

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2020, 1:00 P.M. -
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM- REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING -FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Nelson Jandreau, Finance Committee Member
Shawn Gillen, Sheriff
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities Director
Paul Bernier, UT Community Services Director
Christina Theriault, Human Resources Director
Kerry Keyes, Resident
Robert Plourde, Resident

- ART1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1 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 following amendments:

Liquor License Application for Twin Peaks Lodge
Snow Removal Contract for E-PLT
Disposition of surplus Sheriff Vehicle

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART.4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the July 15, 2020 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the County Commissioner's meeting minutes of July 15, 2020.

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 Application for Twin Peaks Lodge (Kerry Keyes)

ART. 6. Mr. Darren Woods presented the Emergency Operations Plan for Aroostook County and highlighted several changes that were being proposed.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the Director's recommendations for the Emergency Operations Plan.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. Mr. Paul Bernier and Mrs. Dana Gendreau presented the County Commissioner's with a request to carry forward certain unexpended balances from the 2020 fiscal year into various capital and line items in the 2021 UT budget.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the carry forward amounts in the Unorganized Territory budget as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Mr. Paul Bernier updated the board of issues regarding misaddressing in Sinclair Twp. for E-911 purposes. Mr. Bernier outlined his plan to hold a public meeting in Sinclair to give residents an opportunity to understand the necessary changes and slowly work to readdress the various roads and streets within the Township. No motion was necessary, however, by consensus the Commissioner's indicated their support to Mr. Bernier's approach to the situation.

ART. 9. Mrs. Dana Gendreau presented the Board with a proposal to allow for electronic fund payments for various vendors. Ms. Gendreau explained that by January 1, 2021, MEPERS would require payment from the County to be made by EFT. In addition, several recent grant awards have also left the County in the need to make payments to vendors via EFT. She recommended a new warrant be generated for Commissioners review and approval for any electronic funds transferred from the County to a vendor.

MOTION:

Motion made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the finance director's recommendation for EFT warrant review and approval.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Mrs. Theriault presented the Board with her recommendation to change the personnel policy that

would allow for the hiring of family members within the same department. This policy reverts back to the policy that used to be prevalent in Aroostook County. Supervising of employees would continue to be prohibited.

MOTION:

Motion made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the recommended changes regarding nepotism as presented by Mrs. Theriault.

VOTE:

Motion passed Two in Favor and One Opposed.

ART. 11 Mr. Bryan Jandreau presented his recommendation to hire Mr. Roger Howland of Houlton as the for the vacant custodian position at the Houlton Complex.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation as presented by Mr. Jandreau.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Mr. Pelletier presented a recommendation to from the Maine DOT to approve a request for a name change of the Fish River and St. John Valley Byways to the L'Acadie du Nord National Scenic Byway/Acadia of the North National Scenic Byway.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Mr. Pelletier presented a request from the Department of Interior Heroes Monuments Program. After discussing, the recommendation made by the Commissioners was to send the request to local communities, historical societies and chambers of commerce.

ART. 14. Mr. Pelletier requested that due to a conflict with another meeting he has if it would be possible to move the start time of the September 16th County Commissioners' meeting to 12 noon. There were no objections to the request.

ART. 15. Sheriff Shawn Gillen presented Deputy Commission Renewals for Jesse Belanger; Roy Guidry; and Larry Goff.

MOTION:

Motion made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendations of Sheriff Gillen.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16. Norman L. Fournier and Ryan Pelletier presented information to the Commissioner's regarding Age Friendly Community Designation. This was a brief overview and Joy Baressi-Saucier will be invited to participate at the September meeting for full Board adoption.

ART. 17. County Commissioners' Report:

A) MCCA/Risk Pool update.

B) Legislative update.

C) Other items of interest.

Norman L. Fournier provided an overview of the recent MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings. Mr. Pelletier presented the Board with an overview of the timetable for the 2021 budget process. Paul J. Underwood inquired about the e-recording feature at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Robert Plourde, a local attorney voiced his concerns regarding the new software for Registry of Deeds.

ART. 18. Mr. Bernier presented the snow removal contract for E-Plt.

MOTION:

Motion made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the snow removal contract for E-Plt. as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Mr. Pelletier presented the bid for the disposition of a surplus vehicle at the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION:

Motion made by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the bid from Embelton Auto of Presque Isle for \$3,500.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 19. Adjournment.

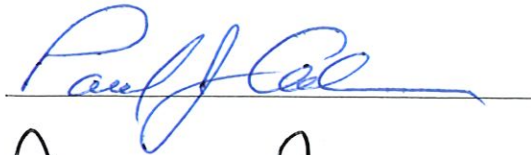
A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 pm. Motion voted on and passed.

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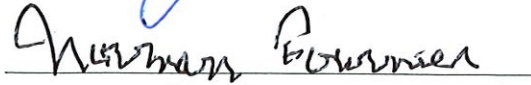


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DATE: Aug 19 2020