

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023 #2456
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 Commissioner Baldacci, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins present. Commissioner Marshall attending remotely.

Deputy Administrator LaBree absent.

Pledge of Allegiance – Treasurer Mower

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the November 7th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Voted to approve 3-0. Signed.

Public Comment – NONE

UT Update –

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- Dee Williams from Maine Stream Finance and Brett Morse, Director Patten Public Safety presented a TIF application for the Town of Patten to assist with the purchase of implementing a mobile emergency response vehicle. This consists of a Crew cab ATV which would have tracks for wintertime making for year-round accessibility. The unit would include a tow behind trailer will be serve as an incident command center. Patten Ambulance service has raised \$20,000 and the TIF amount requested is \$54,000. Commission feels that this type of project is what the TIF funds should be used for to support. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the TIF application for \$54,000. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- The contract for Lee Ambulance which will be replacing East Millinocket for Kingman and Prentiss was presented. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed
- The PERC plant in Orrington was sold for \$1.5M the beginning of the month; the low bidder was unable to come up with the down payment; it is going back on auction today at 1:00 PM
- The revised FY25 UT Budget was reviewed. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve the budged as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Public Hearing – Liquor License Renewal for River Driver's Restaurant

Commissioner Cushing opened the public hearing for a special event permit for the liquor license renewal for River Driver's Restaurant at 9:15 AM

After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to close the hearing at 9:16 AM. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the liquor license renewal for River Driver's Restaurant. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Public Hearing – Special Event Permit for the Millinocket Marathon and Half

Commissioner Cushing opened the public hearing for a special event permit for the Millinocket Marathon and Half at 9:19 AM

Commissioner Baldacci moved to close the hearing at 9:20 AM. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the special event permit for the Millinocket Marathon and Half that will be held December 2nd and waive the \$50 fee. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Penobscot Climate Action & Adaptation Plan –

Sara Devlin, BACTS (Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System) Executive Director provided a background on BACTS. BACTS is a federally funded. BACTS partners with Maine DOT and first responders. BACTS was recently awarded a \$400,000 grant to produce a Vision Zero plan for the region. (Zero deaths and/or fatalities on the roadways)

Maddie Jensen, BACTS Planner presented the Penobscot Climate Action & Adaptation Plan to the Commission. The Penobscot Climate Action with primary focused on 11 municipalities as a study area and is a planning processed used to identify what we can expect for changing climate conditions in the next few decades, as well as who in the community and what infrastructure might be at risk due to those changes.

More information can be found at: <https://penobscotclimateaction.org>

Administration Update –

Administrator Adkins presented the following:

- Reminder the Budget Committee meeting is taking place this evening at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Warrants-

- Payroll Warrant (11.10.23) **\$346,782.83 & 2,079.06**
- A/P General Fund (11.14.23) **\$ 399,430.57**
- A/P ARPA (11.14.23) **\$ 176,547.46**
- A/P Unorg Terr (11.14.23) **\$38,549.92 & \$1,019.04**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the warrants as presented as Item G listed on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0.

Payroll status changes signed for: Jesse McNally

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 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