**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell

Commissioner Barker by phone conferencing

Meeting held by Telephone Conferencing and Mt. Blue TV

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**March 2, 2021 Minutes**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:**  Julie Magoon, Vickie Braley, Jim Desjardins, David Rackliffe and Mike Pond

John Welch was on phone conferencing.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 P.M. Lt. David Rackliffe, Equipment Purchase from Stone Garden Funds**: David Rackliffe would like to purchase thermal imagers for the patrol vehicles through the Stone Garden grant and the **County** would be fully reimbursed. **A motion and second to approve the purchase of thermal imagers in the amount of $12,013.00. (3/0) (Lance/Clyde)**

**3:10 P.M. Detention Center John Welch, Donation of Air Compressor to New Sharon:** John Welch stated that the Jail has an air compressor from the old heating system and would like to donate to the New Sharon Fire Department. Sheriff Nichols and Doug Blauvelt are fine with the donation. Commissioner Brann mentioned to possibly put it out to bid to see if other entities are interested inthe item. He would like to have a value on the air compressor. **A motion and second to table until the next meeting (March 16, 2021) and get a value on the item. (3/0) (Terry/Lance)**

**Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) 6 Month Probationary Hearing for U.T. Supervisor: A motion and second to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A). (3/0) (Lance/Terry) Entered at 3:45 p.m. and exited at 3:53 p.m. A motion and second to pay $15,000.00 yearly to Mike Pond starting the next pay period. (2/0) (Lance/Terry)**

**Executive Session: M MRSA 405 (6) (A) Finance Manager, 32.5 Hour Work Week: A motion and second to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) (3/0) (Terry/Lance) Entered at 3:56 p.m. and exited at 4:10 p.m. A motion and second to approve Finance Manager to reduce hours to 32.5 hours per week. (2/0) (Lance/Terry)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerk’s Report: A motion and second to approve the minutes of February 17th and February 23, 2021. (3/0) (Terry/Lance)**
2. **Treasurer Report: There was 1 payroll, 1 TIF, 1UT and 2 county warrants for approval. A motion and second to approve the Treasurer’s report. (3/0) (Terry/Lance**) Vickie mentioned that she had received the draft audit for FY20 and will review and submit any changes.
3. **TIF Ed Scholarship Recommendation, Denny Marble**: Julie had received Denny’s transcript and is in great standing. The TIF Committee approved the Spring Semester in the amount $2,750.00. **A motion and second to approve $2,750.00 for Denny Marble (3/0) (Lance/Terry)**
4. **Detention Center RFP’S:** There are three contracts that will expire in June of this year. They are Pretrial Services, Mental Health and Med-Pro. Julie submitted to Commissioners that notices for bid for Pretrial Services and Mental Health Services. Julie spoke with the Sheriff and Doug and they only receive one proposal for Medical Services each time and Med Pro is proposing an option to renew for 1 year at 3 percent increase**. A motion and second to approve the Med-Pro option and send letter to notify of the renewal. (3/0) (Terry/Lance)**
5. **FY22 Budget Calendar:** Julie has sent letters out to each town for the Caucus which will be held on April 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. April 2, 2021 the budget requests are due and April 20, 2021 the Commissioners will have the budget meeting after their regular meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Signing of Grievance Hearing Decision: It was tabled until the next meeting.

**MISC:**

1. **TIF: Julie mentioned that the next round of TIF funding is starting.**
2. **State of Maine-TIF abatement**: Julie mentioned that she received information from the State that Helix had applied for an abatement and it was approved and that the State is asking the County to send $469,000.00 so they can refund to Helix.
3. Julie mentioned that possibly will open the courthouse to the public on April 5, 2021.
4. **Mike Pond-** Mike mentioned to Commissioners that he would like to put out to bid for the mowing of the cemeteries in the UT and possibly have the mowing done every other week. **A motion and second to approve. (3/0) (Lance/Terry)**
5. **Mike Pond-Road Projections**: Mike submitted to Commissioners a review of the roads and what needs to be repaired. He would like to put out to bid for several culverts for the projects. The total of the projects is $56,267.00. Julie stated that if there are funds still available at end of fiscal year that could be carried forward for the projects if needed.
6. Julie mentioned also that the electric bill for the gravel pit needs to be added to the new contractor’s contract that they would be responsible for a percentage of the bill for keeping their equipment plugged in.
7. Commissioner Brann wanted to make sure everyone knows that the Jay mill will be reassessed and probably looking at a large deduction which will affect County taxes. Julie will provide historical information on what the state assesses the Town of Jay at. Julie stated the assessment will not affect this year’s budget but probably next year’s budget and other towns could make up some of the difference if their assessment increases.

**Warrants were reviewed and signed by Commissioners.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion and second to adjourn. (2/0) (Lance/Terry)**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.**

**Next regular meeting will be March 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

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

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