

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
February 5, 2020
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Noel Madore at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Noel Madore, Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Terri Kelly, Brian Ames, Isaiah Lary, Marc Roy. Tardy: Chair John Michael.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Sheriff Eric Samson, WGLT-TV7 Dick Clark, Matt Roy.

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Dates: January 22, 2020.

Motion: to approve the January 22, 2020 minutes.

Lary-Kelly 4-0-2

Abstained: Ames, Roy

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants #1974, 2004, 2005, 2006. Corrections Division Warrants #1959J.

Kelly-Christner 6-0

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – n/a

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – n/a

C. Sheriff, Jail, Communicatons Reports – Sheriff Eric Samson & Jail Administrator Jeff Chute discussed departmental topics.

Chair John Michael arrived.

D. Administrator's Report – Administrator Post gave an update on current activities.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – n/a

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Lary was nominated as Vice-Chair by Commissioner Ames, seconded by Chair John Michael.

Commissioner Christner was nominated as Vice Chair by Chair Michael, seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Vote:

5 Votes for Commissioner Christner

2 Votes for Commissioner Lary

Commissioner Christner is Vice-Chair

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Vehicle Bid for Sheriff's Dept.

Motion: to approve the Quirk Auto vehicle bid for three 2020 Ford Interceptors

Roy-Christner 6-1

Opposed: Lary

B. 2020 Tax Commitment

Motion: to approve the County Tax Commitment of \$10,772,937.50 for the year 2020 on the 5th day of February 2020.

Madore-Michael (no vote)

Motion: to table the 2020 County Tax Commitment since the interest rate (for delinquency) was not provided on this.

Lary-(no second)

Amendment to Motion: to set the interest rate at 3%.

Lary-Michael (no vote)

Amended Motion: to approve the County Tax Commitment of \$10,772,937.50, with a 3% interest rate that accrues November 1, 2020, for the year 2020 on the 5th day of February 13, 2020.

Madore-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that he is opposed based on the grounds that this includes Western Maine Transportation service and that Commissioners do have every right to ask questions regardless of opinions.

C. COPS Hiring Program

Sheriff Eric Samson discussed applying for a grant which could possibly add to the staff. The 4 year grant includes federal funding and county funding for two patrol positions. The first 3 years, federal funding would pay 75% of the salary and benefits for two patrol men and the county would pay 25% of the salary and benefits for the first 3 years. The fourth year, the county would pay 100% of the salary and benefits for the two patrol men.

Motion: to instruct the Sherriff's Office to apply for the COPS Hiring Program grant.

Ames-Roy (no vote)

Motion: to table COPS Hiring Program.
Lary-(no second)

Original Motion: to instruct the Sherriff's Office to apply for the COPS Hiring Program grant.

Ames-Roy 6-1

Opposed: Lary

D. Approval of New Communication System Lease/Purchase

Motion: to approve the purchase of a 6-site simulcast radio system as proposed by Motorola Systems and Dirigo Wireless for a cost of \$610,207.00, to enter into a lease program with Gorham Leasing for a period of ten years, and authorize the Treasurer or Administrator to sign any and all agreements pertaining to said lease.

Madore-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that he would have liked to see the options for a 5 year loan.

Commissioner Christner left the room.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Commissioners Only)

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – n/a

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Lary-Ames 6-0

Larry Post, County Administrator