

Roll Call -

Commissioner Sanborn opened the meeting at 9:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with Commissioners Baldacci and Cushing present.

Administrator Erika Honey and Treasurer John Hiatt were absent

Public Comment –

Janet Drew – Resident of York County

Participant is requesting that there is a commitment to an amount of ARPA money that will go to communities and not the biggest organizations.

PRCC Update –

Director Chris Lavoie presented the following:

- RCM was able to come up with some of the equipment needed on our project
- Licensing has been submitted to the FCC for the southern sites as well as a lease agreement for the next month's site
- The Lincoln microwave has been the most problematic; it recently burned up with only two spares available. Director Lavoie requests that monies be taken from the Bond to start this phase earlier than expected.
 - Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve not to exceed \$169,500 for equipment to be used on the Lincoln microwave tower. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- The budget is consistent as to where we should be at this time with no unplanned expenses thus far
- Last week was National Telecommunicators Week. Many thanks to all those that took the time to show their appreciation.
- We are involved in planning and participating in the Maine Day Event at the University of Maine that is being held next week

Facilities Update –

Director MacDonald reported the following:

- Requesting approval to install vinyl flooring in the PRCC Supervisors' Office

Facilities Update – Continued:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$2,400 to purchase and install from Marden's vinyl flooring for PRCC Supervisors' Office. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Director MacDonald discussed a possible solution to prevent the floodings in the jail. A vendor "ICON" claims to eliminate possible flooding by limiting the number of flushes and limiting the number of gallons per flush.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the purchase of two battery operated valve systems in the amount of \$2,575.92. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Recognition of Community Contributors of the Prosecutorial Diversion Program –

District Attorney Marianne Lynch brought together members of the Prosecutorial Diversion Program and recognized them before the Commissioners. The following were present in person: Bob Fickett and Erica Oliveira from the Bangor Area Recovery Network (B.A.R.N.), Ashley Bailey and Kimberly Morrison representing Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC), and Angela Haley representing Northern Lights Acadia. Denise Smith from Bangor Health was present via Zoom.

DA Lynch reported that this diversion program is for people who have had minor criminal involvement; such as shoplifting, misdemeanor possession of drugs and minor property crimes. This educational program runs for about three-hours and has diverted 451 participants from jail in the three years of its running. AS part of this program participants are educated in the use of NARCAN, the Opioid reversal drug, and then given doses of the lifesaving drug to take with them. In addition to the benefit the participants receive by having their criminal charges dismissed the community benefits by through the creation of what DA Lynch terms as "information ambassadors" who know where to refer family and friends to in order to obtain free assistance for domestic violence services case management, help for substance abuse treatment and work readying skills.

Penobscot County recognized the community volunteers with fleece vests with the Penobscot County Logo.

B.A.R.N. Executive Director Bob Fickett was recognized for opening its doors to allow this program to take place. This is a "no wrong door policy" which allows participants to be placed in contact with one of the agencies that will assist them on them on their journey.

Recognition of Community Contributors of the Prosecutorial Diversion Program – Continued:

Mr. Fickett stated with extra funding he would like to create a criminal justice liaison position within the organization. Someone to work with the jails and court system to help elevate a diversion program to include people with more serious crimes.

Commissioner Cushing requested that DA Lynch provide a one-page report on the work highlighting the collaboration with the B.A.R.N. and other partners.

ARPA Update –

Grant Manager Lisette Carrithers reported that the online grant application process opened up April 15th as planned. Despite the fact that it was a holiday weekend, we have had six applications in the beneficiary program opened already. Three of them have been submitted and sent to reviewers. We did have one application opened in the sub-recipient program; however, that person already submitted an application in the beneficiary program. Regardless, only one application can be submitted.

It was stated that if anyone has any questions to contact Lisette on the ARPA resource page and she will gladly answer any questions.

Administration Update -

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 04.15.2022: \$ 277,217.65
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 04.19.2022: \$ 286,666.96
- UT Warrant to be approved for: NONE
- UT TIF Warrant to be approved for: NONE
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the warrants as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Payroll Change Notices signed for: Brian Sawtelle, Johnathan Nesmith, Desiree Hesselstine, Serena Dunroe, Rhonda LeBlanc and Sumner Sewall – Payroll Status Changes.

Executive Session---Commissioner Cushing made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Sheriff Morton, HR Coordinator Michelle LaBree, and Director Mallar. Session ended at 10:25 a.m. NO vote taken

Executive Session---Commissioner Cushing made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Sheriff Morton, HR Coordinator Michelle LaBree, and Director Mallar. Session ended at 10:57 a.m. NO vote taken

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Cushing moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

ABSENT

Administrator, Erika Honey

Laura J. Sanborn, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner