

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 - 1:00 PM
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON

Present:

Paul J. Underwood, Chair, County Commissioners' via Zoom
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
William T. Dobbins, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Erica Pelletier, Commander
Tammy Pelletier, Operations Assistant
Steve Pelletier, ARPA Program Administrator via Zoom
Darren Woods, Director EMA via Zoom
Kathleen Tomaselli, Bangor Daily News via Zoom

ART. 1. Commissioner Paul Underwood called the regular meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

MOTION:

Motion to nominate Paul Underwood as Chair made by William Dobbins and seconded by Norman Fournier.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Commissioner Underwood requested Commissioner Norman Fournier to chair the meeting, and Commissioner Fournier accepted.

ART. 2. Pledge of allegiance.

ART. 3. No public comment.

ART. 4.

MOTION:

Motion by William Dobbins, seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the agenda.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. Commissioner Fournier entertained a motion for approval of the December 12, 2023 & December 20, 2023 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by William Dobbins to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 & December 20, 2023 County Commissioners' meetings.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

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

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.
- C) UVEC – Games of Chance License Application – Benedicta

MOTION:

Motion by William Dobbins and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the UVEC Games of Chance license application.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 7. Ms. Dana Gendreau presented for consideration a request to align the mileage reimbursement rate for 2024 with the 2024 IRS rate of \$0.67/mile.

MOTION:

Motion by William Dobbins and seconded by Paul Underwood to approve the 2024 mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.67/mile.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 8. Mr. Ryan Pelletier presented for ratification a letter of support for NMDC for a regional code officer position.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by William Dobbins to ratify the letter of support for NMDC for a regional code officer.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 9. Ms. Erica Pelletier presented for consideration the hiring recommendation of Sean Montpetit as full-time communications dispatcher.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by William Dobbins to approve the hiring of Sean Montpetit as full-time communications dispatcher.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. Ms. Erica Pelletier presented for consideration the hiring recommendation of William Janakis as full-time patrol sergeant.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by William Dobbins to approve the hiring of William Janakis as full-time patrol sergeant.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 11. County Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fournier reported that there has been no update since the December meeting on MCCA/Risk Pool.

Legislatively, there are 300-400 bills in this current session. Hearings are expected to be done by the end of January with the session ending in April.

No motion necessary.

ART. 12. Other business

Several thank you letters were received from several of the organizations who received their annual appropriation. Commissioner Dobbins inquired about the County Programs that request and were awarded funds. The program has been in place for a long time and has been reduced over the years. No new organizations are permitted to request funding and funding has been reduced over the years.

No motion necessary.

ART. 13. At 1:22 pm, the following motion was made by William Dobbins and seconded by Paul Underwood:

“I move that we enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to discuss the process and procedures for County Administrator’s contract review.”

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Upon return from Executive Session at 1:47 pm, no action was taken.

ART. 14. Adjournment

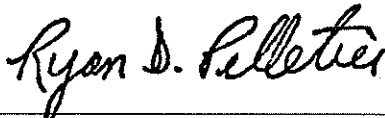
MOTION:

A motion was made by William Dobbins and seconded by Paul Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 pm.

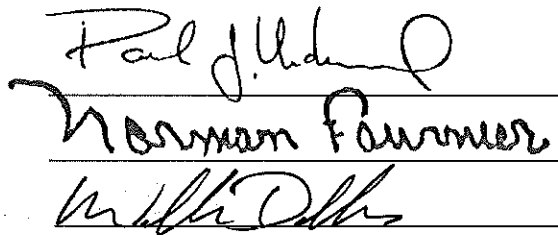
VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners’ Meeting



Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator



AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: February 21st, 2024