

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

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 – Director Buswell

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the July 25th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Voted to approve 3-0. Signed.

Public Comment – NONE

Underground Fuel Tank Removal Bid Opening

Chair Cushing opening the bids for the Underground Fuel Tank Removal that were submitted by the requested deadline.

Vendor	Proposed Cost
Brighter Horizons Environmental Corp Ayer, Massachusetts	\$35,000
Ford Enterprises Hope, Maine	\$49,400
Gaftel, Inc. Bangor, Maine	\$37,928.51
Hopkins Paving LLC Hermon, Maine	\$46,500
Portland Pump Co. Scarborough, Maine	\$40,732
Precision Tanks, Inc. Jay, Maine	\$44,335

Commissioner Baldacci moved to take these bids under advisement. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Facilities Update –

Director MacDonald reports good news. The compressor on the chiller in the jail that controls air conditioning is covered under the Mechanical Services contract.

UT Update -

Director Buswell presented the following:

- Presentation for signatures is the amendment to the Kingman and Prentis snow removal contract to include Drew Plantation with Jerome Emery Landscaping. This contract was discussed on May 30th and voted to approve on June 6th. Signed.
- Presentation for signature of the Broadband Support Letter to Consolidated Communications which was discussed and approved on June 27th. There are modifications of additional towns added. Signed.
- Discussion on the TIF Committee appointed members. Commissioner Marshall will contact Michael Crowley of Millinocket for consideration of appointment to the TIF committee to replace current member Tyler Collins and forward such findings to Director Buswell and the Commissioners.

Sheriff's Update -

Sheriff Troy Morton presented the following:

- Jail count today is: 159 in-house, 83 boarded out to other facilities & 111 in pre-trial services
- Sheriff reported that he signed the MOU with Maine Pre-Trial Services with a 3% rate increase. Pre-trial services are noting some challenges such as staffing of caseworkers and a too small interview room. Sheriff is looking into finding a place to hold the PACE Program and perhaps partnering with Maine Pre-trial sharing a space. Discussion continued on ideas on housing for these programs.
- Two Bridges Boarding MOU has been settled with a three-year contract at \$85/day per inmate; Somerset County Boarding MOU has agreed to 15 open spaces at \$85/day per inmate. Neither jail has provided an actual contract; Sheriff Morton is working on that
- Discussion on the 35-year-old refrigerator that needs to be replaced. Sheriff provided three quotes to Administrator Adkins. (RM Flagg from Veazie - \$7,200; Caprara Food Service Equipment out of Winthrop \$6,565.90 and Canton Restaurant Supplies that is online \$6,800). A decision will be made after further review.
- A 15-year-old commercial steam kettle located in the kitchen has, too, outlived its life expectancy. Discussion followed and quotes will be provided.
- After discussion on the jail staffing issues, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve to restart the double time for overtime from August 6, 2023 to September 30, 2023 for Correction Officers. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- DOJ came last week for a couple days to tour the jail facility, meeting stakeholders, and talking about the Justice & Mental Health Collaborative Grant. The panel noted gaps in the structure of the building and outside control that can't be controlled such as the criminal justice system. There was further discussion on benefits of Restoration Centers.
- Law Enforcement Supplemental Contracts were discussed. Commissioner Cushing would like a cover letter attached with the contracts explaining the "True Cost" of the services.
 - Town of Milford has been approved and have three deputies in place.

Sheriff's Update – Continued:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve a 3-year contract with revised rate for the Town of Carmel. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sheriff is waiting on the Town of Glenburn and working on other smaller towns
- With the hard work of Deputy Kevin Haefele, we received Spirit of Blue Award for Officer Safety. Deputy Haefele submitted a grant application for a device called the Guardian Safety Light. These lights have multiple different ways to put off beacons of light; as well as an IR light system for the drones which will be beneficial to law enforcement.
- Discussion on the patrol vehicles
- A new job description for the late Lt. Ellis position is being worked on

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins presented the following:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to amend the A/P report from last week to reflect that the \$1.5M transaction was from ARPA funds to General Fund. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- An Opioid Committee was discussed where it was agreed that the Committee will consist of five people with each Commissioner selecting one person from their District, the Sheriff and someone from Administration.
- The County has received their second installment of \$222,000 from LATCF (Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund)

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (07.28.23) **\$ 321,400.29 & \$2,142.75**

A/P General Fund (08.01.23) **\$501,862.12**

A/P ARPA (08.01.23) **\$50,000**

A/P UT (08.01.23) **\$35,337.86**

A/P UT - TIF (08.01.23) **\$927.97**

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Oasis Bonenfant, Richard Bryant, Lukas Cropley, Cameron Fowler, Christopher Fox, Shelby Karwacki, Elijah Kipfer, Rachel Libby, Amber Morneault, Maria Reed, Randy Shaw, Teresa Thompson, Jeremiah Torres, Christopher Urguhart and Miles Ward

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins