

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
February 16, 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, Brian Ames, John Michael, Garrett Mason. Absent: Roland Poirier.

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

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the February 2nd minutes as presented.
Kelly-Mason 6-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Manual Warrants, Payroll, Warrants 2206, 2207, 2226J, 22227J.

Kelly-Plourde 6-0

The ARPA Szanton presentation occurred at this time. (See *VIII. New Business C-1.*)

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA-Commissioner Michael noted the following topics of discussion at the MCCA meeting. 1. Several state Supreme Court justices will be meeting with the National Association of County Commissioners to work together on criminal justice and mental health issues. 2. NACO is rolling out an ARPA investment tracker to view what other counties have been doing. 3. Supplemental jail funding distribution and LD's were reviewed. 4. A cyber security presentation was given.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-Commissioner Kelly stated that there is a lot of training of new officers occurring at this time.

C. Treasure's Report-Treasurer Proctor shared current financial information and requested ARPA funds for a Patrol Deputy and a full-time Grant Assistant. (See *VIII. New Business C. 2 ARPA Funding Approvals*)

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Mason-Ames 6-0

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

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – N/A

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022 Tax Commitment

Motion: to approve the (revised) 2022 Tax Commitment.

Kelly-Ames 6-0

B. Accept Ammo Bid for Sheriff's Department

Motion: to approve the ammunition bid for the Sheriff's Office from Howell's Indoor Range and Gunshop for \$4,500.

Plourde-Kelly 6-0

C. ARPA

1. ARPA Presentation

Szanton Company-President Nathan Szanton and Amy Cullen requested ARPA funds for real estate development for regular and low income tenants.

2. ARPA Funding Approvals

Motion: to approve ARPA funds for a full-time Grant Assistant in the Treasurer's Office for two years totaling \$132,000.

Ames-Kelly 6-0

Motion: to approve a Patrol Deputy for a 2 ½ year salary at \$237,500.

Ames-Kelly 6-0

Motion: to approve the additional patrol vehicle for \$55,000.

Ames-Kelly 6-0

D. Appoint State Claims Commissioner Representative

Motion: to appoint Commissioner Garrett Mason as the State Claims Commissioner Representative.

Ames-Kelly 6-0

Commissioner Michael left the meeting.

E. 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) Acquisition or use of Real Property.

Ames-Mason 5-0

Commissioners returned to public session.

F. Real Estate Acquisitions

Motion: that the Androscoggin Board of Commissioners enter into a purchase and sale contract with the owner of record, Quiz Kids, LLC & Malibu Rentals, LLC, for the purchase of property located at 774 Center Street with 6 additional properties identified in Addendum 1 (One) of the purchase and sale, at the negotiated price.

Ames-Kelly (no vote)

Commissioner Plourde stated, “I’m still very uneasy, for public record, about us entering into this purchase without sufficiently vetting out options, options that have been presented to us, options that still had questions, and the price tag is huge. I understand the need but I feel like we’re rushing this through.”

Motion: to postpone the vote until the next meeting when all of the commissioners will be present.

Plourde-(no second)

Original Motion: that the Androscoggin Board of Commissioners enter into a purchase and sale contract with the owner of record, Quiz Kids, LLC & Malibu Rentals, LLC, for the purchase of property located at 774 Center Street with 6 additional properties identified in Addendum 1 (One) of the purchase and sale, at the negotiated price.

Ames-Kelly 4-1

Opposed: Plourde

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) Subsection (D) Labor Contract

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

Kelly-Ames 5-0

Commissioners returned to public session.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ARPA: consults, rules, funds, proposals/requests, criteria.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Vote for Sheriff Vehicle Reserve

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn.

Ames-Kelly 5-0

Larry Post, County Administrator