

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
March 15, 2023
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Vice-Chair Terri Kelly at 5:16 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, Edouard Plourde, Brian Ames. Via Phone: Roland Poirier. Tardy: Garrett Mason, Andrew Lewis. Absent: Chair Sally Christner. Other: Interim County Administrator/Finance Director Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facilities Director David Cote, Attorney James Belleau, Sandy Berube, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, Rachel Ferrante, Erin Reed, citizens.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the March 1, 2023 minutes as presented.

Ames-Plourde 4-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: AP Warrant JV1038, Manual Warrants JV1032, JV1033, JV1034, JV1035, JV1036, JV1037 & Payroll Warrants.

Ames-Plourde 4-0

Commissioner Mason arrived.

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA-Commissioner Mason attended the Riskpool and the MCCA meetings. He noted that action in the legislature and the governor’s budget was discussed.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-No report

C. AVCOG Report-No report.

D. Treasurer’s Report-Treasurer Proctor presented financial information.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer’s report.

Ames-Mason 5-0

E. Administrator’s Report-Interim County Administrator Proctor gave an update on current activities.

Motion: to move up *XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION, A. Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (E) Consultation with Legal Counsel.*

Ames-Mason 5-0

Motion: to enter into Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (E) Consultation with Legal Counsel.
Plourde-Mason 5-0

Commissioners went into executive session at this time. (See *XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION below*)

Commissioner Lewis arrived.

Motion: to return to public session.
Mason-Ames 6-0

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA Projects - Project Manager for BerryDunn, Zeb Letourneau explained how all four remaining (unapproved) projects would be eligible for ARPA funds.

Trinity Jubilee Center representative Erin Reed discussed the services the center provides.

Motion: to match any fundraising that is done up to \$950,000, 50%, .50 cents to every dollar and to sign a letter to Senator Collins and the appropriations committee saying we support this project-contingent on fundraising.
Mason-(no second)

Discussion regarding timeline to spend ARPA funds.

Motion: Motion: to match any fundraising that is done up to \$950,000, 50%, .50 cents to every dollar, including the money that has already been raised, and to sign a letter to Senator Collins and the appropriations committee saying we support this project–contingent on fundraising.
Mason-Ames 6-0

Maine MILL-Maine Museum of Innovation, Learning and Labor (formerly Museum LA) Executive Director Rachel Ferrante described the progress and plans regarding the museum.

Motion: to approve \$792,000 to the Maine Museum of Innovation, Learning and Labor (on top of the \$300,000 they have already been given).
Poirier-Plourde (no vote)

Amendment to Motion: to approve a matching grant up to \$650,000, \$1 for \$1 to the

Maine Museum of Innovation, Learning and Labor (on top of the \$300,000 they have already been given).

Poirier-Plourde (no vote)

Commissioner Ames called the question.

(Return to) Amendment to Motion: to approve a matching grant up to \$650,000, \$1 for \$1 to the Maine Museum of Innovation, Learning and Labor (on top of the \$300,000 they have already been given).

Poirier-Plourde 3-3

Opposed: Ames, Kelly, Mason

(Motion fails)

B. HVAC (Project #3) Design Change Approval – Facilities Director Dave Cote

Motion: to authorize \$20,130 for Project #3 (Allied Engineering design change to reduce project cost).

Poirier-Lewis 6-0

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ames - Salary Schedule

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (A)

Discussion of Personnel Issues.

Motion: to enter into Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (A) Discussion of Personnel Issues.

Mason-Plourde 6-0

B. Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (E)

Consultation with Legal Counsel.

Commissioners met with James Belleau, Attorney/Partner (earlier in the meeting).

XII. ADJOURN

Commissioners adjourned after the executive session.

Clarice Proctor, Interim Administrator