

**Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes November 28, 2023 #2457**  
**9:00 AM Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing and David Marshall**

**Roll Call -**

Commission Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 9:00 AM remotely with Commissioner Baldacci, Commissioner Marshall, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree present in the Commissioners Chambers.

**Pledge of Allegiance – Administrator Adkins**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0. Signed.

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Voted to approve 3-0. Signed.

Amendment to Agenda requested

**PRCC Update –**

Director Lavoie and Deputy Fitzgerald reported the following:

- Discussion on the Hermon Volunteer Rescue Squad (HVRS) utilizing Penobscot County dispatch center at no cost as they are a private contractor. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to notify Hermon Volunteer Rescue Squad (HVRS) that we will no longer dispatch for them starting on January 1, 2024. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Amazon Web Services and AI for the business lines will go live next week
- The contract with National Q is to start shortly
- Director Lavoie will be participating in an ad hoc committee with the Maine Fire Chiefs & Maine Police Chiefs Association being tasked to look at laws pertaining to public safety

**ARPA Commissioners Fund / Third Round Discussion –**

Grant Manager Dana presented the following Commissioners Fund / Third Round applications for discussion:

**District 1 –**

**Bangor Historical Society** - After discussion Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$40,000 to the Bangor Historical Society for restoration of the Hill House. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Bangor Humane Society** – After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$45,000 to the Bangor Humane Society for low income spay/neuter program. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**City of Brewer** – After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$25,000 to the City of Brewer for TruNarc handheld narcotics analyzer. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**District 2 -**

**Kenduskeag Union Church** – After discussion, Commissioner Cushing moved to approve \$49,999 to the Kenduskeag Union Church for an electrical upgrade. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Town of Etna** – After discussion, Commissioner Cushing moved to approve \$49,999 to the Town of Etna for portable radios with should mikes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Town of Kenduskeag** - After discussion, Commissioner Cushing moved to table this request pending more information. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Town of Newburgh** – After discussion, Commissioner Cushing moved to approve \$19,287 to the Town of Newburgh for playground equipment. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Public Comment** - Commissioner Marshall recognized Joe Leonard from the Bangor City Council and welcomed him to the Commissioners Meeting. Councilor Leonard discussed the chronic homelessness and the Housing First Program to the Commission.

**Administration Update –**

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- Facilities Update - With the Facilities Director out, Administrator Adkins is the back-up for anything facilities related. Commission extends best wishes and a speedy recovery to Director MacDonald.
- Y Building Update - Asbestos removal is moving right along with the projected date of completion of December 22<sup>nd</sup>; DEP will inspect the property before going forward with the demolition.
- The Spirit of America Awards will take place during the regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting on December 12.
- Preparation on the Payroll Services transition is taking place.

**Approval of Warrants-**

- Payroll Warrant (11.17.23) **\$359,699.19** (11.24.23) **\$324,080.04 & \$356.46**
- A/P General Fund (11.21.23) **\$175,704.26** (11.28.23) **\$ 544,273.48**
- A/P PRCC Bond (11.21.23) **\$800.83**
- A/P Unorg Terr (11.21.23) **\$180,936.71** (11.28.23) **\$1,306.44**
- A/P UT TIF (11.21.23) **\$126,463.95** (11.28.23) **\$5,781.53**

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Timothy Dearing, Alan Reese, Brian Sawtelle, Jovanni Shaw and Rebecca Walker

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:47 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contract. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree and Treasurer Mower. Session ended at 10:38 AM.

**Action Taken: None**

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Certified By:**

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Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

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Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

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Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

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David S. Marshall, Commissioner