

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
March 17, 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. Participating through zoom: Roland Poirier, Isaiah Lary.
Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Facility Director David Cote, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock.

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Date: March 3, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Kelly-Madore (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to add in detail what a member of the public was speaking about and also to strike Commissioner Poirier's comment, "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."

Lary-(no second)

Original Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Kelly-Madore 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that "it's not appropriate to be including some members discussions but not others."

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all warrants: Payroll, Manual Warrants, 2107, 2108, 2109. Corrections Division: 2126J, 2127J, 2128J.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – Commissioner Madore noted that an MCCA lobbyist, Jim Cohen is actively assisting counties with certain bills in the legislature that will impact counties. Also discussed was the American Rescue Plan and the \$21 million dollars involved. The Riskpool Director is organizing trainings. One is related to human resource issues that he has recently noticed and the other training involves risk mitigation of law enforcement personnel.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – Commissioner Kelly stated that the board is brainstorming to enrich programs that are currently available to the public.

C. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Clarice Protor presented financial information. Motion: to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented.
Michael-Kelly 7-0

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

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – No comments.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vehicle Bids

Motion: to approve the vehicle bids as presented (One 2021 Ford Interceptor cruiser from Darling’s Ford for \$33,757.00 and four 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV cruisers at \$39,340.95 per vehicle from Colonial Municipal Group.)
Ames-Michael 6-1
Opposed: Lary

B. Sheriff’s Exploratory Committee

Motion: to support the Sheriff’s request to form an exploratory committee.
Michael-Ames (no vote)

Commissioner Lary stated, “The Charter makes it clear that the board appoints committees.”

Administrator Post stated that the Charter refers to “Commissioners creating a committee, they’re talking about a committee of commissioners...It’s not an outside committee...It doesn’t preclude anybody else going ahead with other committees.”

Continued discussion regarding the committee.

Motion: to call the question.
Ames-Michael 6-1
Opposed: Lary

Motion: to support the Sheriff's request to form an exploratory committee.

Michael-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, "that is not within the role of the sheriff per the charter, by my understanding, to form a committee and then expect us to bless that committee. It is the role of the commission and it's a violation of my rights and the rest of the rights of the commission whether they choose to or not."

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Inmate Vaccinations-Commissioner Madore stated that the administration was talking about vaccinating people/inmates 60 years and older in a month.

B. Indoor Gathering Rule-Discussion regarding Executive Order #35, March 26, 2021 through May 23, 2021: 50% of permitted occupancy, 5 persons per 1,000 sq. ft., or 50 persons, whichever is greatest.

C. FOAA Training-Commissioners completed FOAA training.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Workshop regarding spending the federal grant money.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Kelly-Lary 7-0

Larry Post, County Administrator