

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 –
1:00 P.M. - SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (SECOND FLOOR),
HOULTON**

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.
Paul Bernier, Community Service Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director (ZOOM)
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director (ZOOM)
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Jason Parent, ACAP
Dennis Merrick, Monticello
Gordon Hagerman, Littleton

- ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- ART. 2. A public hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m. to approve a liquor license for Northern Red Dog Inc., DBA Homestead Lodge. There were no adverse comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 1:03 p.m.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve a liquor license for Northern Red Dog Inc., DBA Homestead Lodge.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 3. There was no public comment.
- ART. 4. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the agenda.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 5. Approval of minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting and the March 23, 2021 tax abatement appeal hearing.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) Dispatch Service Contract for Frenchville.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the renewal of a Dispatch Service Contract for Frenchville.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART: 7. Jason Parent, Executive Director and CEO of Aroostook County Action Program was present to request that Nancy Troeger, Van Buren Town Manager be named as a replacement for Ryan E. Pelletier to the ACAP Board of directors representing the public sector.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to accept the recommendation of the ACAP Executive Director and name Nancy Troeger, Van Buren Town Manager as a public sector representative for the ACAP Board of Directors.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Approval of request from Jason Parent, Executive Director and CEO of ACAP to proclaim May as Community Action Month.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request to name May as Community Action Month.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Dennis Merrick of Monticello and Gordon Hagerman of Littleton presented alternative ambulance service information for communities in the Hodgdon area, including several Unorganized Territories. The County Administrator thanked the gentlemen for their presentation and invited them to make a formal proposal to the Community Service Director for review at a future meeting.

No action necessary.

ART. 10. Community Service Director Paul Bernier presented the bids received for paving projects in Madawaska Lake and Connor Township. Mr. Bernier recommended awarding the paving project to the lowest bidder, Soderberg Construction.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the paving project for Madawaska Lake in the amount of \$56,254.20 and the bid for Connor Township in the amount of \$4,655.00 to Soderberg Construction.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Sheriff Shawn Gillen recommended Adam Bouchard of Ellsworth PD, Stewart Kennedy of Fort Fairfield PD and Caleb Jandreau of Fort Kent PD for the positions of resident Deputy Sheriff, and recommended Cheyenne McNally for the position of full-time Dispatcher.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of the Sheriff to hire Adam Bouchard, Stewart Kennedy, and Caleb Jandreau for the positions of resident Deputy Sheriff, and Cheyenne McNally for the position of full-time Dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Art. 12. Dana Gendreau, Finance Director, gave a review of the first quarter finances. The County Commissioners thanked Ms. Gendreau for her informative presentation.

ART. 13. County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier informed the County Commissioners that he is in the process of gathering information for a public hearing regarding local option votes for liquor licenses and sales, as required by the State of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages.

Information only. No action necessary.

ART. 14. County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier updated the status of ARP funding. In the coming weeks, more information and guidelines will be obtained regarding how the funding can be used.

Information only. No action necessary.

ART. 15. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the decision for the tax abatement hearing for Glen Madore vs. Town of Van Buren.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16. Mr. Pelletier presented a draft of the deed and long-term lease associated with the Fish River Concept Plan.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the County Administrators recommendation to proceed with the deed and long-term lease with the Fish River Concept Plan.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 17. County Commissioner Norman L Fournier provided an update of the March MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings and provided a legislative update. County Commissioner Paul J. Underwood provided an update of the WIOA Board meeting and strategic planning process.

ART. 18. Other Business.

Paul Bernier, Community Services Director stated that Sinclair ATV club will be applying for a municipal grant within the next month or so.

ART. 19. **MOTION:**

At 2:36 p.m. The following motion was made by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier:

“I move that we enter executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405, sub-section 6, paragraph (A), for discussion or consideration of the employment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual”.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to exit executive session at 3:15 p.m. No post executive action necessary.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

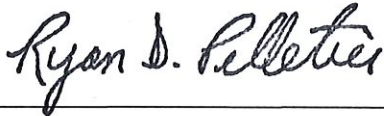
ART. 20. **MOTION:**

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

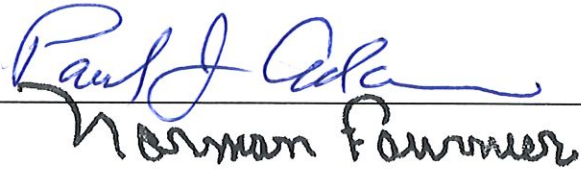
VOTE:

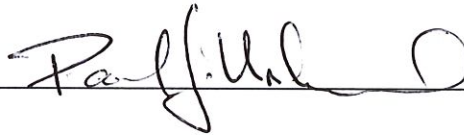
Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator





AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: April 21, 2021