

~Meeting Minutes~

June 7, 2023

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, Roland Poirier, Garrett Mason, Andrew Lewis.

Other: County Administrator/Finance Director Clarice Proctor, Treasurer William Hall, Sheriff Eric Samson, District Attorney Neil McLean, Andre Cushing III, Hillary Nadeau, Sandy Berube, Sun Journal Stever Sherlock, citizens.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the May 17, 2023 minutes as presented.

Ames-Kelly 7-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: AP Warrants JV1223, JV1225, JV1226 & Payroll Warrants.

Kelly-Lewis 7-0

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA-Commissioner Mason noted the the focus at the state house is on jail funding.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-No report (meeting next week).

C. AVCOG Report-No report.

D. Treasurer's Report-Administrator Proctor introduced Treasurer William Hall.

E. Administrator's Report-Administrator Proctor gave an update on current activities.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

* Penobscot County Commissioner Andre Cushing III explained in detail why Penobscot put in two bills to provide funding for their Sheriff's department. He also pointed out that he came to Androscoggin to start dialog to discuss ways counties could have a stronger voice at the state level.

* Sheriff Eric Samson joined Commissioner Andre in discussing patrol topics.

At this time, Chair Christner moved up IX. New Business C. District Attorney Neil McLean (see below).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (A) Discussion of Personnel-Retiree Benefit Clarification.

Motion: to cancel A. *Executive Session* and remove it from the agenda.

Mason-Kelly 7-0

At this time, Chair Christner skipped over B. Executive Session and continued on to IX. New Business, A. Trinity/Jubilee ARPA Project Scope Change (see below)

B. Executive Session-Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec 405(6) Subsection (D) Labor Contracts (AFSCME)

Motion: to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6) Subsection (D) Labor Contracts (AFSCME).

Kelly-Lewis 7-0

Motion: to come out of executive session.

Mason-Lewis 7-0

Since this executive session (B) was moved to the end of the meeting, Commissioners adjourned immediately after this motion to come out of executive session. (see XII. Adjourn)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trinity/Jubilee ARPA Project Scope Change

Motion: to approve the Trinity/Jubilee ARPA project scope change.

Ames-Lewis 7-0

B. Community Concepts Incorporated (CCI) ARPA Scope Change

Motion: to table pending discussions with Community Concepts representatives.

Lewis-Kelly 7-0

C. District Attorney Neil McLean – Blitz update.

District Attorney Neil McLean updated Commissioners regarding the successful Blitz event.

At this time, Chair Christner skipped over D. Union Contract (AFSCME). (This item was returned to after the VIII. Executive Session B, which was post-poned until the end of the meeting.)

D. Union Contract (AFSCME) – No motions.

E. Energy Contract

Motion: to table the Energy Contract.

Kelly-Lewis 7-0

F. Citizen Tax Appeal

Motion: to table the Citizen Tax Assessment Appeal until the next meeting.
Plourde-Lewis 7-0

G. Salary Schedule

Commissioners received salary schedule information.

H. ARPA-Approve Funds for Impact Study-774 Center Street

Commissioners discussed this topic but no action was taken.

At this time, Chair Christner skipped back to VIII. Executive Session B. (see above)

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Space for the courts

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Opioid settlement
- *June 21st – Minot Citizen Tax Assessment Appeal
- *Strategic Planning Workshop (Plourde)
- *Salary Schedule
- *Community Concepts
- *Energy Contract
- *Jared Bornstein-774 Center St.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn.
Lewis-Kelly 7-0

Clarice Proctor, County Administrator