

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 1:00 P.M. –
REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioner
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Chief Deputy Craig Holder
Craig Clossey, Jail Administrator
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities & IT Director
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- ART. 2. There was no public comment.
- ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda with the addition to ART. 13 B) NMDC Board Appointments.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the April 17, 2019 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 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) State liquor license for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the renewal of a State liquor license for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Approval of one part-time corrections officer/Cook.

Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended Margaret McNelly of Island Falls for the position of part-time Corrections Officer/Cook.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Sheriff Shawn Gillen and hire Margaret McNelly of Island Falls as a part-time Corrections Officer/Cook.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Approval of two part-time Corrections Officers.

Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended John Anderson of Easton and Bailey Snyder of Presque Isle for approval for part-time Corrections Officers.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of Sheriff Gillen and hire John Anderson of Easton and Bailey Snyder of Presque Isle as part-time Corrections Officers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Consideration of Sheriff's office space request.

Sheriff Shawn Gillen and Facilities and IT Director Bryan Jandreau addressed the County Commissioners with concerns regarding the Sheriff's office building. Currently an outside agency leases a portion of the second floor and the building is open to public access and cannot be considered a law enforcement building. It is the recommendation of the Sheriff and the Facilities and IT Director to let the lease with the outside agency expire in order to make necessary renovations to the Sheriff's office to make it law enforcement building compliant. The County Administrator and the Facilities and IT Director will put the necessary numbers together for the refurbishment and will bring those numbers back to the County Commissioners for approval, if it is outside of the confines of the existing FY 2019 budget.

ART. 9. Stockholm tank estimates.

Bryan Jandreau, Facilities and IT Director presented the bids for the Stockholm fuel tank removal and skid tank installation project. Mr. Jandreau recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, County Environmental Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$20,613.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the bid of \$20,613.00 to County Environmental Engineering, Inc., for the Stockholm fuel tank removal and skid tank installation project.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Road Maintenance contract renewal for Area One.

Community Services Director Paul Bernier reported that the contract for road maintenance for Area One expires on June 30, 2019. The current agreement states that the contract can be extended or withdrawn by the Aroostook County Commissioners before June 30, 2019. In speaking with the contract holder Michael Elwell, Mr. Bernier was informed that Mr. Elwell would agree to a contract extension with all rates remaining the same except for labor and equipment operator lines. Mr. Bernier asked the County Commissioners to extend the current contract for another three-year term (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022), with requested rate changes for Labor and Equipment Operator with Michael Elwell.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to take the recommendation of Community Services Director Paul Bernier to extend the Road Maintenance contract for Area One for another three years (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022), with requested rate changes for Labor and Equipment Operator, with Michael Elwell.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Snowmobile groomer and grant award.

Community Services Director Paul Bernier updated the County Commissioners regarding the Walker Siding Snowmobile Club grant.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier to secure funding for the Walker Siding Snowmobile Club grant.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12 County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool.

Risk Pool: County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the May 2019 five claims were opened and fifteen were closed resulting in a decrease of reserves by \$49,000.00.

MCCA: County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that at the May 2019 meeting, the annual convention was discussed with the convention taking place at Point Lookout from September 27th to the 29th.

B) Legislative update.

County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier reported that there are several jail bills being discussed by the Criminal Justice Committee, the County Commissioners, and the Sheriffs; probate legislature will be studied over the summer; the Rite to Strike bill was discussed; the Unorganized Territories work session resulted in an ought to pass vote.

C) Other items of interest.

None.

ART. 13. County Administrator's Report.

A) 2019 Dispatch Service contract for the town of Frenchville.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the 2019 Dispatch Service contract for the town of Frenchville.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

B) NMDC board appointments.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier recommended Norman L. Fournier and Clarissa Sabattis to serve on the Northern Maine Development Commission Board of Directors to represent the County of Aroostook.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul Adams to appoint Norman L. Fournier and Clarissa Sabattis to serve representing the County of Aroostook on the Northern Maine Development Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier recommended Martin Dionne to serve on the Northern Maine Development Commission Board of Directors to represent the Unorganized Territory.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to appoint Martin Dionne to represent the Unorganized Territory on the Northern Maine Development Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14. Other Business.

None.

ART. 15. Executive Session!

MOTION:

The following motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams at 2:10 p.m.:

“I move that we go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (F) to discuss a poverty tax abatement which is confidential under Title 36, M.R.S.A. §841, paragraph 2(E).”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon return to open session no action was taken.

ART. 16. Adjournment.

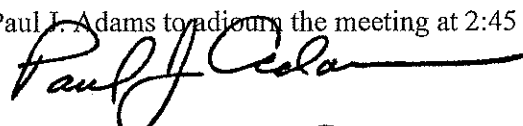
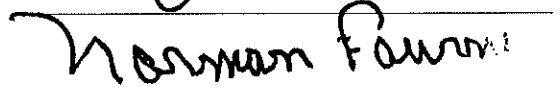
MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to adjourn the meeting at 2:45

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: May 15, 2019