

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
December 1, 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, Roland Poirier, Brian Ames, John Michael. Absent: Isaiah Lary.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Facility Director David Cote, Melissa McGray.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: November 17, 2021.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the November 17th, 2021 minutes as amended.

Kelly-Plourde 6-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Manual Warrants, Payroll, 2144, 2219J.

Kelly-Ames 6-0

Note: Trinity Jubilee Center and Tri-County presentations were given at this time in the meeting. (See below for details.)

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA- No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-Commissioner Kelly noted that there were exciting training programs being offered in Lewiston which include culinary training, safeserve, patient services and accounting financial services representatives.

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

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA

1. Trinity Jubilee Center-Executive Director Erin Reed introduced their programs and projects in need of ARPA money. Klara Tameny Senior Warden of Trinity Parish/ Mentor at Sophia’s House-Further discussed plans for the future of the Jubilee Center.

2. Tri-County Presentation-Chief Development Officer Jamie Owens explained their need for ARPA funding in their quest to serve clients in Androscoggin County with mental health, substance misuse, and intellectual disabilities.

Motion: to reconsider approval of HVAC.
Poirier-Kelly

Discussion

Questions as to details of the scope of the project. Discussion revealed that the vote to approve \$6,169,000.00 for "HVAC for Courthouse and Jail", needed further scrutiny, and contained considerable more than the described HVAC for Jail and Courthouse. Board was in favor of professional plans and a breakdown of projected cost proceeding forward and presented in a future meeting.

Also discussed at this time were proposed basement renovations. Sheriff Eric Samson suggested using ARPA money to buy property instead of utilizing the county basement.

Commissioner Kelly left the meeting.

Motion: to rescind authority and direct that all proposed expenditures would first need to be presented to the board before authorization to commit ARPA funds.

Poirier-Kelly 5-0

B. Signing Authorization-Opioid Lawsuit

Motion: to authorize the Administrator to sign off on any opioid lawsuits with his taking the advice of the attorney.

Michael-Plourde 5-0

C. Acceptance of Forfeited Assets

1. CR20-1982

2. CR20-1983

Motion: to approve the acceptance of forfeited assets, CR20-1982 and CR20-1983.

Ames-Poirier 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Jail heating issue

*Vote for Sheriff's 2022 salary

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Vote for Sheriff's 2023 salary

*Amend By-Laws - Section 37, Section 2

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive session pursuant to Title 1 mrsa Section 405(6) Subsection (C).

Acquisition or use of real property.

Motion: to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6) Subsection (C).

Poirier-Ames 5-0

XII. ADJOURN

Commissioners adjourned after the executive session.

Larry Post, County Administrator