

**Roll Call -**

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

Commissioner Cushing attended remotely

Treasurer John Hiatt was absent

**Approval of Minutes –**

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve July 19, 2022 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

**Public Comment –**

***Janet Drew – Resident of York, Maine***

The participant asked Commissioners to consider spending ARPA funds by funding local agencies that support the needs of the jail population. Janet also asked what the timeline for the cultural assessment final report would be produced.

**UT Update-**

Commissioner Baldacci re-opened the Public Hearing from last week in regards to the liquor license for New England Whitewater Center Inc. Director Shaw Weeks provided the update as follows:

- Public hearing for New England Whitewater Center Inc, DBA Knife Edge Brewing and Pizza
  - This establishment is to be located at 200 Katahdin View Drive in T1 R8 Wels
  - They will sell malt liquor, wine and food
  - The owner also has an interest in River Driver's Restaurant (renewal approved last August)
  - Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottering Operations update:
    - Director Weeks spoke to Patricia Wiggin who is the inspector noted in the application. Site visits are sometimes completed prior to the licensing. The visit was intended to be a guidance visit.
    - A final site visit will still be conducted when the liquor licensing division receives the application after the Commissioners sign the application.

**UT Update Continued:**

- Attorney Follow up
  - The County was informed that it was proper to sign the application and that if the Commissioner's had concerns that they sign the application with a condition that it pass the final site inspection.

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to close the public hearing and to approve the New England Whitewater Center Inc.'s application with the condition that the final inspection be passed. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

- TIF Bylaws
  - Under legal review
- Request for signatures on LRAP funding sheet
- Meeting with Springfield Fire at Town Meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Greenfield Road Gravel Project bid has been advertised and sent to contractors
  - Bid opening August 9th
- Budget year end

Deputy Director George Buswell made Commissioners aware that the LUPC received a complaint against the County for installing a not up to specs on the Scraggley Lake Road. George explained that they were met with ledge during the installation which produced a 1-foot difference. The County has until Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to correct the issue. George is working with contractors to correct the problem and will submit a written work plan to the LUPC. Commissioners and George discussed options for detouring traffic while the work is completed.

**EMA Update-**

Director Nuding provided the update as follows:

- Will reach out to the Maine National Guard to schedule a presentation on the Woodville training site and report back.
- Governor Energy Office has distributed their Energy Crisis Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft, for County EMA input.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recently held at M&N Operating Co. (natural gas plant) in Brewer. Well attended and included a tour of the facility.

**EMA Update – Continued:**

- EMPG Grant application is due by the end of the month. Served on the EMPG workgroup, which resulted in an increase of revenue from \$92,987.50 to \$197,126.23 for Penobscot County starting this federal fiscal year. We went from 10<sup>th</sup> in the state to 3<sup>rd</sup>, which aligns more with our population, town served, critical infrastructure supported, and hazards/risks faced.
- Backlogged reimbursements from the state continue to be an issue. We're owed \$206,838.19 of which \$51,045.47 is revenue this FY.
- Two upcoming selectboard meetings to discuss GIS support: East Millinocket (Aug 9th) and Hermon (Aug 17th).

**Warrants:**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the following warrants. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Payroll Warrant for 7/22/2022: \$249,359.83

A/P Warrant for 7/26/2022: \$73,148.06

UT Warrant for 7/26/2022: \$ 2,000.00

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:24 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Contract Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners', Administrator Honey, HR Coordinator LaBree, Director Mallar, Director MacDonald, Sheriff Morton, Captain Hardwick and members of HOK present. Session ended at 10:48 a.m.

**Meeting Adjourned-**

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 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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Laura J. Sanborn, Chair

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Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

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Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner