

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 arrived 9:05 AM

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Marshall

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the August 15st, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Voted to approve 2-0. Signed.

Public Comment – None

EMA Update –

Deputy Chris Fox presented the following:

- A full-scale active shooter exercise was held at Hermon High School with more than 100 First Responders participating in the exercise.
- EMA's amateur radio team participated in an open-house event in Piscataquis County. The "Radio Rodeo" brought together other amateur radio teams and resources from around the state to discuss best practices.
- Delivered on-scene support in the Town of Millinocket for a large-scale hazmat response by supporting the local fire departments and Orono Regional Response Team.
- Continued support of EMS service discussion by creating new EMS Heat Maps.

UT Update –

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- The memorandum of understanding for Consolidated Communications was presented for signature. This was approved at a previous meeting; Signed.
- The Argyle snow removal contract was discussed. This will be an addendum with Joe Reinzo who is requesting to extend two more years on this existing contract.
- Discussion on the PERC plant auction which has been extended to August 30th

Facilities Update –

Director MacDonald presented the following:

- The RFP for the asbestos removal should be going out end of this week. There will be a mandatory meeting to view the building on August 30th; bids will be due September 15th with the bids being opened on September 19th. Project should take approx. 4 to 6 weeks.
- The Y demolition RFP will be going out at roughly the same time as the asbestos removal RFP
- The underground tank will be out within the next two weeks
- The M block masonry work is still out 3 to 4 days for completion. The block will still need to be painted.
- Director MacDonald is reaching out to vendors to be our general contractor

Finance Update –

Director Bragdon and Treasurer Mower presented the following:

- Discussion on where we stand on county taxes; there are 11 municipalities that have paid in full at this time
- The jail reimbursement monies for the last quarter are being processed
- The treasurer will present a report next week
- Discussion on budget committee members to see who needs to be replaced

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins presented the following:

- Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve funding the steam kettle and refrigerator purchases for the jail from the ARPA Capital funds. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- There will be a second pre-bid meeting tomorrow at 1:00 PM for the Payroll Service RFP

Public Hearing – Knife Edge Brewing and Pizza Liquor License Renewal –

Hearing opened at 9:30 AM; Director Buswell stated that this is the second year for this business with no complaints. Hearing closed at 9:31 AM with no further comments. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the liquor license renewal as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Public Hearing – 5 Lakes Lodge Liquor License Renewal –

Hearing opened at 9:32 AM; Director Buswell stated that this is the second year for this business with no complaints. Hearing closed at 9:33 AM with no further comments. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the liquor license renewal as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

ARPA Sub-Recipient Discussions –

Grant Manager Wendy Dana presented the following:

- Acadia Northern Light – Kim Boucher presented and explained the pediatric/geriatric project that is taking place. The Commissions concern is what Acadia will do to help out the population that is going to jail instead of getting the mental health assistance that is needed. More discussion will follow.
- City of Brewer – After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$83,050 for funding for a Regional Training Facility Shooting Range. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Heart of Maine Resource Center – After discussion, Commissioners would like representatives present at a future meeting.

ARPA Sub-Recipient Discussions – Continued:

- Community Care / Shaw House – David McCloskey, Dave Miller and Jody Stevenson presented information on the Shaw House project. The building is in dire need of capital repairs. Commission is requesting that they go to the City of Bangor councilors to see if there would be a way to reconsider funding some of these repairs. With possible cost sharing County and City.

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 –

Design Wall Housing – Robin Sandau - \$24,500

Friends of Dakin Pool – Mike Robinson and Jen Eastman - \$45,000

District 2 –

Town of Newburgh – Cindy Grant - \$30,712

District 3 –

Millinocket Historical Society – Cathy Brown and Rodney Gagnon - \$47,052

Northern Forest Center – Denise Devoe and Amy Collinsworth - \$35,000

ARPA Commissioners Fund / Third Round Discussion –

Grant Manager Dana presented the following applications for discussion:

DISTRICT 1 –

After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Bangor Masonic Foundation in the amount of \$49,999 for replacement of the heating system. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Ten Bucks Theater Company \$5,164 for purchase of screen, projector, film package of three titles and popcorn machine. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

DISTRICT 2 –

After discussion, Commissioner Cushing requested that the Dexter Fire Department ask of \$49,999 for a purchase of a utility truck be tabled for further discussion

DISTRICT 3 –

After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve ICM \$33,600 for four heat pumps. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve Orono Public Library Foundation \$5,500 for software for fundraising campaign. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant (08.18.23) ***\$311,292.61, \$1,400.91 and \$284.85***

A/P General Fund (08.22.23) ***\$ 259,918.59***

A/P TIF (08.22.23) ***\$13,782.94***

A/P UT (08.22.23) ***\$3,713.65***

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: Patrick Bassett, Richard Bryant, Nicholas Covell, Lukas Cropley, Lisa Dwinal, Elijah Kipfer, Mkenzie Malikou, Jordan McCoy, Amber Morneault, Carl-Heinz Pierre, Emilee Pinkham, Jovanni Shaw, Randi Shaw and Jessica Urquhart.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci 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