

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
March 3, 2021
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:15 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, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock

Motion: to suspend the rules for this meeting to allow both agenda and non-agenda items under *VII. Comments from the Public*.

Madore-Michael (no vote)

Discussion

Commissioner Kelly called the question.

(Return to) Motion: to suspend the rules for this meeting to allow both agenda and non-agenda items under *VII. Comments from the Public*.

Madore-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect “that this is highly strange that we would do this at this time and this is wrong for us to even consider keeping the public out especially how they’ve been abused and threatened over the past 2 meetings.”

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Date: February 17, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Kelly-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all warrants: Payroll, Manual Warrants, 2105, 2106. Corrections Division: 2124J, 2125J.

Kelly-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – No report.

Commissioner Madore noted that the State of Maine may get money from the Covid Relief Package to distribute to municipalities.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – No report.

C. Administrator’s Report – Administrator Post gave an update on current activities.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

One citizen commented about attending commissioners’ meetings.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Covid Protocols

Motion: to approve the Covid Protocols presented.

Madore-Ames (no vote)

Commissioner Ames called the question.

Ames-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect “that this is highly irregular as usual.”

Motion: to approve the Covid Protocols presented.

Kelly-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect “that this is violating the rights of the public, if we’re really protecting everybody, we should be protecting the public from the staff from this deadly scary virus as well.”

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ammunition Bid Approval

Motion: To approve the ammunition bid from Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son in the amount of \$8028.00.

Ames-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

B. Reserves Pay Increase

Motion: to increase the Reserve pay from \$13 to \$15 per hour, and upon completion of training, from \$15 to \$17 per hour, effective May 9th, 2021.

Madore-Ames

Amendment to motion: to increase the Reserve pay from \$13 to \$14 per hour.

Lary-(no second)

(Original) Motion: to increase the Reserve pay from \$13 to \$15 per hour, and upon completion of training, from \$15 to \$17 per hour, effective May 9th, 2021.

Madore-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Charging State of Maine for use of county building space.

Priority of inmates for covid shots.

Opposition to requiring staff and/or inmates to get covid shots.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Madore - Lack of inmate priority for covid shots.

Administrator Post – Workshop to discuss building issues.

Commissioner Lary – Policy for allowing public to speak at meetings and Public Hearing allowing the public to speak regarding the bond issue.

Commissioner Poirier explained that you cannot have a Public Hearing to discuss a bond issue that is not written yet; we cannot ask for public input until that information is compiled.

Commissioner Madore – Suggested having attorney Amy Dietrich introduce herself to the commissioners.

XII. ADJOURN

Commissioners adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Madore-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Larry Post, County Administrator