

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

Roll Call -

Commissioner Baldacci opened the meeting at 9:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with Commissioner Marshall, Treasurer Mower and Administrator Adkins present. Commissioner Cushing attended remotely via Zoom at 9:35 AM until 9:50 AM. Deputy Administrator LaBree arrived at 9:55 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance – Treasurer Mower

Agenda Change Request – Administrator Adkins

Commissioner Marshall moved to approve adjustments to the agenda to include Sheriff discussing boarding contracts, Commissioner Marshall to discuss the Millinocket Regional Hospital meeting and an executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Discussion of confidential records. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Move to approve passed 2-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve June 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Voted to approve 2-0.

Public Comment –

Larry Dansinger, resident of Bangor stated that information has been sent to the Commission on issues and topics in ways the County can reduce jail population. Participant would like see posted on the website the specific plan for a bond for a new larger jail. The public should be able to get an understanding from an analysis that should have been produced by now.

Commissioner Baldacci responded by saying there was an insightful article in the Bangor Daily News regarding on whether or not Penobscot County needed a new larger jail. There is no particular analysis that is written or provided to the Commission as we are in an exploratory stage at this time. Once there is a clearer picture, the public will be notified.

UT Update -

Director George Buswell and Deputy Tina Morrison presented the following:

- Fidium Fiber / Consolidated Communication representative Simon Thorne presented Broadband Efforts in the UT with Michael Elliott from EMDC included in the discussion.
 - The Fiber Optic Proposal presented is for the territories of Greenfield, Kingman, Mattamiscontis and Prentiss
 - Approximately 680 locations would be served
 - Building costs are roughly at \$9.2M; Fidium Fiber/Consolidated contributing approximately \$476K and requesting the County contribution to be \$300K
 - Further reporting is all fiber (no copper) will be used; Project would be completed by 2024; A Letter of Support will be provided to Fidium Fiber from the Commission.
- After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve supporting this project by funding \$300K with the TIF monies. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.
- Drew Plantation trash pick-up options were discussed.

UT Update – Continued:

- Drew Plantation ambulance service options were discussed.

Bid Opening – 127 Hammond Street (Former Y Building)

Tabled from the June 20th meeting, no additional bids were received. Commissioner Baldacci opened the one bid that had been received.

Penquis offered a sale price of \$225K. Parameters to include: Penobscot County demolish existing structures & remove debris on the site prior to transfer; Subject to zone change, site plan approval & funding commitments for first phase; Additional County ARPA support of up to \$3M to assist with the build out of the health care and social service delivery space.

Commissioner Marshall moved to take this bid under advisement. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

ARPA

Grant Manager Wendy Dana presented the following:

- Commissioner Marshall moved to approve a third round of ARPA/\$300K Commissioner Funds Awards. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sub-recipient Award Discussion:
 - After discussion on communication received from Brad Coffey for a new generator at Bangor Nursing and Rehab, Wendy will recommend that an application is filled out
 - Discussion of the Heart of Maine Resource Center. They have a fundraising goal of \$400K to renovate a first floor for food distribution in the Town of Dexter.
 - Founder and Executive Director Matt Dexter from the Christine B. Foundation spoke to the Commission on his project.
- Commissioner Marshall reported on the meeting with Millinocket Regional Hospital.

Sheriff's Update –

Sheriff Troy Morton and Captain Chris Boulier reported to the Commission:

- Jail count today is: 185 in-house, 72 boarded out to other facilities & 108 in pre-trial services
- Sheriff reported on the physical condition of the current jail facilities as well as being 20 officers down.
- Discussion on Two Bridges and Somerset boarding contracts with new proposals on these agreements. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve both contracts. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- Discussion on PRCC Recruiting and Retention additional funding of \$2/hour. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve using monies from the current budget to be effective next pay period. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Administration Update – Continued:

- Next Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5th

Executive Session---Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:27 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Discussion of Confidential Records. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 2-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree, Treasurer Mower and Director Lavoie. Session ended 10:47 AM

Action Taken –

Administrator Adkins and Director Lavoie will continue renewal discussions with Aroostook County.

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (06.23.23) ***\$307,157.19***

A/P General Fund (06.27.23) ***\$540,485.33 & \$102,326.74***

A/P PRCC Bond (06.27.23) ***\$38,745.80***

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the warrants as stated. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve 2-0.

Payroll status changes signed for: Patrick Bassett, Serena Dunroe, Lisa Dwinal, Robert Ireland, Megan Miville and Steven Saucier.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner