

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 16, 2017

Dover-Foxcroft, ME

Minutes

8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their May 2, 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 \$30,185.26. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$14,442.31. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V:3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$33,929.06. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for May 4, 2017 in the amount of \$124,548.33. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners discussed and approved liquor license renewal for Penobscot Outdoor Center located in the unorganized township of T2R9 Wels and owned by New England Whitewater Center. Sheriff John Goggin reviewed the application and stated he recommended the renewal. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved liquor license renewal for Mt. Kineo Golf Course, owned by Mt. Kineo Golf Course LLC, manager, Elwood Doran. Sheriff John Goggin reviewed the application and recommended the renewal. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license renewal for Gorman Chairback Lodge and Cabins in T7, R9 NWP, owned by AMC Maine Woods Initiative LLC, Dan Rinard, manager. Sheriff John Goggin reviewed the application and recommended the renewal. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license renewal for North Wood Trading Post located in the unorganized territory of T1R9 and owned by Thomas M. and Sandra Bell. Sheriff John Goggin reviewed the application and recommended the renewal. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners opened bids for the ditching and culvert replacements in Elliottsville twp., but did not award the contract and tabled their final decision.



**JIM BENNETT
BENNETT CONSTRUCTION**

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S
ELLIOTTSVILLE TWP.
ELLIOTTSVILLE ROAD & BODFISH VALLEY**

**ALL WORK AS DESCRIBED IN THE ELLIOTTSVILLE ROAD PROJECT AS
PROPOSED BY PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

\$10,350.00

**JIM BENNETT
5/15/2017**

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PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

BID FOR DITCHING 1.8 MILES OF ROAD, REPLACE 15 DRIVEWAY CULVERTS & PULL SHOULDERS. PRICE OF \$38750.00 TO COMPLETE WORK AS REQUIRED.

PRICE OF DITCHING 1.8 MILES OF ROAD, REPLACE 15 DRIVEWAY CULVERTS & PULL SHOULDERS BY THE HOUR EXCAVATOR @ \$100.00 P/HR., 14 YD TRUCKS @ \$68.00 P/HR. DOZER @ \$65.00 P/ HR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

WILLIAM W. LONDON & SON, INC.

Due to the fact that there was such a big difference between the bids, the County Commissioners

asked County Manager, Tom Lizotte to be in contact with Mr. London and Mr. Bennett to review the work for the ditching and culvert replacements and to make sure they understood what the job required. The Commissioners stated they would be in contact with Tom on the 17th to review his conversations with the individual contractors.

County Manager

From: County Manager [countymanager@piscataquis.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:36 AM
To: 'J. White Gunsmithing'; 'Jim Annis'; 'wayne erkkinen'
Subject: Road work bids

Commissioners,

I have been able to contact Jim Bennett from Bennett Construction in Guilford, and Bill London from London & Son in Milo, regarding their bids for the ditching and culvert replacement in Elliottsville Twp. Bennett bid \$10,350 and London's bid was \$38,750 for ditching 1.8 miles of road, replacing 16 culverts and pulling the shoulders back to the road level.

Both bidders confirmed they had received the county's written bid specification sheet from road agent Carl Henderson. London accompanied Henderson on a site tour of the project, and although Bennett did not do so, he did view the site beforehand and is familiar with the roads in question.

Comments from Bennett: He feels most of the work will require minimal ditching. He based his bid on a plan to cut the shoulder and then roll it back using a grader. He felt replacing the driveway culverts would be routine. Although Bennett has not done recent work for Piscataquis County, he was previously road commissioner for the Town of Parkman for 18 years and currently does all summer road maintenance for the Town of Abbot.

Comments from London: His ditching bid would use an excavator, dump trucks and a bulldozer, rather than relying on a grader. This different approach appears to be the largest variable in the competing bids. As to Bennett's low bid, London said, "If Jim can do it for that, it's one heck of a deal for the County."

Comments from road agent Carl Henderson: He doesn't see how Bennett can do the job for \$10,350. Replacing the culverts alone would cost close to that.

Comments from paving consultant Roger Picard: Bennett's bid is way, way too low to do the job right. London's previous ditching work for county paving projects in Williamsburg, Orneville and Barnard was excellent.

The bid specs did include a clause stating: "Piscataquis County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids to be in the County's best interest."

Let me know your thoughts about making this bid award and I will contact the winning bidder.

Tom Lizotte
Piscataquis County Manager

MAY 17, 2017

After the Commissioners reviewed the findings, they voted to award the bid to James Bennett.
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11. Piscataquis County Commissioners renewed the snowplowing contract for Moosehead Junction, Big Moose and Harfords Point with Mike Theriault Construction for a three-year term. This new contract was accepted for the same amount as Mr. Theriault's previous contract. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
12. Piscataquis County Commissioners renewed the snowplowing contract for the Court House complex with Penquis Surge, Inc. for a three-year term. This new contract will continued at the same rate as their previous contract. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
13. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and signed a pole permit from Center Maine Power Co. and FairPoint New England to be placed in Frenchtown. The poles will be located on the Lily Bay Road and Frenchtown Road – 27,515 feet. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
14. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and signed a pole permit from Center Maine Power Co. and FairPoint New England to be placed in Frenchtown. The poles will be located on the Lily Bay Road and Frenchtown Road – 22,425 feet. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
- 15 . Department Head:
 - a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte
 - Requests for bids on fuel oil and gasoline have been sent to local dealers and will be opened at the June 20 Commissioners' meeting.
 - The County Manager and Commissioner Erkkinen attended two meetings last week in Greenville: on May 8 to hear the rollout of the Moosehead Lake regional strategic action plan by future IQ, and on May 10 to learn about plans by the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce to transition into the Destination Moosehead Lake marketing organization.
 - The County Manager attended a meeting in Augusta on May 5 to discuss jail funding strategies for Maine counties, which will focus on trying to lift the jail tax cap. Piscataquis Jail Administrator Maria Landry has finished a draft of the FY 2018 jail budget, which will be presented to Commissioners for their approval on June 20.
 - Auditors were at the county office on May 8-9 with Treasurer Johanna Greenfield, and have completed field work on the FY 2016 county financial statements.
 - Since the first scheduled Commissioners' meeting in July falls on the July 4 holiday, that month's meeting dates will be shifted to July 11 and 25. The July 11 meeting may be scheduled for the Greenville municipal building.
 - The next meeting of the Piscataquis broadband internet group is set for May 16.
 - b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend
 - c. Jail Administrator, Maria Landry – did not attend
 - d. Sheriff, John Goggin – did not attend
 - e. EMA Director, Tom Capraro –
 - CMC Technology, Penobscot IT and Fairpoint worked at the Bunker to solve the problems that were becoming an issue once the new telephone system was installed. It was discovered there was a problem with the work Fairpoint provided.
 - D & S Engineering, engineering consultants in Millinocket will be drawing up the blue prints for the new garage. The building is considered commercial, but it is being built in a historical district, therefore Tom has been in contact with Chris Maas from the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society to make sure everything is in order. Tom informed the Commissioners that Homeland Security might pay for the blue prints.

- E-911 is going very well. If the individual has all the information, the turn around for them to receive their new address is 20 minutes. Administrative Assistant Deb Hamlin just issued 200 addresses for the Ambajejus Lake area. The gentleman that requested the addresses came well prepared and the addressing went smoothly.
- Will be holding a 3 part State training session, the first will be conducted out of the EMA office and the other 2 will be held in Milo
- On May 24th and 25th there will be holding a training at Mayo Regional Hospital pertaining to situations that would affect water, heating and air conditioning if the power goes out.
- Tom was in contacted with the Red Cross to help the Open Bible Church in Greenville for training if another power outage occurs and there is not generator for back up. This Church is a gathering place for emergency situations.
- Will be attending a meeting in Augusta for heat related issues
 - 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, Joshua York – did not attend
 - j. Dispatch Sergeant, Gary Grant –
- A new generator to be placed at the tower on Charleston Hill that is be funded from grant money that EMA Director Tom Capraro received. The cost will be approximately \$5,000.00
- A new repeater will be placed on the North Road, Sebec at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00 which is be funded through another grant EMA Director Tom Capraro received.
- Guilford Fire Department will be placing repeaters on a wind tower in Kingbury Plantation that will cost approximately \$10,000.00.
- Informed the Commissioners Maine House of Representatives Paul Stearns and Norman Higgins are visiting the telecommunication area to discuss the new radio equipment that Gary has been working on to purchase. Gary has received money from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation grant program to be applied for the new equipment. The equipment that is being used now is from 1987. The cost will be approximately \$300,000.00 to bring the telecommunication hardware up to date.

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 am M: Wayne Erkkinen S: James Annis V: 3-0