

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, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree present. Commissioner Cushing absent

Pledge of Allegiance – Administrator Adkins

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the July 18th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Voted to approve 2-0. Signed.

Public Comment – NONE

EMA Update –

Director Bradley Nuding and Deputy Christopher Fox presented the following:

- Contingency planning with US Postal Service (regional facility) discussing biohazard detection system; Penobscot Job Corps, Eastside Center for Health and Rehab, American Red Cross, Maine Warden Service and UMaine Police Department for regional planning on emergency plans.
- Deputy Fox participated in a Coast Guard Maritime Security exercise and hosted a regional discussion-based active shooter exercise. EMA also hosted a regional training on Crisis Management Affecting Institutions of Higher Learning with statewide participation.
- The amateur radio team and been reestablished and is currently testing our regional hospital radio systems with St. Joseph's Hospital and Penobscot Valley in Lincoln. This volunteer amateur radio team is used in the event that cell phones or internet goes down; it is one way to keep track of patient movement or accountability.
- GIS Specialist Fennell attended the open house in Holden for the updated FEMA flood maps that went into effect July 19th. These updated maps impact 24 of our municipalities.
- GIS Specialist Fennell recently returned from the ESRI GIS Safety and Security Summit in San Diego with improved ways to streamline our mapping support.
- The two public safety radio frequencies that were proposed in March have been obtained and available to be used by all public safety.
- Game Warden services were here and went through the trailer to see what could be used to support search and rescue operations.

Commissioner Marshall thanked EMA on the work that they've done which has a tremendous impact for our County.

UT Update -

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- After discussion of the Town of Sherman Solid Waste contract, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve a one-year contract with the Town of Sherman. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0. Signed.

UT Update – Continued:

- The auction for PERC that was to take place on July 11th had been postponed to August 9th
- The Scraggly Lake Road culvert is completed and looks like the work was completed under the estimated cost

Katahdin Region Update –

Amy Collinsworth, Katahdin Region Economic Director reported to the Commissioners activity in the Katahdin Region. During her first year as Director, Amy met with business owners and community members while attending community events. This year's focus is more on finding out what business owners need while staying involved. Amy works closely with *Our Katahdin* and other nonprofits in the region. There is a lot of movement in the Katahdin region; excited to report that a Katahdin Salmon Farm should be coming our way with community support. Amy has plans on going to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument to look into the visitor's center project and report back to the Commissioners.

ARPA Discussion –

Grant Manager Wendy Dana presented the following sub-recipient applications for review:

- Bangor Nursing & Rehabilitation – Grant Manager Dana spoke with Bangor City Manager Debbie Laurie to see if the City of Bangor would be willing to go in 50%/50% on the \$150K generator. More information will follow
- Wellspring is looking to add more beds to their detox center. The ask is \$597,500 and the City of Bangor is asking to split half with us. More discussion will follow

Further discussion on the Commissioners Fund/Third Round applications were discussed:

- After discussion on the Katahdin Chamber of Commerce request, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve \$5,000 for maps. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the request. Moved to approve passed 2-0.
- After discussion on PCHC, Commissioner Marshall moved to decline their request of \$49,500 for a generator request. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to decline passed 2-0.
- After discussion with Deputy Fitzgerald on the \$40,000 stand-alone repeaters request for fire and police departments for the Town of East Millinocket, Commissioner Marshall moved to increase their ask to \$45,000. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins presented the following:

- After review of a draft RFP for Payroll Services, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve release of this RFP for Payroll Services with a mandatory pre-bid conference. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.
- Discussion on the oil tank removal RFP which will be opened at next week's meeting
- Facilities Director MacDonald discussed the old Y building recent assessment

Administration Update – Continued:

- Nothing official to release on a location for a potential jail
- The chiller in the jail failed; after discussion Commissioner Marshall moved to approve Director MacDonald ordering this piece of equipment for the jail. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

ARPA / \$300K Commissioner Fund Awards –

Commission and Grant Manager Wendy Dana presented awards to the following organizations. Each representative informed the Commissioners of their intentions for the award monies.

District 1:

Food and Medicine - Melissa Smith and Johnny Sanchez - \$25,000

District 2:

Town of Hermon – Josh Berry - \$49,500

District 3:

Katahdin Higher Education Center – Debora Rountree, EMCC President Liz Russell and Katahdin Region Economic Director Amy Collinsworth - \$49,000

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (07.21.23) **\$ 324,047.32 & 774.43**
A/P General Fund (07.25.23) **\$1,500,000.00** (07.25.23) **\$270,708.14**
A/P ARPA (07.25.23) **\$191,500.00**
A/P PRCC – Bond (07.25.23) **\$8,222.50**
A/P UT (FY22-23) (07.25.23) **\$356.93**
A/P UT (FY23-24) (07.25.23) **\$27,278.55**

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the warrants on Item I with exception of the \$1.5M with more clarification. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve 2-0.

Payroll status changes signed for: Tyiana Atkins, Alex Barnett, Patrick Bassett, James Ellis, Connor Gray, Robert Ireland, Alexander Rawcliffe and Brian Sawtelle

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Certified By:

ABSENT

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins