

Roll Call -

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Tremble led the pledge.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Tremble made a motion to approve the June 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Public Comment – None

UT Update -

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- Fiscal Administrator for the State of Maine UT, Harold “Chip” Jones was introduced to the Commission.
 - Mr. Jones has been pushing the UT’s needs due to they have been lacking funding and being neglected. Parents transporting their children to school, a bill has been passed for reimbursement.
 - Tax savings / funding from DOT for bridges and roadwork
 - A meeting will be held in Millinocket tomorrow by appointments for those people living in the UT that object to their recent valuation increases on their properties.
- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the Lee ambulance agreement. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- Director Buswell mentioned that the Drew Township town office building will be going out to RFP to sell.
- Public Hearing / Rocky Mountain Trail Riders / ATV poker Runs for June 21st and August 30th. Chair Cushing opened the hearing @ 9:13 a.m. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 9:14 AM. Commissioner Tremble made a motion to approve the request for Rocky Mountain Trail Riders / ATV poker runs while waiving the \$50 fee. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Public Hearing / Cannabis Opt-In Ordinance/ UT. Chair Cushing opened the hearing @ 9:30. Director Buswell explained the process on the ordinance the application for cannabis – looking for us to Opt-In regarding the following licenses: Sales, Cultivation, Manufacturing and Testing. The Office of Cannabis Policies has oversight of licensing. Sheriff responded by speaking that there are no current concerns with their ordinance. The illegal operations are targeting rural areas. There are still bills in the Maine Legislature still being considered on this topic. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 9:41 AM. Commissioner Tremble made a

Public Hearing – Continued:

motion to approve the “Opt-In” retail since legal wrote up the application. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion for discussion. Upon further consideration, the motion and second were rescinded and the item tabled for July 2nd meeting. The Commission would like to allow time for any new direction from the Maine Legislature. A vote to approve the tabling of the item to the July 2nd meeting was passed 3-0.

- RFP / Prentiss Township Paving Project – Chair Cushing opened the bids. The following eight (8) vendors submitted them by the Monday, June 16th 4:00 PM deadline.

Vendor	Quote
B & B Paving Hermon	\$98 / ton
Northeast Paving Bangor	\$162 / ton
Pike Industries Fairfield	\$169 / ton
Roundy's Paving Newport	\$99.50 / ton
Steelstone Industries Houlton	\$110 / ton
Streets Landscaping & Lawn Care Old Town	\$95 / ton
Vaughn Thibodeau, II Bangor	\$107.97 / ton
Wellman Paving Winterport	\$105 / ton

Commissioner Tremble moved to approve Streets Landscaping and Lawn Care the bid. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

TIF Committee Update –

Dee Williams Director of Maine Stream Finance brought the Commissioner two requests:

- PRCC/Patten Tower Site was discussed. After discussion, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve the recommendation of the TIF committee to approve \$156K, Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Commission will meet with the TIF Committee sometime in July or August after a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Town of Patten/ Patten Ambulance Heavy Duty Pickup Truck was discussed. After discussion, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve recommendation of the TIF committee 60% of \$28,112. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

NWDB –

Executive Director Galan Williamson, NWDB Chairperson Nikki Fletcher, and Youth Workforce Advisor Brianna Lavin presented before the Commission the following:

- Amy Collinsworth was recognized for the work she does in the Katahdin Region.
- Discussion on budgets: the FY2024-2025 has ended and the FY2025-2026 budget has been finalized and just waiting for approval from the State.
- Discussion on personnel changes.
- Discussion on the work being done on the pause of Job Corps. More information will take place today at 3:30 PM whether the pause continues or if funding is reinstated.
- A new policy was updated on the job training reimbursement for the employer who supports the on-the-job-training.
- Workforce policies have been set up for the next four years and submitted to the state for review. MDOL feedback was that was the best four-year plan submitted.
- Discussion on what happens at the federal level and challenges it brings to NWBD.
- A survey was sent to the youth population and 300 responses were received. The majority of the responses stated that their “dream job” was to own their own businesses.
- Youth Workforce Advisor Brianna Lavin reported on her position. EMDC is a core partner with Job Corps which has been out biggest focus. With Job Corp currently placed on pause, Brianna has been working there from discussing what their future can hold.
- The Young Mainer Workforce Program is an online training program which provides a stipend of \$283.
- Success stories were reported.

IT Update -

After reviewing the June 3rd bids for the County’s Website Re-design, Director Tenney provided his recommendation. After discussion, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve Director Tenney’s recommendation of Revize for \$13,600 with the annual cost of \$3,650. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:55 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel GCN 190 - Continuance. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, Attorney John Hamer & Sheriff Morton. Session ended at 11:17 AM

Action Taken – Commissioner Marshall made a motion to deny the grievance; Commissioner Tremble with a 2nd and a 3-0 vote was made.

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:18 AM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel GCN 194 - Benefits. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, Attorney John Hamer & Sheriff Morton. Session ended at 11:40 AM.

Action Taken - Commissioner Marshall made a motion to deny the grievance; Commissioner Tremble with a 2nd and a 3-0 vote was made.

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:41 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, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer, Sheriff Morton, Director MacDonald, Attorney Tim Pease, David Hughes (Real Estate) and Matthew Carter (Architect). Session ended at 12:18 PM

Action Taken - No action taken

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:19 PM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) Contractual Matter. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer and HR Coordinator Snow. Session ended at 12:28 PM

Action Taken – No action taken

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:29 PM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins, HR Director Dyer & Finance Director Palmer. Session ended at 12:34 PM

Action Taken – No action taken

Administrative Update –

Administrator Adkins presented the following:

- Moison Tax Abatement (June 3rd) – Deliberations scheduled for July 2nd meeting.
- Opioid Committee - Progress update
- Our next meetings will be held:
 - Wednesday, July 2nd at 11:00 AM in the Probate Courtroom
 - Wednesday, July 23rd at 10:00 AM in the Probate Courtroom

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant	06.06.25	\$ 407,127.00	06.13.25	\$ 331,404.90
A/P General Fund	06.10.25	\$ 406,010.23	06.17.25	\$ 336,280.14
A/P PRCC Bond	06.10.25	\$ N/A	06.17.25	\$ N/A
A/P Unorg Terr	06.10.25	\$ N/A	06.17.25	\$ 88,674.42
A/P UT TIF	06.10.25	\$ N/A	06.17.25	\$ N/A
A/P ARPA	06.10.25	\$ 72,534.92	06.17.25	\$ 4,032.50

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

Payroll status changes signed for: Brett Crawford, Catherine Bazinet, Charity Hood, Brooklynn Brown, Katarina Christensen, Daniel Saulnier and Tracie Wasson.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 PM. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3 -0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Daniel J Tremble, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner