

~Meeting Minutes~

Androscoggin County Commissioners
February 8, 2018 (Rescheduled from February 7th)
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - by Chair Zachary Maher at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Zachary Maher, Vice-Chair Matthew Roy, Isaiah Lary, Melissa Willette, Noel Madore. Absent: Bonney Starbird, Sally Christner.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, WGLT-TV7 Dick Clark, EMA Director Joanne Potvin, District Attorney Andrew Robinson, Sheriff Eric Samson, James Belleau, Esq.

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Date: January 3, 2018.

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of reading the January 3, 2018 minutes.
Roy-Lary 5-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll (Includes warrants from 01/17/18 cancelled meeting). Warrants # 1800, 1800A, 1800A-J, 1801, 1801A, 1801A-J and Corrections Division Warrants #1800J, 1801J.

Madore-Lary 5-0

VI. REPORTS

a. Maine County Commissioners Association (MCCA)

Commissioner Maher noted that there is a meeting next week.

b. Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Maher discussed the ongoing situation with the Workforce Investment Act.

Motion: to add Department Head Reports to the agenda (EMA & DA's)

Lary-Roy 5-0

c. Department Head Reports

EMA Director Joanne Potvin and District Attorney Andrew Robinson reported on current events and activities.

Motion: to take **IX. NEW BUSINESS b. Opioid Epidemic Cost Recovery Program – Jamie Belleau** out of order and to enter into *Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6), Subsection(E)*.

Roy-Willette 5-0

Entered into executive session at 5:49 p.m.

Returned to public session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Now therefore, to be resolved that the Androscoggin County Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to engage the services of Napoli, Shkolnik PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP on behalf of Androscoggin County with respect to prosecution of any legal claims against manufacturers and distributors of opioids arising out of the manufacturers' and distributors' fraudulent and negligent marketing and distribution of opioids.

Madore-Roy (no vote)

Motion: to table *IX. NEW BUSINESS b. Opioid Epidemic Cost Recovery Program.*

Lary (no second)

Commissioner Lary – Stated his opinion that while he is deeply opposed to drug abuse and the issues that are racing across the nation, he doesn't feel it's appropriate to sue one company or group of companies for pushing something, (ie: then he would entertain that there are a number of O.U.I. incidents, we should be suing alcohol companies for that...) if we do this, it should be carte blanche, not just one group that has decided that they can make money suing the pharmaceutical companies.

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Madore-Roy 4-1

Opposed-Lary

d. Administrator's Report

The County Administrator gave a report on activities and meetings.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – N/A

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2018 Tax Commitment

Motion: to set \$55,610.25 as overlay and the tax rate of .001215 for the 2018 Androscoggin County tax.

Lary-Willette 3-2

Opposed-Madore, Maher

Discussion regarding the Tax Commitment

Motion: to reconsider the motion to set \$55,610.25 as overlay and the tax rate of .001215 for the 2018 Androscoggin County tax.

Lary-Willette 5-0

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Lary-Willette 5-0

b. Opioid Epidemic Cost Recovery Program – Jamie Belleau (See above)

c. Warrant Policy

Chair Maher stated-Per the charter, as long it's within the approved budget, the Commissioners do not need to sign prior to paying the bills.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS – N/A

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (see above)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – N/A

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Lary-Willette 5-0

Larry Post, County Administrator