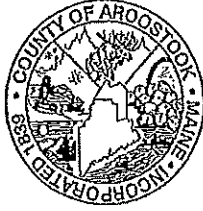


County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



AGENDA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGHASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015
-- 4:30 P.M. - SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES:
- A) CHAIR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
 - B) CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL (CLEO) FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) PROGRAM.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2014 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) TAX ABATEMENT DECISION.
- ART. 7. APPROVAL OF TWO (2) CLERKS FOR REGISTRY OF DEEDS, SOUTH. (Tyler Clark)
- ART. 8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHIEF DEPUTY. (Sheriff Darrell Crandall)
- ART. 9. RENEWAL OF DISPATCH CONTRACTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES. (Sheriff Darrell Crandall)
- ART. 10. APPROVAL OF STAFFING CHANGE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. (Sheriff Darrell Crandall)
- ART. 11. REVIEW OF YTD JAIL BUDGET FOR DECEMBER 2014. (Sheriff Darrell Crandall)
- ART. 12. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO PERSONNEL POLICY. (Doug Beaulieu)
- ART. 13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) VEHICLE BID AWARDS.
 - B) REZONING PETITION.
 - C) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 14. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 16. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING -- WEDNESDAY -- JANUARY 21, 2015 -- 4:30 P.M. -- FORT KENT

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' 2015 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING –TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015– 4:30 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 (participated by teleconference)
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell O. Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Ross McQuade, Lieutenant
Tyler Clark, Register of Deeds

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order 4:45 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Election of Officers:

A) Chair, Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to elect Commissioner Paul J. Adams as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2015.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. 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 hiring of Nancy E. Ledger as full-time clerk for the Registry of Deeds, South.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Introduction of new Chief Deputy.

Sheriff Darrell O. Crandall formally introduced his new Chief Deputy, Shawn Gillen, to the Board of County Commissioners. He also referenced a letter outlining the appointment and asked that it be recorded and filed in the Office of the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners and County Administrator congratulated and welcomed Chief Deputy Gillen to his new post.

ART. 9. Renewal of dispatch contracts with municipalities.

Sheriff Darrell O. Crandall indicated that renewal contracts for dispatch services with municipalities would be sent out by his staff. A 5% increase in these service agreements will be reflected in each contract.

ART. 10. Approval of staffing change in Law Enforcement Division.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier moved to table this item for discussion in executive session because of bargaining unit implications.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table this item for discussion in executive session.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Review of YTD Jail Budget for December 2014.

Sheriff Darrell O. Crandall reviewed the December 2014 YTD Jail Revenue and Expenditure Budget with the County Commissioners and fielded questions from the same. He believes our financial requirement from the FY 15 Supplemental request will be approximately \$853,000.00. The Jail Budget will be monitored closely through the end of the fiscal year.

ART. 12. Approval of proposed changes to Personnel Policy.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed two (2) changes with the County Commissioners in regards to a deferred compensation matter that was discussed at the December 17, 2014 meeting. He recommended the County Commissioners approve the proposed changes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the changes as recommended by the County Administrator and Human Resources Coordinator.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. County Administrator's Report:

A) Vehicle bid award.

Vehicle bids were awarded to York's of Houlton for two (2) SUVs and one (1) Pick-up truck.

B) Rezoning petition.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu informed the County Commissioners that Irving Woodlands has submitted their rezoning petition in reference to the Fish River Chain of Lakes Concept Plan. He also distributed a summary of that filing and indicated that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) will be reviewing this submission and making a decision in the near future.

C) Other items of interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 14. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 15. Executive Session.

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

"I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (D) to discuss a restructuring proposal concerning the Sheriff's Office, which would impact a collective bargaining agreement, if implemented."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 16. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WITH
EDP RENEWABLES.
- ART. 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
- ART. 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) TAX ABATEMENT HEARING DECISION.
- ART. 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUE REGARDING
NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (NEPBA).
- ART. 8. APPROVAL TO HIRE TWO (2) SERGEANTS TO FILL OPEN POSITIONS.
- ART. 9. APPROVAL TO HIRE FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF.
- ART. 10. APPROVAL TO HIRE FULL-TIME CLERK FOR REGISTRY OF DEEDS, SOUTH.
- ART. 11. APPROVAL OF PARKING LOT PROJECT REQUEST FOR CARIBOU COURTHOUSE.
- ART. 12. APPROVAL TO HIRE FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN FOR THE HOULTON BUILDING
COMPLEX.
- ART. 13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) MCCA/RISK POOL UPDATE.
 - B) NORTH LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION.

- C) MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST (MMEHT) HEALTH CLAIMS EXPERIENCE REPORT.
- D) DISCUSSION REGARDING JAIL FUNDING.
- E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 14. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 15. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. - CARIBOU

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 -
4:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) –
FORT KENT**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner (participated by teleconference)
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Manager
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Erik Stumpf, Attorney, Rudman Winchell
Noreen Norton, Economic Development Consultant, Rudman Winchell
Jonathan Pottle, Attorney, EDP Renewables
John "JT" Taylor, Tax Manager, EDP Renewables
Erin Bowser, Director Project Management, EDP Renewables

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:24 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. Executive session to discuss an Economic Development Initiative with EDP Renewables.

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 we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (C) to discuss an Economic Development Initiative with EDP Renewables."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

Moved by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the Resolution between the Aroostook County Commissioners and Number Nine Wind Farm LLC, as read. (Attachment I)

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Noreen Norton, Economic Development Consultant, Rudman Winchell, provided an overview of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) requirements and reviewed two (2) handouts (Attachment II and III), which are appended to the minutes. At the appropriate time, Ms. Norton will contact the County Administrator and Public Works Director to discuss proposed TIF projects within the district.

ART. 4. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood recused himself from the executive session because of a potential conflict of interest and joined the meeting by teleconference at this point in time.

ART. 5. Approval of minutes of the January 6, 2015 County Commissioners' Organizational Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 County Commissioners' Organizational Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 County Commissioners' Organizational Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6 The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Tax Abatement Decision.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the tax abatement decision regarding Donovan vs. City of Caribou.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7 Executive session to discuss a Collective Bargaining Issue regarding New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA).

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

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

“I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (D) to discuss a proposed staffing change which may have an impact on New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA).”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the reorganization of command staff within the Sheriff's Office as articulated in the January 14, 2015 memorandum to the County Administrator from Sheriff Crandall.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval to hire two (2) sergeants to fill open positions.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the promotions of Deputy Sheriffs Erica Pelletier and Matthew Cummings to the rank of sergeant.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the promotions of Deputy Sheriffs Erica Pelletier and Matthew Cummings to the rank of sergeant as recommended by Sheriff Crandall.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Approval to hire full-time deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Reid Clark of Easton as full-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Reid Clark of Easton as full-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Approval to hire full-time clerk for Registry of Deeds, South.

On behalf of Tyler Clark, Register of Deeds, South, County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Susan McAfee of Houlton as full-time clerk for the Registry of Deeds in Houlton.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Susan McAfee of Houlton as full-time clerk for the Registry of Deeds in Houlton.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Approval of parking lot project request for Caribou Courthouse.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau provided an overview of a request from the State of Maine Judicial Branch to construct two (2) parking spaces to be used exclusively for the judges. The court has agreed to provide the necessary funding for this project. Both the County Administrator and Facilities Manager recommend the approval of this project.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request from the State of Maine Judicial Branch to construct two (2) parking spaces as recommended by the County Administrator and Facilities Manager.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Approval to hire full-time custodian for the Houlton Building Complex.

Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Joan McAfee of Houlton as full-time custodian for the Houlton Building Complex.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Joan McAfee of Houlton as full-time custodian for the Houlton Building Complex.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. County Administrator's Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier reported that the renewal for insurance was \$100,000 less than anticipated; 82% of loss funds are in reserves; another overview of Knox County case was provided; and, all counties have received the Marchesi training, except for York County.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier advised that \$5,600.00 was cut from the MCCA budget. Because of this reduction, there will be no increase in dues for 2015. The MCCA approved the same slate of officers as 2014. There was extensive discussion regarding county jails. Commissioner Underwood is being nominated to serve on the Board of Corrections (BOC). At this point, the MCCA has not formulated a plan for the future of the county jails. Also, legislation increasing county borrowing limits is being advanced by MCCA, as is a bill encouraging regionalization of services.

B) North Lakes Fire Department Grant Application.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that North Lakes Fire Department received \$1,728.03 in matching grant funds through Maine Forest Service for fire equipment.

C) Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Health Claims Experience report.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reported that the loss ratio for the first three (3) quarters of the 2014 calendar year was 61%, which is excellent.

D) Discussion regarding Jail Funding.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu indicated that the Governor is recommending nearly \$24.7 million for the FY 16/17 biennial budget for Board of Corrections (BOC), which is down 4.69% from FY 14/15.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu also reported that Ryan Thornell, BOC Executive Director, did an excellent job articulating our jail needs to the Appropriations Committee on January 20, 2015. He provided a copy of Mr. Thornell's testimony to the County Commissioners to buttress this point. Mr. Thornell also provided a copy of the BOC 2014 Annual Report to the committee. A copy of this report was provided to the County Commissioners during this agenda item. The County Administrator indicated that Aroostook's report stands out above all other reports submitted by the various counties.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall reported that he had sent a directive to his staff advising that they are to curtail spending as much as reasonably possible. He indicated that all 1050 account spending needs are to be approved by Captain Clossey through the remainder of the fiscal year.

The County is nearing the point where we need to develop a contingency plan to deal with the prospect of not receiving our supplemental request for the current year.

E. Other Items of Interest.

Aroostook County Jail Biennium Inspection Report.

A hard copy of the report was distributed to the County Commissioners. Sheriff Crandall indicated that we received a score of 100% on the mandatory requirements and 100% on essential requirements. The County Commissioners commended the sheriff and asked him to convey their appreciation to the jail staff.

ART. 14. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 15. Adjournment.

MOTION:

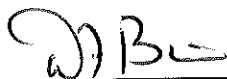
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE:

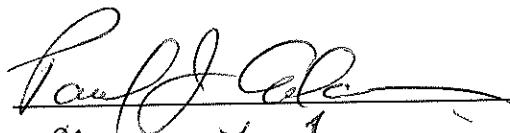
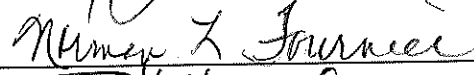
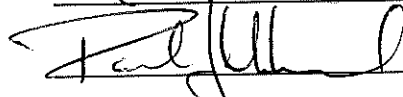
Motion voted on and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: January 21, 2015

County of Aroostook

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Aroostook County, that:

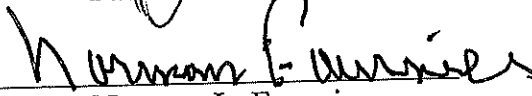
- (1) Aroostook County agrees to accept funds from Number Nine Wind Farm LLC in an amount not less than \$4,000 per turbine per year consistent with 35-A M.R.S. § 3454; and
- (2) While Aroostook County is still negotiating the details of a Community Benefit Agreement with Number Nine Wind Farm LLC, Aroostook County is committed to accepting the tangible benefit funds from Number Nine Wind Farm LLC for the proposed wind energy project.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2015, in Fort Kent, Maine.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Paul J. Adams



Norman L. Fournier

(Note: Commissioner Paul J. Underwood has abstained from voting on this Resolution)

Project Description	Statutory Citation	Cost Estimate
INVESTMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT		
<p>1. Capital Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital costs for road and water system improvements and recreational access infrastructure construction and/or improvements and maintenance thereof to support recreational use and economic development in key recreational areas by improving access to trails and waterways; including, but not limited to, bridges and dams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>See Exhibit A for a list of roads</i> 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(A)(1), (1)(A)(1)(a)(ii) and (ii), (1)(b), (c) and (d)</p>	<p>\$ 5,000,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>2. Capital Costs, Property Assembly Costs and Professional Service Costs Related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition and/or Construction of a Visitors' and Training Center. Also to be used for tourist related events, workshops and training. Rent will be charged for use of space not related to this Development Program or if used by not-for-profit entities from outside of the UT. • Acquisition including but not limited to roads or easements over roads that provide access to recreational areas and trails. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1) (A)(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) (1)(A)(3) (1)(A)(4)</p>	<p>\$2,500,000</p>
<p>3. Professional, Administrative and Organizational Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional service costs including, but not limited to licensing, architectural, planning, engineering, consulting and legal expenses. • Reasonable charges for time spent by County officials and employees in connection with the implementation of the development program—includes reasonable pro-ration of salaries directly related to district implementation. • Organizational costs associated with the establishment and any amendment of the TIF district. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225(1)(A) (4) (1) (A) (5) (1) (A) (7)</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>

Project Description	Statutory Citation	Cost Estimate
INVESTMENTS MADE NECESSARY BY THE DISTRICT		
<p>4. Public Safety Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital costs to enhance County emergency radio communications and cell service to support the District. Investment may need to be outside of the UT. If investments benefit areas outside the UT, costs paid with TIF revenues will be pro-rated. • Public safety services made necessary by anticipated development within the County UT Tract. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225(1)(B)(2)</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>5. Adverse Impact Mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of funding to mitigate adverse impact of the district, if any; may include, but is not limited to, noise barriers, wildlife habitat or environmental impacts of either the Project or anticipated development within the County UT Tract. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1) (B) (3)</p>	<p>\$ 300,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>

Project Description	Statutory Citation	Cost Estimate
INVESTMENTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
<p>6. Costs of funding economic development programs, events and marketing of the UT as a business location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Such funding will be limited to costs related to the UT. In the case of county-wide expenditures costs will be limited to an UT pro-rated share of expenditure. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(1)</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>7. Economic Development Program Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dues to organizations that provide economic development support to the UT, such as the Somerset Economic Development Corporation and the Council of Governments. Such funding will be limited to costs related to the UT and may include additional economic development services and contracts. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(1)</p>	<p>\$ 100,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>8. Costs related to Environmental Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milfoil and/or other invasive species mitigation to protect water quality of recreational waterways. Mitigation and remediation of septic waste or other contaminants affecting water quality of recreational waterways. Erosion control as appropriate to protect integrity of recreational waterways and other recreational trails. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(2)</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>9. Costs related to Funding Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment and capitalization of a permanent revolving loan program and/or investment funds and/or grants to support commercial activities. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1) (C) (3)</p>	<p>\$ 1,000,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>10. Costs related to Education and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support education and training funds through a scholarship program for UT residents to attend Maine institutions of higher learning or to online learning entities when in-state options are not available. Provide skills development training programs for hospitality or other industry for jobs created or retained within the UT. Expand Rural Broadband Access to UT residents to improve access to training and educational opportunities 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(4)</p>	<p>\$ 1,000,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>

Project Description	Statutory Citation	Cost Estimate
<p>11. Costs related to Recreational Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs related to planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and improvements to new or existing recreational trails designed to enhance the tourism visits to recreational areas located within the County's UT, including bridges that are part of the trail corridor, used wholly or in part for snowmobiling, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related uses. The UT portions of the County are a tourist destination for outdoor activities that center around the quality and accessibility of the recreational trail systems in the County. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(6)</p>	<p>\$ 2,000,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>12. Costs related to Transit Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital and Annual Costs to provide transit services to UT residents, by adding bus or other transportation service, signage and shelters. 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 (1)(C)(7A)</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
<p>13. TIF revenues to be used as match for applicable State and Federal Economic Development Grant Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be used for purposes identified as authorized project costs in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5225 	<p>30-A M.R.S.A. § 5230</p>	<p>\$ 500,000 (over 30 yrs)</p>
	<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$ 14,900,000</p>

ATTACHMENT III

AUTHORIZED COSTS IN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS

MRS TITLE 30-A, CH. 206 §5225	PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ACTIVITY?	PROPOSED BUDGET
COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE WITHIN THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT		
1. <u>Capital costs</u> , such as a. the acquisition or construction of land, improvements, public ways, buildings, structures, fixtures and equipment, arts district, new or existing recreational trail, commercial or transit-oriented development district; b. Demolition, alteration, remodeling, repair or re-construction of existing buildings, structures and fixtures; c. Site preparation and finishing work; d. All fees and expenses that are eligible to be included in the capital cost of such improvements;		
2. <u>Financing costs</u> , such as closing costs, interest paid, and premiums for early redemption;		
3. <u>Real property assembly costs</u> ;		
4. <u>Professional services costs</u> ; including licensing, architectural, planning, engineering, legal;		
5. <u>Administrative costs</u> (including reasonable time spent by municipal employees to implement the TIF program);		
6. <u>Relocation costs</u> ; including relocation payments made following condemnation;		
7. <u>Organizational costs</u> relating to the establishment of the district;		
8. <u>Ongoing costs</u> in a transit-oriented district for new portion of the system and limited to operator salaries and fuel and vehicle parts replacements.		

COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE OUTSIDE DISTRICT BUT DIRECTLY RELATED TO OR MADE NECESSARY BY THE DISTRICT

<p>1. Portion of the costs related to construction, alteration or expansion of <u>any facilities not located in the district that are required due to improvements or activities within the district</u>, such as public infrastructure improvements;</p>		
<p>2. Costs of <u>public safety improvements</u> made necessary by the district;</p>		
<p>3. Costs of funding to <u>mitigate any adverse impact of the district</u> on the municipality and its constituents. This funding may be may be used for public facilities and improvements if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The public facilities are located in a downtown TIF district and b. The entire tax increment of the downtown district is committed to that district. 		
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COSTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE OR MARINE RESOURCES PROJECTS, RECREATIONAL TRAILS OR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

1. <u>Economic development programs or events</u> developed by the municipality, or the <u>marketing of the municipality</u> as a business location;		
2. <u>Environmental improvement projects</u> developed by the municipality for commercial or for arts district use or related to such activities;		
3. Establishment of <u>permanent economic development revolving loan funds, investment funds and grants</u> ;		
4. <u>Skills development and training services</u> for residents of the municipality;		
5. <u>Quality child care services</u> , including financing costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care;		
6. <u>New or existing recreational trails</u> determined by DECD to have significant potential to promote economic development.		
7. <u>New or expanded transit service, limited to:</u> a. Capital costs including vehicles conveyances and related equipment, related structures, benches signs, b. Ongoing costs of adding to or creating a new transit service (limited to transit operator salaries, vehicle fuel and parts replacements;		
8. <u>Development of fisheries or marine resources projects</u>		
9. <u>TIF revenues to be used as match for applicable State and Federal Economic Development Grant Programs</u>		

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
 - A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE.
- ART. 6. REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND AND UNORGANIZED TERRITORY AUDITS. (Giselle MacDonald, CPA)
- ART. 7. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) UPDATE. (Darren Woods)
- ART. 8. NORTH LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS. (Doug Beaulieu and Darren Woods)
- ART. 9. APPROVAL OF FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF. (Sheriff Darrell Crandall)
- ART. 10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
 - A) FIXED ASSET RECORDING.
 - B) JAIL REFORM AND FUNDING.
 - C) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 11. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 13. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. - HOULTON

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner (by teleconference)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Darren Woods, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 5 D) Criminal Forfeiture.

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. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 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.

C) Tax Anticipation Note.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Tax Anticipation Note. (Attachment I)

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed. Commissioner Paul J. Adams abstained from voting.

D) Criminal Forfeiture.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Criminal Forfeiture of \$1,067.00 in U. S. Currency, property owned by and seized from Paul Lovett, who was convicted of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Review of General Fund and Unorganized Territory Audits. (Gisele MacDonald, CPA)

Chairperson Paul J. Adams introduced Gisele MacDonald, CPA, and welcomed her to the meeting.

Ms. MacDonald presented an overview of both the General Fund and Unorganized Territory Audits. Both audits received a clean report. One low level control deficiency was referenced in each audit pertaining to segregation of duties. To the extent possible, the County has implemented checks and balances to ameliorate this problem.

ART. 7. Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Update. (Darren Woods)

EMA Director Darren Woods provided a very substantive update to the County Commissioners on Aroostook County EMA operations. In lieu of summarizing his presentation, Attachment II is appended to these minutes.

Due to time constraints, Chief Woods will provide an overview to the County Commissioners regarding North Lakes Fire and Rescue at a subsequent meeting.

ART. 8. North Lakes Fire and Rescue Appointments and Promotions. (Doug Beaulieu and Darren Woods)

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and EMA Director Darren Woods recommended that the County Commissioners approve the appointments and promotions to North Lakes Fire and Rescue as recommended in the four (4) memoranda presented.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the appointments and promotions as articulated in the following memoranda:

Memorandum dated December 17, 2014;
Two (2) memoranda dated January 14, 2015;
Memorandum dated January 22, 2015.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

It was also recommended that, in the future, all applications received for volunteer firefighters for North Lakes Fire and Rescue will be formally approved by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners support the recommendation.

ART. 9. Approval of full-time deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Chad Foley of Presque Isle as full-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Chad Foley of Presque Isle as full-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. County Administrator's report:

A) Fixed Asset Recording.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the dollar threshold for fixed asset recording be increased from \$100.00 to \$500.00. After a brief discussion regarding threshold levels, the following motion was made.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to establish a recordable dollar threshold level of \$500.00 for fixed assets.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) Jail Reform and Funding.

Both the County Administrator and Sheriff provided an update on the current state of affairs as it relates to jail reform and funding. Of significance is the fact that the Maine Sheriffs' Association voted unanimously to support LD 186 (An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation). At a subsequent meeting of the Maine County Commissioners' Association (MCCA) Legislative Policy Committee that group voted eight (8) in favor and zero (0) against, with four (4) abstentions to support the Maine Sheriffs' Association position. As this legislation makes its way through the process, we will take whatever action is necessary to safeguard our interest and protect Aroostook County's financial well-being.

C) Other Items of Interest:

There were no other items of interest to discuss.

ART. 11. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 12. 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 we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (C) to discuss an economic development initiative in southern Aroostook."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

ART. 13. Adjournment.

MOTION:




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

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 4, 2015

VOTES TO BE ADOPTED

Voted: That the Board of Commissioners of Aroostook County (the "County") hereby authorizes a borrowing in anticipation of tax receipts for the 2015 fiscal year in the original principal amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) from Katahdin Trust Company on behalf of the County with interest thereon at 2.99% 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 Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) at the interest rate of 2.99%; 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 Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) and to execute and deliver a note or notes under the seal of the County attested by the County Administrator, dated on or about February 2, 2015 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.

Update to County Commissioners

Aroostook EMA

2-4-2015

1. State of the Office
 - a. Morale high – Team building
2. Interns
 - a. Utilizing free help at EMA and FD where possible, good partnership with UMFK
3. Grant funds tightening
 - a. Funding reductions
 - b. Regulation changes
4. Padfolio
 - a. Great response of all communities & congressional office staff
5. BIDP
 - a. Project still moving forward, struggling with frequency issues
6. Exercises
 - a. Multiple exercises per quarter.
 - b. Demands for participation are increasing statewide
7. Teams
 - a. IMAT
 - b. Local Directors
 - c. Animal Response
 - d. ARES/RACES
8. Local Director Certifications
 - a. Mapleton, Fort Fairfield, MicMac's as a start. More are expected.
9. Use of Technology to Increase Outreach
10. River Ice Presentations
 - a. Fort Kent
 - b. Fort Fairfield
 - c. Island Falls
11. Shelter Trainings
 - a. Regional Shelters
 - b. Local Shelters
12. Planning Efforts
 1. County & Local EOP's
 2. Mitigation Plan
 3. County-wide COOP

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 6. BIDS:
- A) ALL WHEEL DRIVE SIDE-BY-SIDE UTV.
- ART. 7. APPROVAL OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME DISPATCHER.
- ART. 8. DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR NOMINEE TO THE MAINE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION (MSA).
- ART. 9. APPROVAL OF 2015 APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR NORTHERN AROOSTOOK SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION (N.A.S.W.A.).
- ART. 10. BUDGET REVIEW:
- A) FINAL YEAR-END 2014 COUNTY BUDGET;
 - B) YTD FY 15 UNORGANIZED TERRITORY (UT) BUDGET;
 - C) YTD FY 15 JAIL BUDGET.
- ART. 11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.
 - B) SINCLAIR CELL PHONE TOWER PROJECT.
 - C) MCCA/RISK POOL UPDATE.
 - D) LD 234.
 - E) SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) TAX ABATEMENT HEARINGS.
 - F) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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- ART. 12. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 14. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. – FORT KENT

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. - SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner (by teleconference)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Craig Clossey, Captain/Jail Administrator
Sgt. Kris Miller
Lt. Ross McQuade

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. 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. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 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.

ART. 6. Bids:

A) All wheel drive side-by-side UTV.

The following bids were received:

Tidd's Sports Shop Houlton, Maine.	\$13,185.00
Corriveau's Artic Cat Fort Kent, Maine	\$10,761.00
Gary's Yamaha Caribou, Maine	\$12,599.00
Therault Equipment Presque Isle, Maine	\$13,236.07 (Option #1) \$14,031.85 (Option #2) \$14,791.64 (Option #3)

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 that adheres to the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of one (1) full-time dispatcher.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Bobbie McAtee of Linneus as full-time dispatcher.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Bobbie McAtee of Linneus as full-time dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Deputy Sheriff of the Year nominee to the Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA).

Sheriff Darrell Crandall provided some background on various Maine Sheriffs' Association Awards that are presented on an annual basis. This year, he nominated Sgt. Kris Miller for both Deputy of the Year and Manager of the Year. Unfortunately, the Awards' Committee did not approve her nomination. However, Sheriff Crandall indicated that Sgt. Miller is our Deputy of the Year and articulated why in Attachment I, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

It is evident that the Sheriff's nomination is universally supported by command staff and rank-and-file staff of the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department, which is demonstrated by various letters of reference in the nomination packet.

The County Commissioners joined Sheriff Crandall in commending Sgt. Miller for her competency, positive attitude and the "can do" spirit she brings to her profession. Kudos to Sgt. Miller!

ART. 9. Approval of 2015 appropriation request for Northern Aroostook Solid Waste Association (N.A.S.W.A.).

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu indicated that this item should have been included in the County Administrator's report, in that it is informational, only.

No action is required by the County Commissioners.

ART. 10. Budget Review:

A) Final year-end 2014 County Budget:

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu was pleased to report and review the year-end 2014 County Budget to the County Commissioners. Overall, he is pleased with the way the departments ended the year with their expenditure budgets. 2014 was a good year both revenue and expense-wise and it will help us improve our overall financial picture. The end-of-year balance will be most helpful if the financial responsibility of the jails is returned to the counties next fiscal year. The County Administrator indicated he would report on the 2014 unaudited, undesignated fund balance at the next meeting.

B) YTD FY 15 Unorganized Territory (UT) Budget:

The January 2015 YTD Unorganized Territory Budget report was presented and reviewed with the County Commissioners. The excise tax line on the revenue page is encouraging because it represents three (3) quarters of income. As such, we should easily meet our goal of \$240,000.00 for the year. Aside from that, the expenses and revenues are in line for the reporting period.

C) YTD FY 15 Jail Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Sheriff Darrell Crandall reported on the status of the FY 2015 Supplemental budget request relative to our county jail. The amount earmarked for Aroostook is \$782,000.00. We believe that, at the current rate of spending, our need should be between \$836,000.00 and \$853,000.00 for the current year. This is contingent on avoiding any doomsday scenarios with respect to inmate medical expenses or other unanticipated contingencies.

ART. 11 County Administrator's report:

A) Community Development Block Grant Application.

Public Works Director Paul Bernier explained the letter of intent process regarding this grant for three (3) businesses in the Unorganized Territory. We received notice from the Office of Community Development on February 17, 2015, advising that we are eligible to submit a Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant Program application by March 27, 2015. We will be moving forward with this grant application.

B) Sinclair Cell Phone Tower Project.

Public Works Director Paul Bernier explained the intent to construct a cell phone tower in Sinclair on Sanitary District property. This is a welcomed event by residential, business and tourism customers. More information on this project will follow at a later date.

C) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

Risk Pool: Commissioner Paul J. Underwood reported that a separate Tax ID# for the Risk Pool was approved; open/closed cases were reported on; the cost of reinsurance is down, and another status report on a lingering Knox County case involving their jail was provided.

MCCA: Commissioner Paul J. Underwood reported that most of the discussion revolved around LD 186, which is a bill to eliminate the BOC and return the jails to the counties. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that the MCCA Executive Committee would meet with the Maine Sheriffs' Association Executive Committee to discuss a coordinated response to LD 186. Also, Sheriff Crandall indicated that the Maine Sheriffs' Association finalized their testimony on LD 186 today and a copy will be provided to the County Commissioners shortly.

D) LD 234.

LD 234 was discussed under Article 10(C). Specifically, the County Administrator provided an overview of the Martin Amendment to that legislation.

E) Scheduling of two (2) Tax Abatement Hearings.

Two (2) tax abatement hearings were scheduled as follows:

- R. Blake Fryer vs. Town of Weston – Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12:00 noon in Houlton.
- Michael Charette vs. Town of Crystal – Friday, March 27, 2015 at 12:00 noon in Houlton.

G) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 12. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 13. 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 we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A) to discuss personnel issues.”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTACHMENT I

Sgt. Kris Miller is a US Air Force Veteran who joined the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office in 1989 as a corrections officer. After four years in the jail, Kris was transferred to the transportation unit, where she was sworn as a Deputy Sheriff and sent to the academy. In 1996 Kris was transferred to the patrol division where she worked in Southern Aroostook County for five years. In 2001, Kris was promoted to sergeant, in the training and recruitment unit. In 2013, Kris was placed in charge of communications as well as retaining her training and recruitment duties.

Kris's duties are very diverse in her current position. She is responsible for overseeing dispatch operations for the Sheriff's Office, which includes our patrol, transport and corrections unit; as well as seventeen local fire, police and ambulance agencies.

Kris is also tasked with making sure all seventy Sheriff's Office employees complete their annual, mandatory training requirements and maintains and certifies those records. Her organizational skills and ability to motivate staff to complete these sometimes tedious tasks are commendable.

Kris runs several basic corrections schools each year, after coordinating the recruitment, testing and interviews of those employees. She also recruits, tests and coordinates initial training for the law enforcement unit, as well as BLETP placement and in-service training.

In addition to all of that, and supervising nine (9) dispatch employees, she also regularly covers open patrol shifts, helps with prisoner security at the courthouse, transports prisoners, assists the drug unit, and she reviews, updates and schedules training on policies and procedures.

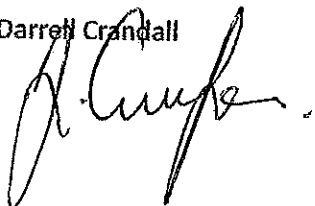
Honestly, whatever Kris can do to help the team succeed, she is there.

What sets Sgt. Miller apart is that she has had the very same "can do" attitude since the day she started and her passion for her profession has not diminished one bit over time. If Kris is covering for a dispatcher who is on break, transporting a female inmate to the hospital, getting called out at midnight to cover a traffic accident, covering complaints while a patrol deputy is in court, chasing officers to complete their training or helping revise policies, she has a smile on her face and an attitude of commitment to the task at hand. Kris has been a dedicated employee of the Sheriff's Office for twenty five years, and can still regularly be heard saying, "I love my job." As leaders we are never blessed with too many people like Sgt. Kris Miller.

I am very hopeful that the selection committee will select Sgt. Miller as Deputy of the Year, or in the alternative, as manager of the year.

Thank you,

Darrell Crandall

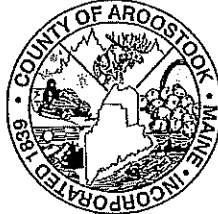


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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. - REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) PORTAGE LAKERS ATV CLUB ACCESS ROUTE APPLICATION.
 - D) RATIFICATION OF NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC. LOCAL 601 CONTRACT.
- ART. 6. PRESENTATION ON MALISEET TRIBE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)
- ART. 7. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCIES.
- ART. 8. APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS AWARENESS PLAN.
- ART. 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE.
 - B) CLOSE-OUT OF BENEDICTA DEORGANIZATION FUNDS.
 - C) BID RESULTS.
 - D) SCHEDULING OF TAX ABATEMENT HEARING.
 - E) COUNTY TAX ABERRATION.
 - F) DEORGANIZATION INFORMATION.
 - G) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 10. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 12. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. - CARIBOU

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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 -
4:30 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) –
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
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 10, Other Business - Approval of firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

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. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance Record.
- B) Bills and Warrants.
- C) Portage Lakers ATV Club Access Route Application.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Portage Lakers ATV Club Access Route Application.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Ratification of New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 601 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to ratify New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 601 MOA as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Presentation on Maliseet Tribe Legislative Initiatives. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to table this presentation until Mr. Bear can attend our meeting in person.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of Finance Committee Member Vacancies.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the slate of Finance Committee Members consistent with the recommendation of the Finance Committee in a memorandum dated February 23, 2015 from Finance Committee Chair Reynolds Raymond.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the slate of Finance Committee Members as outlined in a memorandum dated February 23, 2015.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of Asbestos Awareness Plan.

Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau explained the rationale for the Asbestos Awareness Plan. It is an outgrowth of the Maine OSHA inspection in December 2014. Mr. Jandreau entertained questions and provided feedback to the County Commissioners on the plan and the OSHA inspection.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Asbestos Awareness Plan as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) Undesignated Fund Balance.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu distributed a revised fund balance document and reviewed the basis for the revised figure. We will need a healthy balance to absorb possible jail costs moving forward, if LD 186 is approved.

B) Close-out of Benedicta Deorganization Funds.

Public Works Director Paul Bernier explained the rationale for a check we received from the State of Maine relating to escrow money for Benedicta. The \$5,209.34 will be deposited in miscellaneous revenue in the UT Fund.

C) Bid Results.

The ATV bid was awarded to Tidd's Sport Shop, Inc. of Hodgdon in the amount of \$13,185.00.

D) Scheduling of Tax Abatement Hearing.

A tax abatement hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for April 3, 2015 in Caribou at 12:00 noon.

E) County Tax Aberration.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu explained an aberration in the 2015 County Tax because of the Bancroft Deorganization. The 2015 County Tax will be formally approved at the next meeting.

F) Deorganization Information.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Public Works Director Paul Bernier entertained comments and questions regarding deorganization data that was provided to the County Commissioners.

G) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 10. Other Business.

A) Approval of firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Dominic DeLuca as a firefighter for North Lakes Fire and Rescue.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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. Underwood:

“I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §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. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

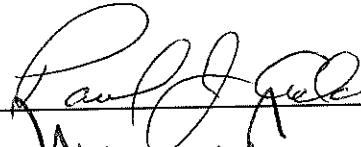

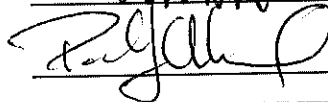
Motion voted on and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

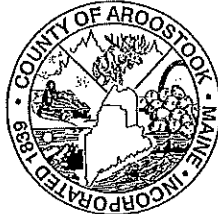
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 4, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



AGENDA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) STATE OF MAINE v. WARD W. BALLARD CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.
- ART. 6. PRESENTATION ON MALISEET TRIBE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)
- ART. 7. SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPOINTMENTS:
- A) APPROVAL OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF.
 - B) APPROVAL OF ONE (1) PART-TIME COOK FOR THE JAIL.
 - C) APPROVAL OF ONE (1) PART-TIME DISPATCHER.
 - D) APPROVAL OF FIVE (5) PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICERS.
- ART. 8. APPROVAL OF 2015 COUNTY TAX, DUE DATE AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES.
- ART. 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) MCCA/RISK POOL MEETING UPDATE.
 - B) MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST (MMEHT) HEALTH CLAIMS EXPERIENCE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.
 - C) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 10. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 12. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.*- HOULTON

*Please note the change in meeting time.

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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff (by teleconference)
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Paul Camping, Secession Committee Member
Maynard St. Peter, Secession Committee Member

ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. Approval of agenda.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams advised that one (1) item would be added to Article 10 – Other Business – Update from Caribou Secession Committee and that item would follow Article 6.

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. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 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.

C) State of Maine v. Ward W. Ballard Criminal Forfeiture.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Criminal Forfeiture of \$1,125.00 in U. S. Currency and \$7,500.00 in U.S. Currency, property owned by and seized from Ward W. Ballard who was convicted of Unlawful Furnishing of Scheduled Drugs.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Presentation on Maliseet Tribal Legislative Initiatives. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table this Article until the next meeting when Mr. Bear can be present.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Other Business.

A) Update from Caribou Secession Committee. (Paul Camping and Maynard St. Peter)

Chairperson Paul J. Adams introduced Paul Camping and Maynard St. Peter, representatives of the Caribou Secession Committee. Mr. Camping and Mr. St. Peter provided an overview to the County Commissioners of their initiative to secede from the City of Caribou. The purpose of their presentation was not to ask for help or support; it was merely to provide information on the history of Caribou, their grievances with the city council form of government, the secession process, and to propose a partnership with the County of Aroostook if their initiative is approved after a long and arduous public process (potentially 1.5 to 2 years). As representatives of the committee, they understand that they are unable to make any commitments or enter into any agreements. That responsibility will be within the domain of elected representatives of the new Town of Lyndon, if their initiative is successful.

The County Commissioners thanked the representatives for their informative and substantive presentation.

ART. 7. Sheriff's Office Appointments:

A) Approval of one (1) full-time deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Corey Saucier of Connor as full-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Corey Saucier of Connor as full-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Approval of one (1) part-time cook for the jail.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Keely Howell of Smyrna Mills as part-time cook for the jail.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Keely Howell of Smyrna Mills as part-time cook for the jail.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Approval of one (1) part-time dispatcher.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Brian Jewell of Houlton as part-time dispatcher.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Brian Jewell of Houlton as part-time dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- D) Approval of five (5) part-time corrections officers.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Salvador Cloukey of Island Falls, Theresa Cousins of Danforth, Emery Demers of Island Falls, Rhonda Smart of Houlton and Preston Wallace of Houlton as part-time corrections officers.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Salvador Cloukey of Island Falls, Theresa Cousins of Danforth, Emery Demers of Island Falls, Rhonda Smart of Houlton and Preston Wallace of Houlton as part-time corrections officers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 8. Approval of 2015 County Tax, Due Date and Interest on delinquent taxes.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the County Tax with a September 1, 2015 due date and an interest rate of 7% on delinquent taxes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the 2015 County Tax with a due date of September 1, 2015 and an interest rate of 7% on delinquent taxes.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. County Administrator's report:

A) MCCA/ Risk Pool Meeting update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier reported that the Risk Pool continues to be financially healthy; nine (9) new claims have been set up and eleven (11) claims have been closed-out.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier advised that most of the discussion revolved around LD 186. Ultimately, the board members approved the establishment of a committee consisting of three (3) county commissioners and three (3) sheriffs, largely to convey to the legislature that the county commissioners and sheriffs are working together in earnest to take back control of our jails.

The 2015 convention will be held in Bar Harbor (Hancock County) and the 2016 convention will be held in either Androscoggin or Penobscot County.

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

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the MMEHT Health Claims Experience Report loss ratio was 62% for 2014, which is excellent.

C) Other Items of Interest:

1) Rescheduling of a Tax Abatement Hearing.

A poverty abatement hearing was rescheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015 at 12:00 noon in Caribou.

2) Homeland Security Grant.

Emergency Management Agency Director Darren Woods advised that we recently applied and were approved for a Homeland Security Grant totaling \$50,004.50. Mr. Woods gave an overview of each component of the grant award to the County Commissioners.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

Paul Adams
Norman Fournier
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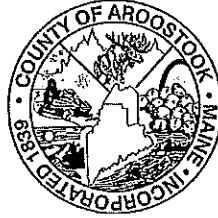
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 18, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) TAX ABATEMENT DECISION.
- ART. 6. PRESENTATION ON MALISEET TRIBE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)
- ART. 7. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:
- A) ONE (1) PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF (TRANSPORT AND CIVIL).
 - B) ONE (1) PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF (COURTESY APPOINTMENT).
- ART. 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) LD 967.
 - B) AROOSTOOK MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (AMA) ASSESSING SURVEY.
 - C) LD 186 UPDATE.
 - D) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 9. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 11. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - FORT KENT

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 - 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
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Ross McQuade, Lieutenant
Terry "Joe" McKenna, Chief, Houlton Police Department

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

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 3. 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. 4. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 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.
- C) Tax Abatement Decision.

The County Commissioners had a discussion about a tax abatement decision in Charette vs. Town of Crystal. A hearing on the appeal was held in Houlton on March 27, 2015. In the case at hand, Mr. Charette claims that an abatement should be granted on his property because of a septic spreading site abutting his land. The town claims that the septic spreading site is on private property, and is consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the town claims a consistent methodology was employed in the valuation of properties in their community. Commissioners Adams and Fournier, while being sympathetic to the property owner, found that the town did not err in its valuation of the Charette property. Commissioner Underwood dissented with that conclusion. He believes the fact that the town has no zoning ordinance is a mitigating factor in approving the abatement.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the order denying the tax abatement for the Applicant, Michael Charette.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 6. Presentation on Maliseet Tribe Legislative Initiatives. (Henry Bear, Elected Maliseet Tribal Representative)

Mr. Bear did not attend the meeting; therefore, there was no presentation.

- ART. 7. Sheriff's Department Appointments.

- A) Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Brian McQuarrie of Fort Fairfield as part-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the hiring of Brian McQuarrie of Fort Fairfield as part-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Terry "Joe" McKenna of Houlton as part-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Terry "Joe" McKenna of Houlton as part-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report.

A) LD 967.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed LD 967, the Municipal Cost Components' legislation, with the County Commissioners. He indicated that the amount attributable to Aroostook County in the bill was correct and that he and Public Works Director Paul Bernier would attend the public hearing and work session later this month.

B) Aroostook Municipal Association (AMA) Assessing Survey.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed both the assessing survey and the outcome of the last meeting he and Public Works Director Paul Bernier had with Jon Fredericks and Austin Bless. Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Bless will be polling interested communities to gauge the level of interest in obtaining a price quote from the County of Aroostook to perform these services. This is an area that is ripe for regional service, but it has to have the support and commitment from the municipalities in order to succeed.

D) LD 186 Update.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Sheriff Darrell Crandall provided the County Commissioners with an update on LD 186, which would abolish the Board of Corrections and return the operational control of the jails to the Maine Sheriffs. This bill has had a public hearing and two (2) work sessions to date. It appears the committee is having discussions amongst themselves and it is reported that they would like to report the bill out of committee in short order. What remains to be decided is the amount and nature of the "soft landing" funds that are likely to be attached to the bill. On a separate note, the House and Senate gave final approval to LD 236, which would provide FY 15 Supplemental funding to five (5) jails. Our jail is slated to receive \$782,000 of that money if the Governor signs the bill into law.

E) Other Items of Interest.

1) Law Enforcement Operations.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu said he was yielding the remainder of his time under this Article to allow Sheriff Crandall the opportunity to provide a short report on law enforcement operations. Before he did that, he wanted the County Commissioners to know that he monitors emergency radio traffic in his travels around the county and there has never been a time when he has heard as much radio communication by our Sheriff's Office as presently. In his opinion, this is a product of an extremely dedicated and busy corps of deputies, dispatchers and other law enforcement personnel. This reflects positively on the Sheriff's Office and our county government, and he wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Sheriff and his command staff for a job well done!

Sheriff Crandall offered the County Commissioners a review of Sheriff's Office law enforcement operations for calendar year 2014. The Sheriff's Office eliminated a long standing call sharing agreement with the state police in January of 2014, and deployed their deputies throughout Aroostook County as opposed to small portions of it on a rotating basis. During 2014, the Sheriff's Office experienced a 29% increase in calls for service throughout Aroostook County. The Sheriff believes it is clear that this was the right decision. In 2013, Deputy Sheriffs solved or otherwise closed 37.5% of their reported index crimes, which are rape, robbery, burglary, theft and assault. The

state average in 2013 was 32%. In 2014, our clearance rate rose to 69.3%. Arrests made by deputies increased by 23% in one (1) year as well. Because property tax payers fund Sheriff's law enforcement operations, the Sheriff reported that deputies carried out 638 residential, commercial and industrial property inspections in 2014, up from just thirteen in 2013. Finally, the Sheriff reported that they received 378 requests for assistance from state law enforcement and 305 from local agencies in 2014.

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 Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

"I move we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §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.

MOTION:


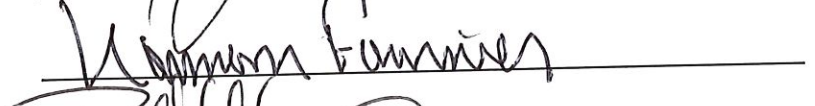

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: April 1, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING - TAX ABATEMENT
APPEAL HEARING - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 - 12:00 NOON - LAW LIBRARY -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE - CARIBOU

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER. *noon*
- ART. 2. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- ATTENDANCE RECORD.
- ART. 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HOLD A POVERTY TAX ABATEMENT HEARING.
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- ART. 4. ADJOURNMENT.

12:45 pm

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 - 12:00
NOON - LAW LIBRARY - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Interested Parties from the Town of Washburn

- ART. 1. Chairperson Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.
- ART. 2. The Commissioners approved and signed the following:
- A) Attendance Record.
- ART. 3. 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, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (F) to conduct a poverty tax abatement."

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

- ART. 4. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

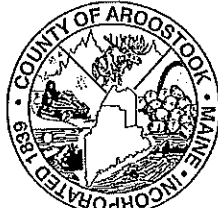
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County of Aroostook

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DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



AGENDA

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PRESQUE ISLE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - FORT KENT

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
- ART. 6. APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF COUNTY EMA BUILDING.
- ART. 7. YTD BUDGET REVIEW:
- A) GENERAL FUND BUDGET.
 - B) UNORGANIZED TERRITORY (UT) BUDGET.
 - C) JAIL BUDGET.
- ART. 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS INSPECTION UPDATE.
 - B) MCCA/RISK POOL MEETING UPDATE.
 - C) WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS REPORT.
 - D) RENAMING OF "B STREAM" IN HOULTON.
 - E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
- ART. 9. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 11. ADJOURNMENT.
- NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY – MAY 6, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. – CARIBOU

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE - CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) - 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
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 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. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

ART. 4. Approval of minutes of the April 1, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

A) Attendance Record.

B) Bills and Warrants.

ART. 6. Approval of Expansion of County EMA Building.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu, on behalf of Darren Woods, EMA Director, reviewed a proposed expansion to the County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) building and entertained questions from the County Commissioners.

This project will be completed in several phases, and funding will come from an Emergency Management Program Grant. Mr. Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve this project and reiterated that no County funds would be used to subsidize the building expansion.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the expansion to the EMA Building.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. YTD Budget Review:

A) General Fund Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed the revenue and expense reports through the end of March 2015. Our revenue and expenses are what we generally expect for this report period. A question regarding Probate revenue was posed to the County Administrator and he indicated that he would follow-up as soon as possible as to why no revenue has been posted to this account for the reporting period.

He also explained that Law Enforcement revenue was overstated by approximately \$120,000.00 to \$123,000.00; he further stated he was considering moving associated funds from the Balance Sheet account to this account before year-end. A comment was made that this situation will result in a shortage in revenue for the subsequent calendar year of \$120,000.00 to \$123,000.00. Mr. Beaulieu concurred with that assessment.

B) Unorganized Territory (UT) Budget.

The revenue situation with the Unorganized Territory (UT) Budget exceeds our projected amount for this time of year, primarily because the excise tax line is exceeding expectations by approximately 10%. On the expense side, our budget is well within what we normally expect for this time of the year. On all fronts, this budget is doing well.

C) Jail Budget.

Relative to the Jail Budget, P.L. 2015, Chapter 16, became law without the Governor's signature on April 12, 2015. This law should provide a \$782,000.00 fiscal injection into our current year budget. Also, County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that our 4th quarter payment from the State Operations Fund of \$116,440.00 should be forthcoming anytime now.

The two (2) aforementioned revenue streams outlined above will go a long way in supplementing our "actual need" budget for the jail. A small, unfunded amount may loom at year-end. One option is to secure this money from our General Fund (Fund Balance), alternatively, we could request the money from the Commissioner of Corrections as the person vested with powers to make decisions on behalf of a defunct Board of Corrections.

ART. 8. County Administrator's Report:

A) Bureau of Labor Standards Inspection Update.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu and Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau provided a review and update of a Board of Labor Standards' inspection, which was conducted December 2014. Mr. Jandreau reviewed the process and provided an update on our efforts to correct the various citations contained in the inspection report. We have every reason to believe that all infractions will be corrected by June 15, 2015.

Mr. Beaulieu commended Mr. Jandreau for all his efforts and outstanding work pertaining to this project and many other projects under his purview.

B) MCCA/Risk Pool Meeting Update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier reported on various claims and indicated that two (2) new claims were added and reported on at the last meeting.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier advised that there appears to be no consensus amongst MCCA members for a strategy or plan of action concerning county jails; legislation authorizing an increase in county borrowing authority was defeated on a vote of 10-1 by the State and Local Government Committee; MCCA renewed the lease with Maine Farm Bureau for three (3) years; and, the 2016 MCCA Convention will be hosted by Penobscot County in Bangor.

C) Workers' Compensation Claims Report.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed the claims report with the County Commissioners and indicated that an increase of claims will have an adverse impact on the workers' compensation line in our various budgets.

D) Renaming of "B" Stream in Houlton.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed a draft letter with the County Commissioners regarding the renaming of "B" Stream in Houlton. The County Commissioners are statutorily bound to notify interested stakeholders of this new law.

County Administrator Beaulieu advised that he would present the formal letters to the County Commissioners for their signatures at the next meeting.

E) Other Items of Interest.

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 9. Other Business.

There was no other business.

ART. 10. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 11. Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

Paul J. Underwood
Norman L. Fournier
Paul J. Underwood

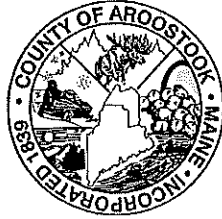
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: April 14, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



AGENDA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING AND THE APRIL 14, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) LETTERS REGARDING "B STREAM".
 - D) LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR ROOSEVELT CONFERENCE CENTER D/B/A EAGLE LAKE SPORTING CAMPS.
- ART. 6. BIDS:
- A) SURPLUS VEHICLES.
- ART. 7. CONTRACTS:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR E-PLANTATION WITH THE TOWN OF MARS HILL.
 - B) THREE (3) YEAR SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR CROSS LAKE (PELLETIER ROAD) WITH THE TOWN OF NEW CANADA.
 - C) THREE (3) YEAR SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR CROSS LAKE (OUELLETTE ROAD) WITH THE TOWN OF ST. AGATHA.
 - D) THREE (3) YEAR FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR BENEDICTA AND SILVER RIDGE WITH THE TOWN OF SHERMAN.
 - E) THREE (3) YEAR SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT FOR BENEDICTA AND SILVER RIDGE WITH THE TOWN OF SHERMAN.
 - F) THREE (3) YEAR FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR T15R6 WITH THE TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE.
- ART. 8. REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE NORTHERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NMDC) EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ART. 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A) WIA UPDATE.
- B) JAIL REFORM.
- C) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 10. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 12. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - HOULTON

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU**

PRESENT

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

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

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

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. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 County Commissioners' Special Meeting and the April 14, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 County Commissioners' Special Meeting and the April 14, 2015 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.

C) Letters regarding "B Stream".

D) Liquor License Renewal for Roosevelt Conference Center D/B/A Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Roosevelt Conference Center D/B/A Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Bids:

The following bids were received:

	2006 Ford Crown Vic	2008 Ford Crown Vic
	\$ 225.00	\$425.00
Bay Ridge Motors Inc. Staten Island, NY		

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 bids to the apparent high bidder.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Contracts:

- A) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for E-Plantation with the Town of Mars Hill.
- B) Three (3) year Snow Removal Contract for Cross Lake (Pelletier Road) with the Town of New Canada.
- C) Three (3) year Snow Removal Contract for Cross Lake (Ouellette Road) with the Town of St. Agatha.
- D) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for Benedicta and Silver Ridge with the Town of Sherman.
- E) Three (3) year Solid Waste Agreement for Benedicta and Silver Ridge with the Town of Sherman.
- F) Three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement for T15R6 with the Town of Eagle Lake.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve all six (6) contracts as recommended by Public Works Director Paul Bernier, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Reappointments to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Executive Board.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners approve the following slate of individuals as representatives to the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) Membership:

Representing the County:

Norman L. Fournier
Paul J. Underwood

Representing the U.T.:

Thomas Clowes

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams 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. 9. County Administrator's Report:

A) WIA Update.

Commissioner Norman Fournier reported on a meeting of Local Area 1 chief local elected officials and state officials on April 30, 2015 in Bangor. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Fournier, Commissioner Cassidy, Robert Clark, Deputy Richard Freund and Department of Labor Commissioner Jean Paquette. The meeting was held in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues between Northern Maine Development Commission and the Department of Labor. The meeting was contentious, at times. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for May 20, 2015, in an attempt to resolve this conflict.

B) Jail Reform.

The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee is headed for a divided report on LD 186, with the Republicans supporting returning the jails to county government and the Democrats supporting an amendment to rejuvenate the defunct Board of Corrections. A work session is scheduled on Friday, May 8, 2015 to move this legislation forward.

On the FY 15 Jail Supplemental funding front, the Governor's Office still refuses to release money to the five (5) county jails funded under the new law. Maine Sheriffs' Association President Joel Merry is meeting with Jonathan Labonte on Friday in an attempt to get the Administration to release the funds.

C) LD 967.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reported that he and Public Works Director Paul Bernier will be attending a work session on this bill tomorrow to answer any potential questions which may arise concerning Aroostook's Unorganized Territory Budget.

D) Other Items of Interest:

There were no other items of interest.

ART. 10. Other Business.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood asked Public Works Director Paul Bernier for a status report on the Community Guided Planning and Zoning Process. Mr. Bernier indicated that four (4) public hearings have been conducted in different parts of the county and that progress is being made to issue a final report this fall.

ART. 11. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 12. Adjournment.

MOTION:

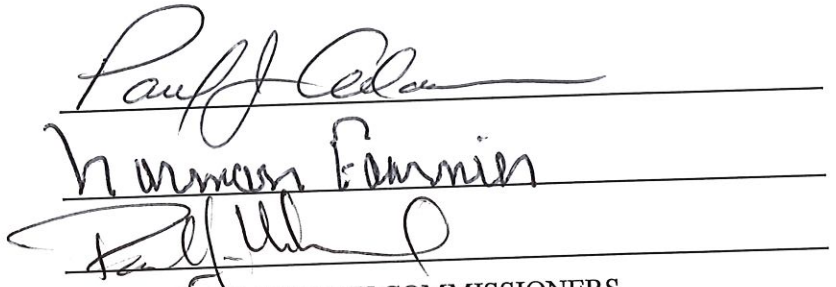
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



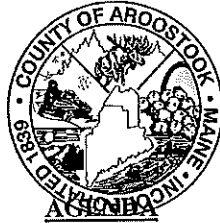
AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 6, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



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AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) TAX ABATEMENT DECISION.
- ART. 6. CONTRACTS:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR CONNOR TOWNSHIP WITH THE CITY OF CARIBOU.
 - B) THREE (3) YEAR (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR T10R6, T8R5, T9R5, AND T8R4 WITH THE TOWN OF MASARDIS.
 - C) FIVE (5) YEAR (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2020) SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT FOR E-PLANTATION WITH PINE TREE WASTE SERVICES.
- ART. 7. RECOMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND ONE (1) PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF.
- ART. 8. APPROVAL TO APPOINT ERIN LABONTE AS DEPUTY REGISTER FOR THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS NORTH.
- ART. 9. APPROVAL FOR REGISTRY OF DEEDS SOUTH TO BECOME AN AUTHORIZED PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY TO ISSUE AND RENEW UNITED STATES PASSPORTS. (Tyler Clark)
- ART. 10. BUDGET REVIEW:
- A) YTD FY 15 COUNTY BUDGET;
 - B) YTD FY 15 UNORGANIZED TERRITORY BUDGET;
 - C) YTD FY 15 JAIL BUDGET.
- ART. 11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
- A) LD 186 UPDATE.
 - B) MCCA/RISK POOL UPDATE.

- C) LD 967, MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS LEGISLATION.
- D) 2015 CDBG MICRO-ENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION.
- E) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- ART. 12. OTHER BUSINESS.
- ART. 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ART. 14. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. – FORT KENT

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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 - 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
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Tyler Clark, Register of Deeds, South

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

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

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. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 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.

C) Tax Abatement Decision.

MOTION:

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

"I move to grant an abatement request pursuant to Title 36, MRSA, Section 841(2) in the sum of \$3,200.00 on a 2014 tax bill, which should be credited to Champion Mortgage Company".

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Contracts:

- A) Three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Snow Removal Contract for Connor Township with the City of Caribou.
- B) Three (3) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018) Fire Protection Agreement for T10R6, T8R5, T9R5, and T8R4 with the Town of Masardis.
- C) Five (5) year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2020) Solid Waste Agreement for E-Plantation with Pine Tree Waste Services.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve all three (3) contracts as recommended by Public Works Director Paul Bernier, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Recommissioning of two (2) full-time deputy sheriffs and one (1) part-time deputy sheriff.

Chief Deputy Shawn Gillen, on behalf of Sheriff Darrell Crandall, recommended that the County Commissioners approve the recommissioning of Captain Craig Clossey and Sergeant Craig Holder as full-time deputy sheriffs and Kenna Prue as part-time deputy sheriff.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the recommissioning of Captain Craig Clossey and Sergeant Craig Holder as full-time deputy sheriffs and Kenna Prue as part-time deputy sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval to appoint Erin LaBonte as deputy register for the Registry of Deeds North.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu, on behalf of Register of Deeds Louise Caron, indicated that he was delighted to recommend that the County Commissioners approve the appointment of Erin LaBonte as deputy

register effective June 1, 2015. Ms. LaBonte will replace long-time employee Donna Madore who retires after 42 years of dedicated service to the County of Aroostook at the end of May.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the appointment of Erin LaBonte as Deputy Register of Deeds (North).

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 9. Approval for Registry of Deeds South to become an authorized passport acceptance facility to issue and renew United States Passports. (Tyler Clark)

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu indicated that he supported this agenda item and praised Tyler Clark for demonstrating such initiative in looking for ways to make county government more viable to the public we serve.

Register of Deeds (South) Tyler Clark reviewed his request to pursue the application process in order to issue and renew U.S. passports in his registry. He briefly reviewed the documents which were included in the County Commissioners' packets and answered their questions.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to allow the Register of Deeds (South) to apply to become an authorized passport acceptance facility to issue and renew United States Passports.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. Budget Review:

A) YTD FY 15 County Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reviewed this budget with the County Commissioners noting that revenues and expenditures were what is normally expected at this point and time in the year. The only caveat relates to Registry of Deeds revenues, which seems to be lagging behind at this time. However, the bigger revenue months are ahead of us, and we expect we will close the revenue gap by year end.

B) YTD FY 15 Unorganized Territory Budget.

Revenues and expenditures for this budget meet or exceed expectations. There were no noted deficiencies.

C) YTD FY 15 Jail Budget.

Jail Budget spending is consistent with the agreement the county has with the former Board of Corrections (BOC). A brief review of our supplemental budget request was reviewed with the County Commissioners. We are hopeful that the Administration will release \$782,000.00 to the County to fund the deficit. To date, we have received a financial commitment from the Administration of \$258,000.00, which is approximately one-third of our anticipated year-end need.

ART. 11. County Administrator's Report.

A) LD 186 Update.

This legislation is a product of a divided committee report. The majority report would provide \$14.6 M to the county jails in FY 16 and beyond. The minority report would reestablish the BOC with a new membership dynamic.

B) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier indicated that several motions were made regarding the county jail situation. Ultimately, on a vote of 12-3, MCCA decided to support the Ricky Long/Democratic amendment, with the addition of \$17.2M annual funding and removal of language referencing the Flannigan Report.

In 2016, Penobscot County will host the MCCA Convention at a new hotel near the Cross Center; also, Senator Thibodeau has introduced a place holder bill in the event that LD 186 fails enactment.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier advised that most of the meeting was spent reviewing the audit report.

C) LD 967 Municipal Cost Components Legislation.

This legislation received a unanimous OTP as amended report from the Taxation Committee. The amendment relates to a fiscal note that is required to implement the legislation.

D) 2015 CDBG Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant Program Application.

\$125,000.00 was set aside by the Department of Economic and Community Development (CDBG) for this grant project in the Unorganized Territory. Public Works Director Paul Bernier deserves kudos for his initiative and success in this grant application. Mr. Bernier is a competent grant writer.

E) Other Items of Interest.

1) WIA Update.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier indicated that the State of Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) and the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) are essentially at a stalemate on the financial monitoring of the program. MDOL wants the Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO) to appoint a new fiscal agent. The CLEOs are waiting for a final audit report. This issue is unresolved.

ART. 12. Other Business.

A) Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) Update.

Commissioner Paul J. Underwood provided a brief overview of LUPC issues relating to wind energy, mining and subdivision rules. Also, LUPC staff is continuing to review the Irving Concept Plan.

ART. 13. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 14. Adjournment.

MOTION:

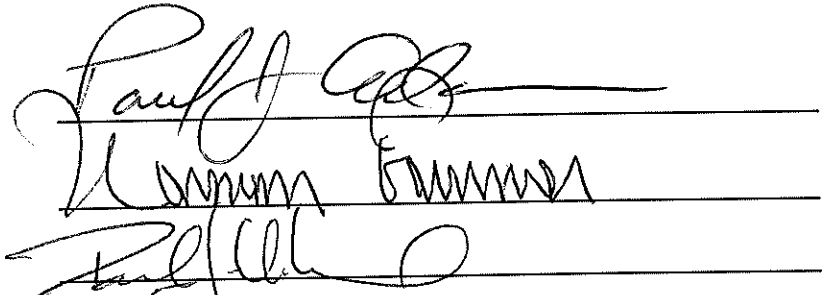
Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 20, 2015

County of Aroostook

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DOUGLAS F. BEAULIEU



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. -
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

- ART. 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- ART. 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
- ART. 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- ART. 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2015 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.
- ART. 5. OTHER ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:
- A) ATTENDANCE RECORD.
 - B) BILLS AND WARRANTS.
 - C) LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BEAR DEN FAMILY RESTAURANT IN BENEDICTA.
 - D) COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION FOR THE STATE OF MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.
- ART. 6. CONTRACT:
- A) THREE (3) YEAR (7/1/2015- 6/30/2018) SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR TDR2 WITH THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER.
- ART. 7. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGE.
- ART. 8. APPROVAL OF 2015 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP) AND CHANGES TO 2015 AROOSTOOK COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. (Darren Woods)
- ART. 9. APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BID AWARD.
- ART. 10. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:
- A) ONE (1) FULL-TIME HEAD COOK.
 - B) ONE (1) FULL-TIME COOK.
 - C) ONE (1) FULL-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER.

ART. 11. BUDGET REVIEW:

- A) YTD FY 15 COUNTY BUDGET;
- B) YTD FY 15 UNORGANIZED TERRITORY BUDGET;
- C) YTD FY 15 JAIL BUDGET.

ART. 12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A) STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS UPDATE.
- B) MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST (MMEHT) HEALTH CLAIMS EXPERIENCE REPORT.
- C) 2016 BUDGET PROCESS SCHEDULE.
- D) SURPLUS VEHICLES.
- E) MCCA/RISK POOL UPDATE.
- F) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ART. 13. OTHER BUSINESS.

ART. 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ART. 15. ADJOURNMENT.

NEXT MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - HOULTON

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 - 5:30 P.M. - CARIBOU COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM - CARIBOU

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Douglas F. Beaulieu, County Administrator
Paul Bernier, Public Works Director
Darrell Crandall, Sheriff
Shawn Gillen, Chief Deputy
Darren Woods, EMA Director

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

ART. 2. Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

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. Chairperson Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 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.

C) Liquor License Renewal for Bear Den Family Restaurant in Benedicta.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Bear Den Family Restaurant in Benedicta.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

D) Commissioners' Resolution for the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the Resolution for the State of Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Contract:

A) Three (3) year (7/1/2015- 6/30/2018) Snow Removal Contract for TDR2 with the Town of Bridgewater.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the three (3) year (7/1/2015- 6/30/2018) Snow Removal Contract for TDR2 with the Town of Bridgewater and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of Personnel Policy Changes.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu presented two (2) changes concerning our Deferred Compensation Plan, which was approved at our December 17, 2014 meeting.

He apologized for the delay in presenting the desired language and recommended approval of the same.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Personnel Policy language changes as approved at the December 17, 2014 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of 2015 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Changes to the 2015 Aroostook County Emergency Operations Plan. (Darren Woods)

EMA Director Darren Woods presented the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to the County Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the same. The purpose of the plan is to insure continuity of operations under all conditions, particularly if our current infrastructure is uninhabitable in a particular location.

Mr. Woods also presented a few changes to our Emergency Operations Plan and recommended that the County Commissioners approve those changes as well.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the 2015 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and changes to the 2015 Aroostook County Emergency Operations Plan as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Approval of Snow Removal Bid Award.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the snow removal bids were opened by Diane Gove, Administrative Assistant, at 10:00 a.m., June 3, 2015 in the Human Resource Office, with Christina Theriault, Human Resource Coordinator, present as a witness.

The following bids were received:

Caribou Courthouse and EMA Building Snow Removal:

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Larry's Construction Caribou	\$7,800.00	\$8,200.00	\$8,430.00
Soderberg Company, Inc. Caribou	\$8,500.00	\$9,200.00	\$9,500.00
Pelletier Property Services, LLC Caribou	\$13,900.00	\$14,595.00	\$15,325.00

Houlton Building Complex Snow Removal:

Nickerson Construction, Inc. Houlton	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Steelstone Industries Houlton	\$8,950.00	\$8,950.00	\$8,950.00

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to authorize the County Administrator to award the bids to the apparent low bidder that adheres to the bid specifications.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reported that the bids will be awarded to Larry's Construction for the Caribou Courthouse and EMA Building and to Nickerson's Construction for the Houlton Complex.

ART. 10. Sheriff's Department Appointments:

A) One (1) full-time head cook.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Tawoma-Tomasita Martinez of Smyrna Mills, as full-time head cook.

B) One (1) full-time cook.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Wendy Sabattis of Houlton as full-time cook.

C) One (1) full-time corrections officer.

Sheriff Darrell Crandall recommended that the County Commissioners approve the hiring of Carrie Crandall of Houlton as full-time corrections officer.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the hiring of Tawoma-Tomasita Martinez of Smyrna Mills as full-time head cook, Wendy Sabattis of Houlton as full-time cook, and Carrie Crandall of Houlton as full-time corrections officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Budget Review:

A) YTD FY 15 County Budget:

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu mentioned that the Registry of Deeds, North and South, continue to lag behind in revenue collection. He also advised that Law Enforcement revenue is overstated. However, the revenue deficit should be offset by the expenditure side of our budget. The County Administrator noted that all accounts are under expended and he is hopeful this trend will continue through the end of the calendar year.

B) YTD FY 15 Unorganized Territory Budget:

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that revenues have exceeded budget projections by \$12,400.00, and expenditures are less than what would be anticipated for this reporting period. This budget is in excellent shape.

C) YTD FY 15 Jail Budget.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu commended Sheriff Crandall on two (2) budgetary fronts: 1) for obtaining approval from the LePage Administration on securing the balance of our Supplemental Funding, which amounts to \$523,940.00; 2) for controlling expenditures with respect to the Jail Budget despite an increased jail population and volatility of inmate medical expenses.

In the County Administrator's opinion, he believes the Jail Fund will end the fiscal year without the need to dip into the General Fund.

A brief discussion followed on the status of LD 186 by the Sheriff, County Commissioners and staff. We are hopeful that the Legislature will return the jails back to county control.

ART. 12. County Administrator's Report:

A) State of Maine Bureau of Labor Standards Update.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu indicated that the fine assessed by the Bureau of Labor Standards has been waived. He praised Facilities Manager Bryan Jandreau for correcting all citations from this safety inspection in a timely manner.

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

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu reported that the Health Claims Experience Report shows a loss ratio for the first quarter of 2015 of 90%.

C) 2016 Budget Process Schedule.

The 2016 Budget Process meeting schedule was approved with one change: County Commissioners' Budget Work Session was changed from Friday, October 16, 2015 to Monday, October 19, 2015.

D) Surplus Vehicles.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu advised that the two (2) County surplus vehicles were donated to the schools of applied technology at both Caribou and Houlton to be used in their law enforcement cadet programs. Sheriff Crandall handled the logistics of the transfer and indicated the donation was for a worthy cause.

E) MCCA/Risk Pool Update.

Risk Pool Meeting – Commissioner Fournier indicated that the Risk Pool held a short meeting with discussions mainly on pending claims. Aroostook County was commended for its purchase of law enforcement body cameras. Sheriff Crandall indicated that his office is busy developing an appropriate policy that entails protocol for use, retention, scheduling and infrastructure issues.

MCCA Meeting – Commissioner Fournier indicated that the lion's share of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on LD 186, which included an amendment highlighting the distribution of funds, boarding issues, timeliness of county subsidy payments and a \$14.6M fiscal note.

It was also mentioned that the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court supports moving adoptions from Probate Court to the Family Court. This legislation did not pass, however, because of a \$350,000.00 fiscal note.

F) Other Items of Interest.

1) Appointment of Ambulance Service Representative for Bancroft.

County Administrator Doug Beaulieu recommended that the County Commissioners appoint Ralph Staples of Bancroft as a representative of the Unorganized Territory of Bancroft to the Northern Washington Southern Aroostook Regional Ambulance Service Board for a three (3) year term.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to appoint Ralph Staples of Bancroft as a representative of the Unorganized Territory of Bancroft to the Northern Washington Southern Aroostook Regional Ambulance Service Board for a three (3) year term.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Other Business.

There was no other business to discuss.

ART. 14. Executive Session.

There were no items to discuss in executive session.

ART. 15 Adjournment.

MOTION:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

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Douglas F. Beaulieu
County Administrator

Paul J. Underwood

Norman L. Fournier

Paul J. Underwood

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: June 16, 2015