

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sandra L. Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance
Sheriff Elect Shawn Gillen
Captain Terry "Joe" McKenna
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Craig Holder, MDEA
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Joella McBreairty, NMDC
Martin Dionne

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

ART. 2. There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of 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. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the November 28, 2018 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018 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.

C) Liquor License Renewal for St. Peter's County Store.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve a renewal for a liquor license for St. Peter's Country Store.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Employee service awards.
- E) Deputy Register appointment.

ART. 6. CDBG Micro-Enterprise Grant presentation.

Joella McBreairty of NMDC gave an informative presentation regarding a CDBG Micro-Enterprise grant that would benefit Sinclair businesses.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to give approval to County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier to sign the application for the CDBG Micro-Enterprise Grant.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Dangerous Building in the Unorganized Territory.

Paul Bernier, Community Services Director, reported on an unsafe building in the Unorganized Territory. Mr. Bernier stated that he has had multiple conversations regarding the condition of this property with the owner. The owner has promised to make repairs to no avail. County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier indicated to the County Commissioners that he would like their approval to draft a letter to the property owner with a deadline of May 1, 2019 for action to be taken regarding this property.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to authorize County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier to draft a letter to the owner of an unsafe property in the Unorganized Territory with a deadline of May 1, 2019 for action to be taken by the owner.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Unorganized Territories Agreements.

- A) Paul Bernier, Community Services Director, presented the Ambulance Service Agreement for Benedicta, Silver Ridge, T1R4-T3R4, and T1R5.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Ambulance Agreement for Benedicta, Silver Ridge, T1R4-T3R4, and T1R5.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Paul Bernier, Community Services Director, presented the Ambulance Service Agreement for Connor Township.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Ambulance Service Agreement for Connor Township.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Paul Bernier, Community Services Director, presented the Ambulance Service Agreement for Madawaska Lake (T16R4).

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Ambulance Service Agreement for Madawaska Lake (T16R4).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Paul Bernier, Community Services Director, presented the Fire Protection Agreement for Connor Township.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Fire Protection Agreement for Connor Township.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Sheriff Appointments, Promotions and Retirement.

- A) Sheriff-Elect Shawn Gillen reported that Captain Terry "Joe" McKenna will be retiring after over 40 years in law enforcement. The County Commissioners and the County Administrator thanked Captain McKenna for his service.
- B) Sheriff-Elect Shawn Gillen has appointed Craig Holder as his Chief Deputy effective January 1, 2019.

- C) Sheriff-Elect Shawn Gillen has recommended Peter Johnson for the position of MDEA Supervisor effective January 1, 2019.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Peter Johnson as MDEA Supervisor.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Sheriff-Elect Shawn Gillen recommended Corey Saucer to the position of Detective.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Corey Saucier for the position of Detective.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- E) Sheriff-Elect Shawn Gillen presented Noah Jackins of Hodgdon for the position of Full-Time Corrections Officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Sheriff-Elect Gillen for Noah Jackins of Hodgdon for the position of Full-Time Corrections Officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. Appointment of 2019 Risk Pool Board of Directors Representative, Proxy and Point of Contact.
Appointment of MCCA Board of Directors Representative.

The County Commissioners combined ART. 10 and ART. 11 and made the following motion:

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to appoint Norman L. Fournier as the 2019 Risk Pool of Directors Representative, and Paul J. Underwood as the Proxy, and Norman L. Fournier as the MCCA Board of Directors Representative, and Ryan D. Pelletier as the Point of Contact.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool.

Risk Pool: County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the December 12, 2018 meeting: The reinsurance rated was assessed and the County of Aroostook rate will increase by 1.87%; Directors' and Officers' liability insurance was added; in November, 9 claims were opened and 2 were closed resulting in an increase in revenues of \$161,000.00.

MCCA: County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that the Newly Elected Officials training was completed on December 14th; the 2020 MCCA Convention will be held in Waldo County.

B) Legislative update.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that the cloture date for presenting bills is December 31, 2018. MCCA priorities for bills are: 1) Funding; 2) Reimbursement from DHHS regarding mental health services provided in the Jails; 3) Judges issuing consecutive sentences; and, 4) A special state jail bond where money for capital improvements is set aside for jails to apply for.

C) Other items of interest.

None.

Art. 13. County Administrator's Report.

A) Contract for Deputy Services in the Unorganized Territories.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier submitted the contract for Deputy Services in the Unorganized Territories.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the contract for Deputy Services in the Unorganized Territories.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed with Commissioner Paul J. Underwood opposed.

B) Bid results for surplus vehicle.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented the bid of \$779.00 received for a 2013 Ford Taurus.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the bid of \$779.00 received for a 2013 Ford Taurus.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented a letter of support for the Adjacency Rule changes in the Unorganized Territories.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the letter of support for the Adjacency Rule changes in the UT.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14. Other Business.

None.

ART. 15. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

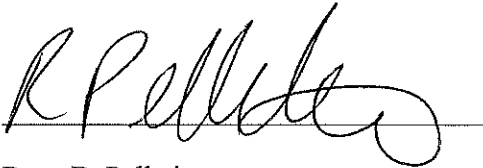
MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

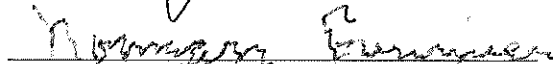
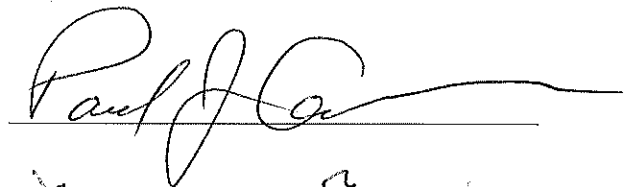
VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: December 19, 2018