

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 –
1:00 P.M. - SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (SECOND FLOOR),
HOULTON**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Chief Deputy Craig Holder
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director (ZOOM)
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Alex MacDougal, Reporter
Hannah Catlin, Reporter (ZOOM)
John Deveau, Caribou Resident (ZOOM)
Chris Lapton (ZOOM)
Various members of the public

Before the meeting a public hearing was called to order at 1:06 p.m. to present a remote meeting policy. Sue Tortello, of Houlton, spoke in favor of the policy. There were no adverse comments. The public hearing was closed at 1:05 p.m.

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ART. 2. Public comment. There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 16, 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 for Twin Peaks Lodge in Sinclair.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the renewal of a liquor license for Twin Peaks Lodge in Sinclair.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART: 6. Remote meeting policy.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Remote Meeting Policy as written.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to withdraw the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution as was requested by the citizen that proposed the resolution.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed by a vote of two in favor and one against.

ART. 8. Freedom of Access Policy.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adopt the Freedom of Access policy as written.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Contract Approvals.

- A) Fire protection agreement with Reed Plantation for Bancroft Township.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the proposed fire protection agreement with Reed Plantation for Bancroft Township.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Fire protection agreement with the Town of Monticello for TCR2.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the proposed fire protection agreement with the Town of Monticello for TCR2

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Fire protection agreement with the Town of Sherman for Benedicta and Silver Ridge.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the fire protection agreement with the Town of Sherman for Benedicta and Silver Ridge.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Snow removal contract with the Town of Bridgewater for TDR2.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the snow removal contract with the Town of Bridgewater for TDR2

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10 Application for utility location permit for locations in Sinclair.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the application for utility location permit for locations in Sinclair.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 11. EMA Director Darren Woods requested approval for two fire fighters for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve Riley Bossie of Caribou, and Jessica O'Leary of Caribou as fire fighters for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 12. Sheriff Shawn Gillen requested approval for one Case Manager and one Part-time Dispatcher.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve Brandy Fuller for the position of Case Manager and Jennifer Michaud for Part-time Dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 13. Chevrolet Cargo van bid results.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the bid from Carroll's Auto Sales in the amount of \$31,206.00 for a 2022 Cargo Van.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 14. County Finance Director Dana Gendreau presented the quarterly financial report. The County Commissioners thanked Ms. Gendreau for her presentation.

- ART. 15. Update on ARP Funding.

A) County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier reported that 18 communities have returned their APR Service Contracts.

B) Mr. Pelletier provided slides from a PowerPoint for prospective programs to be used for data collection to help provide citizen feedback and scoring information for County of Aroostook projects and programs.

C) Mr. Pelletier reported receiving 9 of applications for the position of ARP Program Administrator.

ART. 16. The Finance Committee recommended Michael Greenlaw of Fort Fairfield to fill the vacancy in District 1, Area 1.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to appoint Michael Greenlaw of Fort Fairfield to fill the vacant position in District 1, Area 1.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 17. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an update of the July MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings, and provided a legislative update.

ART. 18. Other Business. None.

ART. 19. **MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

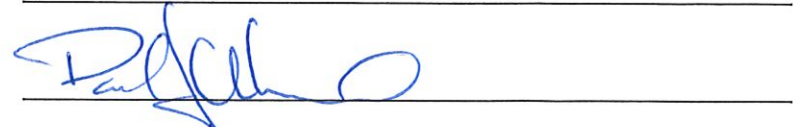
VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Norman Fournier



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: July 21, 2021