

**Roll Call -**

Commission Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 9:00 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with all Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins and DCA LaBree present.

**Pledge of Allegiance – Registrar Susan Bulay**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0. Signed.

**Public Comment** – Registrar Bulay came before the Commission to discuss the replacement of stairs leading to the post office and the importance of why the stairs should be replaced.

**Sheriff's Update –**

Sheriff Morton and Captain Boulier reported the following:

- Sheriff also supports the replacement of stairs leading to the post office.
- Sheriff recognized National Correctional Officer Week. Stated that 11 new officers graduated from the academy yesterday
- Jail population – 152 in house, 53 boarded out and 81 in Maine Pretrial
- Sheriff recognized National Nurses Week to the staff working in the jail
- Sheriff stated that Law Enforcement has been very busy with search warrants and finding large amounts of fentanyl and fire arms
- Interviews and job shadows are taking place for Sheriff's office manager, Vanessa Holmes position
- Discussion that some contract towns are looking for increased law for their municipalities. Towns want more officer presence. At this time, we have eight part-time contracts.
- Discussion on MAT Funding, where Sheriff reported that of the 152 incarcerated, 77 are currently on the MAT program. With costs going up for methadone, additional funding is needed. Commissioner Baldacci moved to use monies from the opioid settlement fund for the next six months for servicing the methadone treatment. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Discussion on the body worn and in-car camera systems. Sheriff and Lt. Hotaling reported that the amount of work was underestimated with managing these cameras, which is why there is an ask for an individual to manage these systems a tech support position is needed. At this time, the cameras are installed, but are turned off. Training has yet to take place. Commissioner Baldacci stated that no decision can be made at this time due to the already stretched budget.

**Sheriff's Update – Continued:**

- After discussion on work details, Commissioner Marshall moved the fee structure for \$90 per hour for municipalities and schools; \$120 an hour for private events. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sheriff updated the Commission on the long-term inmate that was awaiting transport to a mental health facility. After 110 days, this has been resolved.
- Sheriff reported on the repair of Deputy Thomas Smith's cemetery in Old Town which has been completed.

**Public Hearing –**

Chair Cushing opened the hearing at 9:46 AM for the Millinocket X-Stream Canoe Race Special Event Permit. The race will be taking place on June 1, 2024. No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 9:47 AM. Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the request for the Special Event Permit for Millinocket X-Stream Canoe Race. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

**Public Hearing –**

Chair Cushing opened the hearing at 9:47 AM for the New England Whitewater Center, Inc. / DBA Kataadn Resorts Event Center Liquor License Renewal. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 9:48 AM. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request for the New England Whitewater Center, Inc. liquor license renewal. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

**UT – Road Salt Purchasing Bid Opening**

Commission Chair Cushing opened the bids for the UT Road Salt Purchasing. The following three vendors submitted their bid by the May 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.

| <b>Vendor</b>         | <b>Northern Region<br/>1765</b> | <b>Southern Region<br/>3963</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Eastern Salt Company  | \$99.00                         | \$89.00                         |
| Morton                | \$88.05                         | \$78.10                         |
| New England Salt, LLC | \$89.10                         | \$79.04                         |

Commissioner Baldacci moved to accept Morton Salt's bid per Director Buswell's recommendation. Commission Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**UT – Matagamon Shed Bid Opening**

Commission Chair Cushing opened the bids for the Mattagamon Salt Shed Project. The following five vendors submitted their bid by the May 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.

| Vendor                | Quote     |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Triumph Roofing       | \$59,500  |
| David Trask & Son     | \$62,775  |
| Lupo Construction     | \$118,840 |
| Smith Builders        | \$82,160  |
| Williams Construction | \$56,300  |

Commissioner Baldacci moved to accept Williams Construction bid per Director Buswell's recommendation. Commission Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**UT Update –**

Director Buswell presented the following:

- After discussion on the UT fire truck replacement, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve up to \$140K for the fire truck replacement through TIF funds. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) Award**

Director Bragdon and Treasurer Mower reported that after review of the bids on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Machias Savings bank won the award for \$9M at 5.85%. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the TAN in the amount of \$9M. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to move approved 3-0. Signed.

**Bangor Y -**

Diane Dickerson, John Roman and Dan Miller came before the Commission to discuss the \$3M allocation that the County had awarded them. A short presentation was shown on the Y, which included what the Y stands for, project updates and a calendar of meetings. Dianne proudly reported that the Bangor Y was recently awarded the Nonprofit of the year by Bangor Chamber. With a new building, the Y will be able to double child care. Current estimated total cost of the new building is

**Bangor Y – Continued:**

\$52.7M; at this time \$28.3M (\$11.5 government and \$16.8 private) funding has been raised. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to release \$1M of the \$3M authorized to the Y Capital Project. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. 3-0 passed.

Break at 10:40 AM

Meeting resumed at 10:45 AM

**ARPA –**

Grant Manager Dana presented two sub-recipient applications

- Dr. Peterson from Millinocket Regional Hospital is requesting \$514,141 for funds for an upgrade CATSCAN machine and software. Commission will be able to make a better decision in June as of right now the ARPA budget needs to be reviewed.
- Grant Manager Dana reported she is receiving applications for under \$49,999 for sub-recipient awards. The Commission stated that they are willing to collect applications, and hold them until June for further decisions.

Grant Manager Dana presented the following Commissioner Fund Awards –

- Katahdin Chamber of Commerce discussion in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$2K for the Katahdin Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Facilities Update –**

Director MacDonald presented the following:

- Discussion on the Y demolition that the contractors are moving along and that the contract states that everything needs to be removed. (i.e. concrete, etc.) With the slope, the entire lot may not be as advantageous to be used for a parking lot.
- Discussion on the Post office repairs where Director MacDonald feels that his department will be able to repair the flooring with no interruption to customers.
- After discussion on the Franklin Street Renovation Project, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve JET architects for \$1,500 for a code study. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- At the monthly generator test Saturday, the exhaust pipe started to burn and the fire department was called. After review yesterday, found a nest/animal was inside. All is taken care of.

**Administration Update –**

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- An Employee Recognition Breakfast will be held Thursday, May 23, 7 AM until 8 AM
- Commission signed the Hanscom vs Mattawamkeag Tax Abatement decision
- Probate Court letter to lawyers was reviewed
- Discussion on the wish list of County ARPA requests will be reviewed by departments starting at the next meeting.

**Approval of Warrants-**

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|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Payroll Warrant  | 04.19.24 | \$ 319,746.16 | 04.26.24 | \$350,617.01 | 05.03.24 | \$ 330,249.19 & \$623.48 |
| A/P General Fund | 04.23.24 | \$ 66,854.79  | 04.30.24 | \$873,150.51 | 05.07.24 | \$ 325,305.38            |
| A/P PRCC Bond    | 04.23.24 | \$ N/A        | 04.30.24 | \$ N/A       | 05.07.24 | \$ N/A                   |
| A/P Unorg Terr   | 04.23.24 | \$17,540.82   | 04.30.24 | \$47,468.06  | 05.07.24 | \$ 13,423.38             |
| A/P UT TIF       | 04.23.24 | \$ 14,351.86  | 04.30.24 | \$6,527.25   | 05.07.24 | \$ 34,421.33             |
| A/P ARPA         | 04.23.24 | \$ 58,162.50  | 04.30.24 | \$214,635.00 | 05.07.24 | \$ 115,796.84            |

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Thomas Fennell, Laurel Kolenda, Thomas Barrows, Jordan Knappe, Tate Scovil, Christopher Watson, Sarah Dietz, Sawyer Houpt, Kalendra Kidd, Kristi Short, Katarina Christensen, Brandi Alton, Jolene Fearon, George Harrison, Joshua Legassie, Joshua Marotta, Rylie McDonald, Diana Ronald, Matthew Buck, Jonathan Neel, Garrett Watt, Tammy Adams, Mackayla Bryer, and Maxime Monde Pierre

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:44 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, Deputy Administrator LaBree and Director MacDonald. Session ended at 11:48 AM

**Action Taken – NONE**

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:49 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approved passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree. Session ended at 12:07 PM

**Action Taken – NONE**

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 PM 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 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