

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022 2390
9:00 AM Commissioners Laura Sanborn, Peter Baldacci and Andre Cushing 61°

Roll Call -

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

Commissioner Cushing and Treasurer John Hiatt were absent

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve June 21, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Public Comment –

Larry Dansinger – Citizen of Bangor

Participant read an email of a York County resident which had been forwarded to the Commissioners for review. This resident is looking for data on the jail population from York County, ARPA requests and scoring and information on the jail study process and results.

Participant thanked Administrator Honey on information about the culture study and responding on Commissioners reviewing their meetings and how they are to be conducted.

Participant voiced concern on how the jail study will be conducted. Commissioner Baldacci explained the that the Moss Group is a reputable organization with extensive knowledge on interview processes.

UT Update –

Director Shaw Weeks reported the following:

- The Sherman solid waste agreement has a 10% increase from last year (\$331) due to increased hauling and tipping fees. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve this contract as presented. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0. Signed.
- Discussion was held on the first draft of TIF Bylaws. More information to follow.
- Discussion was held on a draft of the PILT Application. Once finalized, this document will be digitalized.

UT Update – Continued:

- Report on the FY22 budget was as follows:
 - Budget closes on June 30 with 91% of appropriated budget spent
 - Healthy bank and TIF balances
 - All capital reserves will be carried forward
- Deputy Director George Buswell has been working long hours in Straggly Lake finishing up on the project that has a July 1 deadline

EMA Update –

Director Bradley Nuding presented the following:

- A FEMA Region One Hazard Mitigation grant funding meeting for Penobscot and three other adjoining counties was held. The first grant is \$3.9M COVID related with an October 2022 deadline; the second grant for \$321K October windstorm that hit coastal counties with a deadline of February 2023.
- Participated in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS); they have reached out for risk and vulnerability assessments from Hampden to Milford to discuss the risks for our interstate through that stretch; to include greenhouse gas inventory.
- Working with two school districts on active threat exercises
- National Weather Service in Caribou held a regional meeting with all county EMA's discussing some of the winter weather criteria
- Requested from State Emergency Management Office and the Red Cross to discuss regional sheltering capabilities in the Bangor area. The State is looking to bring in a sheltering trailer and staging it here in Penobscot County.
- A meeting was held with Versant Power and sharing of GIS data
- GIS data manager Thomas Fennell has been working on Spilman validation records; finding multiple errors
- A couple municipalities have been contacted to provide mapping support services as testers

Administration Update –

Communication:

- FAA Aeronautical study on the Medway Antenna Tower
- Communication from the Enfield hydroelectric finance license application
- Notice of a Chapter 11 reorganization

Administration Update – Continued:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to appoint Commissioner Sanborn on a State Claims Commission hearing set September 14th. Commissioner Sanborn agreed to participate.
- BDN article announcing EMDC receiving funds from the Department of Transportation for two planning studies
- A Commissioners Meeting Policy draft was presented; discussion to follow at next week's meeting

Employment within the County:

- Administrator Honey has been participating in the IT Director interviews; with plans to hold second interviews next week

Last Week:

- Met with an outside consultant to provide work support with Spilman and IT services. Administrator Honey will reach out to see if this consultant will come in and look at our current operations and provide an IT assessment
- Sheriff's Office, DA's Office and Administrator Honey met with EDMC and NWDB last week on funding received around workforce development and jail diversion programs. Discussion how the organizations can collaborate.
- HR and Facilities Director MacDonald met with Maine Municipal Association for risk management for workers compensation last week; passing at tier 3 will result in a 10% discount for our renewal

This Week:

- Administrator Honey participated in the Community Health Leadership Board Meeting centering around addressing workforce housing needs; Administrator Honey will be working closely with Laura Mitchell on this project
- Campus Renovation project is moving along, looking at some of the plans at yesterday's meeting

Next Week:

- County Offices will be closed next Monday in observance of Fourth of July
- A Department head meeting will be held next Wednesday
- Artists Annette Dodd and Peter Walls will be participating in next week's Commissioners meeting
- A draft of our meeting policies and scheduling of other county meetings was provided with further discussion at next week's meeting

Administration Update – Continued:

- Union labor management meetings are continuing with both FOP and AFSCME

Miscellaneous:

- Sheriff Morton provided Town of Orrington contract renewal for FY23. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0. Signed.
- Facility Director MacDonald reported on the boiler situation; pricing quotes will be presented at next weeks meeting

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 06.24.2022: \$ 282,248.69
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 06.28.2022: \$ 147,650.04
- 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 Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Payroll Change Notices signed for: Alexis Wagner - Hired VWA Part-time; Grace Butler – Resignation; Chris Fox – Transfer; Catherine Bazinet, Anthony Heal, Michael Jandreau, David Kreutchic, Chris Lavoie, Josh Lilley, McKenzie Madden, Johannah Sirois, and Brandon Tenney – Payroll Status Changes

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 2-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Honey, Sheriff Morton, Lt. Hotaling and Director Jason Mallar. Session ended at 10:10 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 2-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Honey, Director Jason Mallar and Director MacDonald. Session ended at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:01 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, Administrator Honey and Director Mallar. Session ended at 11:17 a.m.

Action Taken -

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Erika Honey

Laura J. Sanborn, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

ABSENT
Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner