

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**August 8, 2017**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT**  
**Minutes**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their July 25, 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 \$15,470.67. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$8,751.23. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures for the 2016-2017 budget year in the amount of \$788.64. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the special Unorganized Territory expenditure in the amount of \$4,099.00. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$33,318.36. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for July 27, 2017 in the amount of \$121,381.70. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$68,608.70. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a new liquor license for a fundraising event to be held on August 18, 2017. The event is being sponsored by The Friends of the Mountain in T2R6 (Fitzgerald Beach, Mountain View Pone Road). The title and purpose of the event is Fitzgerald Beach Party, Fundraiser for Squaw Mountain Ski Area Operations. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners discussed and approved a wage increase for non-union, full-time employees for the 2018 fiscal year (union employees will receive a 2% increase on Jan. 1, 2018). M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
11. Department Head:
  - a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte
    - The manager shared a new automobile graveyard/junkyard permit application form with Commissioners for their review and approval. The form will be used to begin the process of licensing the auto graveyard located on the Ladd family property in Barnard Twp.
    - Piscataquis County has provided the requested data, including an updated vehicle inventory, to the MCCA Risk Pool in order to begin renewal of insurance liability coverage for FY 2018.
    - Administration continues to compile cost estimates on damage sustained due to the lightning strike that occurred on July 20. A property loss report will be submitted to the MCCA Risk Pool for reimbursement of damages.

- The County Manager and Finance Office will be providing budget work sheets to all County departments during the week of Aug. 14, kicking off the process of developing the FY 2018 budget. An initial draft should be available by Sept. 11, and departmental budget review meetings will begin at that time. The Budget Advisory Committee's first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 5.
  - The first county tax payment was received on Aug. 4 from the Town of Medford.
  - Charles Pray, a former State Senate president from Millinocket, has been hired by the Maine County Commissioners Association as the new Executive Director. Pray served on an interim basis as the MCCA's legislative lobbyist during this year's session of the Legislature.
  - The recently concluded session of the Maine Legislature included jail funding of \$12.2 million for the biennium, with an additional \$3 million for year one of the biennium. Language was included requiring the Dept. of Corrections to report back to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety with recommendations on funding jails beyond the next fiscal year. The DOC has reached out for a working group from the MCCA to assist with funding recommendations.
- b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend
- c. Jail Administrator Maria Landry – did not attend
- d. Sheriff, John Goggin –
- Informed the Commissioners Tysen Ober maybe deployed next April for a year
  - Solved a major burglary case
  - Working on drug related cases
  - The local law enforcement agencies are working 85% - 90% better than they have in the past
- e. EMA Director, Tom Capraro – did not attend
- f. Probate Register Donna Peterson – did not attend
- g. Deeds Register, Linda Smith – did not attend
- h. DA Administrative, Chris Almy did not attend, but Admin. Assistant Corina Tibbetts represented the Department.
- She voiced her concerns again for the lack of space her department
  - Has applied for a grant that will enable her to buy 3 ergonomic standing desks
  - Corina is going to Augusta once a month for the new electronic filing system that will be mandatory for her department. She is in contact with Andy Robinson because District 1 is already using the new system and he is helping Corina with the process for scanning into the data base.
  - Scott Arno is working on his yearly grant that will pay for his employment with the County
- i. Head of Maintenance Josh York – did not attend

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Meeting adjourned

9:30 am M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkinen V: 3-0