

**~Meeting Minutes~**  
Androscoggin County Commissioners  
September 15, 2021  
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:17 P.M.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Christner introduced the new District 1 Commissioner Edouard Plourde who was then sworn in by the Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chair Sally Christner, Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, Edouard Plourde, John Michael, Roland Poirier, Brian Ames, Tardy: Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Facility Director David Cote, Melissa McGray, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock.

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Dates:** September 1, 2021.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the September 1, 2021 minutes.  
Kelly-Ames 6-0

**V. WARRANTS**

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual, 2132, 2133, 2209J, 2210J.

Kelly-Ames 5-0-1

Abstain-Plourde

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. MCCA-Commissioner Poirier** stated that the Penobscot County Maine Department of Corrections gave an extension on licensing of the jail. Regarding federal government funds, each county commissioner gave a report on how they were spending the money from the federal government.

**B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-Commissioner Kelly** shared that the CWMWB 2022 meeting schedule had been laid out.

Commissioner Lary arrived.

**C. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Proctor** presented financial information.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report.

Kelly-Poirier 5-1-1

Opposed: Lary

Abstained: Plourde

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

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that a new minutes policy has been promulgated without Commissioner approval.

Chair Christner pointed out that, "There is no new minutes policy, that was a letter from an employee, who by the way was talked about publicly and criticized publicly at a Commissioners' meeting and she had every right to turn around and write a letter back to the Commissioners stating her position. I respect her position on that. It's one thing to add things to the minutes, it's another thing to criticize an employee in a public meeting. She had every right to voice her opinions to the Commissioners about what happened."

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

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ARPA Project Approval (I.T. Jail Backup)**

I.T. Director Douglas Butler explained the ARPA Project request.

Motion: to accept the (ARPA Project/I.T. Jail Backup) proposal with the funds to be used from the federal.

Poirier-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that "I think it's a good idea to spend the money on this, but I don't think the federal government's should be giving us money that they've already taxed us to use."

**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioners Lary-Minutes, February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, legal counsel, etc...

*At 5:43 employees left the meeting in protest.*

*Only Mr. Post returned briefly after the Board majority consensus was that he should be heard.*

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Lary-"request that we add to the agenda, to open up the entire executive session, the April 21<sup>st</sup> executive session and all the legal documents or those reports of legal documents to the public...That is in order and it needs to be added in the near future."

Administrator Post pointed out that the Bylaws state, "Under future agenda items, that Commissioners may suggest future agenda items...may suggest, that's the rule."

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion: to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Kelly-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

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Larry Post, County Administrator