

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton

The meeting was held via Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

August 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 9:00 AM
Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Fen Fowler, Betsy Sawyer, Donna Perry, John Rosenwall, Perry Elsworth, Nathan Hiltz, Dennis O'Neil, James Trundy, Terry Bergeron, Gary McGrane, Stephen Bunker, Dale, Judy, Mary Redmond-Luce, Richard and Shirley Waddell, Annie Twitchell, Scott Landry, David Rackliffe, Steve Lowell, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, Susan Pratt, Pamela Prodan, Heidi Jordan (virtual), Sue Black, Amanda Simoneau (virtual), Charlie Woodworth, MBTV,

Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: LUPC Interviews

Motion to enter at 9:02 a.m.: Bob/Terry (2/0) Exit: 9:52 a.m. Action taken below under appointment.

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment of LUPC Member:

Motion to appoint Tom DuBois to the Land Use Planning Commission: Lance/Bob (3/0)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerks Report

Motion to Accept Clerks Report: (Bob/Lance) (3/0)

2. Treasurers Report

The following municipalities have paid their taxes: Avon, Dallas Plantation, Industry, Kingfield, New Vineyard, Phillips, and Rangeley. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report: (Lance/Bob) (3/0)

- #### **3. Nonprofit Funding:**
- The public wanted an opportunity to speak regarding funding the nonprofit organizations. Town and nonprofit representatives expressed their disappointment in not receiving initial funding that was approved by through the Budget Committee process. The Commissioners voted on the nonprofits which did not receive funding in the initial pay out.

Motion to approve paying the warrant covering the Childrens Task Force, Adult Education, WMCA, Seniors Plus, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Western Maine Transportation in the amount of \$176,100 in addition to Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice: Bob/Lance (2/1) Terry opposed.

- 4. Firewall Upgrades: Motion to approve an upgrade to the firewall in the amount of \$14,650 which has a life span of 6-8 years: Bob/Lance (3/0)**

- 5. Benefit Analysis and Recommendation: Motion to approve the new benefits plan which includes 100% employer paid individual health insurance coverage and 85% employer paid for employee plus dependent coverage for health, and an either or retirement match: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
Motion to approve the County Administrator administer the process of opening collective bargaining agreements under the guidance of legal: Lance/Bob (3/0)
Motion to approve the longevity increase for nonunion employees who have reached 15+ years on the salary structure: Bob/Lance (2/1) Terry opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

EMA Hazzard Mitigation Plan: Motion to approve and sign the Hazzard Mitigation Plan: Bob/Lance (3/0)

WARRANTS:

AP County, UT, Payroll from last period, Nonprofit warrants

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 12:21 PM (Bob/Lance) (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____, CLERK