

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
January 5, 2022
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. District 4 Vacant.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Facility Director David Cote, Melissa McGray, Leeds Selectman Jan Wiegman, Leed Broadband Committee member Joe Mclean, Mark Ouellette, representatives of the class of 1951.

IV. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2022

Commissioner Michael nominated Roland Poirier as Chair.
Commissioner Poirier declined the nomination.

Commissioner Michael nominated Sally Christner as Chair
Commissioner Plourde seconded the nomination.

Vote: 5-0-1

Abstained: Christner

Commissioner Ames nominated Terri Kelly as Vice-Chair.
Commissioner Plourde seconded the nomination.

Vote: 5-0-1

Abstained: Kelly

V. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: December 15, 2021.

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

Kelly-Ames 6-0

The Town of Leeds discussed their ARPA request at this time (See *IX. NEW BUSINESS* for details).

VI. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Manual Warrants, Payroll, Warrants 2148, 2201, 1054J.

Kelly-Ames 6-0

VII. REPORTS

A. MCCA-No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-Commissioner Kelly noted that Blaine Flanders is currently acting as Executive Director for the Central/Western Maine Workforce Board.

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

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA

- 1. Town of Leeds**-Leeds Selectman Jan Wiegman, Leed Broadband Committee member Joe Mclean, and Mark Ouellette discussed their need for ARPA funds for broadband expansion.

Motion: to grant \$250,000 (for Leeds Broadband) contingent on the Town of Leeds receiving state funding.

Plourde-Kelly (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to grant \$400,000 (for Leeds Broadband) contingent on the Town of Leeds receiving state funding.

Michael-Ames 3-3

Opposed: Kelly, Plourde, Poirier

Motion: to grant \$300,000 for Leeds Broadband, contingent on the Town of Leeds receiving state funding.

Plourde-Kelly 5-1

Opposed: Poirier

- 2. Donald Gay Scholarship Fund**-Representatives of the class of 1951 presented their request for ARPA funds to give to the new performing arts center.

B. Approve Sub-Grant Agreements Form-(to be placed on future agenda items)

C. Action Plan-Commissioners revised their ARPA Action Plan.

Revisions:

*Delete entire 1st paragraph.

*3rd paragraph - *Applicants may present their requests to the Board of Commissioners meeting.*

*4th paragraph - *The Board shall review requests....*

*7. - *Applications will be taken until April 15, 2022, with decisions beginning on April 20, 2022.*

Motion: to give Journey House \$10,000.

Michael-Kelly 6-0

Commissioners re-stated action plan changes (see above *C. Action Plan*).

Commissioners discussed the Jail 24hr medical contract.

Heating system discussion in regards to prior budgeting.

Motion: to approve the ductwork cleaning in the jail and the courthouse.

Ames-Plourde (no vote)

Motion Withdrawn by Commissioner Ames.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Poirier-dispatch fee structure

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Executive session to set up guidelines for contract talks

* Executive session for acquisitions

* Personnel-Grant assistant

* Dispatch fee structure

* Approve ARPA Sub-Grant Agreements Form

* Linear on medical

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Ames-Plourde 6-0

Larry Post, County Administrator