

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
Dover-Foxcroft, ME**

**Minutes
8:30 a.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their February 7, 2017 meeting. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
2. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the County expenditures in the amount of \$21,277.94. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$26,827.96. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$2,783.73. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for February 9, 2017 in the amount of \$114,824.57. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved liquor license renewal for Northern Pride Lodge located in the unorganized territory of Frenchtown and owned by Wayne and Barbara Plummer. Sheriff John Goggin stated he reviewed the application and informed the Commissioners he would recommend the approval. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners discussed the provision of future audit services with Christopher Backman, representing RHR Smith and Company. The Commissioners agreed to sign a contract with RHR Smith and Company for another 3 years and will give their official vote on March 7, 2017 when they will be given the new contract.
8. Department Head:
 - a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte –
 - The County Law Enforcement Task Force held its second meeting on Feb. 16, and continues to focus on police staffing issues, primarily the shortage of qualified police officers for open positions. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16.
 - The County Manager and Commissioner Erkkinen will attend the Future Think Tank Workshop in Greenville on March 9-10 to discuss development of the Moosehead Lake Regional Master Plan.
 - The paperwork to renew the County's Line of Credit with Camden National Bank is in order and attorney David Gray will attend the next meeting on March 7 have the documents signed.

- The state Legislature's committee on State and Local Government has yet to schedule a hearing on the proposed deorganization of the Town of Atkinson.
- b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – no comment
- c. Jail Administrator, Maria Landry – no comment
- d. Sheriff, John Goggin – did not attend
- e. EMA Director, Tom Capraro
 - a safety meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2017 for the committee to review the final draft of the Emergency Response Manual. Once the committee approves it, then it will be presented to the Commissioners to review, approve and sign.
 - On February 27th, Director Capraro will be conducting a tabletop exercise in Milo for the Milo and Brownville Fire Departments
 - On March 9th Director Capraro will be attending a meeting with the River Flow Advisory Committee to begin checking snow and water depths in preparation of Spring thaw
- f. Probate Register Donna Peterson – did not attend
- g. Deeds Register, Linda Smith – did not attend
- h. DA Administrative, Chris Almy - did not attend
- i. Head of Maintenance Josh York – did not attend

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 am M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0