

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 – 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
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
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director
Commander Craig Clossey (By ZOOM)
Erin Benson, ACAP (By ZOOM)
Ben Hawkins, NE Workforce Board (By ZOOM)
Joanna Russell, Northeastern Workforce Development Board (By ZOOM)
Cheryl St. Peter, Friends of Cross Lake
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the agenda.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the February 17 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes, and the February 26, 2021 County Commissioners' Special Meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of these meetings.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) Dispatch Service Contracts for St. Agatha and Bridgewater.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the dispatch service contracts for St. Agatha and Bridgewater as presented by the Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Cheryl St. Peter of the Friends of Cross Lake organization was present to request a letter of support for a 319 grant application for Friends of Cross Lake Watershed Based Management Plan. The county will be a fiscal partner for this grant.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul L Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the County's support and partnership for the 319 grant application as requested.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 7. An update was provided on the NEG Opioid Grant and regular WIOA updates, by Erin Benson, Ben Hawkins, and Joanna Russell. The County Commissioners thanked the presenters for the information provided.

ART. 8. Bid Awards:

- A) Heating oil. Bryan Jandreau, IT & Facilities Director, presented the Commissioners with a memo reflecting his recommendation of Dead River for #2 heating fuel locations and Daigle Oil for kerosene and on-road diesel locations.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the bids to the lowest bidders – Dead River for #2 heating fuel locations, and Daigle Oil for kerosene and on-road diesel locations.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- B) Generator project for EMA. Darren Woods, EMA Director, presented a memo reflecting his recommendation for awarding RLC Energy, LLC the bid for the AKEMA Generator Project.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the AKEMA Generator Project to the low bidder, RLC Energy, LLC as recommended by EMA Director Darren Woods.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- C) Food Service for the Jail. Sheriff Shawn Gillen discussed the proposal from Trinity Food Service to the Jail. He recommended option 4 of the proposal at a cost savings to the county.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to award the bid to Trinity Food Service for jail food services as recommended by the Sheriff.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 9. Sheriff Shawn Gillen requested a Deputy Sheriff Commission for Shanna Morrison.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to authorize a Sheriff Deputy Commission for Shanna Morrison.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. Sheriff Shawn Gillen discussed inadequate staffing within the Sheriff Department due to insufficient police coverage in police agencies in Aroostook County. County Commissioner Paul J. Underwood suggested working with the Aroostook Municipal Association to have a broader discussion about regional services.

Information only. No motion required.

- ART. 11. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an update of the December MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings, and provided a legislative update.

- ART. 12. Other Business.

County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier announced that there will be a hearing to confirm Aroostook County's recommendation of Leo Trudel as the Commissioner to the LUPC representing Aroostook County, on March 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pelletier also announced a Tax Abatement Hearing on March 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

EMA Director Darren Woods presented a news release regarding North Lakes Fire Rescue Firefighters Fund purchasing a "Snowbulance" for use in Northern Aroostook County.

ART. 15. Adjournment.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm.

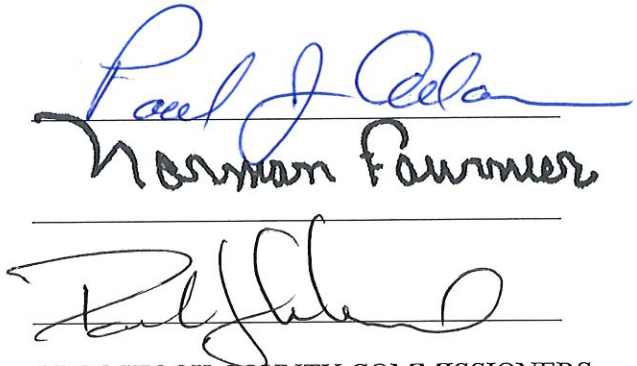
VOTE:

Motion voted and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: March 17, 2021