

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
April 20, 2022
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:20 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Sally Christner, Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, Edouard Plourde, Roland Poirier, Garrett Mason. Absent: Brian Ames, John Michael.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Finance Director Clarice Proctor, Office Manager Hillary Nadeau, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facility Director David Cote, Melissa McGray, citizens.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Date: April 6, 2022

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the April 6th minutes as presented.
Kelly-Mason 5-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: Manual Warrants, Payroll, Warrants 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2232J, 2233J, 2234J, 2235J.

Kelly-Mason 5-0

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA-No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-Vice Chair Kelly noted that the acting Executive Director resigned.

C. Treasure's Report-Treasurer Proctor presented the Treasurer's report.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's report.

Plourde-Kelly 5-0

D. Administrator's Report-Administrator Post gave an update on current activities and announced that he had given Commissioners his resignation, effective June 3.

Commissioners responded with the following statement.

“The Androscoggin County Commissioners would like to thank Larry Post for his years of service to our county. As Androscoggin’s first County Administrator, he took on the hard work of transitioning the county to a charter form of government and setting up the Administrator’s Office. As its inaugural holder, he will be remembered as a trail blazer with a long list of accomplishments and accolades. Mr. Post aptly led employees and the

board through unchartered waters and through the daily business of governing one of Maine's most populous counties for seven years. At the bi-weekly Commissioners meetings, no matter what was entailed in his Administrator's report, he would close by letting Commissioners know that, "Life is good in Androscoggin County." His closing line is something we can all agree with-regardless of our individual politics. As he leaves Androscoggin County, we wish Mr. Post the very best in his future endeavors and thank him for his steadfast service. Whether it be chasing his passion of fishing in a quiet stream or the challenge of a new position elsewhere, we are confident that, for Mr. Post, life will be good."

Motion: to accept Mr. Post's resignation.

Plourde-Poirier 5-0

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA

1. ARPA Presentations:

a. Town of Minot, Broadband-Town Administrator Danielle Loring & Chair of Broadband Committee Colleen Quint explained their need for \$188,000 for broadband.

b. Franco Center-Representatives discussed their request for \$500,000 in ARPA funds to preserve and honor history through the restoration of the Franco Center-a performing arts center with diverse educational and cultural heritage programs.

c. Historical Society-Board of Directors member David Chittim requested \$50,000 in ARPA funds towards the purchase & move into 93 Lisbon St., Lewiston, where they would house their museum and continue their lecture series.

d. (COSI)Church Of Safe Injection-Executive Director Kari Morissette gave an overview of their organization and requested \$50,000 for renovations.

e. Literacy Volunteers-Judy Vardamis and Tahlia Chamberlain described their organization and requested ARPA money to cover hours, maintenance of lending laptops, and technology issues.

Vice-Chair Kelly left the meeting.

Commissioners recess.

2. ARPA Decisions

Motion: to allocate from ARPA funds \$38,551 for closing costs/legal fees for Center St. property.

Poirier-Plourde 4-0

Motion: to allow Treasurer to use a portion of \$132,000 to pay Treasurer's Office employee overtime.

Poirier-Mason 4-0

B. Corrections Maintenance Position-Continued as tabled.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS-None.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Posting the County Administrator's position

* Review guidance from CPA firm & suggest consult with attorney

XI. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Mason-Poirier 4-0

Larry Post, County Administrator