

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022  
– 1:00 P.M. – SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM -  
HOULTON

**Present:**

Paul J. Underwood, Vice Chair, County Commissioner  
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner  
Paul J. Adams, County Commissioner (via Zoom)  
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator  
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director  
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director  
Shawn Gillen, County Sheriff  
Joey Seeley, Commander, Sheriff's Office  
Bill Patterson, Bureau of Parks & Lands  
Timothy Cady, Plisga & Day Land Surveyors  
Matt Kearns, Longroad Energy  
Chad Allen, Longroad Energy  
Al Copperethwaite, Longroad Energy

ART. 1. Vice Chair Paul J. Underwood called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ART. 2. Attorney Dick Rhoda spoke publicly regarding the trees surrounding the Houlton Courthouse. He asked for consideration of the removal of the dying trees and offered a donation of replacing with Elm trees.

ART. 3. **MOTION:**

Motion by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Adams to approve the agenda.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Underwood entertained a motion for approval of the August 17, 2022 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Adams to approve the minutes of the August 17, 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) Sinclair Sanitary District Warrant

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier to approve the warrant for the Sanitary District. The motion was seconded by Paul Adams.

**VOTE:**

Motions voted on and passed.

- ART. 6. A representative of the Bureau Parks and Land presented information regarding the conservation of the shoreline along Cross Lake and Square Lake. This would create public boat access and public recreation.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier to approve a letter of support for the development of the public boat landing and conservation of shoreline along Cross Lake and Square Lake. The motion was seconded by Paul Adams.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 7. A representative from Plisga & Day Land Surveyors presented information regarding the restoration of monuments along the Aroostook County Meridian Line, Hancock Barracks, Garrison Hill, and Houlton. He asked for consideration for the approval of funds in the next budget year.

- ART. 8. Representatives from the Longroad Energy and presented information regarding the King Pine Wind Project. If approved, the start-up date of the project is projected to be in the year 2026. This project has potential of creating 200 jobs state-wide and \$30-\$60 million in property tax payments over the next 20 years.

- ART. 9. Mr. Paul Bernier presented consideration of a bid proposal from GCL Trucking for snow removal in Cary Township.

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 10.

Mr. Joey Seeley presented consideration of the bid results on a 2014 Ford F-150. The highest bid came in at \$5,025 to Jill Howland of Houlton.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Adams to approve the bid results.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 11.

Mr. Paul Bernier presented consideration of rolling the balances of the Fiscal Year 2022 Unorganized Territory balances into the Capitol accounts.

- A) Connor Recreation has a remaining balance of \$2,789.00.
- B) Roads and Bridge Maintenance has a remaining balance of \$5,190.00.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Adams to approve the rolling over of balances into the capital account.

**VOTE:**

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12.

Mr. Shawn Gillen presented the consideration of approval of the hiring of Lucas Hafford as a Deputy for the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department.

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE:**

Motion voted and passed.

ART. 13.

Mr. Paul Bernier presented the consideration of the approval of accepting a bid for York's of Houlton for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 Super Crew with STX package for the Public Works Department.

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE:**

Motions voted on and passed.

ART. 15. County Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fournier did not have any new information to present as the meeting would be held the following day. He did speak about attending the North Lakes Fire Department Dinner and made it a note to mention that there was about 40-50 young volunteer firefighters.

No motion necessary.

ART. 16. Other business

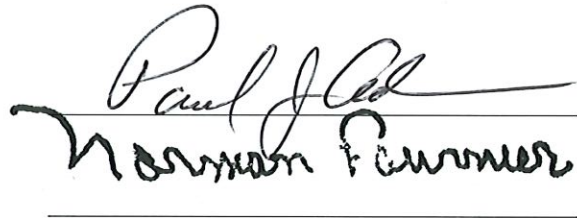
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ART. 17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Norman Fournier and seconded by Paul Adams to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm. Motion voted and passed.

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of Commissioners' Meeting

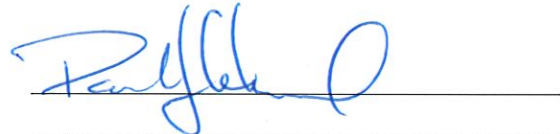


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Ryan D. Pelletier  
County Administrator



Handwritten signature of Paul Adams in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: October 19, 2022