

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022  
– 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  
Joey Seeley, Commander, Sheriff's Office  
Craig Clossey, Jail Administrator, Sheriff's Office  
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director  
Steve Pelletier, ARPA Program Administrator (via Zoom)  
Darren Woods, EMA Director (via Zoom)  
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director  
Sue Tortello, Town of Houlton Council  
Kristen Wells, EDP Renewables  
Craig Nale, EDP Renewables  
Katie Chapman, EDP Renewables

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the regular meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ART. 2. There was no public comment.

ART. 3. **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 June 1, 2022 and June 14, 2022 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 and June 14, 2022 County Commissioners' meetings.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) Renewal of the liquor license for Roosevelt Center/Eagle Lake Sporting Camps
- D) BYOB Permit to Kristen Rush – St. Benedict Parish Hall, Benedicta TWP
- E) Boating Facilities Fund Grant Application for Cross Lake

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier to approve the renewal of a liquor license for the Roosevelt Center and Eagle Lake Sporting Camps. The motion was seconded by Paul Underwood.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood to approve the BYOB Permit to Kristen Rush of the St. Benedict Parish Hall in Benedicta TWP. The motion was seconded by Norman Fournier.

A motion was made by Norman Fournier to approve the grant for the boating facilities for Cross Lake. The motion was seconded by Paul Underwood.

**VOTE:**

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 6. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented the discussion of changing the County's Fiscal Year.

Sue Tortello from Houlton Town Council made comments and thanked the Commissioners for their information.

ART. 7. Representatives of the EDP Renewables presented an update regarding the #9 Wind Farm Project. If approved, the estimated startup date would be in the year 2028. This would create 12 Aroostook County jobs and projected to sustain for 25 years.

ART. 8. Mr. Steve Pelletier presented a consideration of approval for a County ARPA Project for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$209,878.00 for new body cameras and tasers.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the proposal.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented the consideration of approval to appoint Michael White for a vacant Trustee position for the Sinclair Sanitary District.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the County Administrator's recommendation.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented the consideration of approval of the hiring of Mandi Craig for the position of Operations Assistant.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the recommendation.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Mr. Craig Clossey presented the consideration of the ratification of medical services contract for the department of corrections. Mr. Craig Clossey shared information.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the recommendation.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Mr. Joey Seeley presented the consideration of bids received on two surplus vehicles of the Sheriff's Department.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the acceptance of the bids.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted and passed.

ART. 13. Mr. Darren Woods presented the consideration of bids received on two surplus firetrucks of the North Lakes Fire Department. The bids went to the lowest bidder due to the condition of the firetrucks. The 1995 and the 1979 went to Michael Lagasse in the amount of \$500 each.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the acceptance of the bid for the 1995 firetruck.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the acceptance of the bid for the 1979 firetruck.

**VOTE:**

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 14. Mr. Paul Bernier presented to consider contracts and agreements for the unorganized territories for the following:

- 1) Fire Protection Agreement for T15 R6 (Winterville and Eagle Lake)
- 2) Fire Protection Agreement for TA R2 (Linneus)
- 3) Solid Waste Agreement for Van Buren Cove Township
- 4) Ambulance Service Agreement for Van Buren Cove Township
- 5) Snow Removal Agreement for Connor TWP

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier of the 3% increase of the fire protection agreement for Winterville and Eagle Lake.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier of the 3% increase of the fire protection agreement for Linneus.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier of the 2% increase and a 5 year contract of the solid waste agreement for Van Buren Cove Township.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier of the 1 year contract in the amount of \$7,872 for the ambulance service agreement for Van Buren Cove Township.

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier of the 7% increase and a 3 year contract in the amount of \$36, 205 for the snow removal agreement for Connor TWP and New Sweden.

**VOTE:**

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 15. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented to consider the authorization of the finance director to reserve \$153,466.12 received from the 2022 fiscal year supplemental jail funding and \$65,185 received from MDOC reserve funds to the excess jail cost reserve.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the transfer of funds.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 16. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented his recommendation to change the location of the Commissioners' Meeting from Caribou to Houlton on September 13, 2022.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to change the location as requested.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted and passed.

ART. 17. Mr. Joey Seeley presented the consideration of approval of the hiring of Tessa Cloney and Jaimee Michaud for the dispatch positions and Eric Corbin for the Deputy Patrol position.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the hiring of the two dispatch positions.

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the hiring of the deputy patrol position.

**VOTE:**

Motions voted and passed.

ART. 18. County Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fournier presented information regarding the MCCA Board Meeting for Commissioners and employees that will be attending in September at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

He also provided updates regarding the MCCA Risk Pool Meeting.

No motion necessary.

ART. 19. Mr. Ryan Pelletier recommended consideration of an Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) for discussion related to Labor Contract Negotiations between County of Aroostook and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 601.

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to enter into Executive Session at 2:15pm.

The Board excited Executive Session at 2:30pm

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the contract with Local 601 as discussed.

ART. 20. Other business

NONE

ART. 21. Adjournment


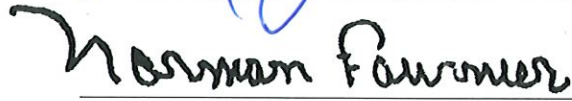
A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 pm.  
Motion voted and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy

of Commissioners' Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier  
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: August 17, 2022