

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA**

**LOCATION:** Franklin County Superior Courtroom

**DATE AND TIME:** January 2, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

**The Franklin County Commissioners' meetings are open to the public.** This meeting is also available virtually via Video Conferencing, Cloud Phone, Webinars, Chat, Virtual Events | Zoom. Here is the meeting ID# 492 510 0482 passcode 030621.

**APPOINTMENTS: Appoint a Chairperson for 2024**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Clerks Report**
- 2. Treasurers Report**
- 3. Strategic Planning RFQ**
- 4. Emergency Use of TIF Funds for Trail Repair**
- 5. Langtown Plowing**
- 6. EMA December Storm Update**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Orbeton Stream Bridge Update**

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

### **WARRANTS:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

## County Commissioners Meeting

### Agenda Discussion and Analysis

January 2, 2024

**Appointments: Appoint a chairperson for 2024.**

#### **Agenda Item: Clerks Report**

**Comments:** The minutes for the December 21, 2023, Commissioners meeting are enclosed in your packet for your review. Please let us know if you see any errors or have made any changes.

- **Rehire for Corrections on 12/27: Jason Hamlin**
- **Reinvestment of \$505,980.36 in ARPA funds in a 4-week CDAR at 3.8%**
- **Wentworth would like to apply for a water grant on behalf of the county to potentially gain funding for the Bubier Road bridge project in Salem Township. 10% of the award will go to Wentworth for application of the grant.**
- **Rangeley has offered to provide waste removal services for residents of Coplin Plt. until the bridge is repaired.**

**Recommendation: Motion:** Accept the minutes for the December 21, 2023, Franklin County Commissioner's meeting as complete and accurate.

#### **Agenda Item: Strategic Planning RFQ Recommendation**

**Comments:** The RFQ was due on December 29, 2023. The county received 10 proposals. The Strategic Planning Committee is meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will present a recommendation.

**Recommendation: Motion: None**

#### **Agenda Item: Emergency Use of TIF Funds for Trail Repair**

**Comments:** The High Peaks Alliance reached out to Bob regarding the recent damage to the snowmobile trail systems and asked him to attend an emergency meeting on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> in Strong. Bob would like to have a discussion amongst the group about the potential opportunity to utilize TIF funds to apply to storm damage.

**Recommendation: Motion: None**

**Agenda Item: Langtown Plowing**

**Comments:** Bob spoke with Danny Barker from Coplin Plt. regarding plowing plans due to Rt. 16 being blocked off because of the recent storm. Andy Brann plows Coplin, Rt. 16, and Langtown, and could store a truck on the other side of the closed bridge to easily access the Kennebago Road should a storm arise. It was confirmed with Andy that a truck will be stored in the DOT garage for use when it's necessary to plow the area.

**Recommendation: Motion: None**

**Agenda Item: EMA December Storm Update**

**Comments:** Amanda will present an update on the December storm. The estimated damages totaled \$48,135 with the information that Sara and Mike collected and submitted to FEMA on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Recommendation: Motion: None**

## Tiffany Baker

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**From:** Bob Carlton <Bob@freemanridgeforestry.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2023 8:01 AM  
**To:** Amy Bernard; Tiffany Baker  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Snowmobile Club Meeting 12/28  
**Attachments:** 410730272\_1030105674953416\_1217133462218169981\_n.jpg; 411129258\_1037627347353117\_2644984204314036529\_n.jpg; 413914370\_6951310004956272\_420922866040219853\_n.jpg; 412402773\_355404753854146\_6537454677259705675\_n.jpg; 406195329\_373636258478781\_7860082692380143594\_n.jpg

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Brent called me and asked me to attend.  
We should take a look at the tiff and see where we can apply tiff \$ to damage in the UT.  
Don't worry I'm not going to make any promises.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** Brent West <brent@highpeaksalliance.org>  
**Date:** 12/22/23 6:41 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** napadude66@hotmail.com, stedman.matt@jdirving.com, "Higgins, Joe" <Joe.Higgins@maine.gov>, "Turner, James" <James.Turner@maine.gov>, Bob Carlton <Bob@freemanridgeforestry.com>, Scott Landry <scottlandry78@gmail.com>, Russell Black <russellblack@juno.com>, Brady's Snowmobile <bradysysnowmobile@gmail.com>, Rob Martin <rmartin@kennebec lumber.com>, johnpines@roadrunner.com, Erik Poland <erikpoland100@gmail.com>, koobsgarage@gmail.com, hotwheels02346@yahoo.com, sno\_wanderers@yahoo.com, info@summithomesrangeley.com, rlsc treasurers@gmail.com, dwb681@yahoo.com, wtrider440@gmail.com, John <john.rogers1120@gmail.com>, "Woodlandwandererssc@gmail.com" <woodlandwandererssc@gmail.com>, ciogirls@gmail.com, jcaboats@yahoo.com, davidcarygeneralcarpentry@gmail.com, jimsorenson77@gmail.com, pkennedy1@aol.com, Dana Bowman <dbowman3397@yahoo.com>, Frankduggan128@gmail.com, rexfordmechanical@gmail.com, James Cote <jmccotecompany@gmail.com>, Christopher Richards <maineguidechris@gmail.com>, davidgreely@tds.net, thetrantens@tds.net, bookah@tds.net, john58nelson@gmail.com, william.cafereelli25@gmail.com, John Evans <yotaworker@tds.net>, Roger Lambert <rogerlambert684@gmail.com>, Milt Baston <bastonmiltk@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Emergency Snowmobile Club Meeting 12/28

Good Evening,

I am writing to you to share the details of the emergency snowmobile club meeting that is scheduled for next week. The flood that recently happened has knocked out many major bridges (some pics attached) and left the snowmobile trail system in a mess. We have worked with many clubs over the years to help write grants, create maps, and deal with access issues.

Thursday 12/28 at 6:30 pm the High Peaks Alliance is hosting a regional snowmobile club meeting at the Strong Town Office. The town office is located at 14 South Main Street, Strong ME (across from the White Elephant). Please note the bridge that crosses the Sandy River from Route 4 is closed due to storm damage.

Here is a google link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LdJL6AaixCc4MBKD9>

We have confirmed 15 of our region's snowmobile clubs will attend the meeting. We will have representatives from MSA and the state of Maine. Our local legislators and a county commissioner are attending.

We ask you to come ready to mark a map of major infrastructure problems. We will have a regional snowmobile map ready for this purpose.

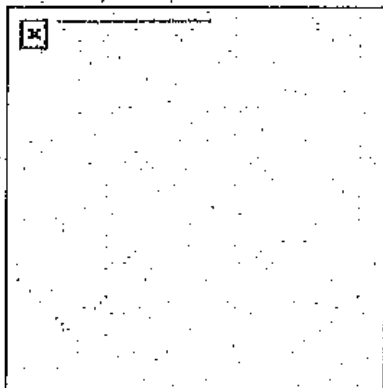
Please email me with any agenda items you may want to bring up in a group of this kind. We hope to achieve three goals:

1. Actions to deal with most pressing problems the regional system is faced with for this snowmobile season.
2. Creating a system for communication to coordinate this approach
3. Discuss long term funding for snowmobile clubs

Please forward with club members that should be included in this conversation. My phone number is listed below if anyone needs it.

Thank you,

Brent West  
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## **Tiffany Baker**

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**From:** Amanda Simoneau  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2023 1:44 PM  
**To:** Tiffany Baker; Sara Bickford  
**Subject:** RE: County Road Damage Update

Good Afternoon,

Here is our update:

As of December 29, 2023 the totals for Franklin County Preliminary Damage Assessment Submissions are at \$3,091,393.58. We are in the beginning stages of validation of the numbers submitted, in hopes that the Disaster Declaration can quickly move to the Presidents desk. The UT numbers submitted are at \$48,135.00. As we move forward, we will continue to share the next steps with you.

We will be out of the office both Tuesday and Wednesday as we work with FEMA and MEMA to validate the submissions.

Thanks,  
Amanda

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Hi Amanda,

In case you are unavailable, can you do a brief write up for the Commissioners to review?

Thanks,

**Tiffany Baker,**  
**SHRM-CP**  
(She, her, hers)  
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