

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 9:07 a.m.

Treasurer John Hiatt was absent

Approval of Minutes –

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

Public Comment –

Janet Drew – Resident of York County, Maine

Participant stated that she submitted an editorial to the Bangor Daily News opposing spending ARPA funds on more jail beds.

Bid Opening for the Road Gravel Project in Summit Township -

Commissioner Sanborn opened the Road Gravel Project in Summit Township bids. The following three vendors submitted their bids by the deadline.

Vendor	Price per yard	Total Project Price
Reinzo Excavating	\$17.35	\$17,350
Thornton Construction	\$18.00	\$18,000
M.O. Harris	\$27.53	\$27,530

Commissioner Baldacci moved to take these bids under advisement so Deputy Buswell can gather samples of the gravel before authorizing a vendor. Commissioner Sanborn seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Facilities Update –

Director Brian MacDonald reported the following:

- There were problems with the boiler for the jail kitchen last week; parts were replaced

Facilities Update – Continued:

- Environmental testing on the boilers was conducted this weekend
- The chiller to the jail failed; a sensor is on order
- Was advised by Mechanical Services to get a rental in place by mid-September while preparing for the new boiler's arrival

Finance Update –

Director Mallar presented a report on expenditures and revenues through July 31, 2022:

On Expenditures:

- Facilities budgets are running a little over; understandable with the rising costs of fuel and electricity
- Higher costs on health insurance renewals
- Currently, overall, we have spent 64.72% of our budget.

On Revenue:

- We have collected 1.7% of money due for tax commitment payments

Director Mallar reported that TAN funds are running low; similar to 2018 when a request was made for an additional line of credit, Director Mallar is requesting to borrow \$2M until the jail funding comes in from the State.

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve borrowing a \$2M line of credit from Machias Savings Bank. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Commissioner Baldacci moved to modify the motion and to add Administrator Erika Honey as the signor for the \$2M line of credit from Machias Savings Bank. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administrator Honey reported that with the new legislative action, our jail funding will be quarterly next year versus the lump sum payment we have received in the past.

Woodville Training Site Presentation –

LTC Shanon Cotta presented information on the Woodville Training Site. LTC Cotta manages and oversees 11 training sites for the Maine Army National Guard.

Woodville Training Site Presentation – Continued:

LTC Cotta reported the following on the Woodville Training Site project:

- Maine Army National Guard acquired 5,500 acres of land in Woodville and T2R9 to be used as a training site
- Several million dollars has been invested in the community and is seeking additional funds for investment that would benefit the region
- There will be eight MEHUT's (16 x 32) which will be able to house a company of Maine Army National Guard soldiers; due for completion by the end of August/September 2022
- Woodville training site will allow soldier training in multiple fields: engineers, carpenters, trucks and dump trucks licensing, trail maintenance, as well as certification in firearms. Will work with the Maine Forestry Service on wildfire type training for the soldiers and civilians going forward.
- Two Rosenbauer firefighting trucks worth about \$750K will be housed there
- Some units are already utilizing the property conducting annual training
- There are no active ranges at this time; current project completion will be Spring of 2023
- There has been several million dollars invested into the Woodville training site project; contractors and using people in the community subcontracted. Going forward, when a soldier goes to annual training, they will spend money in the community (food, snacks, etc.) Food will be purchased on the economy to feed those soldiers on a regular basis.
- Maine National Guard are great stewards of the environment and good neighbors; we will work closely with surrounding towns (Woodville and Chester)
- Heavy use of training will be conducted in the spring/summer time frame
- General rule of hours of operation will be 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.
- There have been complaints to the public affairs office already; however, the ranges haven't been used yet. The noise is coming from the local gravel pits, blasting for material or local folks having a great time. There is no one from the Maine Army National Guard there.
- All Maine regulators (DEP and Army Corps of Engineers) are aware of what is going on and what the goals are.
- The Pelkey Road will be the primary road to be used to enter
- Contact information can be found at the Maine Army National Guard web page. There is a webpage dedicated to the Woodville training site.
<https://www.me.ng.mil/Resources/Woodville-Training-Area/>

Sheriff's Update –

Sheriff Morton reported the following:

- In-house jail population is 168: 58 boarded out to other facilities
- Securus is on site for finalizing the iPad system project
- Law enforcement has been incredibly busy with more incidents requiring more than one officer
- The bike riding event that was held over the weekend was very well received with over 700 riders participating riding from Bangor to Castine.

Sheriff Troy Morton and Civil Department Staff Sargent Lewis Beal discussed part time civil services. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to implement the proposed part time fees being split 50/50 between the servers and county. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administration Update –

Communication:

- Discussion was held on the Harold Alfond Center for the Advancement of Maine's Workforce Grant. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Grant Manager Lisette Carrithers as liaison on this grant. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Correspondence was received on four dam inspections held in July
- There will be a Wolfden Project meeting scheduled to take place August 24th

Employment within the County:

- Spreadsheet for position openings; 14 dispatcher positions and 1 Supervisory position in PRCC
- HR will be working on community events to expand recruitment
- New IT Director, Douglas Butler starts Monday, August 15

Last Week:

- Special training at the department head meeting spoke to the impact of attitude in the workplace
- General Unit negotiations took place, continuing next week
- Department head budgets continuing
- The Kingfield building and trucks are on our risk pool insurance effective July 31

Administration Update – Continued:

This Week:

- Special Meeting takes place Thursday on ARPA beneficiary applications
- Two broken windows at the Y over the weekend
- Risk Pool/MCCA meeting takes place tomorrow

Next Week:

- Grievance Hearing
- General Unit negotiations

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 08.05.2022: \$ 265,599.10
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 08.09.2022: \$ 212,751.32
- 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: Kenneth Hill – Hired F/T Corrections, Amy Smith – Hired F/T Jail Clerical; Erika Honey, Betsy Peasley and Johnathan Tenney – Resignations; Lissette Carrithers and Sheila Wakefield– 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) (A) Personnel Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Honey, Sheriff Morton, HR Coordinator Michelle LaBree, FOP, Detective John Trask, Chief Knappe, and Lt. Ellis. Session ended at 10:55 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:00 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, and NWED Executive Director Galan Williamson. Session ended at 11:20 a.m.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:21 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 11:49 a.m.

Action Taken - None

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 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