

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
February 17, 2021
(Zoom) Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:19 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
Commissioners: Chair Sally Christner, Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, Noel Madore, John Michael, Brian Ames, Roland Poirier, Isaiah Lary.
Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, David Cote, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Sheriff Eric Samson, citizens.
- IV. MINUTES**
a. Meeting Date: February 3, 2021 regular meeting.
Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.
Kelly-Madore 7-0
- V. WARRANTS**
Motion: to review and approve all warrants: Payroll, 2103, 2104, Manual Warrants. Corrections Division: 2122J, 2123J.
Kelly-Poirier 6-1
Opposed: Lary
- VI. REPORTS**
A. MCCA - Commissioner Madore stated that they met last week and Risk Pool had contracted with a cyber security firm and did a general review of counties. The Administrator should be receiving a report that outlines their findings. The MCCA discussed some of the bills being presented, heard from lobbyist, and contemplated not having an annual conference.
B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – n/a
C. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Proctor gave a brief report.
Motion: to approve the Treasurer’s Report
Vote 6-1
Opposed: Lary

D. Administrator’s Report – No report.
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-agenda items)**
Citizens gave opinions during old and new business.

Motion: to take OLD BUSINESS out of order and moving up the agenda.
Michael-Madore 6-1
Opposed: Lary

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mandate Resolution (Commissioner Lary)

Chair Christner took the Mandate Resolution off the table (was tabled at the last meeting).

Motion: to suspend the rules and allow the public to speak.
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to amend his prior motion/original resolution (regarding a revised Mandate Resolution that was sent to all Commissioners).
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to allow the public to speak.
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to amend his motion to remove the top 2 italicized paragraphs at the end of his resolution and leave the last italicized paragraph on his recently submitted motion.
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to call the question to end debate.
Poirier-Michael 6-1
Opposed: Lary

Motion: to approve the first Mandate Resolution that Commissioner Lary brought to the table.
1-6
Opposed: Christner, Ames, Michael, Kelly, Madore, Poirier

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. By-Laws Change (Regarding Meeting Schedule, 2nd Reading)

Motion: to change the By-Laws as follows,
Section 2. Regular Meeting

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be conducted at least ~~twice~~ once monthly on a day and time set by the Board.

Discussion

Motion: to call the question and vote on the By-Laws change.
Poirier-(no second)

Motion: to postpone indefinitely.
Lary-(no second)

(Return to Original) Motion: to change the By-Laws as follows,
Section 2. Regular Meeting
Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be conducted at least ~~twice~~ once
monthly on a day and time set by the Board.
3-3-1
Opposed: Lary, Madore, Michael
Abstained: Ames (left the meeting)

Motion: to reconsider the By-Laws amendment and table the motion until the
Commissioners decide to take it off the table.
Michael-Kelly (Withdrawn)

Commissioner Ames returned to the meeting.

Motion: to reconsider the By-Laws amendment.
Michael-Ames 5-2
Opposed: Lary, Madore

(To reconsider) Motion: to change the By-Laws as follows,
Section 2. Regular Meeting
Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be conducted at least ~~twice~~ once
monthly on a day and time set by the Board.
Michael-Ames 5-2
Opposed: Lary, Madore
Commissioner Lary requested the minutes to reflect, “That I am opposed to this motion
and record my name, and that this is a shame that at a time when we can’t even get a hold
of our representatives and have them get in session and actually have a real day in the
legislature, if we had had legislatures meeting even twice a month, we would have been
doing great through this nightmare and we are the only legislative body here.”

A. Covid Protocols

Motion: to approve the Covid Protocols presented.
Madore-Poirier (no vote)

Discussion.

Comments from the public regarding masks.

Commissioner Ames asked if something could be put in the Androscoggin County
Building Covid Protocols to accommodate those with medical exemptions in regards to
masks.

Motion: to send the protocols back to the Safety Committee to address the issues for people with medical exemptions for people who are not able to wear a mask and how they will be assisted.

Ames-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Madore

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioners discussed the future format of meetings.

Motion: to meet in person with the public and staff in attendance with no restrictions.

Lary-(no second)

Motion: to hold the next meeting in person with masks, and the public is invited with masks, and anyone who does not want to wear a mask or for any other reason, may participate by zoom.

Michael-Kelly 5-2

Opposed: Lary, Madore

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that By-Laws have been violated by not allowing the public to speak.

Administrator Larry Post pointed out that the By-Laws are not being violated by the Chair (See By-Laws Section 18 below).

Section 18. Taking Up Items on the Agenda

(f) The item shall be opened for germane public input at the discretion of the Chair.

Basement Renovation-discussion with Sheriff Eric Samson.

Motion: to leave the discussion open to accept written comments for the next 7 days regarding the topic debated last week.

Christner-Madore 6-0-1

Abstain-Lary

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Madore suggested making the covid vaccine available to inmates as a priority in the rollout. (not to force them to take it but only to make it available)

Commissioner Lary would like to ensure that no employee, inmate, anyone else, or the public, is required to have a vaccination as a condition for entry, use, or in the case of an inmate, many of which are 70% pre-trial, be required to get a vaccination.

Administrator Post pointed out that we do not have a lot to say about that, the State sets the guidelines as to who is eligible and who isn't.

Comments from the public.

XII. ADJOURN

Commissioners adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ames-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Larry Post, County Administrator