

**~Meeting Minutes~**  
Androscoggin County Commissioners  
August 4, 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, Brian Ames, Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Sheriff Eric Samson, Communications Director Marty Fournier, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Facility Technicians Ron Seguin and Matthew Sargent, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock.

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Dates:** July 21, 2021

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the July 21, 2021 minutes.  
Kelly-Michael 7-0

**V. WARRANTS**

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual, 2127, 2204J.  
Kelly-Michael 6-1  
Opposed: Lary

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. MCCA** - No report.

**B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board** – Commissioner Kelly stated that the board continues to work with local businesses, enhance their own programs, assist job seekers, provide outreach, and focus on youth programs.

**C. Sheriff’s Report** – Sheriff Eric Samson discussed regional consolidation dispatch matters.

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

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – N/A

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Motion: to approve the Jail medical contract to increase to 24 hours effective January 1, 2022.

Ames-Michael (No vote)

Discussion

Motion: to table Jail medical contract.

Lary-(no second)

Original motion: to approve jail medical contract to increase to 24 hours effective January 2, 2022 with the American Rescue funds. (est. \$291,366)

Ames-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that “I’m concerned that we need to rush this. We could have taken the time to let the budget committee hash this out as well.”

Motion: to approve \$50,000 for the District Attorney Trial Assistant proposal.

Poirier-Michael (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to approve up to \$50,000 as needed for the District Attorney Trial Assistant proposal until the trial assistant becomes a State employeeassistant district attorney.

Poirier-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, “I’m opposed to the approval of the ARPA expenditure projects. None of this was necessary had the government not locked down people’s freedoms, violated their constitutional rights and put millions of Americans out of work with unconstitutional methods. I consider this entire ARPA Act by the federal government fraudulent use of taxpayer money, and I would like the minutes to reflect that the Administrator did not have the authority to disperse or promise as best as I can understand in advance without commissioner authorization.”

Motion: to approve \$557,500 premium pay for full-time employees that were working and eligible.

Michael-Ames (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to approve \$557,500 premium pay for full-time employees that were working and eligible, but to exclude all elected officials and the County Administrator.

Lary (No second)

Original Motion: to approve \$557,500 premium pay for full-time employees that were working and eligible.

Michael-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, “We should know how much this costs before we approve it and every person that worked in a job pumping gas at a gas station didn’t get this kind of a benefit and they had some of those same risks.”

Motion: to approve up to \$70,540 for Accounting Software for the Treasurer’s Office utilizing the ARPA funds.

Madore-Kelly (No vote)

Amendment to Motion: to approve up to \$75,000 for Accounting Software for the Treasurer’s Office utilizing the ARPA funds.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to approve \$173,134 for Probate Renovation utilizing the ARPA funds.

Madore-Kelly (No Vote)

Amendment to Motion: to clarify that the clerk and the Deputy Register work stations are actually, to strike that, and say 4 work stations and to remove the court bench witness stand or to lower the court bench witness stand to \$3,000 instead of \$12,000.

Lary-(No second)

Return to Original Motion: to approve \$173,134 for Probate Renovation utilizing the ARPA funds.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, “We should be very clear on what those expenditures are for.”

Motion: to table further discussion regarding **VIII. OLD BUSINESS A. Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditure Projects.**

Lary-Kelly 7-0

**B. Appoint MCCA, Risk Pool, AVCOG Representative**

Motion: to appoint Commissioner Poirier as the MCCA, Risk Pool, AVCOG representative.

Michael-Kelly 6-0-1

Abstained: Poirier

## **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Agenda items

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Audit report  
Harriman Associates  
Commissioner Lary-remove Chair

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion: to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

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Larry Post, County Administrator