

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 – 1:00 P.M. – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Leigh Smith, County Treasurer
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Paul Bernier, Community Service Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant

ATTENDING VIA ZOOM

Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Darleen Guy, Register of Probate
Chris Bouchard, Aroostook Republican

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting order at 1:03 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 Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- ART. 5. D) 4) Littleton;
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ART: 8. Change the Full-time Corrections/Cook position to Part-time.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the January 5, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 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 Ratification.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to ratify the renewal of a Liquor License for Long Lake Sporting Club.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Dispatch Service Contracts for the towns of Sinclair/Cross Lake, Linneus, Hodgdon, Littleton, Grand Isle, and Allagash.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Dispatch Service Contracts for the towns of Sinclair/Cross Lake, Linneus, Hodgdon, Littleton, Grand Isle, and Allagash.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- E) Ambulance Service Contracts.

- 1) Subsidy request from Ambulance Service Inc.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Subsidy request from Ambulance Service Inc. for Sinclair, Cross Lake, Square Lake and T15R6.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed with Paul J. Underwood and Paul J. Adams in favor and Norman. L. Fournier abstaining.

- 2) Houlton Fire and Ambulance Service for Cary Township.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Ambulance Service contract between the Town of Houlton and Cary Township.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director, requested consideration to add a new policy to incorporate changes to comply with the new state of Maine Earned Paid Leave law.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the policy on Earned Paid Leave as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Bid Results for North Lakes Generator Project

A) **MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the bid from RLC Energy, LLC in the amount of \$12,770.69 for the North Lakes Generator Project.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended Gabriel McGuire of Houlton for the position of Part-Time Corrections/Cook.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve Gabriel McGuire for the Part-Time Corrections/Cook position.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended Peter Arno for the MDEA Commander Position and a Deputy Sheriff Commission.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Peter Arno for the position of MDEA Commander and a Deputy Sheriff Commission.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the 2021 County Tax, tax due date of September 1, 2021, delinquent date of November 1, 2021 and interest rate on delinquent taxes of 5%.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to resolve the votes as presented for the 2021 TAN in the amount of \$2,450,000.00 with an interest rate of 2.46%.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12.

To adhere to Maine Statute, Mr. Paul Bernier, Community Services Director recommended that excess funds in the Unorganized Territory surplus fund be transferred to two new UT Capital accounts as follows:

UT GIS Mapping	\$55,655.05
UT Emergency Response Equipment	\$55,000.00

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request to create two new UT Capital accounts and transfer funds as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to ratify the Loring Development Authority Board members nominated by the County.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier has received a letter of resignation from Durward Humphrey, the LUPC Commissioner representing Aroostook County. An advertisement was placed to solicit a replacement. Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director, and the County Commissioners will hold interviews with the applicants received.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept the resignation with great regret of Durward Humphrey, LUPC Commissioner representing Aroostook County, effective March 13, 2021.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed with regret.

- ART. 15. Ryan D. Pelletier presented the County Commissioners with pricing information to purchase GIS imagery. The presentation included explanation as to the benefit of the upgrade and information on value-added buy-up options for purchase by communities and the unorganized territories.

No action or motion necessary.

- ART. 16. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an overview of the recent MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings and provided a legislative update.

- ART. 17. There was no other business.

- ART. 18. At 2:45 p.m. the following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

"I move that we enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405 (6) (D) to discuss labor contract updates.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon return from Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. no action was taken.

- ART. 19. 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 3:06 p.m.


VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.


ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



Norman Fournier



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 17, 2021

February 17, 2021 (revised)

AROOSTOOK COUNTY
VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County (the "County") accepts the proposal of Katahdin Trust Company, dated February 3, 2021, to provide a borrowing in anticipation of County tax receipts for the 2021 fiscal year in principal amount not to exceed **Two Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,450,000)** with interest thereon at **2.46%** 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 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 **Two Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,450,000)** at the interest rate of **2.46%**; and that a majority of the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the County in a principal amount not to exceed **Two Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,450,000)** (the "Note") and to execute and deliver the Note under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about **February 22, 2021**, 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 (i) no part of the proceeds of the Note shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Note to be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code"), and (ii) the proceeds of the Note shall not be used in a manner that would cause the Note to be a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code; and that the Note, as applicable, 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 Note, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the Note 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 Note to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Aroostook County Commissioners was: *[check one box]*

- conducted as a public meeting with no Commissioners participating remotely; or
- conducted through telephonic, video, electronic, or other similar means of remote participation, and that the Commissioners' vote on the matter attested to above was taken by roll call as follows:

COMMISSIONER	PARTICIPATION			VOTE		
	Physically Present	Attending Remotely	Not Attending	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Paul J. Adams	✓			✓		
Paul J. Underwood	✓			✓		
Norman L. Fournier	✓			✓		
TOTALS:	3			3		

Date: 2/17/2021, 2021


Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator