

Penobscot County Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes December 30th, 2024 #2486
9:00 AM / Commissioners Peter Baldacci, Andre Cushing and David Marshall

Roll Call -

Commissioner Chair Cushing, via Zoom, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. In attendance from the Commissioners Chambers was CC Peter Baldacci (one more meeting). CC Marshall, Treasurer Mower and newly elected CC Tremble were in attendance via Zoom. In-person attendance also included County Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer and Grant Manager Wendy Dana.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Marshall led the pledge.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the December 17th, 2024 / Meeting Minutes; CC Baldacci seconded the motion and a vote to approve of 3-0 was taken.

Public Comment – None

MCCA (Maine County Commissioner Association)

Chair Cushing informed the Commission that he would like to be the County’s representative as he had been asked to run for a leadership position. Commissioner Marshall made the motion of CC Cushing for MCCA and Commissioner Baldacci provided the 2nd with an addition to have newly elected Commissioner Dan Tremble as the County’s proxy. CC Cushing advised that CA Adkins be the second proxy and the adjustments to both the motion and second were agreed upon. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

Risk Pool (County’s Self-Funded Insurance)

It was made known that CC Marshall wished to participate in this role. Outgoing Commissioner Baldacci made the motion of CC Marshall for the Risk Pool with newly elected CC Tremble as the proxy and CA Adkins as the second proxy. CC Marshall made the second and a 3-0 vote to approve was taken.

ARPA Allocations – Grant Manager Dana

Grant Manager Dana provided a listing of applications in review for each of the three Commissioner districts. Below is the information for the agency requesting; amount requested & amount allocated:

District I / CC Baldacci / Remaining Balance of \$140,920

Bangor Halfway House	\$16,000	\$16,000
Food & Medicine	\$41,500	\$30,000
Fresh Start	\$28,000	\$20,000
Greater Bangor Homeless	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500

ME Recovery Access Project	\$ 7,068	\$ 7,068
Needlepoint Recovery	\$20,000	\$20,000
Partners for Peace	\$35,000	\$30,000
Rape Response	\$10,000	\$ 5,000
Wellspring	\$26,200	\$18,000

The total requests were \$191,268; upon review, the following amounts were allocated at a total of \$153,568. The amount allocated is larger than the remaining balance; however, CC Cushing / District II contributed \$12,881 of his remaining balance to help fund.

CC Baldacci motioned for the above allocated amounts; CC Marshall with the 2nd & 3-0 vote to approve.

District II / CC Cushing / Remaining Balance of \$52,881

Commissioner Cushing had one application request from the Town of Newport / James Ricker, Manager in the amount of \$49,999. The Commission voted to award \$40,000.

Chair Cushing asked for a motion on the above; CC Baldacci made the motion; CC Marshall with the 2nd and a vote to approve of 3-0 was taken.

District III / CC Marshall / Remaining Balance of \$21,128

As with District II, CC Marshall & District III had a single application from Breaking the Cycle for \$27,500. Commissioner Marshall made the motion to fund \$20,000; CC Baldacci with the 2nd & a vote of 3-0.

County Capital Requests

Here is a listing of the item; amount of the request and the allocated amount for each item:

SO / Mobile Radar Units	\$ 57,200	\$ 57,200	
SO / AED Units	\$ 36,250	\$ 36,250	
EMA / Telescoping Light Towers (2)	\$ 72,000	\$ 36,000	(1 approved)
EMA / 50-Bed Shelter Trailer	\$ 35,500	\$ 0	
County / Storage Facility & Fence	\$100,000	\$100,000	
SRT / Night Vision & Equipment	\$287,395	\$100,000	

The total request is at \$588,345 and the approved allocated total is \$329,450. CC Baldacci made the motion for the above allocated amounts; CC Marshall with the 2nd and a vote to approve of 3-0.

CC Baldacci made the motion for any remaining balance of ARPA funding to be allocated to the new HVAC project for the County building; CC Marshall made the 2nd and a vote to approve of 3-0.

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant	12.20.24	\$ 332,587.82
A/P General Fund	12.24.24	\$ 652,215.01
A/P Unorg Terr	12.24.24	\$ 3,703.88
A/P ARPA	12.24.24	\$1,234,869.50

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Rebecca Wood, Dennis Farnham and Eric Tripp.

Executive Session---Commissioner Baldacci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter; Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion & a vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioner Baldacci, CA Adkins & HR Director Dyer attended in-person. Via Zoom were CC Cushing, CC Marshall and Treasurer Mower. 9:25 AM.

No vote was taken coming out of Ex Session.

Commissioner Baldacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall 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