

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022 2413
8:00 AM Commissioners Laura Sanborn, Peter Baldacci and Andre Cushing 44°

Roll Call -

Commissioner Sanborn opened the meeting at 8:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with Administrator Adkins and Dept. Admin. LaBree present.

Commissioners Baldacci and Cushing participated via Zoom

Treasurer John Hiatt was absent

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve November 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Public Comment –

Janet Drew – Citizen of York

Participant is requesting that the Culture Study Report that was conducted in the in the jail in June be released.

Probate Update –

Register Renee Stupak reported the following:

- Interviews are being held for a part-time position
- Adult Guardianships/Conservatorships/Protective Proceedings, and Minor Conservatorships will be hidden from the public starting January 1, 2023.
- We are extremely busy and in hopes the additional part-time staff member will be helpful.
- Transition for the newly elected Probate Judge is planned.

NWDB –

Executive Director Galan Williamson presented the following:

- Madeline Bradfield, new Director of Youth Services for EMDC, was introduced
- The State was awarded a Quest grant about \$7M to address long term unemployed; NWDB will receive \$2M over a two-year period
- An extension has been requested on the Opioid Grant which is due to expire 12/31
- Car loan pilot proposal (DRIVE) has been drafted and being reviewed for consideration; discussion continued on this topic

EMDC Update –

Director Bradfield presented the following:

- Primary focus is revamping the Maine Workforce Program; a 25-week workforce program for those in school youth between the ages of 14 and 18.
- This program has seen an increase for Penobscot County youth in the last month
- In partnership with Brewer High School Extended Learning Opportunities coordinator

UT Update –

Chief Wilcox and Deputy Baker from Old Town Fire came before the commission to report on the increased request for the contract. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Old Town contract as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Director Buswell reported the following:

- Discussion was held on the Patten ambulance service increase request. Commissioner Cushing moved to approve \$15K contract from January 2023 until December 2023. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Two TIF applications were received yesterday; Mt Chase fire truck and Bowlin Matagamon Snowmobile Club requesting a snow groomer

EMA Update –

Director Bradley Nuding requested that the part-time finance position be advertised before June, 2023. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve this position as requested. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Sheriff's Update –

Sheriff Morton reported the following:

- In-house jail population is 135: 102 boarded out and 103 in Maine Pre-Trial
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the purchase of four vehicles (2- Ford SUV's and 2- Chevy Tahoe's) from Quirk's at the same price that was paid for the 2022 vehicles. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Sheriff's Update – Continued:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$4,700 to be placed in the Sheriff's Office forfeiture account in State vs Andre Dujan Terry Jr. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Six organizations have donated to the Officers Fund to purchase a piece of uniform for our officers for mid weather ware
- State Police emailed the Sheriff that there will be a change in schedule
- Rural law enforcement discussion took place and how MCCA and MSA can work at addressing this problem
- Another PACE Program took place with 16 attendees
- Awards were presented last week:
 - Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Sgt Det. Jordan Norton
 - Corrections Office of the Year: Ralph Norwood
 - Reserve Officer of the Year: Jeremiah Smith
 - Employee of the Year: Sgt Ian Libby
 - Chili Cook off winners: Kitchen Supervisor Donna Downing and Jimmy Williams
- Secret Santa donations will start shortly with the location not disclosed

Administration Update –

Administrator Scott Adkins and Dep. Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- There is no need for a tax abatement hearing with the Town of Stacyville as it has been settled
- A meeting with held with the interim economic development director in looking for potential land options
- Next week's meeting:
 - A second meeting at 8:15 with the City of Bangor working group
 - Shayna Sacks - Napoli Law Firm will discuss the opioid settlement
 - Budget Hearing is set at 10:00

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 12.02.2022: \$ 350,412.61
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 12.06.2022: \$ 580,094.79
- UT Warrant to be approved for 12.06.2022: \$145,182.43
- 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: Zachary Rollins, Velma Jordan, and Noel Santiago – Payroll Status Changes

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:45 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 Adkins and Dep. Admin. LaBree. Session ended at 11:40 a.m.

Action Taken – NONE

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

Laura J. Sanborn, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

Andre E. Cushing, III, Commissioner