**Minutes**

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

The meeting was held via Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**May 2, 2023 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 3:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Brad Timberlake, Sue Black, Sue Pratt, Nick Palmer, Pamela Prodan, Fen Fowler, Donna Perry, Jim Desjardins, Scott Nichols, John Welch, Steve Lowell, Doug Blauvelt, David St. Laurent, Sara Bickford, MBTV, Amanda Simoneau, Annie Twitchell, Mike Pond, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker

**Virtual:** Elaine Fitch, Vicroria Parker, Bob Carlton

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Commissioner to the State Claims Commission: Motion to appoint Lance Harvell as a Commissioner to the State Claims Commission: (Terry/Bob) (3/0)**

**Opioid Settlement Committee Members:** The committee needs seven members including Scott Nichols and Lance Harvell, both with proxys. We received five requests to sit on the committee. Those requests were from LeAnn Lavoie, Keith Amato, Ross Isack, Stacy Austin, and Bonita Tompkins. **Motion to appoint the five mentioned members to the Opioid Settlement Committee: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerks Report: Motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2023 and the Clerks report: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**
2. **Treasurers Report:** For signature and approval 1 AP for the County and 1 AP for the UT warrant. UT revenues from the state of Maine, received 4th quarter payment last week. **Motion to accept the Treasurers report: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**
3. **Award RFP for Jail Generator:** Recommend accepting the bid from Electrical Systems of Maine at $158,000. **Motion to send the expense to the Budget Committee: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**
4. **Summerfest, Request to Reserve the Parking Lot:** Annually request to block off the parking lot for food vendors during the Summerfest celebration. This year it will be held on the weekend of July 22nd. **Motion to allow the use of the courthouse parking lot for food vendors the weekend of July 22, 2023: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Vehicle Use Policy:** Continued disagreement among both parties regarding family members being allowed to ride in county vehicles on and off duty. **Motion to table until the next meeting: (Lance/Terry) (3/0)**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. **UT Road Work:** The commissioners determined the culverts need to be stored at County Way along with the trailer. Avcog is currently out to bid for culverts. **Motion to pull the overload signs on May 8, 2023: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)**
2. **District Attorney Updates: Neil informed the Commissioners there is a state wide back log of cases and there is an initial plan for the roughly 2700 cases during the week of May 19-26 window. They plan to be creative in their approach to move through these cases efficiently and effectively. Their focus will be to move the smaller cases through to allow for more attention to larger cases.**
3. **Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: HR Complaint: Motion to enter executive session at 5:05 pm: (Lance/Bob) (3/0) Exit: 5:23 pm**

**WARRANTS: 1 County AP, 1 UT AP, 1 payroll**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm**

**The next regular meeting will be on May 16, 2023**

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

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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