

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 – 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  
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director  
Darren Woods, EMA Director (ZOOM)  
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant  
Mary Boucher, Ashland Resident  
Kevin Boucher, Ashland Resident  
Harold Pelletier, Fort Kent Resident  
John R. Shaw, Caribou Resident  
Richard Pelletier, Madawaska Resident  
Norman Bretemps, Madawaska Resident  
Jack McCarthy, Woodland Resident  
John Deveau, Caribou Resident  
Joanna Russell Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)  
Ben Hawkins, Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)  
Erin Benson, Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)  
Hannah Catlin, Bangor Daily News

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- ART. 2. Public comment period. Caribou resident John Deveau addressed the County Commissioners regarding a constitutional resolution. Several members of the public presented statements regarding the resolution.
- ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the agenda with the addition of 13. A) Reapportionment of County Commissioner Districts.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the July 21, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve July 21, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.

ART. 6. Workforce Board Quarterly update.

Joanna Russell, Ben Hawkins, and Erin Benson attended via ZOOM to present a quarterly update on the Workforce Development Board activities. The County Commissioners thanked them for their informative report.

ART. 7. Request for placement of a plaque on the Superior Court House.

Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator presented a request from the Houlton Chamber of Commerce to place a plaque as part of their Publicized Walking Tour on the Superior Court House.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request of The Houlton Chamber of Commerce to place a plaque on the Houlton Court House.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Community Service Director Paul Bernier presented bid results for the Skedgell Road, Cary Township paving project. One bid was received from Steelstone Industries in the amount of \$285,726.00.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the paving bid for Skedgell Road, Cary Township, in the amount of \$285,726.00.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Community Service Director Paul Bernier presented a Solid Waste 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 solid waste agreement with the town of Sherman for Benedicta and Silver Ridge.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. With regret, the County Commissioners accepted the resignation of long-time Aroostook County Finance Committee member Reynold Raymond.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept the resignation of Aroostook County Finance Committee member Reynold Raymond.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier updated the board on the ARP program. It is his recommendation to hire Steve Pelletier of St. John Plantation to fill the position of ARP Administrator.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of the County Administrator to hire Steve Pelletier of St. John Plantation to fill the position of ARP Administrator.

**VOTE**

Motion voted on and passed.

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

ART. 13. Other business.

A) Reapportionment of County Commissioner Districts.

A discussion was held regarding the reapportionment of Aroostook County Commissioners per M.R.S.A. Title 30-A part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 2, Article 2, Sub-section 65.

Information only. No vote required.

ART. 14. County Commissioner Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy  
of Commissioners' Meeting

*Ryan Pelletier*

Ryan D. Pelletier  
County Administrator

*Paul J. Cole*

*Norman Eschman*

*Paul J. Cole*

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: August 18, 2021