

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

February 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harvell at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Marlene Bradley, Jessica Brown, Sue Black, Susan Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, Donna Perry, Judge Margot Joly, Jim Desjardins, David Rackliff, Sara Bickford, Fen Fowler, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, Pam Prodan and Jamie Sullivan

APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Clerks Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
2. **Treasurers Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
3. **Review Job Descriptions for: Bookkeeper, Custodian and Road Commissioner – Motion to approve job descriptions for Bookkeeper, Custodian and Road Commissioners: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
4. **Request for Authorization for Probate Judge to speak with Bangor Payroll –** Judge Joly requested to speak with Bangor Payroll regarding her payroll matters only, however, Bangor Payroll only processes the information provided by the County that is entered directly into their system. Granting permission for her to speak with Bangor Payroll may create an influx of calls from County employees to Bangor Payroll, when essentially most, if not all, can be answered in house. **No Action Taken**
5. **Commissioner's Budget Review Date – Date for Commissioner's to review the Budget set for March 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**
6. **AED Purchase for Courthouse –** Commissioner Carlton requested that the County look into the purchase of an AED for the Courthouse in case of an emergency. The estimated cost for said AED would be \$750.00, along with an additional cost for the charging station. There is also an annual inspection fee. Once purchased, the County employees would then need to be trained. **Motion to purchase AED for the Courthouse: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
7. **Chain of Pond MDOT Bridge -** The National Historic Preservations Act requests the MDOT to ask for interested parties to become a consulting party, in the event of replacing infrastructure. According to the e-mail sent, an interested party is an individual or organization with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. **Motion to add the County as a consulting party to the Chain of Ponds MDOT Bridge Project: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Real Estate Tax Portal Letter to Maine Revenue Service** – The Maine Registrars of Deeds have concerns regarding the Maine Revenue Service's real estate tax portal begins set to begin October 2024. Questions are being raised as to the collection of transfer tax and transfer tax forms and software changes. The Registrar of Deeds is requesting the Commissioner's send a letter to the Maine Revenue Services requesting that they be in contact and communicate directly with each Counties Registrar of Deeds. **Motion to send letter to Maine Revenue Services: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. **LUPC Nomination for Franklin County** – A hearing will be held on February 14, 2024 at 10:00 to confirm Tom Dubois as Franklin County's LUPC representative. Commissioners would like to send a letter requesting a delay in final deliberations and action on the Wolfden Rezoning Petition until such a time as Franklin County is represented. **Motion to send letter to LUPC to request a delaying of the vote on the Wolfden Rezoning Petition: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

WARRANTS: UT, County A/P

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. Terry/Bob (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.

Bob Audi

Terry Brans

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ATTEST: Amy R. B..., CLERK