

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 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
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Craig Clossey, Jail Commander
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Paul Bernier, Community Service Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities & IT Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Percy Thibeault, Deputy Sheriff, retired
Lorraine Chamberlain, AMHC
Ellen Bemis, AMHC
John Deveau, Caribou
Kevin Boucher, Ashland
Mary Boucher, Ashland
Bob Roy, Presque Isle
Hannah Catlin, Aroostook Republican

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting order at 1:00 p.m.
- ART. 2. John Deveau, resident of Caribou, addressed the Commissioners to request that Aroostook County become a Second Amendment County. This topic will be placed on the July 21, 2021 agenda.
- 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 amendments:

- Art. 6) Change presenter to Deputy Sheriff Craig Holder.
Art. 7) Change presenter to Commander Craig Clossey.
Art. 9) Change presenter to Deputy Sheriff Craig Holder.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the May 19, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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) Snow removal contracts.

- 1) Bancroft.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for the remainder of the Bancroft snow removal contract to be fulfilled by Pat Foss.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- 2) Cross Lake (Pelletier Road).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for a snow removal contract with the Town of New Canada for a portion of the Pelletier Road in the Unorganized Township of Cross Lake.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Fire protection agreements.

- 1) Town of Masardis for T10R6, T8R5, T9R5, and T8R4.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for a fire protection interlocal cooperation agreement between the town of Masardis and Townships of T10R6, T8R5, T9R5, and T8R4,

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- 2) Bai Creuse (Sinclair)

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for a fire protection interlocal agreement between the Town of Madawaska and Baie Creuse (Sinclair).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- 3) Van Buren Cove.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for a fire protection agreement with the Town of Van Buren for Van Buren Cove.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- E) Ambulance Interlocal Agreement.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of Paul Bernier, Community Services Director for an ambulance interlocal agreement with the Town of Van Buren for Van Buren Cove.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Holder presented an award to recognize Deputy Sheriff Percy Thibeault on his retirement of more than 31 years in law enforcement.

ART. 7. Commander Craig Clossey introduced Lorraine Chamberlain and Ellen Bemis of the Aroostook Mental Health Center to conduct a presentation regarding an enhanced behavioral health service model in the Aroostook County Jail.

The County Commissioners gave approval for County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier to begin the negotiation process for an agreement between AMHC and the Jail for the behavioral health service model.

ART. 8. Bid results.

A) Snow removal Houlton Complex and Caribou.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Facilities and IT Director Bryan Jandreau to award the snow removal bid for the Houlton Complex to Nickerson Construction Inc., and the snow removal bid for Caribou to Larry's Construction.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Surplus Lawn Tractor.

There were no bids received on the surplus lawn tractor.

ART. 9. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve Deputy Sheriff recommissions for Craig Holder, Craig Clossey, Benjamin Boutilier and Andrew Tomah.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. ARP fund update and fund manager position.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier presented an update on ARP funds. At the recommendation of Commissioner Underwood, Administrator Pelletier has reached out to the membership of the Aroostook Municipal Association to discuss the interest communities may have in partnering with Aroostook County to fund a manager position to oversee ARP funds and act as a liaison between the County, the towns, the state agencies and federal government in deploying various projects and programs related to ARP funds.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to authorize County Administrator Pelletier to develop a job description and advertise for an ARP Fund Manager position.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. 2020 Budget Process Timeline. Tabled.

ART. 12. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an overview of the recent MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings and provided a legislative update.

County Administrator Pelletier reported that the County Administrators are meeting to develop a policy regarding public meeting attendance by ZOOM. On June 22, 2021 there will be a webinar regarding broadband in Aroostook County.

Commissioner Underwood attended a ZOOM regarding the Pickett Mountain debate and provided an update to the County Commissioners.

ART. 13. There was no need for executive session.

ART. 14. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy

of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: JUNE 16, 2021