

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
July 21, 2021
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:15 P.M.

Chair Christner took a moment to acknowledge the loss of one of the last World War II veterans, Roy Nickerson. He was a long time public servant who served as a commissioner, a selectman for the town of Turner, and in the Maine State Legislature. Christner thanked his family for the sacrifices they made as Roy served his community.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Sally Christner, Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, John Michael, Roland Poirier, Noel Madore, Brian Ames, Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Budget Committee Allen Ward, Lisbon Town Manager Diane Barnes, Facility Director David Cote, RHR Smith & Company Ron Smith, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, citizens.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: June 16, 2021

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the June 16, 2021 minutes as presented.

Kelly-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2143J, 2202J, 2203J.

Kelly-Madore 6-1

Opposed: Lary

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – Administrator Post stated that there was general conversation regarding legislation.

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

C. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Proctor presented updated financial information.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Madore-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

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

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – N/A

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 Audit Presentation

Ron Smith presented the RHR Smith & Company December 31, 2020 audit.

B. Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditure Projects

Commissioner Madore requested plan details/justification for the American Rescue Plan Expenditures.

Motion: to approve \$159,000 in ARPA expenditures for purchase of a body scanner for the jail.

Madore-Kelly (No vote)

Discussion

Commissioner Kelly called the question.

Kelly-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

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Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

C. Commissioner Lary's Resolution

Motion: to table *IX. New Business C. Commissioner Lary's Resolution*

Madore-Kelly 3-4

Opposed: Lary, Ames, Michael, Christner

Commissioner Lary read his resolution.

Commissioners Madore and Poirier questioned the purpose of putting international matters on the Androscoggin County agenda and stated that the focus should be on county matters.

Commissioner Ames called the question.

Ames-Christner 5-2

Opposed: Madore, Lary

Motion: to approve Commissioner Lary's Resolution

Lary-Michael 5-2

Opposed: Madore, Poirier

Commissioner Madore would like the minutes to reflect that he doesn't know if any single one of us here is much of an expert on foreign policy with Cuba to make any declaration about whats going on over there.

Commissioner Poirier voted no because this is not what county business is about.

D. Appoint MCCA, Risk Pool, AVCOG Representative

Motion: to table *IX. New Business D. Appoint MCCA, Risk Pool, AVCOG Representative.*

Kelly-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Madore requested plans and detailed information regarding Rescue Plan Expenditures to make informed votes.

Commissioner Lary also requested more information and to include "a reference of where in the final interim guidance document, that we're kind of basing off our decision, sort of where we can find that, whether that's page 5, section 2.3."

Commissioner Lary also requested "the engineers estimate to get us to where we need to know of what that HVAC should cost."

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Audit acceptance

Rescue funds

XI. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Ames-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Larry Post, County Administrator