

Roll Call -

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Administrator Adkins

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve April 4, 2023 meeting minutes and April 11, 2023 workshop minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion- voted to approve 3-0.

Public Comment –

Melissa Berky – Bangor Resident

Participant spoke on ethics in government. Upon hearing that Commissioner Cushing voted to contract with a lobbying firm he worked with, and not recused himself from the vote, participant is calling for Commissioner Cushing to resign. People expect our elected leaders to put the County's collective good above self-interest. There has been a breach of trust with the public and there is no assurance that it won't happen again in the future.

Larry Dansinger – Bangor Resident

Participant discussed the Cultural Study Report from the Moss Group and focused on a few points of interest: wellness resources for staff, increased trust between staff & inmates, more training of staff around mental health issues, regular staff meetings, access to the library for inmates, and more recreation time. Participant is hopeful that these recommendations are applied and not waiting for a new jail.

Participant reported that he contacted Zach Langley from the Patriot Consulting and encouraged him to return all funds received from the contract back to the county.

Doug Poulin – Hampden Resident

Participant asked if a sitting commissioner was the largest contributor to the campaign of somebody running for a spot on the commission, and that candidate was elected, how would that influence the voting since there are three commissioners? Now that the contract is being withdrawn with Patriot Consulting, is that the end? Will there be any acknowledgement of accountability or conflict of interest?

Phil Locke –

Participant agrees with Melissa Berkey's comments. Due to Commissioner Cushing's conflict of interest, it is in the best interest of the County that he steps down as Commissioner.

UT / TIF Discussion –

Dee Williams from MaineStream Finance presented the following:

- A TIF application from Katahdin Communications requesting \$115K to build a solar array to eliminate electric usage. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to accept the Committee's report to decline the application. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to decline passed 3-0.

UT / TIF Discussion – Continued:

- Ms. Williams expressed that a workshop with the Commission would be beneficial in providing guidance to the Committee on these types of requests. It is important to make certain that TIF funds that are distributed are for the benefit of the Unorganized Territory.

Deed's Update –

Register Susan Bulay reported the following:

- Document count for March was 25% below average with 2,551 documents
- Revenue for March was 16% below average with \$86,583.51 turned over to the general fund
- First quarter revenue was 23% below average with \$281,973 turned over to the general fund. We are 30% below average the first quarter of 2022.
- Register Bulay provided vendor quote for microfilm. After discussion Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Iron Mountain at 4 cents per image for microfilm production. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Discussion on preparation of the new quarters for the probate judge. Director MacDonald stated that there are multiple contractors who will need to be involved for this project; it was requested a design be made up and schedule times for the contractors to come.

Public Hearing – Special Amusement Permits/ River Drivers Restaurant and Knife Edge Brewing & Pizza

Commissioner Cushing opening at the hearing at 9:31 AM.

Director Buswell reported that the permits are for both indoor and outdoor amusements. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the special amusement permits as requested for River Drivers Restaurant. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

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Public Hearing closed at 9:35 AM with no further discussion

Unorganized Territories –

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison reported the following:

- Presented for signature was the TIF agreement for Howland/Burlington Fire. Signed.
- Maine DOT / Overload limits request for Webster Plantation. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the overload limits request. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Unorganized Territories – Continued:

- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve and certify Vinal Applebee/Rocky Mountain Trail Riders for the State grant aid program. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

PRCC Update –

Director Chris Lavoie and Deputy Brad Fitzgerald reported the following:

- Staffing currently has 13 open positions; 4 people in training and 3 people in background.
- The environmentalists are at Fish Hill.
- Southern Simulcast/voted system is currently staged in Portland; Work should be completed the first week of May.
- RCM will be staging equipment at the tower sites & beginning preliminary site work the second week of May.
- By mid-June, the fully simulcast/voted system will be at four sites (Eddington, Dixmont, Charleston and Dexter).
- Hopeful, that the tower at Fish Hill will be constructed by July; with the project building going north.
- Tentative project completion by the Spring of 2024.
- Field Communications Union will be deploying to the command post in Orono for Maine Day at the end of April.
- Supervisor Azevedo is working with EMCC to bring the Emergency Telecommunicators Course to Bangor. This course will be funded through the workforce development program at the college.
- Deputy Director Fitzgerald went to Old Town PD recently to discuss multiple topics about law enforcement operations and radio operations. Deputy Fitzgerald will be in Hampden Thursday for more training.
- This month, Director Lavoie will be going to Lincoln Fire to discuss EMD and EFD to all three duty crews.
- Many thanks to all the end users and Commissioners who celebrated with us last week for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.
- The Regional EMS meeting was held last week; a productive meeting with fire chiefs and EMS leaders talking about the shortage of ambulances in our county.
- A law is being drafted involving buyouts for dispatchers; similar to law enforcements buyout

ARPA / \$300K Commissioner Fund Award

Commissioner Baldacci presented the award to Pamela Proulx-Curry from the Maine MultiCultural Center. Pamela reported to the Commissioners of how the award monies will be used and thanked them for the \$45,000.

Town of Lincoln was awarded \$49,999 for constructing a new bath house facility and repair of the community playground. Commissioner Marshall will present Jeremy Weatherbee the check.

ARPA /Round Two - \$300K Commissioner Fund Award Approvals

District 1 – Commissioner Peter K. Baldacci

- 1) Bangor Area Homeless Shelter - \$20,000
- 2) Challenger Learning Center - \$6,250
- 3) Crosspoint Church - \$20,000

District 2 – Commissioner Andre E. Cushing, III

- 1) Carmel Snowmobile Club - \$20,000
- 2) Charleston Historical Society - \$10,000
- 3) Garland Trail Hawks ATV - \$30,000

District 3 – Commissioner David S. Marshall

- 1) Burlington Food Pantry - \$14,999
- 2) Chester Baptist Food Pantry - \$20,000
- 3) Hirundo Wildlife - \$15,000
- 4) ICM Food Pantry - \$10,000
- 5) Patten Community Food Cupboard - \$10,000
- 6) Pir2Peer - \$10,000

Commissioner Baldacci moved the approve the following awards as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins reported the following:

- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve accepting termination of agreement with Patriot Consulting. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$39,204 from ARPA funds for the purchase of TruNarc and associated test kits necessary by Thermo Scientific. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve a Marketing Firm RFP for new Facility Project for returns the end of May. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve extending the MOU for correction officers overtime until pay week May 13th. Commissioner Baldacci seconded it. Vote to approve 2-1 with Commissioner Baldacci opposed.
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Earned Paid Leave Policy for part-time employees. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Approval of Warrants:

Payroll Warrant	(04.07.23)	<i>\$299,680.67 & \$1,014.16</i>	(04.14.23)	<i>\$305,620.28</i>
AP / General Fund	(04.11.23)	<i>\$120,234.12</i>	(04.11.23)	<i>\$475,900.06</i>
AP /General Fund	(04.18.23)	<i>\$766,000.00</i>		
AP / ARPA	(04.11.23)	<i>\$260,249.00</i>		
AP / Unorg Terr	(04.11.23)	<i>\$49,970.01</i>		

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Mackayla Bryer, Dawn Braley, Tyler Cochran, Ashley Corey, Suprarat Cousins, Dayerrick Ireland, Joshua Marotta, Nicholas Mathers, John McEwen and Eric Petterson

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner