gibson of Caribou for the position of Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the recommendation of John Gibson for the position of Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting.

Risk Pool. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the November 1st meeting: 6 claims were opened in October and 12 claims closed increasing reserves by \$68,000; all counties have submitted information for insurance renewals; a decision regarding rate costs will be coming in December; insurance costs could increase, as Franklin County has made the decision to leave the risk pool and go with private insurance.

MCCA. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported: MCCA is searching for a county to host the 2019 MCCA Convention (Somerset has expressed interest); Governor LePage has recommended that WIOA funding be released as long as 60% be used as training which agencies have stated is too high of a percentage; lay-offs have already taken place in agencies in Aroostook County as a result of WIOA funding not being accepted by Governor LePage; the MCCA is in the process of forming a budget committee to begin meeting for the 2018 budget; Dave Lavway was appointed to a position with USDA; discussion occurred regarding marijuana ordinances in the Unorganized Territories.

B) Legislative Update.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that a meeting was held with County Sheriffs and County Administrators to try to get some feedback on where both sides stand on upcoming legislature. An exercise was conducted at this meeting to determine what the legislative priorities would be for the Sheriffs and the County Administrators. The three priorities identified were funding, the tax cap, and court delays. A meeting will take place in January between the Sheriffs, County Administrators and Legislators. County Administrator Ryan Pelletier added that a suggestion was made to invite municipal officials to the jails to see daily operations, have lunch, etc., and hopefully become more aware of everyday functions.

C) Other Items of Interest.

1) Sheriff Position for Unorganized Territories.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood asked County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier for more information regarding how this position was created. Commissioner Underwood recommended that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners be in Augusta attend the public hearing in the spring of 2018 when the Unorganized Territory budget is presented.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report.

A) Consideration of Finance Member.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier recommended Scott Moir of Woodland for the open position of Finance Committee Member for District 3. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier and Reynold Raymond, Chair of the Finance Committee have approved this recommendation.

MOTION:

Motion made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the appointment of Scott Moir, of Woodland to represent District 3 on the Finance Committee.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Nomination of 2018 MCCA Board of Director and Risk Pool Director.

MOTION:

Motion made by Paul Adams and seconded by Paul Underwood to nominate Commissioner Norman L. Fournier to serve as Director on the MCCA Board and Risk Pool Board. Discussion - Commissioner Paul J. Underwood volunteered to serve as Proxy for both of these Boards.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

C) Other Items of Interest.

None.

ART. 11. Other Business.

None.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

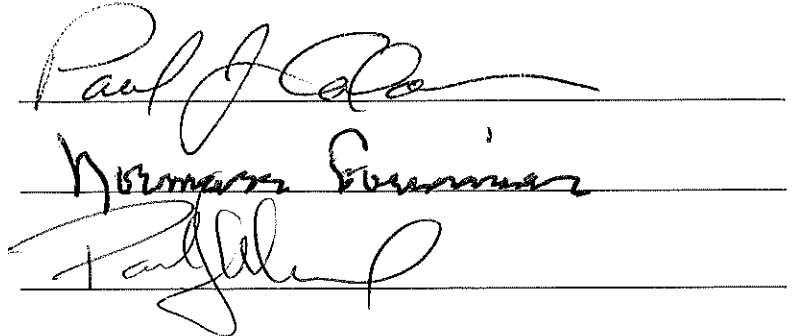
Motion by Norman. L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: November 21, 2017