

**Roll Call -**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance - Director Bragdon**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve 3-0. Signed.

**Public Comment –**

*Tamra Benson*, Citizen of Orono spoke of her concerns with Penobscot County utilizing ARPA funds on an armored vehicle. Tamra feels that it may escalate situations and feels that monies would be better spent to use on escalation training or to house unhoused people.

*Janet Drew*, Citizen of York reported that statistically crime going down and the City of Bangor has an armored vehicle that is not used much, there is no need for Penobscot County to spend monies on one. ARPA protocol states that these funds should be used to take care of the Counties peoples basic needs.

*Larry Dansinger*, Citizen of Bangor echoed what the two previous speakers stated. Larry spoke to Bangor Police Lt. Stewart about their armored vehicle and strongly encourages Sheriff Morton to speak to Bangor about their vehicle. The State Police may be purchasing an armor vehicle, as well. Do we really need three armored vehicles in the same area? ARPA monies should be used for affordable housing, substance use, and mental health.

*Jack McKay*, Citizen of Bangor asked the Commission to heed of what has been said during public comment. How much value would this be with three armor vehicles? Goal should be to de-escalate situations. The County does not have unlimited tax monies.

*Doug Dunbar*, Citizen of Penobscot County does not believe that an armored vehicle is considered should be used for ARPA monies which were not intended for this type of use. Monies can be better spent to hire a mental health provider for four years instead of a \$400K armored vehicle. Our community needs to be heathier.

**DA Office -**

Office Manager Higgins presented the following:

- After review of the criminal forfeiture transfers totaling \$1,251.30 to the DA's Office, Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve these transfers as presented.

**DA Office Update- Continued:**

Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed. The other 85% goes to the arresting agency.

- After review of the criminal forfeiture transfer total \$998.00, one .22 pistol and three guns to the Sheriff's office, Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve these transfers as presented. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed. Guns will be destroyed.
- Request to purchase six (6) new laptops, 1 new desktop and seven computer screens with a cost no more than \$12,500; \$7,500 from the DA forfeiture account and the other \$5,000 from the 2024 County Budget. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve this request. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**UT Update -**

Director Buswell and Deputy Director Morrison presented the following:

- The East Millinocket fire and ambulance service contracts were presented for discussion and approval. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the East Millinocket fire and ambulance contracts as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- The Matagamom Wilderness liquor license renewal was presented for discussion and approval. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**EMA Update –**

Deputy Director Fox presented four Request for Proposals for approval:

- After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve sending the following RFP's out to bid: Variable Message Board, Telescoping Communication Tower, Uncrewed Aircraft Systems and an Enclosed Cargo Trailer. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**PRCC Update –**

Chair Cushing open the bids for the PRCC 4-WD pickup truck. The following 4 vendors submitted their bid by the June 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- Darling's Newport / 2024 Ram 2500 Tradesman / \$49,238.00
- Darling's Newport / 2024 Ram 1500 Big Horn / \$59,880.23
- Quirk Auto Group / 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST / \$55,334.00
- Varney GMC / 2024 / GMC Sierra 1500 SLT Crew / \$62,115.00

Per Director Lavoie's recommendation, Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to approve the Darling's Newport bid for the 2024 Ram 2500 Tradesman for \$49,238. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Sheriff's Office -**

Sheriff Morton presented the following:

- The Patrol Division is currently down one position with two positions recently filled with non-academy grads. Those two deputies will be leaving to attend the academy for 4.5 months. Sheriff would like to fill the open position with someone that has already attended the academy. However, this would involve a buyout with the agency they are currently working for. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve up to \$40K from the undesignated funds balance to fill one position in the event a buyout is necessary. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

**Administration and HR Update –**

Administrator Adkins and Deputy Administrator LaBree presented the following:

- Discussion on the Opioid Settlement spreadsheet from the AG website. Commission will be putting together an advisory group to make recommendations. It was agreed that there would be five members - 1 from each Commissioner and 2 at large.
- County offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of Juneteenth.
- After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved that our county offices be closed as a regular paid day on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Review of the ARPA / County projects updated spreadsheet were discussed. The armored vehicle has been removed from the list.
- Human Resources will be presenting at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner meeting.
- Discussion on the month of July's meeting dates. The next meeting will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Approval of Warrants-**

Payroll Warrant	<b>06.07.24 \$ 425,875.46</b>	<b>06.14.24 \$ 305,944.06</b>
A/P General Fund	<b>06.11.24 \$ 162,279.82</b>	<b>06.18.24 \$ 623,673.51</b>
A/P PRCC Bond	<b>06.11.24 \$ N/A</b>	<b>06.18.24 \$ N/A</b>
A/P Unorg Terr	<b>06.11.24 \$ 33,367.11</b>	<b>06.18.24 \$ 29,392.82</b>
A/P UT TIF	<b>06.11.24 \$ N/A</b>	<b>06.18.24 \$ N/A</b>
A/P ARPA	<b>06.11.24 \$ 3,794.60</b>	<b>06.18.24 \$ 87,135.40</b>

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Ashley Roberts, Ezra Haines, Hannah Craig, Brandon Watson, Damien Goodwin, Ryan Roy, Ashlee Goodwin, Christopher Boulier, Conner Gray, Levi Thompson, Jennifer Sullivan, Jordan Norton, Steven Saucier, Daniel Gastia, and Caleb Thacker.

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:08 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 10:27 AM.

**Action Taken** - None

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 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 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