

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes December 27, 2022 2416
9:00 AM Commissioners Laura Sanborn, Peter Baldacci and Andre Cushing 28°

Roll Call -

Commissioner Sanborn opened the meeting using former mentor Commissioner Tom Davis gavel at 9:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with all three Commissioners, Treasurer Hiatt, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree present.

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Public Comment –

Janet Drew – Citizen of York

Participant thanks Commissioner Sanborn for listening to her comments all these months. With a new voice coming in, it is requested to give those ARPA monies for more preventative measures versus building a jail.

ARPA / \$300K Commissioner Fund Awards –

Commission Chair Laura Sanborn announce the following awards:

- Glenburn Fire/Tri-town Training Project - \$30K total (\$15K each Districts 2 & 3)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor - \$45K from District 1
- Hope for Homeless, Inc. (Bangor) - \$45K from District 1
- Literacy Volunteers of Bangor - \$30K from District 1
- Maine Youth Fish and Game Association - \$45K total (10K District 1, \$20K District 2, \$15K District 3)
- Old Town / Orono YMCA - \$49,999 from District 3
- Penobscot Theatre Company (Bangor) - \$35K from District 1
- Save-a-Life, Inc. (Lincoln) - \$24,000 from District 3
- St. Joseph Health Foundation (Bangor) - \$45K from District 1
- Welcome to Housing Home Goods Bank, Inc. - \$20K total (\$10K each Districts 1 and 3)

PCHC ARPA Grant Presentation –

CEO - Lori Dwyer, Director of Grants and Development - Heather Blackwell, and Hope House Executive Director - Chantal Simms presented an ARPA monies request for housing combined with recovery services.

PCHC ARPA Grant Presentation – Continued:

Discussion continued. They are seeking funding for both capital improvements to the Hope House to increase number of beds as well as 2 years of funding for a number of positions to provide support services. Construction is contingent on this funding. (\$5,046,975) Conversation with the City of Bangor and Commissioners will continue as there is an urgency to get this project up and running.

EMA Update –

Director Bradley Nuding and Deputy Director Chris Fox presented the following:

- Storm restoration is still ongoing; 426 homes supplied by Versant are still out as of last reporting
- Federal disaster declarations are contingent on both counties and the state reaching a certain level of public expenses it would need to be over \$669K to Penobscot County Municipalities and a combined total of \$2.4 million for the state.
- State is placing a sheltering supply trailer in Penobscot County by January 1st; Regional site will be located in Winn. This will be supplementing the Red Cross with cots, blankets and other materials which can be deployed for use at shelter locations
- EMA hosted a regional Field Tactical Medical Class
- 2022 revenue reimbursements have been submitted to the State

UT Update –

Director George Buswell and Deputy Director Tina Morrison provided the following:

- TIF & PILT grant requests (\$20,000 each) for engineering study at Millinocket Regional Hospital were presented for signature. Signed.
- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the ACO Contracts for City of Old Town and University of Maine for 2023. Commissioner Cushing seconded, vote to approve passed 3-0. (Still awaiting signed contracts for Edinburgh (no response as of this date) & Eddington, (which as agreed to sign contract))
- Cleanup of the storm last weekend left us busy with trees in the road and power outages. As of last night, all roads are open. (Our plow contractors do this work and it is supplemented by George covering other areas)

DA's Update –

ADA Chelsea Lynds and Office Manager Kristine Higgins presented the following requests:

- ADA Lynds requests to attend the National Cyber Crime Conference in Norwood, MA in April 2023. Funds will be paid from the criminal forfeiture account. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- DDA Mark Rucci is requesting \$249 to purchase software to allow editing of videos for court. The funds will be taken from the criminal forfeiture account. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Recognition of Treasurer John Hiatt and DA Marianne Lynch –

Commission Chair Laura Sanborn presented Treasurer John Hiatt a certificate of appreciation for serving as County Treasurer.

Commission Chair Laura Sanborn presented Office Manager Kristine Higgins a card of thanks to DA Lynch for her service with Penobscot County.

PRCC Update –

Director Chris Lavoie and Deputy Director Bradley Fitzgerald presented the following:

- A request to extend the current contractual agreement (which is scheduled to end week of January 10, 2023) to cover overtime voluntarily. Commissioner Cushing moved to approve an additional eight weeks of this agreement; we will revisit it again at that point to assess both its effect on staffing as well as how it will impact the budget. It is expected we will not need to extend further as new hires are presently in training. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administration Update -

Warrants:

- Payroll Warrant to be approved for 12.23.2022: \$ 282,807.17
- A/P Warrant to be approved for 12.27.2022: \$ 111,734.32
- UT Warrant to be approved: NONE
- UT TIF Warrant to be approved: 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: Brittany Russell

Commission Chair, Laura Sanborn Recognition of Service –

In the audience were community members, former and current employees who were significantly impacted by Commissioner Sanborn's work over the last ten years. Audience members spoke of her dedication, hard work and integrity and how she will be greatly missed. Letters of recognition were sent from Senator Susan Collins and Representative Jared Golden's offices. Comm Sanborn also mention she has received a call from Senator King.

Commissioner Sanborn thanked her husband, children and granddaughters who were in the audience to attend her last Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner promises that she will still stay active in Penobscot County, just not in the role of Commissioner. Following the meeting a thank you reception was held.

Meeting Adjourned-

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 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