

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
May 19, 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, John Michael, Brian Ames, Roland Poirier, Noel Madore. Participating through zoom: Isaiah Lary.
Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Facility Director David Cote, Sheriff Eric Samson, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: April 21st and May 5th.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the April 21st minutes as amended.

Kelly-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the May 5th minutes as amended.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that “staff did not make sure that Commissioners would be able to call in and that was not Mr. Cote, that was the Administrator. So, I’m disappointed that Commissioners weren’t contacted ahead of time and let know, other than an email at 2 or 3”.

Note: Due to an accident, Dave Cote-the zoom facilitator/camera man was unavailable.

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual Warrants, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2135. Corrections Division: Manual Warrants-J, 2136J, 2137J.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that “the audio is very bad, I can barely hear anything that is being said.”

Note: Dave Cote was currently working on solving the audio issues.

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – Commissioner Madore stated that the Risk pool mainly discussed/reviewed their policy. As far as the legislature, the governor has had some big plans which impact

us because of our property taxes. Discussions included aiding the citizens' initiative process (regarding education reimbursement from the state to municipalities) with federal money from the state. Revenue sharing is good for us because it's property tax relief in the end.

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

C. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Proctor shared current financial information.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Kelly-Madore 5-1-1

Opposed: Lary

Abstained: Michael (Stepped out of the room for a moment)

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

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – N/A

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Meeting Protocol

Motion: to discontinue the zoom component of our meetings and return to in-person.

Kelly-Ames 0-7

Opposed: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Madore, Poirier, Lary

B. Geographic Name Recommendation

Motion: to approve the proposed name for this water tributary to *Talking Brook* as recommended by the Geographic Name Board.

Madore-Ames 7-0

C. Health Freedom Policy (Commissioner Lary)

Motion: to approve the Health Freedom Policy.

Lary-Madore (no vote)

Discussion

Comments from the public– (Regarding Health Freedom Policy)

* Dawn Strout, Lisbon-Expressed concern that colleges are mandating the Covid vaccine, and some stores are asking if the public is vaccinated.

* Will Kenniston, Livermore Falls-Also concerned about having to get a vaccine to work, shop, or travel and believes it sets a dangerous precedent.

* Jordan, Lewiston-Would like to take care of it now before it becomes a problem.

Discussion

Motion: to call the question.

Ames-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Original Motion: to approve the Health Freedom Policy.

Lary-Madore 1-6

Opposed: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Madore, Poirier

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Lary-Executive session objections

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

American Rescue Plan discussion/workshop

Commissioners' Schedule approval

Censuring Commissioner Lary

XI. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn.

Ames-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Larry Post, County Administrator