**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton

Meeting held by Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**August 18, 2022 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 10:00AM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Amy Bernard, Donna Perry, Jim Desjardins, Susan Black, Fen Fowler, Nick Palmer, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Mike Pond, Tim Hardy, Roscoe Grant, Susan Pratt, Rick Strout, Tiffany Baker, Alyssa Tibbetts, Brent West, Elaine Fitch, Margot Joly, Heidi Jordan, Steve Lowell, David Rackliffe, Ryan Hunt, Jared, Kathy, Scott Nichols

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E), Consultation with Legal Council: Motion to enter at 10:01am: (Lance/Bob) (3/0) Exit: 10:46am, no action taken**

**Brief recess until 11:00am.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerk’s Report:** The County Administrator will meet with the town of Rangeley sometime in September to discuss the transfer station cost. State of Maine Dept. of Conservation has sent the county a letter requesting a meeting to go over the Rangeley Lakes zoning plan update, the plan is 22 years old and in need of updating. The County Administrator will meet with them in September as well, and the Commissioners would like to attend. **Motion to accept the clerks report: (Lance/Terry) (2/0/1) Bob was absent from last meeting.**
2. **Treasurer Report:** The County Administrator presented the warrants on behalf of the Treasurer. The following warrants were approved and signed: 2 payroll, 1 TIF, 1 UT, 1 ARPA, 1 County, and two for FY22- 1UT, and 1 County. Also approved and signed were EFT’s for Empower and Sugarloaf. **Motion to accept the Treasurers report: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)**
3. **Requests for benefit adjustments:** The County has been audited by MPERS and determined the county did not offer Maine State Retirement to elected officials. This prompted the Probate registrar to ask for her contribution from January 2021 through May 05, 2022 in the amount of $5,242.68 to be reimbursed. EMA Deputy requested payout of her 1 week vacation for the last two years which was only paid at half of her salary. The County owes her $1500. The Probate judge has requested that she receive flex dollars as described in the employee handbook which states she is entitled to 70% of the full time benefit. The County Administrator recommended this be applied to all elected personnel to be fair. **Motion to approve the above benefit adjustments as requested: (Bob/Lance) (2/1) Terry opposed.**
4. **Sheriff’s Department, Body Cameras/Replacement Dash System:** The Sheriff’s Dept. would like to purchase dash and body cameras in the amount of $110,730. This quote includes a five year warranty. Also proposed was an additional extended 5 year warranty on the 12 dash cameras. In total for 12 dash cameras and 14 body cameras with warranties and equipment, the total would be $161,952. The County Administrator pointed out that the equipment came with a 1 year warranty and the extended warranty can be budgeted for in the next year. **Motion to approve the purchase of body cameras and dash in the amount of $135,260 out of undesignated funds: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)**
5. **Sheriff’s Department, Replacement Cruiser: Motion to put the Sheriff’s cruiser out to bid: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)**
6. **Sheriff’s Department, Approve the Sale of Body Armor and Carrier: Motion to recoup at least 80% of the total cost of $1350 in the sale of body armor to the town of Wilton: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)** Now have an open full time position. **Motion to authorize posting in house for the position, then post externally (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**
7. **ARPA Items**
8. **Open RFP’s for the Security System at Franklin County Jail:**
   1. **CHA- $99,300 (was not inclusive of cost, only design and engineer)**
   2. **Johnson Controls- $798,457.65**
   3. **Minuteman Security- $602,370.51**
9. **Review Proposal previously submitted by the High Peaks Alliance- updated request-$285,000- Brent West will be present.** Still on hold. Will revisit in late September.
10. **Review and approval of Architect Cost from RFQ- Port City-$32,000- see attached.** Motion to sign the architect proposal for $32,000: (Lance/Bob) Motion rescinded. **Motion to approve a review by legal counsel and authorize the Chair to sign the proposal: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**
11. **Update on Architect timeline for medical addition to the Jail-Design and Cost estimates.**
12. **Other: Sue Pratt asked the Board how she should respond to denials. The group decided that sending a letter was appropriate as a response.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Road salt issue came up, used to belong to AVCOG and would like to look at rejoining. Commissioner Brann requested we see what the savings would be with joining.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Warrants:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm**

**Next regular meeting will be September 6 at 3:15pm**

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

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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