

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2022
– 1:00 P.M. – REGISTRY OF DEEDS – 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
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Bryan Jandreau, Facilities and IT Director
Steve Pelletier, ARPA Program Administrator
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director (via Zoom)
Shawn Gillen, County Sheriff
Joey Seeley, Commander, Sheriff's Office
Gary Picard, Town of Madawaska
Caryl Albert, Town of Madawaska
Suzie Paradis, Town of Fort Kent
Angela Coulombe, Town of Fort Kent

ART. 1. Chair Paul J. Adams called the regular meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

ART. 2. There was no public comment.

ART. 3. **MOTION:**

Motion by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the July 20, 2022 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 County Commissioners' 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) Letter of support for the federal funding to help with the expansion of a Fish River Rural Healthcare Facility.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul Underwood to approve the letter of support for the construction funding of a new Fish River Rural Health Clinic. The motion was seconded by Paul Adams.

VOTE:

Motions voted on and passed. Norman Fournier abstained.

ART. 6. Mr. Leo Trudel was not present for updates from the LUPC.

ART. 7. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented the discussion of changing the County's Fiscal Year.

Suzie Paradis from the Fort Kent Town Office made comments and thanked the Commissioners for their information.

ART. 8. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented the consideration of the quarterly financial report.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented the discussion of a request to increase the fixed asset limit.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the fixed asset limit request as recommended.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented a discussion of the consideration of approval of the designation of ARPA revenue from municipal agreements.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the consideration of designation for ARPA revenue from municipal agreements as a reserve fund.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented the approval of funding jail and UT accruals as of June 30, 2022.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Mr. Steve Pelletier presented the recommendation of the proposed County ARPA projects.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the County ARPA projects as recommended.

VOTE:

Motion voted and passed.

ART. 13. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented a letter from District Attorney Todd Collins asking for the consideration of the approval of the hiring of Lori Amnot and Lacy Thibodeau for Legal Assistants in the District Attorney's Office.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the hiring of Lori Amnot and Lacy Thibodeau.

VOTE:

Motions voted on and passed.

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

- A) Benedicta (10.94 miles)
- B) County Roads (16.43 miles)
- C) Bancroft Roads (13.79 miles)
- D) T9 R5 and Oxbow Plantation (8.89 miles)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and was seconded by Norman Fournier for the approval of the proposed bids for the snow removal in Benedicta, County Roads, Bancroft, T15 R9, and Oxbow Plantation.

VOTE:

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 15. County Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fournier presented information about the MCCA Risk Pool Meeting and the MCAA Board Meeting with the Public Safety Commissioner and State Police Colonel regarding the concern of cruiser accidents.

No motion necessary.

ART. 16. Other business

- A) Approval of a transfer of funds from asset forfeiture from Defendant, Heather Pelletier.
- B) Consideration of the approval of hiring Atlee McGuire and Isaiah Dupuis at the Aroostook County Jail as Corrections Officers.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Norman Fournier to approve the transfer of forfeited funds to the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Paul Underwood.

VOTE:

Motions voted on and passed.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Paul Underwood to approve the hiring of Atlee McGuire and Isaiah Dupuis as Corrections Officer's at the Aroostook County Jail. The motion was seconded by Norman Fournier.

VOTE:

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 pm. Motion voted and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy

of Commissioners' Meeting

Ryan D. Pelletier

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County Administrator

Paul J. Adair

Norman Fournier

Paul J. Adair

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: September 13, 2022