

**Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024
9:00 AM Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing & David Marshall**

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Roll Call -

Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 8:35 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with all three Commissioners (Commissioner Baldacci via Zoom), Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins & Deputy Administrator LaBree present.

Executive Session - Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 AM under **1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) / Legal Counsel**; Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion & a 3-0 vote was taken. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Sheriff Morton, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator / HR LaBree & John Hamer. Session ended at 8:55 AM with no action taken.

Commissioner Baldacci left the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – **Treasurer Mower**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve 2-0. Signed.

Public Comment – Larry Dansinger, Bangor, spoke of a family member battling substance abuse and asked the Commissioner to support alternative ways to help keep people from incarceration.

EMA Update – Director Nuding presented the following:

- Penobscot County has met the monetary threshold for public assistance (PA) on the December 18th storm. To date there have been 23 communities submit requests. Bradley also reviewed the process to include EMA storm activation & operations to the Commission.

Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Morton presented information:

- Current population inside the facility- 147 in house & 73 boarded out.
- Officer Buyout discussed with Commission. Sheriff feels he can work with Administrator Adkins on the details which will leave 2 open positions within patrol.
- FARO Scanner- provides on scene digital documentation and the Sheriff is requesting approximately \$75K to purchase from ARPA funds. Commissioner Cushing does support request however; would prefer to have Commissioner Baldacci present for continued discussion and vote.
- Sheriff is requesting the use of Opioid funding to help cover the costs of Methadone within the facility until DHHS can come to an agreement for funding. The cost of the medicine is

\$8,000 per month. Administrator Adkins will reach out to Commissioner Baldacci to get his thoughts before coming back to the full commission for a decision.

- The Sheriff was notified that the space they are currently using for the PACE program will no longer be available.

Public Hearing- Chair Cushing opened the hearing at 9:41 AM for the Sawmill Grill/ Indian Purchase Twp- Special Amusement License. Deputy Director Morrison commented that there has been no issues at the place of business. No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 9:42 AM. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the special amusement permit. Chair Cushing seconded, vote to approve 2-0.

UT Update- Deputy Director Morrison provided the Annual renewal of the Liquor License for Sawmill Grill. There the establishment has been in business for over 5 years, no public hearing is needed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request for the Sawmill Grill Liquor License. Chair Cushing seconded, vote to approve 2-0.

Facilities Update- Director MacDonald presented the following:

- Brian thanked the County Administrator and everyone that helped cover his job responsibilities while he was out.
- Alloy will be onsite at the former Y building next Monday, January 22nd to start the disconnect of utilities and eventually start demo. The entire process should take between 4-6 weeks.
- There are many projects on campus being worked on to include: finishing up the work in M Block, fixing showers in the facility, electrical work on the admin side and plumbing being completed changing valves. Progress is being made.

ARPA Funding – Grant Manager Dana presented checks for the following organizations under Round 3 of the Commissioners Fund:

<u>District 1-</u>	City of Brewer Fire	\$15,000
	Manna Inc	\$ 5,000
<u>District 2-</u>	Corinna Sewer District	\$26,000

Administrative Update – County Administrator Adkins & Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- The next scheduled Commissioners Meeting will be January 30th.
- Scott is on vacation starting Friday and will return on January 29th. DCA LaBree will be the point of contact.
- Commissioners can expect a more in-depth HR Update at the next meeting.

- Amy Collinsworth presented the snowmobile maps (waterproof) to the Commission. The Katahdin Chamber of Commerce is diligently working with stakeholders on the solar eclipse that has a large number of followers to come to Millinocket.

Approval of Warrants -

○ Payroll Warrant	(01.05.24)	\$373,079.35	(01.12.24)	\$344,860.52
○ A/P General Fund	(01.09.24)	\$328,779.46	(01.16.24)	\$551,145.01
○ A/P ARPA	(01.09.24)	\$46,608.75		
○ A/P PRCC Bond	(01.16.24)	\$ 1,500.00		
○ A/P Unorg Terr	(01.09.24)	\$ 92,729.81	(01.16.24)	\$44,857.72
○ A/P UT TIF	(01.09.24)	\$ 1,706.34	(01.16.24)	\$1,815.78

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the warrants as presented as Item M listed on the agenda. Chair Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve 2-0. Signed.

Executive Session – Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:18 AM under **1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) / Contract Matter**. Chair Cushing seconded the motion & a 2-0 vote was taken. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Chris Lavoie, Brad Fitzgerald, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator / HR LaBree. Session ended at 10:40 AM.

Action Taken – No action taken.

Executive Session - Commissioner Baldacci made a motion, at 10:40 AM to go into Executive Session under **1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) / Labor Negotiations**; Chair Cushing seconded the motion & 2-0 vote was taken. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins & Deputy Administrator LaBree. Session ended at 11:40 AM.

Action Taken – No Action taken.

Payroll status changes signed for: M. Peets, H. Terrel, D. Watrous, R. Harding, S. Cousins, R. Ogden, A. Davis, A. Champagne, P. Oulton, O. Reid, A. Rounds, N. Stusse, A. Barnett, L. Cropley, A. Morneault, S. Libby, B. Stone, A. Hall, H. Mann, R. Medeiros, J. Hicks, and S. Crocker.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 AM with no further business on the agenda. Chair Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott A. Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner