

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023 #2451
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 Cushing, Commissioner Marshall, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, and Deputy Administrator LaBree present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Marshall

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the October 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Voted to approve 2-0. Signed.

PRCC Director Chris Lavoie and Deputy Brad Fitzgerald reported that long time employee Tracey Erickson passed on October 5th. A moment of silence was held in Tracey's honor.

Public Comment –

Emerald Russell Forcier, a resident of Bangor spoke in support of the Acadia for All campaign. Participant reported that contributing to this project with ARPA funds would benefit the area. Emerald provided testimony for her journey as well as a family member. Emerald believes investing in this campaign would profit the community by having healthy members be able to contribute.

ARPA Sub-Recipient Discussion –

Grant Manager Dana introduced Mark Lukens, Senior Vice President Northern Light Health, President, Northern Light Acadia Hospital and Wayne Stellar, Vice President of Nursing, Northern Light Acadia Hospital.

Participants reported on the \$1.8M ARPA request for the expansion of inpatient care for both geriatric and pediatric patients. The Acadia for All campaign will have early intervention services which would better serve the community in the long run.

Commissioner Baldacci stated his disappointment with the State and the decline of patients at Dorothea Dix. Commissioner is requesting that Northern Light re-petition the City of Bangor to contribute ARPA funds to this campaign.

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 of the award monies.

District 1 -

19th Century Curran Village – Robert Schmick - \$45,000
Welcome to Housing – Christopher Olsen - \$10,000

District 2 –

Town of Stetson – Danielle Davis - \$25,000

ARPA / \$300K Commissioner Fund Awards - Continued

District 3 –

Katahdin Area Trails – Mike Smith - \$22,500

Town of Lee – Chief Jay Crocker - \$10,000

UT Update –

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- Discussion on the Town of Chester (Mattamiscontis Township) Snow Removal agreement in the amount of \$39,370. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve this contract as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Broadband MOU for T5R7 WELS was discussed. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the MOU as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- ACO Crocker updated the Commission of the Scotland cows in Prentiss Township.

District Attorney Office Update –

DA Almy and Office Manager Higgins presented the following:

- DA Almy is requesting an additional half time clerical position due to the increase of cases
- Online restitution payments went live in September
- Presentation of the Department 5 / DA Budget. Overview included:
 - 2024/ Proposed Expenditures - \$1,580,576 Revenues - \$61,000
- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to take this budget for Department 5/DA Office under advisement. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0.

Dept. 15 – IT 2024 Budget Presentation

Director Tenney presented the Budget for Department 15 /IT. Overview includes:

- 2024 / Proposed Expenditures - \$949,676 Revenues - \$10,000
- Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to take this budget for Department 15 / IT under advisement. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0.

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- Dept. 31 Loans & Interest / 2024 Budget Presentation. Overview includes:
 - 2024 / Proposed Expenditures / \$639,042
 - Director Bragdon will report back years left on the PRCC bond and the current balance
 - Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the budget request for Dept. 31/Loans & Interest. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Dept. 30 EMDC / 2024 Budget / Additional discussion from last week's meeting; \$63K comes from the County and \$2K from PILT funds. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve this budget as stated. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Administration Update – Continued:

- Dept. 34 – Program Donations Discussion
 - **Orono Hazmat** – Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$24,000 for the 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - **Pine Tree Hospice** – Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the requested amount of \$1,500 to Pine Tree Hospice. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - **Hirundo Wildlife Refuge** – Commissioner Marshall moved to approve \$12,000 to Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - **Together Place Peer Run Recovery Center** – Commissioner Marshall moved to approve \$10,000 to Together Place Peer Run Recovery Center. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Commissioner Marshall moved to accept Dept. 34 – Program Donations as amended. To include other agencies that were flat funded: Rape Response - \$3,000, Bangor Area Shelter - \$15,000, B.I.L.L.S. - \$15,000 and Bangor Area Recovery Network - \$20,000. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Dept. 36 – Penquis / 2024 Budget / Additional discussion from last week's meeting. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve Dept. 36 – Penquis budget as discussed. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Discussion on an email received from DOC to leave their lease early at 10 Franklin Street. Administrator Adkins will follow up with them for more information
- The budget committee meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 14th at 5:00 PM

Approval of Warrants-

- Payroll Warrant (10.06.23.23) **\$329,553.47 & \$518.18**
- A/P General Fund (10.01.23) **\$ 622,663.88**
- A/P PRCC Bond (10.10.23) **\$122,049.04**
- A/P Unorg Terr (10.10.23) **\$ 38,926.47**

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: NONE

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m., under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract Matter. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree, Treasurer Mower, Mark Gagne and Dick Hansen. Session ended at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 PM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Cushing 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