

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 – Deputy Administrator LaBree

Today marks “D Day” and a moment of silence was held for those who have given their lives and dedicated themselves to our county.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:33 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Deputy Administrator LaBree, Treasurer Mower, Director Bragdon and Director MacDonald. Session ended 8:50 AM

Action Taken – None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve May 16th Meeting Minutes and May 30th, 2023 Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Voted to approve 3-0.

Items from May 30th Workshop –

- Discussion on the certified police vehicles bids that were opened May 2, 2023. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve purchasing ten 2023 Chevy Tahoe’s from Colonial Municipal Group (Marlborough, MA) in the amount of \$43,195.35 per unit. Delivery will be in October 2023 and \$431,953.50 will be funded with the 2024 budget. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve \$1M from ARPA monies to fund building improvements. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

HR Update –

Deputy Administrator/HR Director Michelle LaBree and HR Specialist Jennifer Snow presented the following:

- Discussion on open positions and recently staffed positions
- A year-to-date report comparing 2022 – 2023 openings was presented
- Discussion on creative ways for recruitment
- Discussion on employee-based policies

Public Comment –

Hampden resident Doug Poulin states the commissioners should not be hiring lobbyists for anything. Participant feels it to be wrong to use taxpayer money to convince those same taxpayers how to vote on an issue; to include a new jail. Mr. Poulin was told to put in writing any formal complaints and send to Administrator Adkins.

Bangor resident Larry Dansinger discussed mental health information that he sent for review. This information speaks to how criminal justice and criminal issues are impacted. Participant hopes that mental health issues are looked at as a public health issue, not a criminal punishment issue.

Marketing and PR Firms Bid Opening –

Before the opening of bids, all three Commissioners confirmed there were no conflicts of interest with any of those companies that submitted a bid. Chair Cushing then opened the bids for Marketing and PR Firms that bids were submitted by the requested deadline.

The following vendors: Fishbat Media, LLC - Scott Darrohn - New York City; North East Municipal Advisors - Richard Ranaghan - Portland, Maine; Cornerstone Government Affairs - Suzanne Battista - Washington, DC; Sutherland Weston Communications – Cary Weston – Bangor, Maine; and Black Fly Media – Diana Nelson – South Portland, Maine presented multiple approaches on rates. Due to the complexities of the RFP Commissioner Marshall moved to take these under advisement. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldacci referred to Mr. Poulin's comment of spending public funds to persuade people to vote. Commissioner Baldacci now questions whether we should be using public funds for this purpose. Vote to approve passed 2-1. Commissioner Baldacci opposed.

NWDB / EMDC –

NWDB Executive Director Galan Williamson and Director Tracey Cooley, VP EMDC presented the following for their quarterly update in addition to providing a hard copy in their weekly packets:

- WIOA allocations were received; more than last year's allotment
- Discussion on grant funding and how to utilize ARPA funds that had been designated
- Highlights on annual performance for 3rd quarter were discussed
- Director Cooley focused her reporting on youth development and enrollments
- Discussion on the QUEST (Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training) program
- Apprenticeship programs were discussed; Director Cooley will connect with our HR department
- EMDC submitted a proposal for the operation of the Penobscot Job Corps Center; will be notified by the end of November regarding this award

UT Update –

Director George Buswell and Deputy Tina Morrison presented the following:

- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the ATV grant application for the Shin Pond Trail Riders. Commission Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the road work summary as presented; \$138K from TIF funding for two roads will be utilized. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve extending Emery's Landscaping contract to include 8.86 miles of Drew Plantation. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Bangor Humane Society/FY24 stray contract. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve K & C Quik Stop Service Center snow removal contract an additional two-year extension. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Discussion on the closure of the PERC plant in Orrington
- Discussion on the Wolfden Mining application to change zones from LUPC for comments. Both Commissioner Cushing and Marshall have done contractual work with this project, therefore, have reclused themselves from commenting. Commissioner Baldacci cannot take official action or comment as one Commissioner.

ARPA –

After discussion the following sub-recipients are awarded:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve PCHC \$2,550,000 from ARPA funding. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve St. Joseph's Hospital \$500,000 for the purchase of an emergency generator system contingent that they receive the additional monies necessary to acquire the generator. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

ARPA - \$300K Commissioner Fund Award Approvals:

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the following District 1 ARPA awards. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

- Reigning Hope Ranch - \$20,000
- Town of Orrington - \$20,000

ARPA - \$300K Commissioner Fund Award Approvals – Continued:

Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the following District 2 ARPA awards. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

- Bangor Farms Market - \$18,815
- Glenburn Fire/Tri-Town Training - \$10,000
- Town of Carmel - \$40,000
- Town of Corinna - \$40,000
- Town of Dixmont - \$32,000
- Town of Hampden - \$15,000
- Town of Levant - \$49,999
- Town of Newport - \$49,999

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

- Blue Cross Food Cupboard - \$32,000
- Boreal Theater - \$8,625
- Orono Economic Development Corporation - \$6,500
- St. Martin's Food Pantry - \$10,000
- Town of Chester - \$15,000
- Town of Enfield - \$5,000
- Town of Maxfield - \$15,000

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree reported the following:

- The first meeting in July will be held Wednesday, July 5th
- Discussion on the NACo conference that will be held July 21-24 in Austin, Texas

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (05.19.23) **\$308,034.99** (05.26.23) **\$293,269.80** (06.02.23) **\$ 321,138.29** and **\$ 984.66**
A/P General Fund (05.23.23) **\$55,650.58** (05.30.23) **\$467,742.30** (06.06.23) **\$388,525.91**
A/P ARPA (05.23.23) **\$285,000.00** (06.06.23) **\$75,000**
A/P Unorg Terr (05.23.23) **\$ 56,462.40** (06.06.23) **\$65,224.93**

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Allen Avery, Alyshia Canwell, Corey Cepelak, Byron Childress, Mark Domenech, Melodie Farren, Riley Fraser, JaShelle Hall, Alfred Griffin, Jonathan Hicks, Ruel Libby, Jessica Luna, Joshua Marotta, Jordan Norton, Alan Reese, Jr., Ashley Roberts, Shawn Schuurman, Jennifer Sullivan, Nicole Trego, Eric Tripp, Jessica Urquhart, and Garrett Watt

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 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