**Minutes**

PRESENT: Commissioner Brann, Lance Harvell and Clyde Barker

Meeting held by Telephone Conferencing and Mt. Blue TV

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**January 5, 2021 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 3:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:**  Vickie Braley by phone, Jim Desjardins, Donna Perry, Sue Black, Amanda Simoneau, Tim Hardy and Steve Lowell.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

 **Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Compensation and Benefits for Register of Probate: A motion and second to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) (3/0) (Terry/Clyde) Entered at 3:23 p.m. and exited at 3:35 p.m. A motion and second to allow Probate Register to participate in Maine State Retirement. (3/0) (Lance/Clyde)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Election of Chair: A motion and second to nominate Commissioner Brann to be Chair person. (Lance/Clyde) (2/1) Commissioner Barker opposed.**
2. **Mileage Reimbursement for Commissioners: Julie mentioned that the current mileage rate for 2021 is .56 cents a mile. After discussion a motion and second to not be paid for mileage. (Clyde/Terry) (3/0)**
3. **Clerk’s Report: A motion and second to approve the minutes of December 15, 2020. (2/1) (Clyde/Terry) Commissioner Harvell abstained.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report**: There were one payroll warrants, 1 UT, 2 TIF and 1 County warrants. **A motion and second to approve the Treasurer’s report. (3/0) (Clyde/Lance)**
5. **Board of Visitors Annual Report for Detention Center: Commissioner Barker would like to table until the report can be reviewed. (Clyde/Terry) (3/0)**
6. **Paid Leave Benefits for Part-Time Employees**: Julie mentioned that there is a new law that is effective for part-time employees and earned paid leave. She has spoken to the Attorney and it is a gray area. For every 40 hours worked the part-time employee will earn 1 hour of paid leave and the max is 40 hours per year. The current part time employees are the Clerk in the Commissioner’s office and the part-time custodian. They need to have worked 120 days to start earning paid time off.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Sheriff’s Office Contract for Vehicle Maintenance**: The contract was awarded to Farmington Ford but the prices were too high and Sheriff Department went with Randy Keach Auto. Commissioner Brann was ok with it due to lower cost for maintenance.

**MISC:**

1. **Kibby Tower Project:** Tim Hardy gave an update on the process and that there would a few more expenses for complete the project.
2. Commissioner Barker mentioned that he received a letter from North Star Ambulance Service for the UT Budget and he accepts the amount for the budget. Julie stated that the same amount is included in the new UT Budget.

**WARRANTS: Warrants were approved and signed.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion and second to adjourn. (3/0) (Lance/Clyde)**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be January 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

**A recording is available for this meeting.**

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, CLERK