

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 – 1:00 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner (By ZOOM)
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Shawn Gillen, Sheriff
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities & IT Director (By ZOOM)
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Nelson Jandreau, Finance Committee Member
Robert Plourde, Esq.
Erin Benson, ACAP (By ZOOM)
Ben Hawkins, NE Workforce Board (By ZOOM)
Kathy Williams, Project Director, WANTO Grant, ACAP (By ZOOM)
Joanna Russell, Northeastern Workforce Development Board (By ZOOM)
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- ART. 2. Robert Plourde, Esq., made public comment regarding New Visions software.
- ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

ART. 4 should read November 18, 2020, and the next meeting should be January 5, 2021.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the 2020 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 County Commissioners' meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) Liquor License Renewal.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve a liquor license renewal for St. Peters' Store.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. An update was provided on the NEG Opioid Grant by Erin Benson, Ben Hawkins, Kathy Williams and Joanna Russell. The County Commissioners thanked the presenters for the information provided.

ART. 7. Paul Bernier, Community Service Director, reported that he has requested all remaining funds (\$142,138.01) relative to Cary Township from Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division. Mr. Bernier recommends that \$72,138.02 be placed in the UT Roads/Bridges capital account and \$70,000.00 be placed in the Pavement Resurface capital account.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation to place remaining funds relative to Cary Township in the aforementioned capital accounts.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Sheriff Shawn Gillen presented surplus vehicle bid results on a 2015 Ford Explorer and a 2016 Ford Explorer. The winning bids were from Embleton Auto in the amounts of \$3,650.00 and \$5,500.00 respectively.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the bids to the highest bidder, Embleton Auto, for the 2015 and 2016 Ford Explorers.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Sheriff Shawn Gillen presented bids received for two 2021 Chevrolet four-wheel drive SUV's. The low bidder was Carroll's Auto Sales in the amount of \$39,574.00 for vehicle one, and \$39,600.00 for vehicle two.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to authorize the purchase of the 2021 Chevrolet four-wheel drive SUV's from Carroll's Auto Sales.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended hiring Ryan Rackliff, of Presque Isle, for the position of part-time deputy for transport, and recommended the recommission of Deputy Richard York.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of the Sheriff to hire Ryan Rackliff as part-time transport deputy, and to recommission Deputy Richard York.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 11 County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier requested that a balance in the Registry of Deeds budget for software of nearly \$35,000.00 be established in a new reserve account so that the funds are available in 2021 and beyond for the purpose of working with the Deeds software company on change orders as needed.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the request that a new reserve account be established for the balance remaining in the registry of Deeds software budget.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 12. **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Paul J. Adams to appoint Norman L. Fournier to be the 2021 Risk Pool Board of Directors representative and the 2021 MCCA Board of Directors representative, Paul J. Underwood to be the Proxy and Ryan D. Pelletier to be the Point of Contact.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 13. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an update of the December MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings, and provided a legislative update.

ART. 14. Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator, made a recommendation regarding staff time-off for the upcoming holidays.

ART. 15. Adjournment.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 pm.

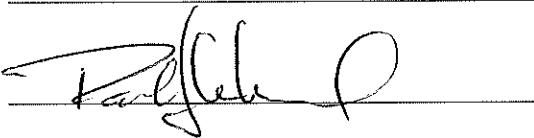
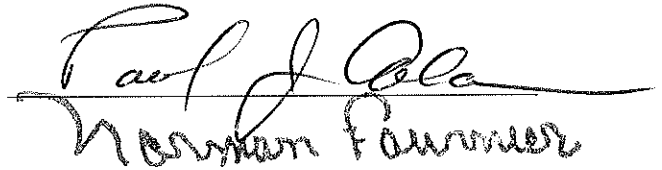
VOTE:

Motion voted and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: December 16, 2020