

**Penobscot County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025 #2488**  
**9:00 AM Commissioners Daniel Tremble, Andre Cushing and David Marshall**

**Roll Call -**

Commissioner Cushing opened the meeting at 9:03 AM via zoom. Commissioner Marshall, Administrator Adkins, Director Dyer and Treasurer Mower present in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioner Tremble arrived 9:05 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Marshall led the pledge.

**Public Comment** – Larry Dansinger, resident of Bangor responded to the BDN article regarding the County paying \$2.5M in boarding out costs of inmates. Mr. Dansinger was requesting information on demographics of the inmates and opioid settlement monies. Commission requested that he put his requests in writing. Administrator Adkins responded saying this isn't an actual cost and that there are no savings. Commissioner Tremble feels what is being asked are hypothetical questions and that each individual taxpayer needs to do their own research.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

**DA's Office –**

Office Manager Higgins presented the following:

- After review of the criminal forfeiture transfers totaling \$2,111.70 to the DA's Office, Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve these transfers as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- After review of the criminal forfeiture transfer totaling \$3,068.50 to the Sheriff's office, Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve these transfers as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

**County Fire & EMS Update –**

Consultant Paul Froman reported on his work on the regionalization project. After discussion, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve a six-month extension of Mr. Froman's current contract with funding from Local Assist Tribal Fund / ARPA. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

**UT Update –**

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- After discussing the Argyle and Greenfield Transfer Station Agreement with Old Town, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve this agreement as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

**UT Update – Continued:**

- Argo Michael Regan and John Reinzo, Hancock County residents of the Myra Road Twp 32 came before the commission to discuss winter maintenance on that road. Mr. Regan and Mr. Reinzo went to Hancock County Commissioners for the same request; Hancock County deferred to Penobscot County to see what we will do first. The commission agrees that more information is needed and nothing can be done until the FY27 budget year which is understood by the residents. Commission asks Director Buswell to discuss with Hancock County this request.
- Director Buswell received a call last week from the Office of Elections in Augusta. They have not received the election results from the Town of Webster which includes Kingman TWP and Prentiss TWP; they are now out of compliance. Director Buswell provided phone numbers to the State for the clerk and selectperson representing Webster.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, Drew Plantation residents are looking for a place to register their vehicles.

**EMA Update –**

Administrator Adkins requested the appointment from Interim Director to Director of Chris Fox. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve this request as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

Director Fox reported the following:

- Since January 1, Penobscot County EMA has facilitated 1,168 manhours of training, represented by 40 plus people. EMA hosted four separate classes on topics ranging from Events and Sports Risk Management to Advance Incident Command Training.
- Commission approved advertising internally and externally for an EMA Deputy Director.
- It was requested to look into EMS problems.

**Administrative Update –**

Administrator Adkins reported the following:

- Discussion on establishing a Professional Development account. After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve this Professional Development account with part of its use to be used for an educational reimbursement program. Funding will be from proceeds from the County credit card rewards and with a maximum of \$; any excess will funnel to the General Fund Revenues. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Reminder that there will be a tax abatement appeal hearing at 10:00 AM next week.

**Approval of Warrants-**

Payroll Warrant	<b>01.10.25</b>	\$ 377,392.47	<b>01.17.25</b>	\$ 336,538.51
A/P General Fund (2024)	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 418,972.69	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ 100,099.85
A/P General Fund (2025)	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 460,652.38	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ 106,641.43
A/P PRCC Bond (2024)	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 2,701.68	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ N/A
A/P PRCC Bond (2025)	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 27,056.68	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ N/A
A/P Unorg Terr	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 47,405.24	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ 34,450.83
A/P UT TIF	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ N/A	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ 678.02
A/P ARPA	<b>01.14.25</b>	\$ 183,207.29	<b>01.21.25</b>	\$ 40,507.00

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the warrants per Item I on the agenda. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Payroll status changes signed for: Chris Fox, Morgan Vidal, Hannah Mann, Andre Cushing, Jon Hicks, Daniel Valcourt, Victoria Dearing, Suparat Cousins, Ronald Ogden, Dylan Watrous, Oshane Reid, Thomas Bubniak, Brooklynn Brown, Anastasia Champagne, Ashlee Goodwin, Justin Backer, Brian Sawtelle, Salvador Cloukey, Renee Stupak, Andrew Hall, Gloria Evans, Chris Fox, Milynda Johnson, Peter Baldacci, Tim Dearing and David King.

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:07 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Confidential Records. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners (Commissioner Cushing via Zoom), Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, PRCC Director Lavoie, Deputy Fitzgerald & Attorney John Hamer / Rudman Winchell. Session ended at 10:55 AM.

**Action Taken** - None

**Executive Session**---Commissioner Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:56 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners (Commissioner Cushing via Zoom), Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, David Hughes / Commercial RE Agent (Zoom), and Matthew Carter / Haley Ward – Zoom. Session ended at 11:06 AM.

**Action Taken** - None

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM with no further business on the agenda. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A 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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Daniel J Tremble, Commissioner

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David S. Marshall, Commissioner