

Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024 #2484
9:00 AM Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing and David Marshall

Roll Call -

Commissioner Baldacci opened the meeting at 9:00 AM with Commissioner Marshall, Administrator Adkins, Director Dyer and Treasurer Mower present. Commission Chair Cushing arrived via Zoom at 9:30 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance – Administrator Adkins led the pledge.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the November 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes and November 21st, 2024 / 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 2-0. Signed.

Public Comment – Larry Dansinger, citizen of Bangor is urging County Commission to stop the plan to build a larger jail; but use that funding to put to better use mental health and substance abuse disorders.

UT Update –

Director Buswell presented the following:

- The liquor license renewal for River Drivers Restaurant was presented for approval. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the liquor license renewal for River Drivers Restaurant as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Move to approve passed 2-0. Signed.
- EMA Director Nuding and Director Buswell reported on the MOU of the Argyle landslide. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the MOU as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Moved to approve passed 2-0.
- Discussion on communication received from East Millinocket Fire Department Chief McAdam regarding the cancellation of UT EMS services for four communities. Director Buswell believes with more dialog; changes will be made.

NWDB Update –

Galan Williamson, Executive Director, discussed the organization's quarterly report:

- Working with the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) on increasing virtual assessment abilities.
- Continued monitoring with the MDOL board. One necessary improvement is to improve ADA compliance.
- One Stop certification is taking place.
- Discussion on participants to receive mental health services. When enrolled, participants can receive \$2,000 per participant.
- ACAP is implementing restorative practices to build healthy and supportive businesses.

EMDC Update –

Kim Morrison, Jail Diversion and Recovery Program Manager reported the following:

- They are working with people who are incarcerated to make them work-ready when they are released.
- There is work on starting an advisory board that will work closely with inmate populations to understand better what funding is needed to serve that population best.
- The focus is not just employment; emphasis is on recovery for incarcerated individuals by working closely with recovery coaches and wellness centers.

ARPA / Administration Update –

Grant Manager Dana presented the following:

- ARPA Commissioners Fund Discussion -
 - Bangor Art Society is requesting \$11,300 for its 150th Anniversary Gala. After discussion, Commissioner Baldacci moved to approve \$10,000 as presented. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Voted to approve passed 3-0.
 - Stetson Historical Society is requesting \$5,800 for archival materials, storage cabinets, a laptop, and archival software. After discussion, Commissioner Cushing moved to approve \$5,800 as presented. Commissioner Baldacci seconded. Voted to approve passed 3-0.
 - The Town of Lincoln is requesting \$12,000 for a drone. After discussion, the Commission are in support of this ask and will assess what sources the funding will come from.
 - The Town of Lincoln is requesting \$41,033 for TRU Narc. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall move to approve \$41,033 for the TRU Narc request. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - COMMUNITY: Maine's Nonprofit Hub Project – United Way. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to reallocate the \$350,000. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.
 - Discussion on the Veazie Water District for a generator and camera will take place at the next meeting.
- Administrator Adkins reminded Commission that the 2025 / County Budget and FY26 / UT Budget Hearing will be held at December 17th, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Facilities Update –

Director MacDonald reported the following –

- With holidays and vacations, the Franklin Street renovations are slow moving. One boiler is in place. The office space has been reviewed with Haley Ward representatives. Part of the construction project will include taking down walls.
- Update on the Franklin Street HVAC – fresh air unit needs to go on the roof; due to the roof under warrantee; a call to local Firestone vendor. A roofer is necessary.

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant	11.22.24	\$ 381,974.90	11.29.24	\$326,603.69
A/P General Fund	11.26.24	\$ 758,910.55	12.03.24	\$451,917.16
A/P PRCC Bond	11.26.24	\$ N/A	12.03.24	\$ N/A
A/P Unorg Terr	11.26.24	\$31,903.26	12.03.24	96,756.83
A/P UT TIF	11.26.24	\$ N/A	12.03.24	\$ N/A
A/P ARPA	11.26.24	\$2,859.28	12.03.24	\$ N/A

Commissioner Cushing made a motion to approve the warrants per Item H on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Payroll status changes signed for: Aryah Somers, Catherine Sullivan, Sara Johnson, Jason Raymond, Brandon Watson, Hilari Simmons, Christopher Gray, John Knappe, Michael Parady, Roy Peary, David Quinn, Seth Rolfe, Tate Scovil, Noah Tamulonis, Kendra Diaz, Jordan Hammond, Heather Richardson and Corey Cepelak.

Executive Session---Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:05 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, (Commissioner Cushing via Zoom), Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, and HR Director Dyer. Session ended at 10:20 AM.

Action Taken - None

Executive Session---Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:20 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Cushing seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, (Commissioner Cushing via Zoom), Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, and Facilities Director MacDonald. Session ended at 10:28 AM.

Action Taken – None

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Baldacci seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Peter K. Baldacci, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner