

Roll Call -

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

Treasurer John Hiatt was absent

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve July 5, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Public Comment –

Larry Dansinger – Resident of Bangor

Participant read a statement of concerns from a resident of York County.

Participant then stated that he was hopeful that someone from Penobscot County attended the Opioid Summit that was held in Bangor yesterday. Punishment simple doesn't work for substance use disorders, but a commitment to fund programming would be more beneficial.

Deeds Update –

Register Susan Bulay reported the following:

- Document count for June were 8% below average with 3,903 documents
- Revenue was down 3% with \$135K turned over to the general fund
- The map copier/scanner/printer has been repaired by replacing the mother board after three weeks
- When asked about a notary, Register Bulay stated she has a person that would be willing to look at doing that service

UT Update –

Director Shaw Weeks presented the following:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Fire and ambulance agreement with the Town of Lincoln for T2R8 NWP. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

UT Update – Continued:

- The PILT application was presented with changes made to the Commissioners for their review; no official approval is necessary
- The amended TIF bylaws were provided to the Commissioners; Commissioners will revisit next week following further review
- Commissioners can request an advisory referendum for the Drew Deorganization process that will take place in November's election. Director Weeks does not feel it necessary for the Commissioners to do so as the town is very supportive of the deorganization.
- A public hearing will take place next week for a new liquor license for Knife Edge Brewing and Pizza

Deputy Director George Buswell presented the following:

- The Straggly Hill project will be completed tomorrow
- Brush is being grinded on the Myra Road on a joint effort with Sunrise Development
- The Mud Pond paving bid will be sent out today
- Repairs are being done on West Seboeis and Norcross Roads
- Asphalt prices have increased 30-40% more this year than last

Finance Update –

Director Mallar presented a report on expenditures and revenues through June 30, 2022:

On Expenditures:

- Building and Jail's budgets are running a little over. It is understandable with the rising costs of fuel, food and other goods, there may be some overspending
- Currently, overall, we have spent 54.79% of our budget.

On Revenue:

- PILT funds were received in the amount of \$370K

Commissioners requested that historical data be provided to communities so the budget does not come as a surprise.

Facilities Update –

Facilities Director Brian MacDonald reported the following:

- Two quotes were received for prices of three #2 boilers
 - ABM Mechanical quote was \$793K
 - Mechanical Services quote was \$755,250
 - There may be other expenses not included on the bids to complete the replacement of boilers
 - Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Mechanical Services bid in the amount of \$755,250 to be paid from ARPA funding. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- An increase of activity at the YMCA property including multiple needles picked up daily; most recently there are shopping carts and bins filled with articles of clothing and food now being found on the property
- Over the weekend the air handling unit in the jail kitchen broke with the controller failing; there are no replacement parts available locally. We are hoping they have one in Portland. Discussion followed.

Sheriff's Update –

Sheriff Troy Morton presented the following:

- In-house jail population is 156: 82 boarded out to other facilities, one US Marshall, no county swaps, **100** inmates in Pre-trial Services, two Maine Department of Corrections, and two inmates at two different hospitals being watched.
- CHCS are attempting to hire another person for the MAT program
- Supplemental Law Enforcement Contracts were presented for approval.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Stetson \$5K contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Levant \$12K contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Howland \$6K contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Greenbush \$20K contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Enfield \$5,750 contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Sheriff's Update – Continued:

- Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the Town of Bradley \$7K contract. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sheriff reported on the patrol staffing shortage with two deputies currently out long term and two new hires need to go to the Academy. To make the pay scale to be a little more competitive and to attract new officers, the Commissioners were asked to make an adjustment to the FOP Line and Supervisors pay scales.
 - Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the FOP Line pay scale to increase \$2.00 per hour and FOP Supervisors pay scale to increase \$1.50 per hour starting October 1, 2022. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administration Update –

Communication:

- Falcon, Inc., will be holding an informational meeting at the NACo Convention; this group of consultants provides guidance and assistance to Counties on jail programming
- Commissioner Cushing moved to approve the County Commissioners Meeting and Agenda Policy as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- NACo summary on ARPA final rules are found in your folders
- Lisette is looking to set up a workshop scheduled in August to review those applications that have come in thus far

Employment within the County:

- Spreadsheet for position openings
- There are a few offers out that we're hoping to have answers in the next couple of days

Last Week:

- The monthly department head meeting was held last week. Administrator Honey stresses the importance a department representative attending these meetings as we discuss shared concerns and collaboration opportunities.
- Met with AFSCME corrections line and agreed for an additional eight weeks of voluntary weekend incentive pay
- Met with the MOSS group to finalize the agenda for the site visit which takes place this week

Administration Update – Continued:

This Week:

- The Risk Pool/MCCA Meeting will be held tomorrow

Miscellaneous:

- Working on coordinating times for the ARPA proposals review
- Finance staff are working remotely for part of the week on a trial basis
- Information was received on a workforce development grant on training and scholarships opportunities for our employees
- Administrator Honey and Finance Director Mallar will look into other banks with better rates to place the deposited ARPA funds

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 07.08.2022: \$ 261,984.75
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 07.12.2022: \$ 119,729.43
- 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: Emily Morrow, Jacob Braz and Johnathan Nesmith – Resignations; Jason Raymond – Promotion; Charity Davis and Levi Thompson – Payroll Status Changes

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:00 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, Sheriff Morton and Director Jason Mallar. Session ended at 10:30 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:31 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 and Director Jason Mallar. Session ended at 10:36 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:37 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 and Administrator Honey. Session ended at 11:19 a.m.

Action Taken - None

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Erika Honey

Laura J. Sanborn, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner