

Piscataquis County Commissioners' Meeting

8:30 a.m., July 11, 2017

Greenville Municipal Building

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their June 20, 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 \$36,466.54. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$12,418.75. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$78,402.73. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$10,113.60. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the 2017-2018 Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$44,273.76. M: Annis S: Erkkinen v: 3-0.
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for June 29, 2017 in the amount of \$102,699.77. M: Erkkinen S: Annis V: 3-0.
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a special Payroll Warrant for June 26, 2017 in the amount of \$1,171.50. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$78,084.34. M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0.
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license renewal for Woody's Bar and Grill in Moosehead Junction Twp., owned and operated by Mark Jennison. M: Erkkinen S: Annis V: 3-0.
11. Piscataquis County Commissioners heard a presentation from Matt St. Laurent, from the Brand Leadership Team of the Moosehead Lake Economic Development Corporation (MLEDC), on the continuing efforts to improve the region's economy. St. Laurent thanked Commissioners for the County's \$10,000 contribution in 2016 towards new wayfinding signage. A total of 33 signs have been produced to guide visitors to public attractions in the Moosehead Lake area; 17 signs have already been installed and the remainder will be placed this month. The signs were designed to fit the area's character and to present a consistent look to visitors.

St. Laurent said the MLEDC has completed a regional branding and marketing plan, assisted by tourism expert Roger Brooks International, and is in the process of implementing elements of that multi-year plan. Future activities include downtown planning for infrastructure and façade improvements in Greenville, event planning, and the eventual development of a pavilion that can serve as an event/convention center. The overall goals are to create an 8-10 month

economy that is sustainable, to grow the population of the region by 25% with a string emphasis on younger residents, and to maintain the natural and cultural character of the Moosehead Lake area.

12. Piscataquis County Commissioners met with Greenville Town Manager Jesse Crandall to discuss potential renewal of the two-year agreement with the town for use of the solid waste transfer station by property owners in Moosehead Junction, Harfords Point and Big Moose townships. The initial, two-year agreement between Town and County expires on Aug. 31, 2017, and a new agreement was proposed to stretch from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2019 in order to align with the start of the County's Unorganized Territory fiscal year.

Crandall explained that the cost-sharing formula developed by Greenville for transfer station operations factors in population data, number of housing units, and total building valuations of the three UT townships in the western side of Moosehead Lake. Based on that formula, the County would be responsible for 20.16% of the cost of the transfer station net budget of \$305,364, or a total of \$61,561 for the ensuing 2017-2018 UT fiscal year.

Crandall agreed to draw up a proposed renewal agreement, which the County Commissioners will consider signing at their next meeting, on July 25 in Dover-Foxcroft.

13. County Manager report

--Manager Tom Lizotte reported that Lane Construction completed the Elliottsville paving project on July 6-7.

--Licenses for Microsoft Office software have finally been received from the vendor, so the Penobscot County Information Technology staff can move forward on the installation of new computers for Piscataquis County offices.

--The letters to program grant recipients were mailed out July 10, with a Sept. 1 deadline for requesting continuing County funding in the FY 2018 budget year. Work on the new County budget by department heads will begin in mid-August.

--A construction estimate in the \$70,000 range has been received for proposed interior renovations for the District Attorney's administrative offices on the first floor of the County Court House. This request will be reviewed by the Budget Advisory Committee and County Commissioners as part of development of the 2018 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. M: Erkinen S: Annis V: 3-0

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