

9:00 AM Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing and David Marshall

Roll Call -

Commission Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 9:03 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 June 6th Meeting Minutes and the June 13th, 2023 Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Voted to approve 3-0.

Public Comment – None

ARPA / \$300K Commissioner Fund Awards –

Commission presented awards to the following organizations. Each representative informed the Commissioners of their intentions for the award monies.

District 1:

- Town of Orrington – Alan Snell - \$20,000

District 2:

- Bangor Farmers Market – Brittany Hopkins and Emily Grasse - \$18,815
- Town of Levant – Scott Pullen and Chief Eric Strout - \$49,999

District 3:

- Blue Cross Food Cupboard – Bonnie Young and Rev. Jason Haller - \$32,000
- Orono Economic Development Corp – Bob Bass - \$6,500
- St. Martin's Food Pantry – Kitty St. John - \$10,000
- Town of Chester – Bob Whittier - \$ 15,000
- Town of Maxfield – Jesse McNally - \$15,000

Break for Recess – 9:28 AM

Meeting Convened - 9:35 AM

Deeds Update –

Register Susan Bulay reported the following:

- Document count for May was 20% below average with 3,519 documents
- Revenue for May was 23% below average with \$90,444.74 turned over to the general fund
- Commission requested a 3–4-year comparison of figures
- Register Bulay reported to the commission on some space consolidation for her department that she would like made; review with Director MacDonald & Administrator Adkins will take place and more information will follow

Bid Opening – 127 Hammond Street

The RFP deadline was set by Monday, June 19th, not considering it was a federal holiday. One proposal was received electronically; therefore, it was recommended to postpone the opening until next week to allow any bids postmarked Monday date.

UT Update –

Director George Buswell and Deputy Tina Morrison presented the following:

- After discussion on the roadside mowing contract, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the two-year extension for \$6,000 to include Drew Planation. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve renewing the Matagamon Wilderness, LLC liquor license. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- Discussion on the PERC (Penobscot Energy Recovery Company) auction that is taking place July 12th.
- Discussion on the Greenfield cemeteries.

PRCC –

Director Lavoie and Deputy Director Fitzgerald reported back to the Commission what has taken place since last week's discussion on the departmental staffing issues. Communication was sent to the end users reporting the worsening of staffing issues and also had an emergency Board of Directors meeting on Thursday.

The long term and short-term discussions continued; Orono Fire Chief Wilcox and Orono Town Manager Sophie Wilson speaking to the Commission. After discussion, Commission Baldacci moved to approve a \$2.00 an hour retention bonus for employees. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Administrator Adkins will seek options for funding sources for Commissioners to consider.

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following from the June 13th Workshop:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the Dirigo Search and Rescue / Utility Trailer Donation to EMA. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- After discussion, consensus was to return to weekly meetings versus the "workshop" mode of meetings alternate weeks.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:44 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree, Sheriff Morton, John Nuttall, and Attorney John Hamer. Session ended 11:00 AM

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (06.09.23)	\$334,016.73	(06.16.23)	\$304,849.02
A/P General Fund (06.13.23)	\$279,508.65 & \$9,051.79	(06.20.23)	\$362,579.45
A/P ARPA (06.13.23)	\$392,938.00		
A/P PRCC Bond (06.13.23)	\$2,700.00		
A/P Unorg Terr (06.09.23)	\$ 65,224.93	(06.20.23)	\$52,016.91

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: Chris Boulier, Jonathan Chiasson, Toni Davis, Serena Dunroe, Lisa Dwinal, Conner Gray, Duncan Kane, Katherine Mason, Nicholas Mathers, Alahna McCarron and Kevin Varnum

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 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