**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell (absent), Commissioner Carlton

The meeting was held via Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**April 18, 2023 Minutes**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Sara Bickford, Tim Hardy, Amanda Simoneau, Jim Desjardins, Doug Blauvelt, Brad Timberlake, Susan Pratt, Susan Black, Fen Fowler, Mike Pond MBTV

**Virtual:** Mike Edes, Elaine Fitch

**APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner to the State Claims Commission:** This item was missed. Will review at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerks Report:** Minutes from April 4, 2023 and April 10, 2023 were presented for approval and signature. Mentioned two new hires for the Corrections Department and giving Mary Richards a rate increase due to covering the Finance position while we hire a replacement. **Motion to approve the clerks report and minutes presented: Bob/Terry (2/0)**
2. **Treasurers Report:** No report provided.
3. **Award RFP for Jail Generator: The county received two bids, one from PowerPoint Generator, and one from Electrical Systems of Maine.** Doug needs more time to review the pricing options, and meet with the vendors. Doug will come back with a recommendation at the next meeting.
4. **Award the bids for Medical, Mental Health, and PreTrial Services:** Received one bid each, Alternative Corrections bid for mental and medical health services in the amount of $345,444 and Maine Pretrial Services bid in the amount of $83,702. **Motion to award the medical and mental health services to Alternative Corrections in the amount of $345,444: Bob/Terry (2/0) Motion to award the pretrial services to Maine Pretrial Services in the amount of $83,702: Bob/Terry (2/0)**
5. **May 1 Medical Services Transition:** Due to inconsistent coverage, we have given MedPro a 30 day termination notice. The county will begin using Alternative Correctional Healthcare beginning on May 1, 2023 and services will continue through the new fiscal year per the agreement. **Motion to approve the transition to Alternative Corrections Healthcare beginning May 1, 2023: Bob/Terry (2/0)**
6. **I Am Responding Contract:** Tim presented information on the 5-year contract for I am Responding. The county agrees to pay annual installments in the amount of $7,631 for the next 5 years. **Motion to accept the new contract at an annual cost of $6,631: Bob/Terry (2/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Vehicle Use Policy:** Sheriff Nichols talked with Ron Smith briefly last Thursday. Nichols requested the Commissioners hold off as they have another meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the policy and IRS rules in more detail. Commissioner Carlton suggested they table the item to the next meeting when all three Commissioners will be present, and the Sheriff will have a chance to further discuss this with our auditor.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Mike Pond stood before the Commissioners and presented quotes on culverts for the UT from Lane Enterprises, Portland Pipe, and Paris Farmers Union. Mike stated that Avcog has not yet provided pricing, however he believes the pricing he is providing from these vendors will closely match Avcogs price. Mike asked the Commissioners for permission to purchase culverts. Commissioner Carlton stated that Amy needs to be present for these decisions, therefore we needed to wait. In addition, Mike provided the bids he would like to have go out to the public which includes projects in Madrid, East Madridge, Cook Hill, and Freeman Ridge. The Commissioners will wait until Amy Bernard, UT Manager, returned, and these bids could be reviewed.
2. **ARPA:** Sue informed the county that the ARPA report which was due at the end of April has been completed and submitted.
3. The Commissioners presented Tim Hardy a clock in recognition of his 19 years of service with the county. Tim was very appreciative, and the audience stood in recognition.
4. **Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Doug Blauvelt**

**Motion to enter at 10:31 am: Bob/Terry (2/0) Exit: 11:20 am. No action taken.**

**WARRANTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am**

**The next regular meeting will be on May 2, 2023**

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

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