

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
October 6, 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, Edouard Plourde, John Michael, Roland Poirier, Brian Ames, Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facility Director David Cote, Melissa McGray, Leeds Selectman Jan Wiegman, John McClain, Detective Nathan McNally, citizens.

IV. FINALIZE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Motion: to skip IV. Finalize Preliminary Budget.
Lary-Michael 7-0

V. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: September 15, 2021.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the September 15, 2021 minutes as amended.

Kelly-Plourde 7-0

VI. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Payroll, Manual, 2134, 2211J.

Kelly-Poirier 6-1

Opposed: Lary

VII. REPORTS

A. MCCA-N/A

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-N/A

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

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Town of Leeds – Selectman Jan Wiegman and John McClain discussed using ARPA funds for their broadband project.

The following citizens spoke against mandatory vaccinations and in favor of placing a resolution against mandatory vaccinations on the October 20th meeting agenda.

Derek Ouellet, Wales

Don Dubuck, Minot

Pat Sedley, Lewiston
Mark Chassie, Auburn
John Bazinet, Lewiston
Noah Sherwood, Auburn

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Remote Meeting Policy

1. **Public Hearing** – Citizens asked for clarification regarding the policy.
2. **Approve Remote Meeting Policy**

Motion: to approve the original Remote Meeting Policy as presented.

Michael-Ames (no vote)

Friendly Amendment

Motion: to approve the original Remote Meeting Policy as revised (#4 changed to: Public input will be allowed at any meeting where remote participation is allowed”).

Michael-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

B. Approve Fund Accounting Software

Motion: to purchase the Abilia-MIP Fund accounting software.

Poirier-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, “While I appreciate the information provided, I still disagree that the federal government should be taking our money and then giving it back to us, they should leave it in our hands.”

C. ARPA Proposals

1. **HVAC Presentation** – by Anthony Davis of Allied Engineering.
2. **Approval of Requests (HVAC, Flooring & Roofing)**

Motion: to approve the cost for the flooring and roofing (\$70,000).

Ames-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Sheriff’s Dept. Recruitment & Retention

Sheriff Eric Samson discussed the need for wage increases to prevent corrections officers and patrol deputies from leaving to join higher paying agencies.

Motion: to have a 5 minute recess.

Michael-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary – Discussed opposition to mandatory vaccinations and requested that Commissioners pass a non binding resolution in support of people’s constitutional rights.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Poirier - PSAP Contracts (January agenda)

Commissioner Lary – To open up the executive session and place a resolution on the agenda.

Commissioner Michael – Presented written amendment of, “Section 14. #2. Item for Meetings By Laws amendment.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Poirier-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Larry Post, County Administrator