

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
June 2, 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, Roland Poirier, Noel Madore. Absent: Brian Ames. Tardy: Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facility Director David Cote, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: May 19, 2021

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the May 19th minutes as presented.
Kelly-Michael 5-0

Commissioner Lary arrived.

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual, 2119, 2138J
Kelly-Poirier 5-1

Motion: to move item **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** up, to address it now.

Madore-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) Subsection (E) Consultation with legal counsel.

Madore-Kelly 5-0

Opposed: Lary

Commissioners returned from executive session.

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – No report.

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 – N/A

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve 2021 Commissioners' Schedule

Motion: to approve the 2021 Commissioners' Schedule as presented.

Madore-Kelly (no vote)

Motion: to change schedule to include the Wednesday, July 7th meeting.

Lary- (no second)

Motion: to change the schedule from "~~Workshops after the second meeting of the month if needed~~" to "Workshops after the meeting if needed"

Michael-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Lary

Original Motion: to approve the 2021 Commissioners' Schedule as amended.

Madore-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that "we should be here twice a month."

Note: the Bylaws requiring two meetings per month was amended on 02/17/21.

(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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Needs Assessment

Motion: to approve \$4,000 for the space needs analysis.

Lary-Michael 2-4

Opposed: Christner, Kelly, Michael, Poirier

Motion: to approve the full amount with a contingency that the Sheriff return to the board if the American Rescue funds do not cover this cost.

Kelly-(no second)

Motion: to direct the Sheriff to contract with Harriman Associates regarding the proposed study and to approve the full amount (\$35,000) with a contingency that the Sheriff return to the board after Task One if the American Rescue funds do not cover this cost.

Kelly-Madore 5-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that this (the Sheriff's) committee was set up in violation of the charter.

Note: As explained in the March 17, 2021 minutes,

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."

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

American Rescue Plan

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Employee Recognition

American Rescue Plan

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION-See above under V. Warrants.

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn.

Madore-Kelly 5-1 Lary

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that he has serious concerns with how county government is run as a commissioner and what he sees.

Larry Post, County Administrator