

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 5, 2017
Dover-Foxcroft, ME
Minutes
8:30 a.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their August 22, 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 \$42,642.11. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V:3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a special County expenditure in the amount of \$3,722.65. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$10,071.49. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a special jail expenditures in the amount of \$13,331.75. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$15,191.41. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for August 24, 2017 in the amount of \$119,480.18. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$68,262.32. M: James Annis S. Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed the proposed road paving schedule for the Unorganized Territory over the three-year period, 2018-2020. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte informed the Commissioners that he met with the County Road Agent Carl Henderson and County Paving Consultant Roger Picard to discuss which roads should have priority and the following is the schedule:

Piscataquis County proposed road paving schedule

2018

Blanchard Twp.

Mountain Road - 0.8 miles

(from Piscataquis River bridge west to end of pavement, including intersections with Church Rd and Knapp Rd.)

1,130 tons @ \$66/ton = \$74,580

Moosehead Jct. Twp.

Depot St. - 0.375 miles

(from intersection with Route 15/6, south to end of pavement)

575 tons @ \$66 = \$37,950

Green Tower Hill Road - 0.25 miles

(from intersection of Route 15/6 to end of pavement)

325 tons @ \$66/ton = \$21,450

Total cost = \$133,980

2019

Big Moose Twp.

Ski Resort Road - 1.6 miles

(from intersection of Route 16/6 west to Big Squaw Mt. ski area)

1,650 tons @ \$66/ton = \$108,900, plus additional funds for ditching

2020

Elliottsville Twp.

Monson Road - 1 mile

(from Big Wilson Stream bridge, southwest to Willimantic town line)

1,150 tons @ \$66/ton = \$75,900, plus additional funds for brushing/ditching

10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved 2 new liquor licenses for Moosehead Marine Museum. The first event will be held on September 7, 2017 and the name of the function is Fly-in Pilots Cruise. The second event will be held on October 4, 2017 and the name of the function is Keeping Maine Forests - charter cruise. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0

Piscataquis County Commissioners entered into executive session under the provisions of MRS Title I, Chapter 13, section 405, 6 A., to discuss five related agenda items concerning personnel in the District Attorney's Office.

M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0 at 9:21 a.m.

Piscataquis County Commissioners voted to exit the executive session at 10:35 a.m.

M: Erkkinen S: Annis V: 3-0

11. Piscataquis County Commissioners tabled their decision to consider approval of the revised job description for the Administrative Assistant position in the District Attorney's office, including a title change to Office Manager. This will be discussed at the next County Commissioners meeting that will be held on September 19, 2017.
12. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the revised job description for the Clerk Specialist position in the District Attorney's office, including a title change to Paralegal.
M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen M: 3-0
13. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the revised job description for the Victim Witness Advocate in the District Attorney's office. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen M: 3-0
14. Piscataquis County Commissioners tabled a request from Corina Tibbetts in the District Attorney's office to have her position reclassified on the Piscataquis County wage scale until the next County Commissioners meeting which will be held on September 19, 2017
15. Piscataquis County Commissioners tabled a request from the District Attorney's office to have Chelsi Tirrell's position reclassified on the Piscataquis County wage scale. The County Commissioners will make their decision at the next County Commissioners meeting to be held on September 19, 2017.
16. Department Head:
 - a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte
 - Contractor Brian Howard of Sangerville suffered the loss of a winter sand truck to fire last week, and has asked for a contract extension for snowplowing in Blanchard and Elliottsville in order to justify the expenditure of \$150,000 for new equipment. Lizotte said Howard is in the fifth and final year of his current contract, which expires in May, 2018, but that his contract may be extended for three more years to cover the period from 2018-19 to 2020-21. County Commissioners indicated a willingness to consider a contract renewal this fall for Blanchard and Elliottsville, which would carry Howard over the next four winters. Lizotte will work on new contract language for both townships, share the proposed new contracts with Howard, and bring this item back to Commissioners for action at their Oct. 3 meeting.
 - All county departments and outside agencies submitted their FY 2018 County budget requests by the Sept. 1 deadline, and the Finance Office is putting together the initial draft budget this week. The County Manager will hold one-on-one budget meetings with all Department Heads to review their requests the week of Sept. 12.
 - Public notices will be posted this week in advance of the Sept. 19 public hearing on the junkyard permit application submitted by Richard Ladd Sr. of Barnard Twp.
 - b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend
 - c. Jail Administrator, Maria Landry –
 - Asked the Commissioners permission to hire a new part-time correction officer. The Commissioners approved the hiring of Matthew Poole from Dover-Foxcroft. Matthew will be attending the Maine State Criminal Justice Academy in January for his required training. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
 - d. Sheriff, John Goggin – did not attend
 - 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.**
 - Corina informed the County Commissioners the Dover-Foxcroft Police Department has offered to sell to the County the vehicle Scott Arno used when he worked for the Police Department. The vehicle is 2008 SUV, has approximately 71,000 miles on it, is in very good condition and is fully equipped with all the necessary equipment that Scott needs. The vehicle does not have to be painted because it is an unmarked vehicle. The Town is asking \$7,000.00 for it and Corina said she could take it out of her capital account. The Commissioners stated it was a good opportunity for the County and voted to approve the purchase. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: James Annis M: 3-0**
- i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York – did not attend**

Other Business:

The County Commissioners reviewed and approved an Application for a pole permit from Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC. The application is to place a pole on the John Dean Road in Orneville Township. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0

The foregoing locations to be identical with those of Emera Maine.

THIS PERMIT IS BEING GRANTED WITHOUT PUBLIC NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

It is further adjudged and voted that satisfactory proof of validity of the applicant's notice or procedures required by statute has been given upon the application of said Company to erect poles with the cables and wires thereon in, along, upon and across the public streets and highways of Orneville Township, Maine, designated by this permit.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORNEVILLE, MAINE

James White

James D Annis

Wayne Erkkinen

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James J. Annis

Wayne Erkkinen

PERMIT GRANTED

Sept 5, 2017

This permit is recorded in the Records of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis,

Book 21, Page 209

James J. Annis
Clerk

Fairpoint Co. No. 307628 MUNICIPALITY ORNEVILLE 2017

PLAN FOR POLE PERMIT

1.11 MILES
MILO TOWN LINE
#42497



STUB POLE
81D

P81
40'-4 SPP POLE
45.21276
-68.92720



JOHN DEAN RD
STATE ROUTE 2100441



1.15 MILES TO
LITTLE BOYD LAKE RD
STATE ROUTE 2100719

ALL PLANT IS LOCATED WITHIN HIGHWAY LIMITS

LEGEND

- = POLE LOCATION
- = POLE LOCATION-- JOINT WITH POLE
- = CENTER LINE
- = PEDISTAL POST LOCATION
- = WARNING SIGN LOCATION
- = MANHOLE LOCATION
- = BURIED CABLE/CONDUIT LOCATION

NO SCALE

DOT NO. _____
NO. _____

PREPARED BY BRIAN SMITH

CHECKED BY _____

PUBLISH _____

NON-PUBLISH _____

INITIAL PROPOSED FACILITIES TO BE:

POWER CO. = 7200 VOLTS Single PHASE. TEL. CO. = _____

DISTANCES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ALL SPANS MEASURED ALONG APPLICANT'S CONSTRUCTION CENTERLINE

PERMIT BY RULE
STATUTORY PROCEDURE