

Roll Call -

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

Commissioner Cushing arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Treasurer John Hiatt was absent

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve July 12, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Public Comment –

Larry Dansinger – Resident of Bangor

Participant reported of a vigil held for a woman who died in York County Jail with a family member residing in Penobscot County. Participant then listed nine inmates who had died in the last fifteen years at the Penobscot County Jail. Participant continues to urge County Commissioners to focus using ARPA funds to support individuals in their attempts to gain health; to support programming for substance use disorders and mental health disorders.

DA's Update:

District Attorney Marianne Lynch reported the following:

- Introduction of new staff member Sarah Smith
- Staffing is an issue with filling positions in the front office as well as recruiting lawyers
- Attended the Governor's Drug Summit last week; the numbers of overdoses were reported.
 - Opioid deaths statewide were as follows: 2018 - 354, 2019 – 382, 2020 – 504, and 2021 – 636
 - More toddlers and infants are being subject to drug overdoses
- Bangor Area Recovery Network has written a grant for ARPA funding to expand the diversion program that DA Lynch started. This diversion program intervenes early with someone becoming involved in crime. In the 3.5 years of holding this program, over 500 people have participated in the three-hour long program with a success rate of 92% of completion, as well as low recidivism for those participants.

DA's Update – Continued:

- We are aggressively prosecuting people who deal drugs in our community
- DOJ had announced a suit against Maine for lack of services on behavioral health services to children
- Will provide a report on the diversion program

Public Hearing – Liquor License for NE Whitewater d/b/a Knife Edge Brewing and Pizza

Commissioner Sanborn opened the hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Director Weeks reported this is a liquor license request for New England Whitewater d/b/a Knife Edge Brewing and Pizza. This establishment is to be located at 200 Katahdin View Drive in T1R8 WELS. They will sell malt liquor, wine and food. The owner also has an interest in River Driver's Restaurant (renewal approved last August). The owner states the premises has been reviewed for compliance by a member of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) by a site visit.

Commissioners requested a follow up with BABLO on their findings on the site visit.

Commissioner Baldacci moved to keep the hearing open until we get an update from Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations on compliance. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

UT Update –

Director Shaw Weeks presented the following:

- Final review of the TIF bylaws were discussed and will update and present again next week
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to vote to take no action on the Drew Deorganization advisory discretionary referendum. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Mud Pond Paving bid has been advertised for a bid opening August 2nd

EMA Update –

Director Bradley Nuding presented to the Commissioners a scope of work agreement for their approved and signature.

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Spillman Project as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Sheriff's Update –

Sheriff Troy Morton presented the following:

- In-house jail population is 167: 78 boarded out to other facilities, no county swaps, **98** inmates in Pre-trial Services, two Maine Department of Corrections, and two inmates held for out of state transfer.
- Received notification from Franklin County who boards some of our inmates that rates are increasing from \$55 per day/per inmate to \$85 per day/per inmate
- Penobscot County Jail is again classified as COVID outbreak status; involves six inmates and eight officers
- Receiving multiple requests from local law enforcement to revisit regional booking
- iPad project is not yet completed; once completed it will allow for more flexibility for inmates to have additional programming
- Finished up last Friday with the Moss group for the jail evaluations; we should have a detailed report within the next couple weeks
- Supplemental Law Enforcement Contracts were presented for approval.
 - Commissioner Baldacci moved to renew the Town of Eddington contract. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Town of Clifton three-year new contract. (Year 1 - \$99,800, Year 2 - \$103,293, Year 3 – 106,908) Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sheriff reported on the patrol staffing shortage; two deputies out long term, two new hires need to go to the Academy and one most recently out on administrative leave
- Correction of public comment that one of the inmates did not die in the jail

Administration Update –

Communication:

- Looking to identify dates to work on ARPA grants

Administration Update – Continued

Employment within the County:

- Spreadsheet for position openings
- Always recruiting for correction officers and dispatchers
- IT Director interviews will be held this Thursday

Last Week:

- The MCCA meeting discussed September's meeting where both Governor candidates will speak to members and the Sheriff's organization have been invited to attend. Franklin County has expressed an interest to rejoin MCCA
- Working with UT Director on the Kingman building making sure that it is transferred to our risk pool coverage
- Working on a salary survey with other county offices
- Employee handbook has been completed and is now in the hands of our attorneys for final review

Next Week:

- General Unit negotiations begin with Director Mallar and HR Coordinator LaBree participating in those
- There will be site visits next week from our project management team

Miscellaneous:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved effective immediately a mileage reimbursement rate for work related travel with personal vehicles at .57 per mile through the end of 2022 or until further notice. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 07.15.2022: \$ 296,162.70
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 07.19.2022: \$ 455,432.84
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 07.19.2022: \$ 600.00
- UT Warrant to be approved for 07.19.2022: \$19,438.43
- 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: Sarah Smith – Hired F/T DA's Office; Alan Hammond and John Walsh – Payroll Status Changes

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:05 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, Director MacDonald 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, Administrator Honey and Sheriff Morton. 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 and Administrator Honey. Session ended at 11:24 a.m.

Action Taken - None

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 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