

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

January 16, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Sue Black, Susan Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, Donna Perry, Dana Bowman, John Rogers, Annie Twitchell, Jim Desjardens, Ryan Close, David Rackliff, Kat Whitney, Sara Bickford, Amanda Simoneau, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, Pam Prodan and Jamie Sullivan

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Appointment of Director for MCCA Risk Pool - Motion was made to appoint Bob Carlton as the Director for MCCA Risk Pool and Amy Bernard as the proxy: Lance/Terry (3/0)**
2. **Appointment of Director for AVCOG - Motion was made to appoint Amy Bernard as Director for AVCOG: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
3. **Appointment of Director for MCCA - Motion was made to appoint Bob Carlton as the Director for MCCA and Tiffany Baker as the proxy: Lance/Terry (3/0)**
4. **Appointment of Director for the Maine Labor Board – Motion was made to appoint Terry Brann as Director for the Maine Labor Board: Lance/Bob (2/1) Terry Brann abstained.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Clerks Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
2. **Treasurers Report –** The Treasurer reported that 8 out of the 12 Municipalities as of January 16, 2024 have paid their 2nd ½ of their County Taxes. Those Towns that have paid include: Chesterville, \$107,470.45, Dallas Plantation, \$126,048.58, Eustis, \$166,355.05, Jay \$354,761.53, New Sharon, \$104,742.12, New Vineyard, \$78,310.86, Rangeley, \$536,948.38 and Temple, \$45,314.49. This amounts to 38% of the dollar amount due in second payments from Municipalities for year 2023-2024. Payments are due by February 1, 2024. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
3. **Set New Rates for Stone Garden –** The Sheriff's Department is requesting an increase in the payrate from \$50.00 per hour to \$55.00 per hour – **Motion to increase Stone Garden payrate from \$50.00 per hour to \$55.00 per hour: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
4. **Request Authorization to use State Preferred Vendor for Safety School Grant –** Permission was requested to use A3 Communications as a preferred vendor for the Safety School Grant. A3 Communications is looking to improve communication and implement mass notification and keycard systems implemented within the school systems. **Motion to approve A3 Communications as a preferred vendor: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

5. **Finance Services Transition** – A discussion was had with respect to the County's current CPA Firm, Berry, Talbot & Royer not continuing to provide the County with accounting services. There is one CPA firm considering taking on some tasks. Therefore, there is a need to hire a Bookkeeper in-house. **Motion to authorize the posting of the Bookkeeper position pending the Commissioner's accepting the revised job description via: e-mail. Note, this will be brought back to the Commissioner's for formal approval and motion.**
6. **Courthouse Security** – This matter was tabled pending further investigation of services.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **NRCM Authorization for Sign-on Letter** - Motion was made to withdraw support of the NRCM
2. **LUPC Nomination for Franklin County** – Franklin County Commissioner Carlton presented Tom Dubois to be Franklin County's LUPC representative. A hearing was held and ultimately Mr. Dubois was not voted in as Franklin County's Representative. **Motion was made to re-nominate Tom Dubois as Franklin County's LUPC representative: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
3. **North Franklin Snowmobile Club's TIF Application** – North Franklin Snowmobile Club's TIF Application was received as promised. Members from the North Franklin Snowmobile Club attended the meeting to give an update on the trails. TIF funds we used for a temporary fix to open the snowmobile trails. They reported the trails are open.

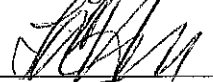
MISCELLANEOUS: None

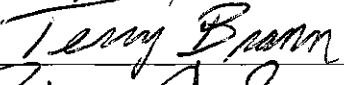
WARRANTS: UT, County A/P and County Payroll


Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Road Supervisor - Motion to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Road Supervisor at 4:35 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0); Motion to End Executive Session at 5:08 p.m.: Bob/Lance (3/0) – No Action taken

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Bob/Terry (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.







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ATTEST: 

CLERK

2/6/24