

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 – 1:00 P.M. –
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners (by teleconference)
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sandra L. Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance
Sheriff Shawn Gillen (by teleconference)
Chief Deputy Craig Holder (by teleconference)
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities & IT Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Joyce Findlen, EMA Planner
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Leigh Smith, County Treasurer
Dixie Shaw, Director of Hunger and Relief Services, Catholic Charities of Maine
Dean LaChance, CEO, Catholic Charities of Maine
Roger Getz, University of Maine at Presque Isle Librarian
John Bouchard
Gerry Beaulieu
Peter Marchesi, Esquire, Wheeler & Arey
Andre & Shirley Dumas

EXCUSED:

Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner

- ART. 1. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.
- ART. 2. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier called to order a public hearing regarding an application for a CDBG Public Service Grant at 1:03 p.m. Dixie Shaw of Catholic Charities of Maine was present to give an overview of the success of last year's grant award. Ms. Shaw expressed her appreciation to the Aroostook County Jail inmates for providing man hours to the project. The County Commissioners expressed their support for the CDBG Public Service Grant and thanked Ms. Shaw for her informative presentation. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.
- ART. 3. During the public comment period Mr. Dean LaChance, CEO of Catholic Charities of Maine made a presentation to Dixie Shaw for her service of over 30 years. Mr. LaChance stated that Ms. Shaw has received national notoriety for her involvement with the Public Service Grant for using inmate volunteers.
- ART. 4. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda with an amendment to ART. 20. A) Liquor License Renewal for M.D. Bear Den, LLC.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the May 15, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the May 15, 2019 Poverty Tax Abatement Hearing minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Poverty Tax Abatement Hearing minutes.

ART. 7. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) Liquor License renewal for Peaceful Valley Campground, LLC, DBA Homestead Lodge.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the liquor license renewal for Peaceful Valley Campground, LLC, DBA Homestead Lodge.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Darren Woods, EMA Director made a presentation to Shirley and Andre Dumas of Caribou for their monetary support of the Emergency Management Agency and North Lakes Fire and Rescue. The County Commissioners thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dumas for their support.

ART. 9. Roger Getz, Director of Library Services for the University of Maine at Presque Isle, gave a presentation on how the University would manage the Aroostook County Archives subsequent to acquiring the collection. The County Commissioners thanked Mr. Getz for his report and recognition of the importance of the archives and agree that the University Library is the appropriate location to house the collection.

ART. 15

EMA Director Darren Woods presented Jennifer Ouellette of Fort Kent and Peter Smith of Sinclair for the positions of paid-call volunteers and recommended the following personnel changes:

Move David Bouley from Assistant Chief to Driver, move Tim Browning from Lieutenant to Firefighter, and promote Joey Levesque to Lieutenant.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendations of EMA Director Darren Woods to hire Jennifer Ouellette of Fort Kent and Peter Smith of Sinclair as paid-call volunteer firefighters and to move David Bouley from Assistant Chief to Driver, move Tim Browning from Lieutenant to Firefighter and to promote Joey Levesque to Lieutenant.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16.

Community Services Director Paul Bernier requested that a land swap be approved between property owned by Gerry Beaulieu and the Sinclair Senior Citizens' Center. The parking lot for the Citizens' Center is currently across the road and may present the opportunity for liability. Gerry Beaulieu contacted Mr. Bernier to propose that land he owns (which is beside the Senior Citizens' Center) be swapped with the parking lot. The members of the Senior Citizens' Center were approached and agreed to the swap unanimously.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to authorize the land swap between Gerry Beaulieu and the Sinclair Senior Citizens' Center and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the terms of the land swap.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 17.

Community Services Director Paul Bernier presented the bid awards for snow removal for the following:

Option 2A	Sinclair Fire Station/Sinclair Senior Center	Martin's General Store
Option 2B	Shore Road Sinclair	Babin Construction
Option 2C	Cross Lake Fire Station/Lakeview Sr. Center	Martin's General Store
Option 2D	St. Peter Road (Cross Lake)	Babin Construction
Option 2E	Madawaska Lake Roads	Babin Construction
Option 2F	Stockholm Facility	Babin Construction
Total Low Bids options A-F		\$28,874.98

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the bids as presented by Community Services Director Paul Bernier.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and approved.

ART. 18. Facilities and IT Director Bryan Jandreau recommended the snow removal contract for Fort Kent be awarded to the low bidder, Andrew Caron.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the Fort Kent snow removal contract to the low bidder Andrew Caron as recommended by Facilities and IT Director Bryan Jandreau.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 19 County Commissioners' Report.

A) Risk Pool:

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the Risk Pool meeting on June 12, 2019 it was discussed that the financial audit for December 31, 2018 will be complete by January; a court case has been filed against Franklin County regarding their decision to leave the risk pool; 7 claims were opened and 9 closed resulting in an increase in reserves of \$17,163.00.

B) MCCA:

At the MCCA meeting Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that an update on the 2020 Bicentennial was given by Dave Chevers who stated that Governor Mills will kick off activities in July in Presque Isle; all counties are encouraged to apply for the available funding for bicentennial activities; the 2020 Maine County Commissioners' Association convention will be held in Oxford County.

C) Legislative Update:

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that Charlie Pray, Executive Director for the MCCA stated that the State of Maine budget has been approved with over 15 million dollars funding for the jails; FY 19-20 and FY 20-21 the jails will receive an additional 3 million; the changes for the Probate Offices will be tabled - in 5-6 months a recommendation on the Probate offices will be made.

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report:

County Commissioner Ryan D. Pelletier presented a liquor license renewal for approval for MD Bear's Den of Benedicta.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the license renewal for MD Bear's Den of Benedicta.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 21. At 2:28 p.m. the following motion was made by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier.

MOTION:

I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A., §405, (6) (E) consultation with county's attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the county, pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers and matters.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Following executive session, no action was taken or warranted.

ART. 22. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

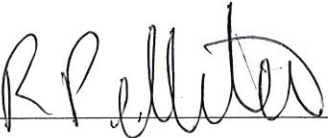
MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

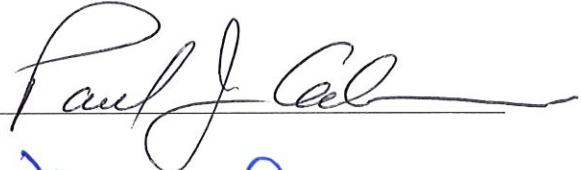
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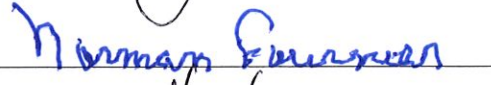
Motion voted on and passed.

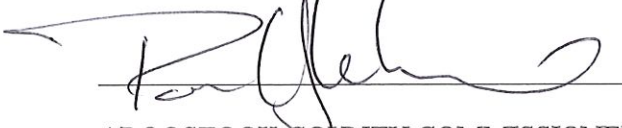
ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator







AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: June 18, 2019