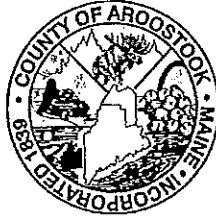


County of Aroostook

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES:
- A) CHAIR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
 - B) CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL (CEO) FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) PROGRAM.
 - C) MCCA AND RISK POOL DIRECTOR.
 - D) NORTHERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NMDC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2010 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 6. APPOINTMENT OF SINCLAIR SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE.
- ART. 7. APPOINTMENT OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM (ACAP) BOARD OF DIRECTOR.
- ART. 8. APPROVAL OF FIVE (5) YEAR (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2015) AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF PATTEN FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS OF BENEDICTA AND SILVER RIDGE IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$3,368.00 FOR BENEDICTA AND \$1,632.00 FOR SILVER RIDGE, ANNUALLY.
- ART. 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) BID AWARD.
 - B) CONNECTME GRANT.
 - C) FOLLOW-UP TO JUDGE DUNLEAVY'S REQUEST.
 - D) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 10. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 12. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 19, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – FORT KENT

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING –TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011– 5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - HOULTON

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Craig Clossey, Chief Deputy

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Election of Officers:

A) Chair, Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to elect Commissioner Paul J. Adams as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2011.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to elect Commissioner Norman L. Fournier as Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

C) Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) and Risk Pool Director.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to elect Commissioner Paul J. Underwood as Director to the Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) and Risk Pool, with Paul Adams as first alternate and Norman L. Fournier as second alternate, in the event Mr. Underwood is unable to attend a meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Committee.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to elect Commissioners Norman L. Fournier and Paul J. Underwood as representatives to Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Committee.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of Agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the 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 of December 15, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.

Bills and Warrants were not available and will be signed at the next meeting.

ART. 6. Appointment of Sinclair Sanitary District Trustee.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners approve the appointment of Andrew Bouchard as Trustee for the Sinclair Sanitary District to replace Walter Fournier who recently passed away. This appointment is effective until the next regular election, which is October 2011.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to appoint Andrew Bouchard as Trustee of the Sinclair Sanitary District to replace Walter Fournier.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Appointment of Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Board of Director.

The County Administrator, on behalf of Connie Sandstrom, Executive Director of the Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP), recommended that the County Commissioners approve the appointment of Elaine Boulrier of Mars Hill to serve a one (1) year term on the ACAP Board of Directors.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the appointment of Elaine Boulrier of Mars Hill to serve a one (1) year term on the ACAP Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of five (5) year Ambulance Service Contract with the Town of Patten.

The County Administrator recommended that this article be tabled until the next County Commissioners' Meeting in Fort Kent.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table this article.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bid Award.

The County Administrator advised that the bid for the commercial cloths washer/extractor was awarded to Yankee Equipment System, Inc. in the amount of \$3,495.00.

B) ConnectME Grant.

The County Administrator indicated that FairPoint Communications has contested a recent ConnectME Grant award for broadband services in Sinclair. The County is currently engaged in obtaining a detailed project plan from FairPoint, but, to date, has been unsuccessful. There is a recent e-mail from FairPoint that suggests that all Sinclair residents will not be able to obtain broadband services from FairPoint. An appeal hearing is scheduled for January 19, 2011 before the ConnectME Authority. The County may or may not be participating in the appeal, depending on the amount of information obtained from FairPoint on the proposed broadband service planned for Sinclair.

The County's interest lies solely in leveraging broadband access for residents of Sinclair.

C) Follow-up to Judge Dunleavy's request.

The County Administrator reviewed the results of a poll that was conducted with input from other counties in reference to reimbursing Probate Judges for attending the National College of Probate Judges. After a brief discussion, the County Commissioners agreed, by consensus, to advise Judge Dunleavy that a request be made in the context of the budget process and further suggested that he may want to contact the State Probate Judges' Association to see if funding would be available through that entity.

D) Other Items of Interest.

1. Approval of Biennial Correctional Services Budget.

The County Administrator advised that the County Commissioners had a workshop on the Correctional Services Budget last week and tentatively agreed to a 3.4% increase in FY12 and a 3.4% increase in FY13, in accordance with the Board of Corrections' directive. According to this written directive, the budget submission is due on or before January 12, 2011. Accordingly, the County Administrator requested formal approval to electronically submit this budget.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to submit the FY12 and FY13 Correctional Services Biennial Budget, with an increase in overall expenditures of 3.4% for FY12 and 3.4% increase for FY13.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to go into executive session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (E) to discuss a matter whereby premature disclosure would clearly place the State, municipality or county at a substantial disadvantage."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

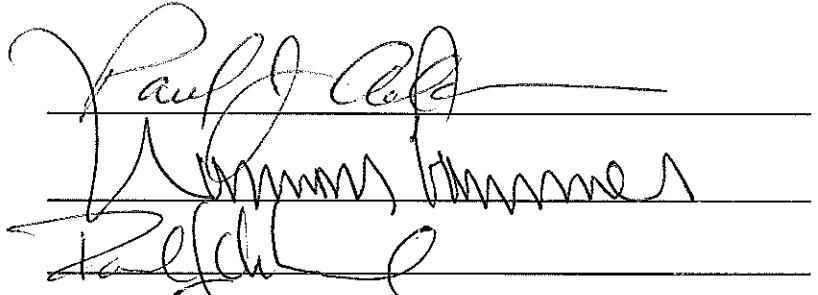
ART. 12. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: January 4, 2011

County of Aroostook

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –
REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS ON A JAIL VARIANCE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF MAINE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, TO REQUEST A VARIANCE OF TIME ALLOWED TO MOVE INMATES TO OTHER FACILITIES.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) APPOINTMENT/OATH CERTIFICATES FOR REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND REGISTER OF PROBATE OFFICES.
- ART. 6. BIDS:
- A) ONE (1) ¾ TON 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA).
- ART. 7. CONTRACT:
- APPROVAL OF FIVE (5) YEAR (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2015) AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF PATTEN FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS OF BENEDICTA AND SILVER RIDGE IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$3,368.00 FOR BENEDICTA AND \$1,632.00 FOR SILVER RIDGE, ANNUALLY.
- ART. 8. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:
- A) ONE FULL-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER.
 - B) RECOMMISSIONING OF THREE (3) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND ONE (1) PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF.
- ART. 9. APPOINTMENT TO NORTHERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NMDC) EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTING THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

ART. 10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A) MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE.
- B) MANSARD ROOF UPDATE.
- C) JAIL EXPENDITURE REPORT.
- D) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 11. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 13. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – CARIBOU

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Paul J. Bernier, Public Works Director
Vern Ouellette, EMA Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of Agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. 5:30 p.m. - Public Hearing to receive written and/or oral comments on a Jail Variance Application submitted to the State of Maine, Department of Corrections, to request a variance of time allowed to move inmates to other facilities.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams opened the Public Hearing at approximately 5:31 p.m. He asked the County Administrator to read the Public Hearing Notice.

Since there were no members of the public present and no written comments received in reference to the Jail Variance Application, Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Jail Variance Application and to send the application to the State of Maine, Department of Corrections, for review and approval.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

ART. 4 Approval of minutes of the January 4, 2011 County Commissioners' Organizational Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 County Commissioners' Organizational Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) Appointment/Oath Certificates for Registry of Deeds and Register of Probate Offices.

ART. 6: Bids:

A) One (1) ¾ ton 4-wheel drive pickup for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

Bids were received from the following dealers:

Carroll's Auto Sales \$25,998.00
Presque Isle

Martin Fort \$26,527.00
Fort Kent

Valley Auto \$25,690.00
Fort Kent

York's of Houlton \$24,832.00
Houlton

Griffeth Ford Lincoln \$25,935.00
Caribou

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Contract:

Approval of five (5) year (1/1/2011 – 12/30/2015) Ambulance Service Contract with the Town of Patten for the Unorganized Township of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the amounts of \$3,368.00 for Benedicta and \$1,632.00 for Silver Ridge, annually.

The County Administrator indicated that the language in Section 7.3 of this contract was amended to make it more favorable for both parties. The County Administrator and Public Works Director did have some discussion regarding the language in Section 7.1 (first draft of contract). It was decided that the County would make an attempt to modify the language during the next contract negotiation. There was a comment made by Commissioner Underwood in regards to the length of the proposed contract. As a general rule, the County has been modifying the contracts so that they are no longer than three (3) years in length; however, this particular contract is at a flat rate for five (5) years, so both the County Administrator and Public Works Director believe it is in our best interest to approve this contract for this length of time.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the five (5) year (1/1/2011 – 12/30/2015) Ambulance Service Contract with the Town of Patten for the Unorganized Township of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the amounts of \$3,368.00 for Benedicta and \$1,632.00 for Silver Ridge, annually, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Sheriff's Department Appointments.

A) One (1) full-time Corrections Officer.

Sheriff James P. Madore recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Joshua D. Holcombe of Houlton as a full-time Corrections Officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Joshua D. Holcombe of Houlton as a full-time Corrections Officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Recommissioning of three (3) full-time Deputy Sheriffs and one part-time Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff James P. Madore recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Mitchell Wheeler, Sergeant Forrest Dudley, and Vance Palmer as full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Douglas Bell as a part-time Deputy Sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommissioning of Mitchell Wheeler, Sergeant Forrest Dudley, and Vance Palmer as full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Douglas Bell as a part-time Deputy Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Appointment to Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board representing the Unorganized Territory.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners appoint Tom Clowes of Madawaska Lake to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board representing the Unorganized Territory to replace Walter Fournier, who recently passed away.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the appointment of Tom Clowes of Madawaska Lake to the NMDC Executive Board representing the Unorganized Territory.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed

ART. 10. County Administrator's Report:

A) Mansard Roof Update.

The County Administrator advised that Robert J. Kervin, Architect, has been hired to advise the County on the Mansard Roof renovation project. Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager, indicated that Mr. Kervin did an on-site inspection of the roof, both inside from the attic and outside from the roof. Several maps have been generated for this project. Mr. Kervin recommended an asphalt roof to replace the metal roof with respect to this project. The County Administrator will continue to provide updates to the County Commissioners in the future.

B) Maine County Commissioners' Association Annual Meeting Update.

The County Administrator and Commissioner Underwood attended the Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) annual meeting last week and reviewed the highlights of the meeting. There is legislation being introduced to transfer the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) functions to the counties. The County Administrator is researching all aspects of this potential transition. How this initiative will be funded is integral to our County.

C) Jail Expenditure Report.

The County Administrator quickly reviewed the jail expenditure report with the County Commissioners. While it may appear that our expenses are in line with available budget, if we were to close-out the fiscal year at the end of this reporting period, we would be overspent. Since we have no fund balance to rely on, it is highly likely that we will be requesting more money from the Board of Corrections (BOC) to end our fiscal year in the "black".

D) Other Items of Interest.

A) Narrowing Band Project.

Vern Ouellette, EMA Director, has secured Homeland Security Grant Funding for a Narrow Band Project for the County. In lieu of hiring a temporary, part-time employee to perform the objectives of this grant, the County has opted to hire an independent contractor who will perform the scope of this work under a contract.

B) Federal Disaster Assistance Request.

Vern Ouellette, EMA Director, provided an update on the damage resulting from the rain storms and flooding that affected the State in December 2010. Governor LePage has submitted a federal disaster assistance application on behalf of Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington counties. We are cautiously optimistic that President Obama will approve this request.

C) ConnectME Grant Challenge.

The ConnectME Grant challenge by FairPoint for Sinclair (T17R4) was heard today by the Authority in Augusta. FairPoint was not prepared for this challenge, prompting the Authority to table this request until their next meeting. The County Administrator will keep the County Commissioners updated on this matter.

ART. 11. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

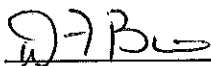
ART. 12. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 13. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: January 19, 2011

County of Aroostook

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 5. BIDS:
- A) TWO (2) 2011 LOW PROFILE POLICE CRUISERS.
- ART. 6. CONTRACT:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2013) AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP OF SCOPAN (T10R4, T11R4) AND 49 OTHER TOWNSHIPS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN AROOSTOOK COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$10,506.78 FOR 2011, \$10,821.98 FOR 2012 AND \$11,146.64 FOR 2013.
- ART. 7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) VEHICLE BID AWARD.
 - B) LURC UPDATE.
 - C) FIRST WIND.
 - D) MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM RATE CHANGE.
 - E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 8. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 10. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –HOULTON

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners (by telephone)
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

ART. 1. Acting Chairperson Norman L. Fournier called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Acting Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve 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. 3. Approval of minutes of the January 19, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Acting Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) Vehicle Bid Award.

The County Administrator advised that the vehicle bid for the EMA ¾ ton truck was awarded to York's of Houlton in the amount of \$24,832.00.

B) LURC Update.

1. The County Administrator reviewed a recent permitting request from LURC, to install a 12' x 24' shed on the grounds of our Cross Lake sub-station. The cost of the permit was \$315.20; however, the County Administrator was successful in getting LURC to waive part of the cost to the County.
2. The County Administrator indicated that he had been enlisted to serve on an ad hoc committee regarding upcoming legislative reform efforts to transfer LURC functions to the counties. There has been an initial meeting, with more to follow. This is a Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) committee assignment.
3. The County Administrator provided the County Commissioners with a review of LURC finances and functional duties. The review included legislative funding, LURC's comprehensive land use plan, rules and governing statutes. It is the intent of our county to be educated on this initiative.

C) First Wind.

First Wind is interested in discussing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal with the County Commissioners at our next meeting in Houlton. They have prepared an informational packet to this end. The specific project would entail eighteen (18) miles of generator lead line for the Oakfield project. More on this issue will follow at our next meeting.

D) Maine Public Employees Retirement System Rate Change.

The County Administrator advised that Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) contribution rates will increase July 1, 2011 to 4.4%. The current employer rate is 3.5%.

E) Other items of interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 8. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 9. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

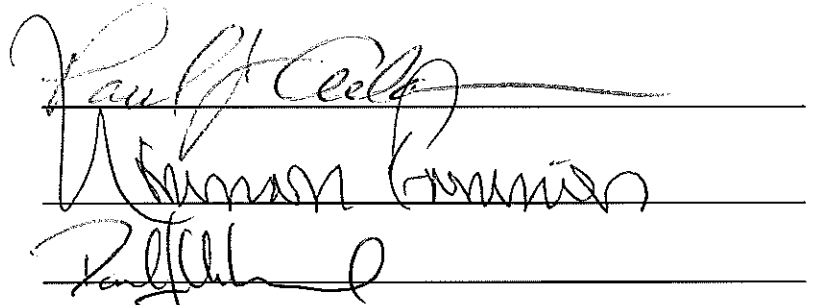
ART. 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 2, 2011

County of Aroostook

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) OVERLOAD WEIGHT LIMIT AGREEMENT WITH THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT).
- ART. 5. BIDS:
- A) ONE (1) SURPLUS VEHICLE.
- ART. 6. PROPOSED WIND DEVELOPMENT IN OAKFIELD. (Alec Jarvis, First Wind and Joan M. Fortin, Esq., Bernstein Shur)
- ART. 7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) JAIL VARIANCE.
 - B) MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST (MMEHT) CLAIMS EXPERIENCE REPORT.
 - C) MCCA MEETING UPDATE.
 - D) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 8. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.
- ART. 10. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. – FORT KENT

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams informed the County Commissioners that one (1) item would be added to Article 4-D) Resolution to borrow up to \$1.5 M from Katahdin Trust Company.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) Overload Weight Limit Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Overload Weight Limit Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Resolution to borrow up to \$1.5 M from Katahdin Trust Company.

The County Administrator provided documentation to the County Commissioners in connection with a \$1.5 million dollar line-of-credit for their signatures. He indicated that two (2) votes would be required to formally approve this note. The interest rate for the same is 3.25%.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve a line-of-credit with Katahdin Trust Company consistent with the two (2) votes prepared by legal counsel, which are included as Attachment 1.

Paul Adams divulged that he is an employee of Katahdin Trust Company; therefore, he abstained from voting on this matter.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Bids:

A) One (1) Surplus Vehicle.

The following bids were received:

Jersey One Auto \$ 659.00
Jersey City, NJ

Chicago Motors \$ 607.00
Chicago, IL

Merlyn L. Faulkner \$1,138.00
Monticello, ME

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the highest bidder.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Proposed Wind Development in Oakfield. (Alec Jarvis, First Wind and Joan M. Fortin, Esq., Bernstein Shur)

Chairperson Paul J. Adams asked the County Administrator to introduce our guests from First Wind. The County Administrator introduced both Alec Jarvis of First Wind and Joan Fortin of Bernstein Shur. He then asked them to proceed with their presentation.

Alec Jarvis provided an overview of First Wind, including, amongst other things, the company's purpose, their headquarters, the various satellite offices and the various wind projects they are involved with. He then provided some background information on the proposed project in Oakfield, including approximately 59 miles of generator lead (transmission) line necessitated by project. Eighteen (18) miles of this line will run through the unorganized territory. He also discussed the permitting process and some legal issues.

Following his presentation, he entertained various questions from the County Commissioners and staff.

Joan Fortin of Bernstein Shur then proceeded with an overview of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the various ways to structure a TIF. She also reviewed an Informational Packet with the County Commissioners, which was provided prior to the meeting. She entertained questions from the County Commissioners and staff regarding TIFs and various uses of the same.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the County Commissioners expressed their interest in working with First Wind on developing a tentative TIF agreement. As such, they directed to County Administrator to work with First Wind to develop a proposal for their future consideration.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) Jail Variance.

The County Administrator indicated that our request for a variance for the County Jail has been approved by the Department of Corrections. On another note, he indicated that he has projected a budget shortfall of at least \$131,000.00 for the FY11 Correctional Services Budget. He has communicated this projection with the fiscal agent for the Board of Corrections.

B) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Claims Experience Report.

The County Administrator reviewed the 2010 Third Quarter Claims Report with the County Commissioners. The loss ratio is 117%. This will have a negative impact on our insurance premium in 2012.

C) Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Meeting Update.

The County Administrator and Commissioner Underwood provided an update of last week's MCCA meeting, as well as an update of the ad-hoc committee of the MCCA regarding LURC legislation. This is a complex issue, with many different special interests, and has certain implications for the counties. It will be interesting to see if the LePage Administration provides a plan-of-action on this issue.

D) Others Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 8. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 9. Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, the following motion were made:

MOTION:

Motion made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve leave without pay for a Corrections Officer in the Aroostook County Jail from February 17, 2011 to March 12, 2011.

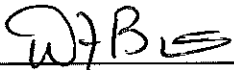
VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

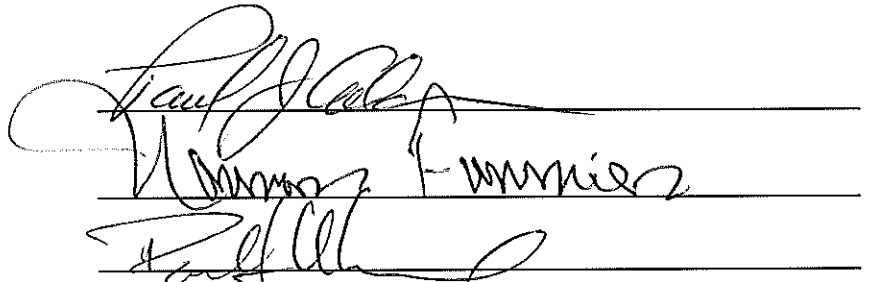
ART. 10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 16, 2011

VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County hereby authorizes a borrowing in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2011 fiscal year in the original principal amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) from Katahdin Trust Company on behalf of the County with interest thereon at 3.25% 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 be and they 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 One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) at the interest rate of 3.25%; and that the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue general obligation securities of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about March 4, 2011 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 no part of the proceeds of said borrowing shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the notes to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 148 and 141, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the notes 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 notes, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the notes 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 notes to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
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NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.

ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:

- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
- B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- C) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE FUNDS (2).

ART. 5. CONTRACT:

APPROVAL OF ONE (1) YEAR (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011) AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF CARIBOU FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS OF MADAWASKA LAKE AND CONNOR IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$1,165.50 FOR MADAWASKA LAKE AND \$4,452.00 FOR CONNOR.

ART. 6. RECOMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

ART. 7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A) SCHEDULING AND DISCUSSION OF A TAX ABATEMENT HEARING(S).
- B) BID RESULTS.
- C) LURC UPDATE.
- D) UNORGANIZED TERRITORY LIBRARY SUBSIDY.
- E) CARIBOU FIRE PROTECTION FOR CONNOR TOWNSHIP.
- F) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 8. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 10. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – MARCH 16, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – CARIBOU

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING –WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011–
5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Jim Madore, Sheriff
Paul J. Bernier, Public Works Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the February 16, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) Criminal Forfeiture Funds (2).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture Funds from Ronald S. Simon in the amount of \$760.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture Funds from Malerie Barton in the amount of \$800.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Contract:

Approval of one (1) year (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011) Ambulance Service Contract with the City of Caribou for the Unorganized Territory of Madawaska Lake and Connor in the amounts of \$1,165.50 for Madawaska Lake and \$4,452.00 for Connor.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the one (1) year (1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011) Ambulance Service Contract with the City of Caribou for the Unorganized Territory of Madawaska Lake and Connor in the amounts of \$1,165.50 for Madawaska Lake and \$4,452.00 for Connor.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Recommissioning of two (2) full-time Deputy Sheriffs.

Sheriff Madore recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Deputy Ross McQuade of Mars Hill and Deputy Kristopher Malmborg of New Canada as full-time Deputy Sheriffs.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommissioning of Deputy Ross McQuade and Deputy Kristopher Malmborg as full-time Deputy Sheriffs.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) Scheduling and discussion of a tax abatement hearing(s).

The County Administrator presented an analysis of two (2) tax abatement matters from the Town of Van Buren in reference to property owned by Mark and Monica Rolfsema and Cleusa Deluca. There are a number of outstanding issues with these properties. The most significant issue, perhaps, is the fact that they are both tax acquired. In light of this, the County Commissioners directed the County Administrator to send a letter to each of the property owners denying the respective requests for tax abatement hearings.

B) Bid results.

The County Administrator advised that the low bid of \$41,545.10 was awarded to Valley Auto of Fort Kent for the purchase of two (2) police cruisers.

C) LURC Update.

The County Administrator and Commissioner Underwood updated the County Commissioners on the ad-hoc committee meeting they attended in Bangor today, which is responsible for studying the LURC issue. There is emerging consensus on the county plan regarding LURC, which he outlined with the County Commissioners; however it may be difficult, if not impossible, to get this plan approved by the Maine Legislature. Governor LePage seems to have backed-off from earlier statements concerning transferring LURC responsibilities to the counties.

D) Unorganized Territory Library Subsidy.

The County Administrator and Paul Bernier, Public Works Director, informed the County Commissioners that the Caribou Library Board of Directors has voted to suspend accepting a per capita subsidy stipend from municipalities and the county, and has opted for a non-resident membership fee structure. This may result in inquiries from residents from the Unorganized Territory as to whether we would provide reimbursement for such memberships.

After a brief discussion on this matter, the County Commissioners agreed with staff that they would not approve such requests from residents in the Unorganized Territory.

E) Caribou Fire Protection for Connor Township.

The County Administrator and Paul Bernier, Public Works Director, reviewed a most recent contract for fire protection services for Connor Township. In February 2011, the County was provided with an approved contract from the City of Caribou which would have increased fire protection services for Connor by nearly 50%. The city did not engage in contract negotiations prior to the City Council's approval of this contract.

At this time, the County is assessing all their options regarding a resolution of this conflict. The City of Caribou has been an excellent service provider and partner with the County; staff is optimistic that we will be able to resolve this dispute at a more reasonable rate.

The County Administrator will keep the County Commissioners updated on this matter.

F) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 8. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 9. Executive Session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

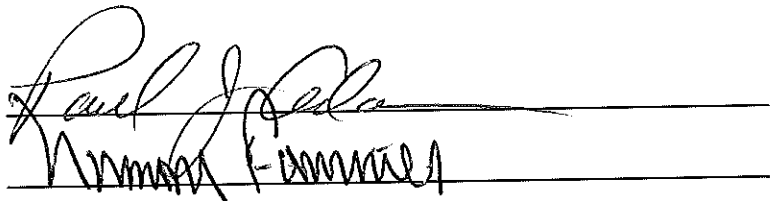
ART. 10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 2, 2011

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



AGENDA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – MARCH 16, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) FOUR SEASONS TRAIL ASSOCIATION LETTER OF SUPPORT.
 - D) LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMER GRANT APPLICATION.
- ART. 5. APPROVAL OF 2011 COUNTY TAX, DUE DATE AND INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT TAXES.
- ART. 6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) MCCA MEETING.
 - B) LURC UPDATE.
 - C) CONNECTME AUTHORITY GRANT.
 - D) CDBG GRANT.
 - E) MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER PONTE.
 - F) MACIMAGE LEGISLATION.
 - G) SAFETY ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION.
 - H) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 7. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 9. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – HOULTON

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011- 5:30 P.M.
– ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
James P. Madore, Sheriff

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners take the agenda out of order and move Article 7 after Article 4 to hear a presentation on the status of the whitetail deer population in Aroostook County.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the March 2, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Four Seasons Trail Association Letter of Support.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to support the Four Seasons Trail Association grant application to the Land for Maine's Future Program.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Letter of support for Snowmobile Trail Groomer Grant Application.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to support the grant application for a new trail groomer submitted by the Matagamon Snowmobile Club.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Other Business.

The County Administrator introduced Paul Camping and Jerry McLaughlin, members of the Aroostook County Conservation Association (ACCA). The purpose of the association is to "preserve, protect, and enhance the whitetail deer herd in Aroostook County." They are looking for political support from the County of Aroostook.

Mr. Camping reviewed a nine (9) page document (Attachment 1) with the County Commissioners and staff. The key point of the presentation is that the whitetail deer population in the County continues to decline, due, in large part, to predation problems. While there are many documented instances where coyotes or bear have killed deer, the problem does not appear to be widely recognized by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). There are other reasons why the deer population in Aroostook has declined, and some of these reasons are outlined in Attachment 1.

A dialogue ensued between the ACCA representatives, County Commissioners and staff. At the end of the meeting, the County Commissioners agreed to send a letter to IFW Commissioner Chandler Woodcock to echo the sentiments that were shared during the meeting. Mr. Camping and Mr. McLaughlin agreed to assist the County Administrator in drafting such a letter.

The County Commissioners and staff thanked Mr. Camping and Mr. McLaughlin for their presentation and for bringing this important issue to their attention.

ART. 5. Approval of 2011 County Tax, Due Date and Interest Rate on delinquent taxes..

The County Administrator presented the 2011 County Tax commitment to the County Commissioners for approval and recommended that they set the due date of September 1, 2011 and an interest rate of 7% on delinquent taxes. He indicated that the overall tax was up a modest 1.84%.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the County Tax with a due date of September 1, 2011 and an interest rate of 7% on delinquent taxes.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. County Administrator's Report:

A) MCCA Meeting.

The County Administrator and Commissioner Underwood provided an update on last week's MCCA meeting, including a discussion about the MacImage decision, LURC and orthoimagery. There was some discussion that Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) may have orthoimagery technology. It was decided that we would ask NMDC to make a presentation at our next meeting in Caribou.

B) LURC Update.

The Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) voted to support a consensus plan developed by the MCCA ad hoc committee on LURC. Also, Governor LePage and Senate President Raye had a meeting with some county commissioners and other interested parties on LURC. The information provided from that meeting is largely hearsay at this point. More will be known on this issue when these various LURC bills are scheduled for a public hearing and work session before the committee of jurisdiction.

C) ConnectME Authority Grant.

The County Administrator advised that our ConnectME grant award was rescinded on March 8, 2011. The challenger, FairPoint Communications, prevailed in their appeal.

D) CDBG Grant.

The County Administrator indicated that he needed ratification of a letter of intent for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service grant application that was submitted last week on behalf of the Local Workforce Investment Board.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to ratify the letter of intent for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service grant application.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

E) Meeting with Department of Corrections Commissioner Ponte.

The County Administrator indicated he met with Department of Corrections Commissioner Ponte to review budget issues concerning our County Jail. He spent approximately 25 to 30 minutes talking to Commissioner Ponte on this issue. To date, Aroostook is the only county that has taken the initiative to meet with the commissioner regarding county jail issues.

F) MacImage Legislation.

The Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) voted to support legislation to address the MacImage matter. The County Administrator will play an integral role in this process.

G) Safety Enhancement Grant Application.

The County Administrator advised that Fire Chief Darren Woods has applied for a Safety Enhancement Grant to purchase three (3) sets of firefighter personal protection gear.

H) Other Items of Interest.

1) Public hearing on BOC and DOC Budget.

A public hearing on the Board of Corrections and Department of Corrections was held today before the Appropriations Committee. What is noteworthy is that the BOC has requested less than what is needed to fund county corrections for the upcoming biennium. Therefore, it is likely that our fiscal problems with our county jail will continue.

2) Fund Balance.

The County Administrator will provide a report on the fiscal year-end (FY 10) budget for the County at our next meeting. This will be for the non-correctional component of our County budget.

3) Scheduling change.

The April 6th meeting will be re-scheduled to Tuesday, April 5th.

ART. 8. Executive Session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, Section 405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

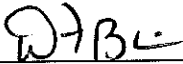
Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

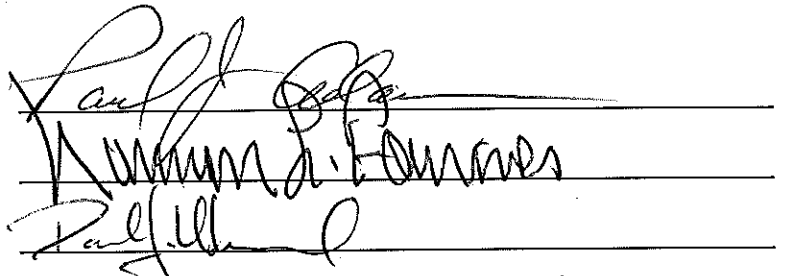
ART. 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 16, 2011

Aroostook County Conservation Association Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Today, as we mark the 172nd anniversary of the incorporation of Aroostook County, we appear before you to ask for your support in helping us control the predation occurring upon the Aroostook County white tail deer herd. 172 years ago wolves & cougars were the top predators in the north woods; today it is black bears and coyotes. These predators have flourished while the deer have suffered. Bears number 30,000+ & coyotes 25,000?.

Loss of suitable habitat, known as deer wintering areas (DWA or deer yards) and harsh winter weather, has no doubt, contributed to the white tail's decline. Generally speaking, a robust and abundant deer population can withstand predation. But when predation is combined with unavoidable environmental mortality factors, a weakened population cannot recover, and in fact, may continue to decline. Poor wildlife management only serves to increase the suffering. We believe that the State must manage ungulates and predators together, instead of separately as they now do, where the management of one species is at the expense of another.

Hunting and trapping are important tools used by biologists to restore and maintain the balance of nature and we sportsmen, are happy to help. However, restrictive regulations make us too inefficient to be effective. Trappers, for example, are prohibited from using snares to capture coyotes. The snare is the single most effective method of trapping coyotes throughout the year. Presently, trappers may only use small foothold traps between October and December. All trapping activity must stop on the last day of the year, but the carnage of deer continues. With respect to black bears, only one animal per individual per year may be taken either by hunting or trapping.

Coyotes attack adult deer year round. In winter, deep snow hampers the deer's ability to escape, while the lighter coyotes can run on top of snow's icy crust. Then in the spring, coyotes are joined by hungry bears, fresh out of hibernation, in their pursuit of helpless fawns. Accordingly, a valuable resource, that in previous years has generated 200 million dollars worth of economic stimulus for the State, is being lost right before our very eyes! And a good portion of that stimulus money used to be spent right here in our County.

Each of you is probably thinking that the County has no jurisdiction in this matter or has no legal authority to act. We respectfully disagree.

The County's interest lies in its economic vitality and the welfare of its citizens. We think that it is fitting and proper for the Board of Commissioners to make an assertive pronouncement of the predation problem and enthusiastically encourage Commissioner Woodcock to develop a comprehensive and effective predator control policy, which will allow ACCA and other similar organizations, to provide real protection for the deer of Aroostook County. We believe this is a legitimate administrative function of County government as delineated in the County Charter at Article 2, Section 4 – DIVISION OF POWERS, and recognizes the dual role of the County as an agency of the State and as a

unit of local government exercising lawful self determination ...as stated in the Charter's Preamble.

To do or say nothing gives the false impression that we have been pleased with the past performance of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and makes us complicit in the continuing demise of the white tail deer herd.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNTY INVOLVEMENT

The B.O.C. C. could begin by opening the lines of communication between County and State governments by contacting Governor LePage and/or inviting Commissioner Woodcock to meet with the Board, as you have done with Corrections Commissioner Ponte. Towards this end you may:

- Define and inform the Commissioner of the County's legitimate interest in the success or failure of the IF&W with respect to deer management.
- Tell the Commissioner that, in no uncertain terms, the failure to manage the State's predators is biologically and economically significant and detrimental to the welfare of the County.
- Attend the March 25th meeting with Commissioner Woodcock in Presque Isle AND write a strongly worded "Letter of Support" to the Commissioner on behalf of ACCA, recognizing the valuable work we perform in the County. (example: Four Seasons Trail Association)
- Urge the Dept. of IF&W to forge a non-adversarial partnership with the ACCA and other Sportsman's organizations. There are many NO COST or LOW COST measures that IFW can employ to help the deer, some of which might be considered experimental – based on common sense-- but certainly not detrimental to the deer. Innovation is the key to success!
- Urge the Commissioner to, once and for all, do whatever it takes to secure an "Incidental Take Permit" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to re-establish a comprehensive predator control program that relies on the teamwork of biologists, wardens, animal damage control officers and sportsmen. And most importantly, to resume the use of the snare as a coyote trapping tool.
- Create a citizen's Wildlife Advisory Committee, comprised of guides, landowners, businessmen, elected officials and sportsmen, which could keep the County Commissioners informed on wildlife issues.
- Hold Public Hearings and invite members of the public to testify before you regarding:

The extent of the economic harm they may have suffered from the loss business caused by the loss of deer.

Determine how many County families can no longer depend on venison as an important part of their subsistence.

Seek to discover how many people have been harmed by coyotes (cats, dogs or livestock attacked). On Oct. 29, 2009 Taylor Mitchell, a 19 years old Canadian, was attacked and killed by 2 coyotes while hiking in a park in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. 500 miles east of us.

Quantify how many people have had problems with nuisance bears doing property damage?

Request that the Sheriff to report all bear and coyote conflicts that come to his attention to the B.O.C.C.

- And finally, the County through its vociferous public support of the ACCA, can attempt to stem the tide of public criticism and negative sentiments directed at elected officials and convert that into a spirit of cooperation and understanding. The frustration level among members of the public, not just sportsmen, is reaching new highs. There is a widespread public perception that elected officials are doing nothing to protect our deer, which are viewed as a valuable natural resource on par with clean air and clean water. Examples of that disgruntlement can be found in these e-mail messages I recently received:

Doe killed in Marshfield Sunday night. Found by homeowner walking his dog about 200 yds. behind his house. There are more than 30 deer wintering in this cedar swamp and ridge. The coyotes have probably killed other deer in this area. I am going back later when the wind changes.

This scene is really getting old. I want to see some different blood and guts in the snow!
Jeff

The killers have run out of deer meat in the big woods so they have now moved onto Marsh Island. We have had as many as 60 deer in our harvest site at one time for the last 3 or 4 weeks. The coyotes have moved in and run them every day. These were two very healthy button bucks, not old or weak like some of our highly trained and educated state folks would like the public to think. We need to get some of our elected officials off their fates and get them out to see what we see many times each winter, it makes me sick to see such a waste of a resource that 10 years ago brought so much income to the state of Maine.

Robin

This doe and her two unborn female lambs will not be part of the population this summer THANKS TO NO COYOTE CONTROL. Deer winter cover means nothing at all if you don't have any deer left to put in them. This is the future of our deer herd, this doe, young of the year, had it made until last night. She lived within earshot of Grand Lake Stream, (home of the highest concentration of Maine Guides in the State, stewards of the land) she, like her mother

that was standing next to her when I found the carnage this morning lived a charmed life. Some of the best deer winter cover surrounds the village for miles, all of the best whitetail food she would want abounds in this area, she even lived in a WMD that hasn't allowed the taking of does for thirty years, all because coyotes killed most of her ancestors. She and her offspring would of had a bright future, with 34,000 acres of protected land, managed for wildlife, surrounded her. This bothers me to no end, as I traditionally was able to take 30 - 50 coyotes a year in the deer wintering area's to prevent this from happening.

There is no excuse why there can't be coyote control !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dave

Lastly, we are aware the B.O.C.C. has been watching the progress of LD-17, An Act to Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority within the Unorganized Territories of the State. ACCA is concerned as well, in that land use, planning and zoning of deer yards may very well become a function of County government. Deer yards are critical winter habitat for deer and often a magnet for coyotes, making the Counties interest in predator control much more important. As the author of the e-mail above so eloquently stated, "Deer winter cover means nothing at all if you don't have any deer left to put in them."

In closing, the ACCA sincerely hopes that County Commissioners will recognize the cause and effect relationship between predation and the decline of deer in Aroostook County, and join us in our efforts to convince Commissioner Woodcock that predation is an urgent problem that demands his immediate attention and mollification. We thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Note: An **incidental take permit** is a permit under Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act to private, non-federal entities undertaking otherwise lawful projects that might result in the take of an endangered or threatened species. Application for an incidental take permit is subject to certain requirements, including preparation by the permit applicant of a conservation plan.

"Take" is defined by the ESA as harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect any threatened or endangered species. Harm may include significant habitat modification where it actually kills or injures a listed species through impairment of essential behavior (e.g., nesting or reproduction). In the 1982 ESA amendments, Congress authorized the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, through the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for the "incidental take" of endangered and threatened wildlife species (Section 10a(1)B of the ESA). Thus, permit holders can proceed with an activity, such as construction or other economic development that may result in the "incidental" taking of a listed species.

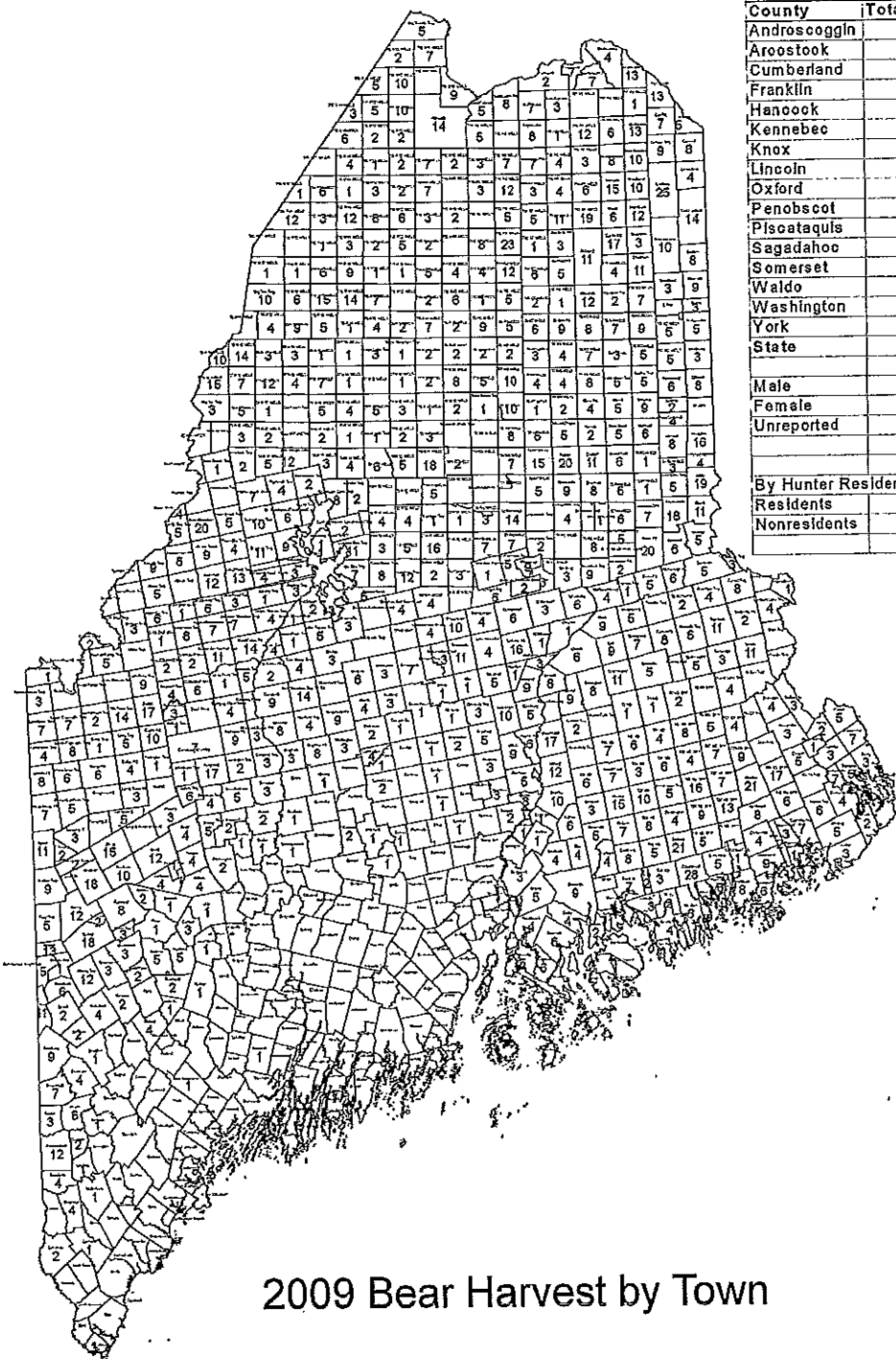
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County	Total
Androscoggin	2
Aroostook	1048
Cumberland	3
Franklin	167
Hancock	184
Kennebec	0
Knox	0
Lincoln	0
Oxford	293
Penobscot	452
Piscataquis	415
Sagadahoc	1
Somerset	487
Waldo	1
Washington	406
York	27
State	3486
Male	1953
Female	1501
Unreported	32
By Hunter Residence	
Residents	1278
Nonresidents	2208

2009 Bear Harvest by Town

Maine's 2009 Black Bear Season

The general hunting season for black bear in 2009 opened August 31 and closed November 28. Hunters were allowed to hunt bears near natural food sources or by still-hunting throughout this 3-month period. Hunting over bait was permitted from August 31 through

September 26. The hound season overlapped the bait season, opening September 14 and closing October 30. The bear trapping season opened September 1 and closed October 31. Following 4 years of a harvest just below 3,000 bears, the 2009 harvest of 3,486 bears marks the return to previous harvest levels. In 2009, 2,935 bears were taken over bait (84%), 329 bears were taken by hound hunters (9%), 72 bears were taken in traps (2%), 85 were taken by unreported methods (2%), and 65 bears (2%) were harvested by deer hunters. Most bears were taken early in the season, with 3,243 bears (93%) harvested before the end of September. When fall foods are less abundant, as they were this year, bears enter dens earlier providing less hunting opportunity to deer hunters. This year, Maine deer hunters harvested fewer bears than last year (65 vs. 155).

Geographic Distribution of the Harvest

Bears were harvested in 27 Wildlife Management Districts (WMDs). No bears were taken in WMDs 21, and 22. The density of harvest expressed as the number of bears killed per 100 square miles of habitat (forested land) was greatest in WMD 28 at 28 bears/100 mi² followed closely by WMDs 3 and 6 with 23 and 22 bears harvested/100 mi². In all other WMDs, hunters harvested less than 20 bears/100 mi² (statewide average of 12 bears/100 mi²). Bears were harvested in 13 of the state's 16 counties. Most bears (1,048) were harvested in Aroostook county accounting for 30% of the harvest. No bears were taken in Kennebec, Knox and Lincoln counties and <5 bears were taken in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties.

Residence of Successful Hunters

Maine's reputation for producing high-quality bear hunting is reflected in the harvest distribution by hunter residency. Visitors to Maine killed 2,208 bears (63%) of the 3,486 bears tagged during 2009. Non-resident hunters shot most of the bears (66%) taken over bait and with the use of hounds (65%), although bait hunting remains popular amongst resident hunters with 78% of successful resident hunters taking their bear over bait. Although few bears are taken during the deer season or in traps, Maine residents accounted for the majority (91% and 81%, respectively) of the bears taken during those seasons.

Assistance by Registered Maine Guides

In 2009, guides helped take 82% of bears harvested over hounds, 68% of the bears taken over bait, 27% of trapped bears, 32% of the bears for which method of take was unreported, and 2% of the bears taken by deer hunters. Guides assisted 269 residents (23%) and 1,954 nonresidents (91%) with their successful hunts in 2008.

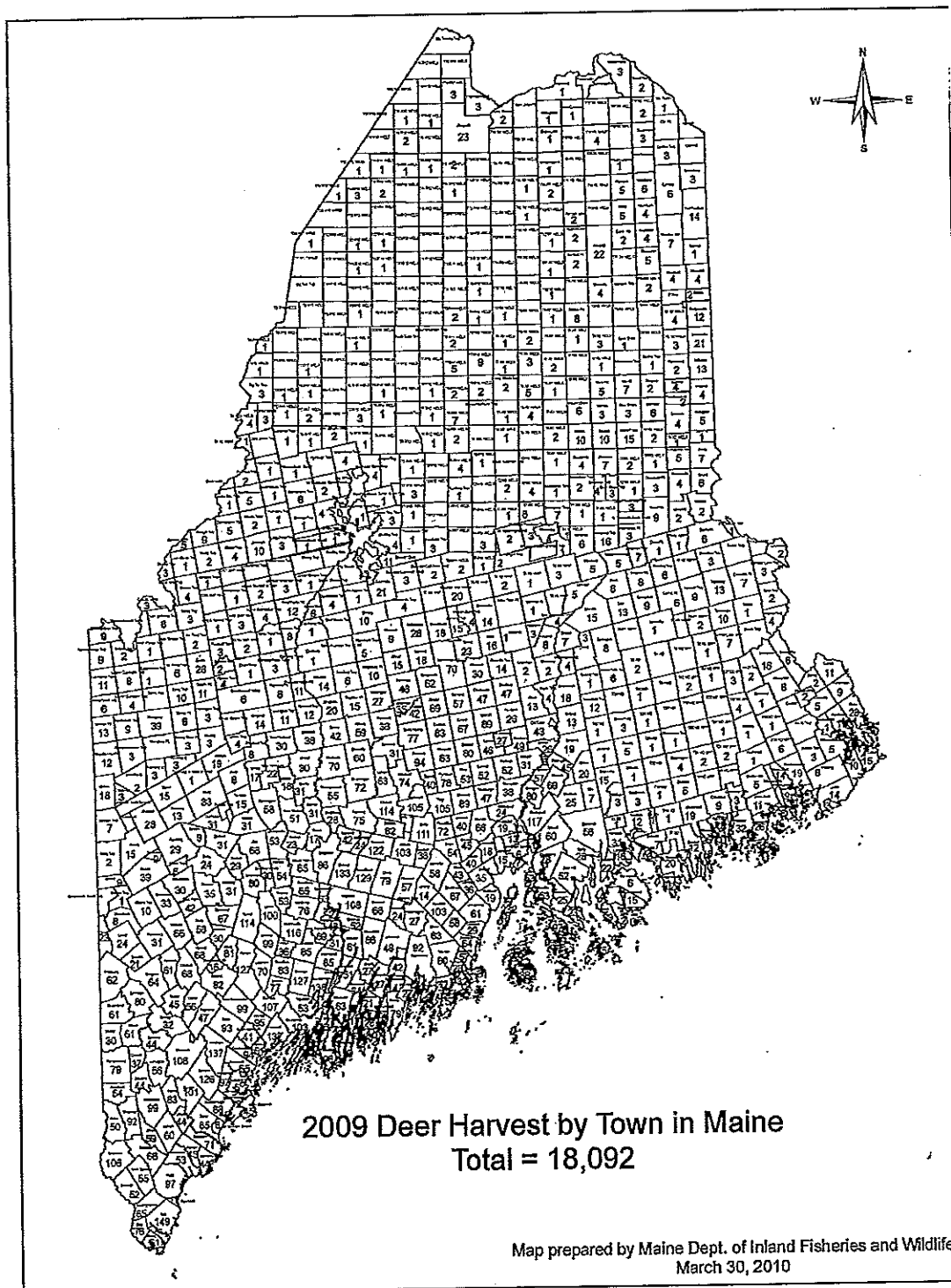
Sex and Age Distribution of the Harvest

Males made up 56% (1,953 bears) of the 2009 harvest. Adult bears accounted for 92% (3,218 bears) of the harvest and sex and age were not reported for an additional 32 bears (1%).

Prospects for the 2010 season

The Department has adopted a generic bear season framework to maintain consistent hunting periods, unless management concerns require changes to the lengths of hunting or trapping periods. In 2010, the season will remain similar to those in recent years. Under our current bear season framework, the season begins on the last Monday in August and closes on the last Saturday in November, generally a 13-week period (August 30-November 27, 2010). Current population models indicated that Maine's black bear population can sustain a harvest of up to 15% of the population. Our current bear season framework and past hunter participation rates provides the opportunity for hunters to stabilize Maine's bear population with a harvest between 2,300 and 3,500 bears. Our population estimate of 23,000 bears is a conservative estimate, especially given recent high cub numbers and cub survival rates. Over the last several years, we have been collecting new information to update our population estimates including equipping a sample of bears with GPS collars and collecting teeth from

harvested black bears. In the next couple of years, we should have sufficient information to update our population estimate and modify hunting seasons if necessary to meet current management objectives (i.e., stabilize the bear population).



2009 Deer Harvest

2009 marked the 24th season of the any-deer permit system. A total of 45,385 any-deer permits were allocated to 11 WMDs, including 2,241 Superpack (bonus) any-deer permits issued in WMDs 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 29 to achieve district specific doe harvest quotas. Of the permits available, 6,995 were issued to qualifying landowners in an early, separate lottery. Any-deer permits are WMD and hunter specific; they may be used during the regular firearms (October 31st-November 28th) and muzzleloader (November 30th -December 12th) seasons.

Superpack licenses were allocated to 2.5 % of the any-deer permits in wildlife districts with 3,500 or more permits as "Bonus Deer" permits. This allowed Superpack license holders to take two deer, one of which must be antlerless. Although antlered bucks (3" minimum antler length) were legal quarry for all hunters during all deer seasons, only hunters who possessed a valid any-deer or bonus permit license could legally take a doe or a fawn during these firearms seasons. Sundays were closed to all hunting and the opening Saturday of the regular firearms season was reserved for Maine residents only. Our expanded archery season targets locations in which deer populations are under-harvested primarily due to firearms discharge bans and residential sprawl. The expanded archery season had no limit on antlerless deer (either-sex) and ran for 79 hunting days (Sept. 12th to Dec. 12th); the statewide (Special) archery season from October 1st to October 30th.

Overall 18,092 deer were registered during 2009. During the expanded and special archery seasons 1,813 were taken. This equates to a minor decrease (2%) in archery hunting from 2008; the Youth Day harvest of 330 decreased from 2008 by 35% primarily due to the prohibition on taking antlerless deer in bucks only WMDs. This rule change for Youth hunters occurred in WMDs that were most recently affected by 2 difficult winters. The regular firearms season's overall harvest of 14,838 was a 16% decrease from the previous year. For the third year a special license allowed crossbow hunting during the regular firearms season with a harvest of 8 deer. Finally muzzleloaders experienced good success with an increased harvest of 6%, taking 1,111 deer with muzzleloader. A harvest quota of 5,037 adult does was set in 2009 to meet deer management objectives in Maine's 29 WMDs. These quotas included anticipated harvests resulting from the either-sex archery and youth-day seasons. Doe quotas ranged from 0 in 18 WMDs (districts 1-14, 18, 19, 27, and 28), to 798 does in WMD 22; Any-Deer and Superpack permittees tagged 1,894 fawns, while archers and youth day hunters tagged 466 young of the year. Overall, 6,924 antlerless deer were registered by hunters and the statewide adult doe harvest totaled 4,576 or 9% below pre-season set quotas. The statewide harvest of antlered bucks (11,168) in 2009 was within 5% of our projected buck harvest. The top 5 buckproducing WMDs (per sq. mi.) during 2009 were (in descending order) districts 29, 24, 21, 22 and 20, all in central and southern Maine. Among the 11,168 antlered bucks taken in 2009, roughly 4,914 (44%) were 1 ½ year-olds (yearlings), while more than 3,462 (31%) were mature bucks (4 ½ to 15 ½ years old). Male fawns are reported with antlerless deer.

The Presque Isle Fish and Game Club with
The Aroostook County Conservation Association
presents

A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF THE NORTHERN WHITETAIL DEER HERD

WHERE:
University of Maine at Presque Isle
Wieden Auditorium

WHEN:
March 25th, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE ADMISSION**

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Chandler Woodcock
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Commissioner

Matt Dunlap
Director Sportsman's Alliance of Maine

Senator David Trahan
IF&W Legislative Committee Member



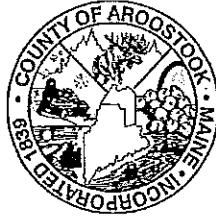
**ALL HUNTERS AND OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
 - A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE FUNDS (4).
 - D) MALT, SPIRITUOUS AND VINOUS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR EAGLE LAKE SPORTING CAMPS.
 - E) LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WHITE TAILED DEER HERD.
- ART. 5. COUNTY GENERAL FUND YEAR-END REVIEW.
- ART. 6. APPROVAL TO OPEN AND AWARD BID FOR JAIL ROOF REPLACEMENT.
- ART. 7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
 - A) DEEDS LEGISLATION.
 - B) BOC UPDATE.
 - C) MANSARD ROOF PROJECT.
 - D) MAINE FOREST SERVICE GRANT.
 - E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 8. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 10. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING -- WEDNESDAY -- APRIL 20, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. -- FORT KENT

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Craig Clossey, Chief Deputy

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Criminal Forfeiture Funds (4).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture Funds from Troy A. Foster in the amount of \$843.00 in U.S. Currency.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture of a 2007 GMC Sierra Pick-up and \$341.05 in U.S. Currency from Justin I. Whittaker.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture Funds from Elizabeth Richardson and T.J. Scott Winslow in the amount of \$644.00 in U.S. Currency.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the acceptance of Criminal Forfeiture Funds from Robert B. Parker in the amount of \$300.00 in U.S. Currency.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License Renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License Renewal for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

E) Letter of Support for White-tailed Deer Herd.

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the letter of support for the White-tailed Deer Herd to Commissioner Chandler E. Woodcock on behalf of the Aroostook County Conservation Association.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. County General Fund year-end review.

The County Administrator reviewed a couple of spreadsheets on the County's General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance and a 2010 year-end report with the County Commissioners. This is not to be confused with the Correctional Services Fund, which is a separate fund, in an altogether different funding silo, and is currently carrying a negative fund balance.

The General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance is currently \$673,353.46. We are making excellent strides in increasing this balance. A concerted effort to do so was started several years ago. The various department heads have been instrumental in assisting the administration in this endeavor. This will help alleviate the need to borrow funds when the County's cash flow is restricted, during the second and third quarters of our fiscal year.

ART. 6. Approval to open and award bid for Jail Roof Replacement.

The County Administrator advised that the Jail Roof Replacement bids were scheduled to be opened at the County Commissioners' Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Since the meeting was changed to this evening (April 5, 2011), the County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners approve the opening and awarding of the bids to the lowest bidder on the advertised date of April 6, 2011.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to authorized the County Administrator to open the jail roof bids on April 6, 2011 and award the bid to the low bidder who meets all the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) Deeds Legislation.

Representative David Cotta (R) of China Lakes region has agreed to sponsor our deeds legislation. The legislation would allow the County Commissioners to set copy fees in deeds based on general revenue needs of each respective county.

B) BOC Update.

The County Administrator indicated he recently testified before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee on problems encountered by the counties with the implementation of P.L. 2007, Chapter 653. The counties are speaking with one voice on this issue. The County Administrator indicated that he would be attending the work session before the Appropriations Committee on the BOC's request for funding for the counties for the upcoming biennium. The BOC's request is not sufficient to meet the system's funding needs.

C) Mansard Roof Project.

The County Administrator provided an overview of the Mansard Roof Project. Robert Kervin, Architect, has been hired to provide guidance on this project. He has developed a RFP for the project. The County is planning on replacing the current roof with architectural, asphalt shingles, which should keep the project within budget. Given the range of products available, two independent architects have advised the

County to use the type of roof product recommended above. The project is slated for completion this summer.

D) Maine Forest Service Grant.

The County Administrator advised that the County was awarded a grant through the Maine Forest Service for five (5) pagers for Great Lakes Fire and Rescue. We apply for this grant on an annual basis.

E) Other Items of Interest.

1) LURC

Commissioner Underwood is chairing an ad hoc group on LURC issues. The group has been meeting fairly regularly. He said they reviewed various pieces of legislation. Consensus seems to be emerging on a county-run LURC program. More will follow on this topic at future meetings.

ART. 8. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 9. Executive Session to discuss an attorney/client consultation.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (D) to discuss attorney/client consultations."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

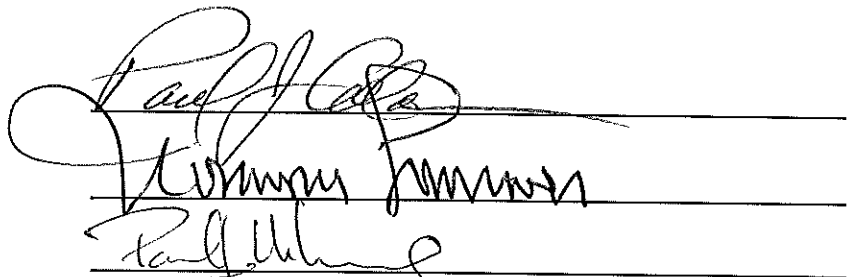
ART. 10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: April 5, 2011

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 5. BID:
- A) CONNOR RECREATION FACILITY MAINTENANCE.
- ART. 6. CONTRACT:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014) AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF VAN BUREN FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP OF T17R3 (VAN BUREN COVE) IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$2,970.45, \$3,059.56 AND \$3,151.35, RESPECTIVELY.
 - B) ONE (1) YEAR (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012) SOLID WASTE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SHERMAN FOR THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS OF BENEDICTA AND SILVER RIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,549.63 FOR BENEDICTA AND \$6,565.90 FOR SILVER RIDGE.
- ART. 7. 6:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR A 2011 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM.
- ART. 8. UPDATE ON SINCLAIR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT. (Paul Bernier)
- ART. 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) BID RESULTS
 - B) BOC UPDATE.
 - C) MACIMAGE LEGISLATION.
 - D) LURC.
 - E) MANSARD ROOF IN HOULTON.

- F) LD 1201.
- G) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 10. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 12. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING -- MAY 4, 2011 -- 5:30 P.M. -- CARIBOU

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING –WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011–
5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Paul J. Bernier, Public Works Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
Ryan Pelletier, Workforce Investment Executive Director
Peter Caron, Adult Education Director, SAD 27/AOS 95

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the April 5, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

ART. 5. Bid:

A) Connor Recreation Facility Maintenance.

The following bids were received:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
R.M. Lawn Care	\$1,675.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,875.00
Precision Lawn Services	\$1,475.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,675.00
Daigle Property Maintenance	\$2,575.00	\$2,575.00	\$2,575.00
Robert Jordan	\$2,915.62	\$3,181.62	\$3,295.62

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Contract:

A) Three (3) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014) Ambulance Service Contract with the Town of Van Buren for the Unorganized Township of T17R3 (Van Buren Cove) in the amounts of \$2,970.45, \$3,059.56 and \$3,151.35, respectively.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014) Ambulance Service Contract with the Town of Van Buren for the Unorganized Township of T17R3 (Van Buren Cove) in the amounts of \$2,970.45, \$3,059.56 and \$3,151.35, respectively, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) One (1) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012) Solid Waste Interlocal Cooperative Agreement

with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Townships of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the amount of \$13,549.63 for Benedicta and \$6,565.90 for Silver Ridge.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the one (1) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012) Solid Waste Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Sherman for the Unorganized Townships of Benedicta and Silver Ridge in the amount of \$13,549.63 for Benedicta and \$6,565.90 for Silver Ridge, and to authorize the County Administrator to executive the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 7. 6:00 P.M. – Public Hearing to discuss an application submitted to the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for a 2011 Public Service Grant Program.

Chair Paul J. Adams called the Public Hearing to order on an application submitted to the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for a 2011 Public Service Grant Program at 6:00 pm. He asked County Administrator Douglas F. Beaulieu to read the Public Hearing Notice.

After the County Administrator read the Public Hearing Notice, he informed the audience that no written questions or comments were received prior to the hearing.

Ryan Pelletier, Local Area 1 Workforce Investment Executive Director, provided an overview of the WorkReady program. WorkReady is a sixty (60) hour training program, which provides soft skill training to people who are either in the work force or who anticipate entering the work force.

He indicated that no Department of Education funding was available to fund this training model. He anticipates that this training model would be implemented in Fort Kent, Houlton and central Aroostook. He also hopes the program could be expanded into Washington County at some point. Mr. Pelletier thanked Diane Gove for her assistance and initiative in completing the administrative requirements to initiate the CDBG process.

Peter Caron, Adult Education Director for SAD 27/AOS 95, provided more specifics about the WorkReady program. Three (3) programs have been delivered in the St. John Valley to date. One (1) program was delivered in Houlton. Seventy (70) percent of the participants who were enrolled in the St. John Valley curriculum completed the program, numbering twenty-four (24) individuals. Mr. Caron provided more statistics about the program and indicated that the poor economy that has ensued over the last several years has had a deleterious impact on the program's ability to sustain itself through employer funding. However, he believes there is a continuing need for such a credentialing program in Local Area 1.

Hearing no further comments or questions from members of the audience, Chair Paul J. Adams closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 pm and thanked all members of the audience for their interest and hard work in promoting this grant initiative.

ART. 8. Update on Sinclair Housing Rehabilitation Project. (Paul Bernier)

Paul Bernier, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the Sinclair Housing Rehabilitation Project. To date, fifteen (15) applicants are qualified for assistance, for varying levels of housing assistance projects. Some of the projects have gone out to RFP. Mr. Bernier anticipates remediation activity starting mid-May. This housing grant project is on schedule and moving forward.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bids Results.

The County Administrator advised that the low bid of \$31,380.00 was accepted from McLaughlin Builders in Medway, Maine for the Jail Roof Replacement Project.

B) BOC Update.

The County Administrator advised that LD 1419 is scheduled for a Public Hearing on April 29, 2011. This is the BOC reform legislation. Representative Gary Plummer is the sponsor of the legislation. He is co-chair of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee and also a former County Commissioner from Cumberland. Future updates will follow.

C) MacImage Legislation.

The County Administrator advised that there is purported confusion regarding the intent of our MacImage legislation. Representative David Cotta has agreed to sponsor the MCCA bill, which addresses the issue of copy fees. Other, competing legislation may be offered this session, which seeks to increase the recording fees. The County Administrator indicated that most of his time will unfortunately be relegated to "damage control" because of the potential of a competing bill. Future updates will follow.

D) LURC.

Commissioner Paul Underwood reported that he attended a County Commissioners' Meeting in Oxford County with other state and private sector officials to discuss various LURC proposals. By the end of the meeting, the Oxford Board of County Commissioners seemed more favorably inclined to support a county-run LURC program.

E) Mansard Roof in Houlton.

The Mansard Roof Project in Houlton has progressed beyond the RFP stage. We expect at least several large contractors bidding on the project to replace the existing roof with asphalt shingles.

F) LD 1201.

The County Administrator explained the ramifications of LD 1201, "An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs". The County Administrator indicated that he would like to send a short e-mail to our legislative delegation requesting that they support this bill.

MOTION

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to take a position of support for LD 1201.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

G) Other Items of Interest.

1) LD 987.

The County Administrator reviewed LD 987, "An Act Regarding the Sale of Surplus Land Owned by the Department of Transportation". This LD does not appear to have any implications for Aroostook County.

ART. 10. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

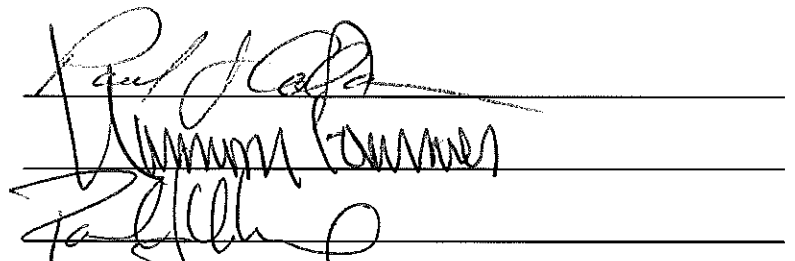
ART. 12. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: April 20, 2011

County of Aroostook

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – MAY 4, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 5. BIDS:
- A) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) ROOF PROJECT.
 - B) CARIBOU COURTHOUSE MECHANICAL HEATING RENOVATIONS.
- ART. 6. CONTRACT:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNS OF MAPLETON, CASTLE HILL AND CHAPMAN FOR THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY OF T11R4 (SCOPAN).
- ART. 7. REAPPOINTMENT TO NORTHERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NMDC) EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- ART. 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) BID RESULTS.
 - B) UNORGANIZED TERRITORY MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS LEGISLATION.
 - C) LD 1419.
 - D) MACIMAGE LEGISLATION.
 - E) LURC UPDATE.
 - F) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 9. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 11. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –HOULTON

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING –WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. –
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
James P. Madore, Sheriff
Vernon Ouellette, EMA Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the April 20, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

ART. 9. Other Business.

A) Aerial Imagery in Aroostook County.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams indicated that Article 9 - Other Business - would be taken out-of-order at this time. He introduced Denis Berube from Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) and the County Administrator provided some background on Mr. Berube's invitation to our meeting.

Mr. Berube indicated that "ornithography" is just a sophisticated term for aerial photography. He indicated that this mapping information was made available by the federal government at no cost. It is updated every two (2) years. The last update was 2009. The Unorganized Territory (UT) maps have a resolution of one (1) meter; some of the communities in the County have a resolution of two (2) feet. The higher the resolution; the greater the cost. In Mr. Berube's opinion, what is available at no cost is sufficient to meet the County's needs. A dialogue ensued between Mr. Berube and county officials. The County Commissioners and County Administrator thanked Mr. Berube for his informative presentation.

ART. 5. Bids:

A) Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Roof Project.

Bids were received from the following contractors:

NicCait Construction, Inc. Presque Isle	\$17,950.00
PNM Construction, Inc. Presque Isle	\$13,905.20
Aroostook Roofing Caribou	\$ 9,865.00
A.A. Randall & Sons Glenburn	\$17,800.00
Kevin W. Smith & Son Gorham	\$12,000.00
Powers Sheet Metal Caribou	\$ 9,860.00

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Caribou Courthouse Mechanical Heating Renovations.

A bid was received from the following contractor:

Industrial Heating and Piping Co.	\$273,307.00
Caribou	

The County Administrator indicated that only one (1) bid was received on this project; it may be due, in part, to the undesirability of a partial work week, which is due to the court's docket. If this bid is beyond the County's available financial resources, the County Administrator is recommending the bid be rejected and the County Commissioners direct the County Administrator to come back to the board with an alternative plan.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to reject the bid from Industrial Heating and Piping Company of Caribou, and to direct the County Administrator to come back to the County Commissioners with a recommendation on the future of this project.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Contract:

Three (3) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014) Fire Protection Agreement with the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman for the Unorganized Territory of T11R4 (Scopan).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014) Fire Protection Agreement with the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman for the Unorganized Territory of T11R4 (Scopan).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Reappointment of Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board.

The County Administrator recommended that the County Commissioners approve the following slate of representatives to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board:

Representing the County:	Norman L. Fournier Paul J. Underwood
Representing the U.T.:	Thomas Clowes

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the slate of representatives to the NMDC membership, as recommended by the County Administrator.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bid results:

The County Administrator advised that the low bid for the Connor Recreation Park Maintenance was awarded to Precision Lawn Services, Inc.

B) Unorganized Territory Municipal Cost Components Legislation.

The County Administrator reported that he and Paul Bernier, Public Works Director, attended the Municipal Cost Components work session before the Taxation Committee last week. The committee asked questions about the Education component of the budget and select county budgets. There were no questions on the County's budget, which had a modest increase of 2.1%. At the conclusion of the work session, the committee voted unanimously to support the budget as presented.

C) LD 1419.

The County Administrator gave an update on LD 1419. At this point, there seems to be emerging consensus from the LePage administration and a majority of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee members for our bill and accompanying amendment. It is likely that we will not get as many county officials on the BOC as we would have liked, but we do look poised to increase our representation. The work session on this bill is Friday and the County Administrator plans on attending that work session. A future update on this topic will follow.

D) MacImage Legislation.

The MacImage Legislation, LD 1499, is scheduled for a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The County Administrator has drafted testimony on behalf of the County Commissioners.

He will hand-deliver the testimony this week. He will not be able to attend the public hearing, but will make every attempt to attend the work session later in the month.

E) LURC Update.

The County Administrator indicated that the Gifford bill is scheduled for public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. It is unclear at this time as to whether a slew of other LURC bills will be heard on this date. The County Commissioners had a discussion about the other potential bills. More on this subject will follow at a future meeting.

F) Other items of interest.

The County of Aroostook has received a Border Interoperability Demonstration Program grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This grant will pay for two (2) 400' radio towers in Madawaska and

Van Buren, portable radios and exercise funds. This grant money will be shared by five (5) counties, and amounts to over \$4 million. Kudos to Vern Ouellette and his staff.

ART. 10. Executive Session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss a personnel issue."

VOTE:

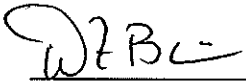
Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

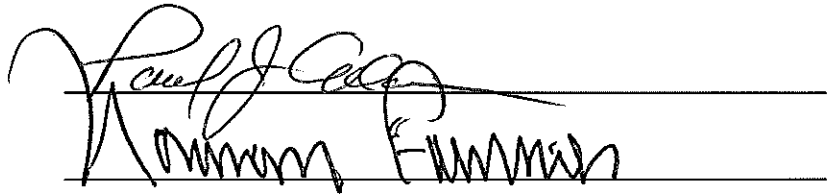
ART. 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



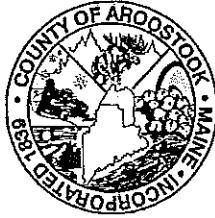
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 4, 2011

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING -- WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 -- 5:30 P.M. -- SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING -- CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) SPIRITUOUS, VINOUS AND MALT LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR ROLAND VERRIER D/B/A BEAR DEN IN BENEDICTA.
- ART. 5. BID:
- HOULTON SUPERIOR COURT ROOF PROJECT.
- ART. 6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) BID RESULTS.
 - B) BOC UPDATE.
 - C) MACIMAGE LEGISLATION UPDATE (LD 1499).
 - D) LURC UPDATE.
 - E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 7. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 9. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING -- WEDNESDAY -- JUNE 1, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. -- FORT KENT

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
James P. Madore, Sheriff

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

C) Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License renewal for Roland Verrier D/B/A Bear Den in Benedicta.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License renewal for Roland Verrier D/B/A Bear Den in Benedicta.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Bids:

Bids were received from the following contractors:

	Carpenter's Helper	Finish Carpenter	Foreman	Overhead and Profit
J.P. Martin and Sons Caribou	\$22.00/hr.	\$28.00/hr.	\$36.00/hr.	15%
Buildings Etcetera Houlton	\$21.50/hr.	\$24.50/hr.	\$28.00/hr.	10%
PNM Construction Presque Isle	\$30.28/hr.	\$42.24/hr.	\$48.68/hr.	8%

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator with authorization to award the bid to the apparent low bidder who meets the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bid Results.

The Mechanical Services Project bid for the Caribou Courthouse has been rejected due to insufficient funding. Due to a variety of reasons, this project will not move forward at the present time.

B) BOC Update.

BOC legislation (LD 1419) is scheduled for a work session before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety this Friday. The four (4) association presidents have ceased negotiations with Neale Duffett, BOC Chair. Our legislation and amendment enjoys the support of the LePage administration, Commissioner Ponte and key members of the legislative committee. We are hopeful to increase the counties' membership on the BOC, which will give counties a stronger voice in terms of advocacy for our causes. On another note, it looks like the funding woes for the counties will continue into the next biennium (FY 12/13). It is estimated that funding for the jails will be anywhere from \$7.2 M to \$8.9 M short in the next biennium. If supplemental funding is not secured, cuts will be required in jail operations throughout the state.

C) MacImage Legislation Update (LD 1499).

LD 1499 was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with a unanimous ought-to-pass as amended report. Under the amendment, the hard copy fee for registry documents would be \$1.00; the electronic copy fee (bulk copies included) would be \$.50. This fee structure would be retroactive to September 1, 2009. The County Administrator is hopeful he will see the amendment before the bill is released from the committee.

D) LURC Update.

A public hearing on LD 1534 (LURC bill) was held yesterday before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This is a contentious issue. Hundreds of people were present at the public hearing. The bill would eliminate LURC and transfer land use planning and zoning to the counties, thereby fostering local control. The work session is scheduled for tomorrow (May 19th).

E) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 7. Other business.

There were no other items to discuss.

ART. 8. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in Executive Session.

ART. 9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 18, 2011

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
 - A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY AND THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY. (Vern Ouellette, EMA Director)
- ART. 6. RECOMMISSIONING OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF.
- ART. 7. UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.
- ART. 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
 - A) BID AWARD.
 - B) SCHEDULING OF A TAX ABATEMENT HEARING.
 - C) LD 1499.
 - D) LD 1419.
 - E) LD 1534.
 - F) PUBLIC LAW, CHAPTER 95.
 - G) MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST (MMEHT) CLAIMS EXPERIENCE REPORT.
 - H) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 9. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 11. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – JUNE 15, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – CARIBOU

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011– 5:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Paul J. Bernier, Public Works Director
Vern Ouellette, EMA Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the May 18, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

Bills and Warrants were not available and will be signed at the next meeting.

ART. 5. Review and approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and the Unorganized Territory. (Vern Ouellette, EMA Director)

Vern Ouellette, EMA Director, presented an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County Commissioners' approval. The portion of the plan that requires approval by the County Commissioners is the Unorganized Territory projects; it must be updated every five (5) years.

Mr. Ouellette commended Joyce Findlen, EMA Planner, for a job well done. The updates require a great deal of detail and must be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ART. 6. Recommissioning of one (1) full-time Deputy Sheriff.

The County Administrator, on behalf of Sheriff Madore, recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Sgt. Kris Miller as a full-time Deputy Sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the recommissioning of Kris Miller as a full-time Deputy Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Update from the Public Works Director.

Paul Bernier, Public Works Director of the Unorganized Territory, provided an overview of the following projects under his jurisdiction:

1. Sinclair Housing Project: The funds for this project have been committed, with the exception of \$25,000. The project is going well. It should be wrapped up by the end of September 2011.
2. Maintenance of roads and infrastructure: Road maintenance is being completed throughout the county. A report of completed projects will follow this fall.
3. Sinclair ATV Club: The Public Works Director has assisted the club in drafting a grant-in-aid application for their trail system.
4. Fire Protection for Connor: The County is still waiting for an amended contract for Connor Township.
5. Park and Ride in Sinclair: The County Commissioners have no objection to establishing a park and ride site for ATVs on County owned property in Sinclair.

That concluded Mr. Bernier's presentation.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bid Award.

The County Administrator advised that the bid for the Superior Court Roof Project (Mansard Roof) was awarded to Building Etcetera of Houlton.

B) Scheduling of a Tax Abatement Hearing.

The County Commissioners scheduled a tax abatement hearing for July 7, 2011 at noon in the Administrative Hearing Room at the Caribou Court House.

C) LD 1499.

The amendment to LD 1499 has been reviewed by the County Administrator and legal counsel. It is adequate. We are hopeful it will be adopted by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

D) LD 1419.

A compromise to LD 1419 has been approved by the four (4) association presidents, the Board of Corrections (BOC) and the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. The amendment received unanimous support from the committee. The County Administrator will monitor its progress in both the House and Senate.

E) LD 1534.

The LURC issue is headed for review and study over the summer months. There are two (2) versions of study commission legislation. It is likely that the Republican version will be adopted by the Legislature.

F) Public Law, Chapter 95.

The County Administrator reviewed PL 2011, Ch. 95 with the County Commissioners. This legislation essentially requires the salary of the Sheriff to be established in a "salary structure", a practice the County of Aroostook has been following for years. There is no significant impact to our County because of past practice.

G) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Claims Experience Report.

Our loss ratio for 2010 is 114%. This will have a deleterious impact on our premium for next year (2012).

H) Other Items of Interest.

LD 1459, the Municipal Cost Components legislation, was enacted by the House and Senate recently. This bill includes our budget for the Unorganized Territory (UT).

ART. 9. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 10. Executive Session.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to go into executive session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams:

“I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (C) to discuss labor negotiations.”

VOTE:

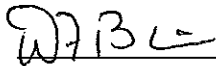
Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

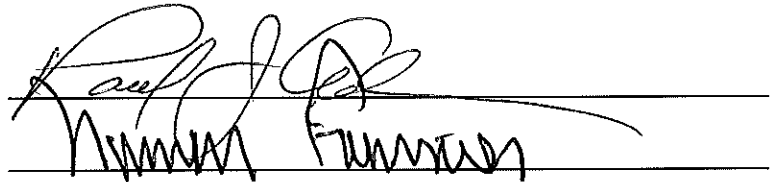
ART. 11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



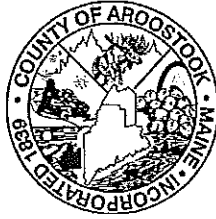
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: June 1, 2011

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – JUNE 15, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2011 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 4. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
 - A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 5. BIDS:
 - A) SURPLUS VEHICLES.
- ART. 6. 2011 JAIL BIENNIUM INSPECTION REPORT. (Sheriff Madore)
- ART. 7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
 - A) LD 1201.
 - B) LD 1499.
 - C) LD 1419.
 - D) FEDERAL FUNDS 2010.
 - E) BOC FUNDING 2012/2013.
 - F) JULY 6, 2011 MEETING.
 - G) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 8. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 10. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – HOULTON
TAX ABATEMENT HEARING – THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011 – 12:00 NOON - CARIBOU

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011 - 5:30 P.M. – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, Treasurer
James P. Madore, Sheriff

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

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

VOIE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. Approval of minutes of the June 1, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOIE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The Commissioners approved and signed the following.

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

ART. 5. Bids:

A) Surplus Vehicles:

The County Administrator noted that eight (8) bids were received; however, one (1) was rejected because it was erroneously marked and also received after the deadline.

	2004 Ford Explorer	2006 Ford Taurus
Kenneth Spittle Houlton, Maine	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Raymond Sommers Patten, Maine	--	\$2,054.50
Bay Ridge Motors, Inc. Staten Island, New York	\$ 757.00	\$ 711.00
Tri-State Auto Brokers Exeter, New Hampshire	\$ 483.50	\$1,033.00
David A. Belyea Houlton, Maine	\$1,682.00	--
Jersey One Auto Gorham	\$1,289.00	\$1,311.00

MOION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to table the bids pending review by the County Administrator, with authorization to award the bid to the apparent high bidder.

VOIE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. 2011 Jail Biennium Inspection Report. (Sheriff Madore)

Sheriff Madore reviewed a summary of the 2011 Biennium Inspection Report for the Aroostook County Jail, which was conducted and prepared by the Department of Corrections (DOC). As a result of the inspection, the jail received a score of 95.3%. The Sheriff reviewed six (6) non-compliant standards with the County Commissioners, and outlined a corrective action plan for each of the deficient areas. Some of the areas of non-compliance are fairly easy to remedy; other areas will require additional funding from the Board of Corrections (BOC). A corrective action plan will be submitted to the DOC by July 12, 2011. As was identified in the report, Sheriff Madore extended special gratitude and recognition to Sgt. Carmen Leavitt for his level of preparation and good work leading up to the jail inspection.

ART. 7. County Administrator's Report:

A) LD 1201:

LD 1201 was killed in the Maine House of Representatives and died in the Maine Senate. District Attorney Todd Collins supported this bill, as did the Aroostook Board of County Commissioners. The Aroostook County Legislative Delegation supported this bill, as is evidenced by the Roll Call in the House. We appreciate the support from our legislative delegation.

B) LD 1499.

LD 1499 was enacted in the House and Senate. It is currently on the Governor's desk. There is speculation that the Governor may veto the bill.

C) LD 1419.

LD 1419 was enacted in the House and Senate. It is currently on the Governor's desk. We have every reason to believe the Governor will sign this bill. His office was party to the negotiations on this legislation.

D) Federal Fund 2010.

The County Administrator reviewed the Federal Funds 2010 spreadsheet with the County Commissioners. The County of Aroostook secured nearly \$7M in Federal Funds in 2010.

E) BOC Funding 2012/2013.

The BOC approved the rest of our allocation, \$120,000 for FY 11, today. They also approved our FY 12 budget, which is \$62,000 less than we requested. This will require adjustments (cuts) to the budget that we submitted to the BOC in January.

F) July 6, 2011 Meeting.

The July 6, 2011 County Commissioners' Meeting in Houlton has been cancelled. The County Administrator reminded the County Commissioners that we have a Tax Abatement Hearing in Caribou at noon on July 7, 2011.

G) Other items of interest.

1) Sheriff's Office Award.

The Sheriff's Office received an award from the Maine State Police for our investigative involvement in the triple homicide in Amity last summer. Sheriff Madore singled out Lt. Darrell Crandall, Deputy Mike Montpetit and Deputy Rudy Levesque for their professionalism and involvement in the investigation. It is not often that the Maine State Police give an award of this type to a Sheriff's Office. We are honored to receive the award.

2) HAZ-MAT Vehicle.

Vern Ouellette and his staff were recently able to acquire a new asset (truck) for the HAZ-MAT team in Madawaska. This is testament to EMA's ability to continue to leverage assets to improve our County's emergency capabilities.

3) 2012 Budget Process Schedule.

The County Commissioners approved the 2012 Budget Process schedule as presented by the County Administrator.

4) NACo Award.

Aroostook County was recognized and received an Achievement Award for its Pretrial and Video Arraignment Programs. This award is presented by the National Association of Counties.

ART. 8. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 9. Executive Session.

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams:

"I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (C) to discuss labor negotiations."

VOIE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 10. Adjournment

MOTION:

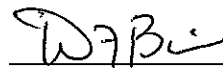
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to adjourn the meeting.

VOIE:

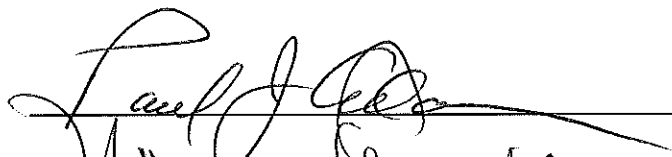
Motion voted on and passed.

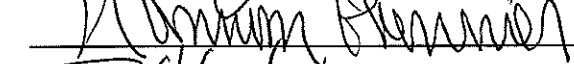
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator







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