

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 – 1:00 P.M. – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU

PRESENT

Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy
Todd Collins, District Attorney
Paul Bernier, Community Service Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Tyler Jones, Purpose Pups and Justice

ATTENDING VIA ZOOM

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Melissa McAvoy, Benedicta Resident

Before the meeting a public hearing was held regarding a liquor license for Marianne Wilde of St. Peter's Store. No adverse comments were received from those in attendance.

- ART. 1. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier called the meeting order at 1:06 p.m.
- ART. 2. There was no public comment.
- ART. 3. Commissioner Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the agenda.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Commissioner Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the August 18, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the August 18, 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 for Marianne Wilde of St. Peter's Store.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve a liquor license for Marianne Wilde of St. Peter's Store.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Sinclair Sanitary District Warrant.
- E) Bid Results for snow removal and sand/salting for T9R5 and Oxbow North Township.

One bid was received in the amount of \$66,000.00 from M. Rafford Trucking for the 2021-2022 snow season.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Snow removal and sand/salting bid from M. Rafford Trucking in the amount of \$66,000.00 for T9R5 and Oxbow North Township for the 2021-22 snow season.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- F) Snow removal contract with St. Agatha for Cross Lake (Ouellette Road).

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the snow removal contract with St. Agatha for Ouellette Road in Unorganized Township of Cross Lake.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. District Attorney Todd Collins introduced Tyler Jones of Purpose Pups and his dog Justice. Mr. Jones gave a presentation on the benefit of a courthouse dog.

No action. Information only.

ART. 7. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to ratify the hiring of Valerie Eldredge as a Victim Witness Advocate in the Houlton DA's office.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Winter Maintenance Mill Road, Benedicta.

A discussion was held regarding the opening of the Mill Road in Benedicta.

No action taken.

ART. 9. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the update to the Aroostook County Emergency Operation Plan.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the update to the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve Jonathan Stewart for full-time Patrol Deputy and Sean Monpetit for part-time Dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. After a discussion regarding the current shortage of law enforcement and transport vehicles, the following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams:

MOTION:

I move to authorize the purchase of a police interceptor vehicle from contingency funds and to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for one additional police interceptor vehicle.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an overview of the recent MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings and provided a legislative update.

ART. 14. Three different options were presented by County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier for the reapportionment of County Commissioner districts.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve option 3 for recommendation to the Reapportionment Committee.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 15. The Finance Committee is recommending Michelle Raymond as replacement to a vacancy in District 3, Area 8,

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the appointment of Michelle Raymond to the Finance Committee representing District 3, Area 8.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.


VOTE:

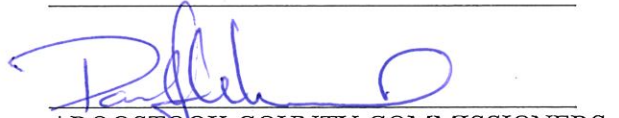
Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator





AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: September 15, 2021