

**Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes July 06, 2021** **2342**  
**9:00 AM** **Commissioners Peter Baldacci and Laura Sanborn** **69°**  
**Commissioner Andre Cushing arrived 9:07 a.m.**

**Roll Call -**

Commissioner Baldacci opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. from the Commissioners Chambers with Commissioners Baldacci and Sanborn present.

**Public Comment –**

Larry Dansinger – Citizen from Bangor

Participant is committed with a group that wants fewer people in jail as punishment is not helping people. It is believed that there are other ways to deal with people who have violated the law in some way. Punishment in jail is not a good strategy of addressing issues of crime. It was emphasized that when fewer people are in jail, it saves taxpayers money.

Participant addressed the concerns of trash being left by people camping out near the old Y building. A solution would be providing trash barrels. Another use of the building may be affordable housing, instead of placing people in the jail.

Participant forwarded an email he sent to Board of Visitors Chair Pat Kimball requesting her resignation. Participant feels that the Board of Visitors is not showing enough concern for what inmates are experiencing with the conditions of the jail. It appears that there is favoritism towards the Sheriff. Participant would like information placed on the county website of who is involved on this board, how to reach them and reports presented to the Sheriff and Commissioners be readily available to the public.

Commissioner Baldacci responded to Larry Dansinger's comments:

- DOC has made unannounced inspections of the jail and have met privately with inmates; followed up with one inmate who's relative had some comments with no negative findings.
- Putting trash barrels in the Y parking lot is not a safe solution. We will have our property cleaned up. The individuals that are camping out are on private property.
- The Commission does not agree with your assessment on the Board of Visitors Chair Pat Kimball and feel we are very fortunate her.

Janet Drew – Citizen of York

Participant echoed Larry Dansinger that the purpose of this group is less people in jail and more communication from the Board of Visitors.

**Facilities Update -**

Facilities Director Brian MacDonald reported the following:

- In the last month 15 work orders in the jail have been completed. There are 14-15 still open with repairs for plumbing, electrical issues, and damage with holes in walls and ceilings.
- Director MacDonald has reached out to vendors to fix the hole in the parking lot by the dumpsters.
- There has been a slight delay in the jail video conference room project.
- Roof systems was here on the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>. It was money well spent with a number of repairs completed and a couple safety features to the jail.
- The cause of the generator issue was found which was the switch. The generator is now functionable and available.
- The stream wall project is behind due to staffing.
- The boiler one controls have recently failed with replacements ordered. We have adjusted the controls as one boiler will run as needed, so we're functionable.
- Director MacDonald contacted Plisga & Day about the survey on the Y property which they already have a very large file. The cleaning contractor is hopeful to begin this week with the initial cleanup; then he will also give us a price to do a monthly case.

**Administration Update –**

Administrator Honey reported on the following:

- Communication placed in the Commissioners folders:
  - An article shared by Janet Drew
- Employment within the County:
  - Public Safety Career Fair has been scheduled for August 11
- Miscellaneous within the County:
  - Looking to hold flu and COVID vaccination clinics
  - Lunch and Learn sessions for our employees will start in August. Our first session will be on stress management "Letting Go What We Can't Control"
  - First department head meeting has been scheduled for the end of the month
  - Administrator Honey has been working with Director MacDonald in coordinating efforts in the Y clean up
  - Finishing up ARP discussions with the department heads next week
  - There will be no county commissioner meeting next Tuesday.

**Administration Update – Continued:**

- Commissioner Sanborn moved to approve amendments from last week's payroll dated 06.25.2021 warrant in the amount of \$248,957.64 and account payable dated 06.29.21 warrant in the amount of \$263,649.09. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Sanborn moved to approve this week's warrants as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Payroll Change Notices signed for: NONE
- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 07.02.2021: \$264,478.10
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 07.06.2021: \$524,015.56
- PRCC Bond Warrant to be approved for 07.06.2021: \$1,815.00
- Unorganized Territory Warrant to be approved for 07.06.2021: \$31,753.94
- Unorganized Territory TIF Warrant to be approved for 07.06.2021: \$3,374.18

Executive Session---Commissioner Sanborn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:31 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Honey, Director Lavoie and Director Alexander. Session ended at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Sanborn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Honey, Director MacDonald and Director Alexander. Session ended at 11:15 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Sanborn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:16 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners and Administrator Honey. Session ended at 11:32 a.m.

**Public Session –**

Commissioner Sanborn moved to approve proposal in response to RFP for Reuse Feasibility Study at 12 Hammond Street submitted by Haley Ward and Jet Architects in the amount of \$38K. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Commissioner Cushing moved to approve contract with 3-Point Cleaning in the amount of \$4,997 for cleaning services at Penobscot County Jail. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Meeting Adjourned-**

Commissioner Sanborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Certified By:**

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Administrator, Erika Honey

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Peter K. Baldacci, Chairman

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Laura J. Sanborn, Commissioner

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Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner