**Minutes**

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

The meeting was held via Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**March 14, 2023, Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 2:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Fen Fowler, Sarah Caton, Sara Bickford, Scott Nichols, Steve Lowell, Doug Blauvelt, Amanda Simoneau, Brad Timberlake, David St. Laurent, Susan Black, Heidi Jorda, Diane Dunham, Nick Palmer, David Rackliffe, Pamela Prodan, Tim Hardy, Charlie Woodworth, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, MBTV, Tara Marble, Tiffany Wing, John Rosenwald

**Virtual:** Marlene Bradley, Jim Desjardins, Victoria Parker, Elaine Fitch, Neil Mc Lean,

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **FY24 Budget Review:**
   1. **Superior Court: Motion to approve: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
   2. **EMA: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   3. **District Attorney: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   4. **Commissioners: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   5. **Treasurer: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   6. **Technical Services: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   7. **Courthouse: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   8. **Jail: Motion to hire one of two requested Officers and amend the budget to represent 3% COLA for nonunion: Lance/Terry (3/0)**
   9. **Deeds: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   10. **Probate: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   11. **Sheriff’s Department: Motion to approve hiring one of the three requested Deputies, amend nonunion to 3%, and purchase the additional vehicle with ARPA funds: Lance/Terry (3/0)**
   12. **Dispatch: Motion to amend the budget to represent 3% COLA: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
   13. **County Wide:**
2. **Insurance: Motion to approve: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
3. **Extension: Motion to approve: Bob/Lance (2/1) Terry opposed**
4. **Soil and Water: Motion to approve $24,000: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
5. **Children’s Task Force: Motion to approve $1.00: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
6. **Adult and Community Education: Motion to approve $10,000: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
7. **Western Maine Community Action: Motion to approve $1.00: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed**
8. **Seniors Plus: Motion to approve $10,000: Lance/Bob (2/1) Terry opposed.**
9. **Sexual Assault (SAPARS): Motion to approve $5,000: Lance/Terry (2/1) Bob opposed.**
10. **Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice: Motion to approve $30,000: Lance/Bob (2/1) Terry opposed**
11. **Heavens Cupboard: Motion to approve $0.00: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
12. **Greater Franklin Development: Motion to approve $1.00: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
13. **Franklin County Firemens: Motion to approve $3,700: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
14. **Debt Services Principle and Interest: Motion to approve: Lance/Bob (3/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. **ARPA presentations will be on the March 21st meeting.**

**Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: County Administrator Contract: Motion to enter: Lance/Bob (3/0) Entered at 4:12 pm, Exit: 4:46 pm. Motion to approve and sign Amy Bernard’s employment contract for three years, three months, and 16 days: Lance/Bob (3/0)**

**WARRANTS:** None presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm**

**The next regular meeting will be on March 21, 2023**

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

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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