

# STATE OF MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN, SS.

October 15, 2014  
Regular Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Greenwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Randall Greenwood, Chairman  
Beth Bell, Commissioner  
Robert Poulin, Treasurer  
Guy Desjardins, Sheriff  
Nelson Peters, Chief Deputy  
Jeff Chute, Acting Jail Administrator  
Raymond Lafrance, Patrol Captain  
Patricia Fournier, County Clerk  
Tina Chounard, Register of Deeds  
Matt Roy, Candidate for Commissioner District 3  
Joel Merry, Board of Corrections Chair  
Dan Hartill, Sun Journal

Absent from the meeting:

Elaine Makas, Commissioner

Presentation from the Board of Corrections Chair, Joel Merry –

Currently, the Board of Corrections has submitted a supplemental fund request to the legislature, to the Governor's office, for slightly over two-million dollars to get through fiscal year 2015. In addition, a bi-annual budget was submitted to the state office of finance to be included in the next bi-annual budget. For operations for the FY-2016, the amount requested is 4.4 million dollars. For the FY-2017, the amount requested is 6.5 million dollars, in addition to the two-million dollars for FY-2015. Also needed is supplemental funding for fiscal year 2015. In addition to that, the board has submitted a budget for capital improvements for fiscal year 2016 of an additional 1.3 million, and another additional 1.3 million for fiscal year 2017 due to a change in Public Law 598 regarding the 10-year capital plan. The supplemental budget may have to be increased by approximately five-hundred thousand dollars to make up for a shortfall deficit in federal boarding revenues. Currently, the board is working through the other parameters set in Public Law 598. The requirement of established rules is being put together in draft form by subcommittees. These rules establish a level-playing field and clarify ambiguity that has existed over the last six years.

As far as Androscoggin County is concerned, it has received funding from the Board of Corrections, and it will continue to receive funding. The only caution is that Androscoggin County may not require additional funding to get through the current year. If there are potential shortfalls, Androscoggin County needs to be proactive and make sure those are reported as soon as possible.

Motion: to approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants #36.  
Corrections Division Warrant #48.  
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Reports:

Commissioner Bell - Maine County Commissioners Association

Commissioner Bell attended seminars at the annual convention in York last weekend. All of the association groups met and we had a regular M.C.C.A. meeting with all the association members and risk pool.

Commissioner Makas - Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board  
No Report

Commissioner Makas - Safety Committee  
No Report

Public Comments: None

Motion: to accept the correspondence from the Sheriff's Department dated October 8, 2014 requesting that Harry Simms be hired as a full-time Corrections Officer to replace Scott Jasper at \$18.35 per hour (includes credit for 8 years' experience, Bachelor's Degree and night shift differential), per the county's personnel officer, effective Sunday, October 18, 2014.

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Motion: to accept the Tax Anticipation for Androscoggin County, Auburn, Maine, as follows:

1. To authorize the issuance of the County's Tax Anticipation Note in an amount up to four million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$4,400,000.00) to Androscoggin Savings Bank at an interest rate of .68% per annum.
2. The note shall be dated January 5, 2015 and shall mature on December 31, 2015. It shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Shall be payable to Androscoggin Savings Bank, 30 Lisbon St. Lewiston, Maine or registered assigns, and otherwise be in such form and bear such details as the signers may determine.
3. Said note is hereby sold and awarded to Androscoggin Savings Bank.
4. Said note is designated as qualified tax exempt obligation of the county for purposes of section 265(b) (3) (B) (ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
5. All things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the County, it's officers, and agent in the authorization of said note are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed, and the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners are each hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary and/or convenient to carry out the provisions of this note, including delivering said note against payment therefor.

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Consent Agenda: to approve the consent agenda as presented:

To approve the six month evaluation of Heather Engstrom, and that she become a permanent employee.

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Motion: to remove the Civil Division September monthly income report from the Consent Agenda, and to place it on "Other Business" at the October 22, 2014 meeting.

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Motion: to go into Executive Session to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405, Subsection 6(A) (1)(2)(3), regarding a personnel matter in the Register of Deeds.

Motion: to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

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