

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

May 7, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Susan Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, Louise Hiltz, Marc Roy, Jim Desjardins, MBTV, Fen Fowler, Jeff Gilbert, Donna Perry, Jake Nichols, Pam Prodan, Heidi Jordan, Scott Nichols, Richard Morton, Amanda Simoneau, Sarah Caton, Renee Whitley, John Donald, Doug Blauvelt, Craig Zurhorst, Robert Lightbody, Amy Bernard, Jamie Sullivan, and Brenda Bitle

APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clerk's Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 3. FY2025 Budget – Motion to accept the Franklin County FY2025 Budget for \$7,377,397: Lance/Terry (No Vote), Motion to withdraw prior Motion: Lance/Terry (3/0), Motion to accept the Franklin County Budget for \$7,477,397 with the addition of \$100,000 added to County Wide to offset the DOL increases in minimum wage for exempt employees: Lance/Terry (3/0), Motion to accept FY2025 Jail Budget for \$3,139,395 Lance/Bob (3/0)**
- 4. Sheriff's Building – Heat – Franklin** The furnace at the Sheriff's office was acting up. Upon inspection from Franklin Home Services, they determined the boiler was cracked and was emitting carbon monoxide into the office. The cost to replace the heating/cooling system was approximately \$12,000. We received a quote from Dave's World, who installed the heat pump units at the Courthouse. Their quote was \$3,165.89 for an 18000 BTU unit and \$3,465 for a 24000 BTU unit, with a 12-year warranty of \$2,550, which included the cost of labor, materials, and permits required to complete installation – **Motion to purchase a 24000 BTU unit, with a 12-year warranty of \$2,550 from Dave's World for a cost of \$6015.00 to come from the building reserve fund: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
- 5. Transition to Nationwide Authorizations** – The Commissioners voted to move our 457/401A funds from Empower to Nationwide in February, 2024. Multiple documents will be required to be signed for this transfer to occur – **Motion to authorize County Administrator to sign transitional documents for the County: Bob (No Vote), Motion for Commissioners to sign transitional documents for the County: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 6. ARPA Interest at Franklin Savings Bank** – Pam Prodan discussed the benefit of moving the interest from the ARPA funds to the Operating Fund at Androscoggin Bank which has a better interest rate – **No Action Taken**

7. **Large Animal Signage and Highway Rehabilitation** — The Department of Transportation will be making repairs that will require the use of construction equipment that exceed the legal weight limits. The DOT is required to get municipalities to sign an agreement allowing the contractor to use overweight equipment and loads on municipal way – **Motion to sign Large Animal Signage & Highway Rehabilitation: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

OLD BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. **Next Commissioner’s Meeting – Motion to Commissioner’s Meeting on May 14, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Interview Road Supervisor – Motion to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Interview Road Supervisor at 4:29 p.m.: Bob/Lance (3/0); Motion to End Executive Session at 5:01 p.m.: Bob/Lance (3/0) – No Action Taken


Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Jail Disciplinary Matter– Motion to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter: Jail Disciplinary Matter at 5:05 p.m.: Lance/Terry (3/0); Motion to End Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.: Lance/Terry (3/0)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. Bob/Lance (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.





FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ATTEST:  CLERK