

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
October 18, 2023
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - Chair Sally Christner at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Other: Interim County Administrator/Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, HR Director Hillary Nadeau, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, Sandy Berube, Matt Roy, Michael Mejia, Nathan McNally.

IV. MINUTES

A. Meeting Dates: October 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: to approve with a waiver of the reading of the October 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Kelly-Plourde 5-0

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to approve all warrants as presented: AP Warrants JV1298, JV1299, JV1301, JV1302, JV1303, JV1304 & Payroll Warrants.

Kelly-Ames 5-0

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA-No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board-No report.

C. AVCOG Report-No report.

D. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Proctor gave an update regarding financial matters.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Ames-Kelly 5-0

E. Administrator's Report-Clarice Proctor said that the Budget Committee did not have enough members to change any of the line items (they needed 11 votes), but they would be sending their recommendations to the Commissioners, and they may vote on outstanding table items at the Public Hearing if they have eleven.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**A. Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6) Subsection (A)
Discussion of Personnel Issues**

Motion: to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6) Subsection (A) Discussion of Personnel Issues (5:27 p.m.).

Ames-Kelly 5-0

Motion: to enter into public session (5:39 p.m.).

Kelly-Plourde 5-0

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint Interim County Administrator

Motion: to appoint Sheriff Eric Samson as the Interim County Administrator.

Ames-Kelly 5-0

B. Optional Arrest Powers

Motion: to renew *Optional Arrest Powers*.

Poirier-Ames 5-0

C. ARPA Report

Motion: to approve the ARPA Report as requested (*Request - "The attached schedule shows the internal ARPA projects that are ready to be closed out. Some of these projects are over allocation and some are under. I would like to recommend to zero these projects out and take the remaining \$9,761.99 deficit from the Grant Assistant project. Also, the Compliance Audit project was never updated for the next 3 years of audits. Therefore, I recommend taking an additional \$9,000 from Grant Assistant and move to the Compliance Audit".*)

Ames-Plourde 5-0

D. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Approval

Motion: to approve the Androscoggin Bank TAN at 5.98% as needed.

Ames-Kelly (no vote)

Commissioner Poirier questioned whether this was the one where they have to have a technical reading.

Motion: to table the Androscoggin Bank TAN (until correct wording is available).

Poirier-Ames 5-0

E. PSAP Fees

Motion: to not increase PSAP fees this year. (Two reasons: 1st. If towns are to receive an increase, it should be early, as opposed to later. 2nd. We already have an additional revenue stream with the towns that came on board.)

Christner-(no second)

Motion fails

Communications Director Martin Fournier noted that they now have the 2020 Census numbers to calculate the new PSAP Fees.

Motion: to set PSAP Fees at 8%.

Poirier-(no second)

Motion fails

Motion: to accept the 5% PSAP Fee proposed.

Ames-(no second)

Motion fails

Motion: to set the PSAP Fees at 6.5%.

Plourde-Poirier 3-2

Opposed: Christner, Ames

Motion fails

Commissioner Ames asked if they could not come to an agreement, would it just start at the 2020 Census data.

Administrator/Sheriff Samson said they would have to send out a bill with just the current rates with the updated Census

Vice-Chair Kelly suggested to go forward with that plan if they cannot come to a consensus.

Motion: to allocate the 5%.

Plourde-Ames 3-2

Opposed: Christner, Poirier

Motion fails

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

* Administrator/Sheriff Eric Samson-Opioid program for jail.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- * Opioid Settlement – (Workshop or Agenda Discussion)
- * Strategic Planning Workshop (After budget season)
- * 774 Center Steet (ongoing)
- * Building Committee
- * PSAP Fees
- * ARPA expenditures/facilities
- * Hiring of County Administrator (Workshop next Wednesday Oct 25th)

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.
Ames-Kelly 5-0

Interim County Administrator/Sheriff Eric Samson