

## **Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023 #2424 9:00 AM Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing and David Marshall**

### **Roll Call -**

Commission Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 9:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with all Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance – Administrator Adkins**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion- voted to approve 3-0.

### **Probate-**

Probate Judge Zachary Brandmeir and Registrar Stupak discussed LD 206 with Commissioners. The State of Maine implemented the increase in attorney fees to \$150 and took effect 3/1/2023. Judge Brandmeir would like to see the fees increase in Penobscot County in the near future.

Commissioners asked Registrar Stupak to complete her research as presented to them and work with the County Administrator on a plan to present at the next Commissioners meeting.

### **PRCC-**

Director Lavoie & Deputy Director Fitzgerald presented the following:

- Double Time MOU request- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve extending the MOU until March 31<sup>st</sup> (pay period including). Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.
- RCM is installing the new recorder this week.
- PSAP Hiring/Retention Survey was provided to Commissioners in their packets and discussed.
- A discussion in regards to Senator Jackson sponsoring a bill to allow counties/municipalities to co-locate on state tower locations was had.

### **NWDB-**

NWDB Executive Director Galan Williamson & Madeline Bradfield, Director of Youth Services at EMDC came before the Commissioners and presented the following for their quarterly update in addition to providing a hard copy in their weekly packets:

- Budget is in good standing.
- They are not pursuing the car loan re-payment program as originally planned.
- Quest Grant- provides resources to individuals searching for high quality jobs.
- Highlights of Economic Overview findings specific to Penobscot County reviewed.
- EMDC- Pilot project with Brewer High School on a Work Ready Program.

**District Attorney's Office**

DA Almy & Office Manager Higgins came before Commissioners and discussed the following:

- A new ADA will be starting this month however; they are still a position & half down.
- Still a backlog of cases at the courts. A discussion evolved on thoughts to try and get cases heard faster.

**Bid Opening- Mobile Video System & Body Worn Cameras**

Commissioner Cushing opened the bids as follows:

Vendor	Location	Bid Amount
Island Tech Services	Ronkonkoma, NY	\$366,001.00
Utility	Decatur, GA	\$399,900.00
Motorola Solutions	Chicago, IL	\$630,000.00
Newcom Pro Vision	Pembroke, MA	\$377,675.00
Digital Ally	Lenexa, KS	\$482,134.00
Axon	Scottsdale, AZ	\$439,708.60

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.

Due to the size of the project, bids are still being reviewed as variables differ in each of the proposals submitted.

**Sheriff-**

Sheriff Morton presented the following:

- Inmate count is 158 in house, an additional 69 boarded out & there are 96 in Maine Pretrial.
- Bid is underway for the Transport Van.
- Numerous rural patrol funding bills in legislature.
- The impacts of the MSP reducing coverage of zones has made its impact to the SO department/budget/equipment/staffing. Sheriff Morton and Commissioners agreed that a regional meeting with the Commissioner of Public Safety may be beneficial. Sheriff will coordinate.
- Cpl. Peter Garland retired with 25 years with the Sheriff's Office.
- Body Scanner will be installed Friday however; they still have training to conduct.
- Thanked Administrator Adkins for attending the jail tours recently with the City of Bangor Council.
- Sheriff is looking into bringing back the K9 program as a search & rescue for people as well as contraband. Discussion followed.

## **IT**

Director Butler presented the following:

- Absolute Software Quote- Net Motion and a subscription model. Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the 5-year quote for \$65,403.23. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion, vote to approve 3-0.
- CyberNorth Quote- This is for the additional memory to add to the new servers. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the quote for \$33,218.48. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion, vote to approve 3-0.
- ARPA budget requests per Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the increase of an additional \$300K from ARPA funds to be designated for IT CIP improvements. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to improve 3-0.

## **ARPA**

Grant Manager Wendy Dana came before Commissioners and presented the following:

- Discussion on the PCHC grant request. Commissioners feel they can commit \$2.5 million to the contractual services however; other funding sources will need to be acquired and the support is contingent upon those other funding services being obtained to complete the project.
- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve releasing the \$100K grant for the Bangor Public Library. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.
- Commissioners asked Ms. Dana to follow a draw down process/contingency plan for the Maine Discovery Museum grant award.
- Commissioners Fund Grant Application Requests:
  1. Design Wall Housing- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the \$25K request from District 1. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.
  2. Maine Multi-Cultural Center- Commissioner Cushing made a motion (superseded initial motion to approve) to table request. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve 2-1.
  3. Town of Millinocket- Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the \$49,999 request from District 3. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.
  4. Town of Garland- Commissioner Marshall made a motion to table the request for future discussion. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.

**Approval of Warrants:**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the warrants as stated. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.

- Payroll Warrant / (02-24-23) - \$ 296,033.99/ (03-3-23)- \$322,150.15
- Accounts Payable / (02-28-23) - \$ 601,150.56
- Accounts Payable / (ARPA 02-28-23) - \$ 159,000
- Accounts Payable/ (03-07-23)- \$621,072.92
- UT / Accounts Payable / (02-28-23) - \$ 138,576.30
- UT/TIF Accounts Payable/ (02-28-23)- \$6,031.84

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:30 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree, Sheriff Morton, Director Bragdon and Treasurer Mower. Session ended at 12:26 PM

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**Action Taken –**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request to change the corrections training position in the jail (line position) to a supervisory Sgt. position. Per the Sheriff, this has been discussed with the Union and a MOU will need to be developed. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.

Payroll Change Notices signed for: V. Call, E. Doyle, R. Goodspeed, D, King, A. Ireland, A. Smith, D. Prosser, S. Carver, T. Hall, S. Marko, S. Alley, and J. Hunter.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 PM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Certified By:**

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Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

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Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

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Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

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David S. Marshall, Commissioner