

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**October 3, 2017**

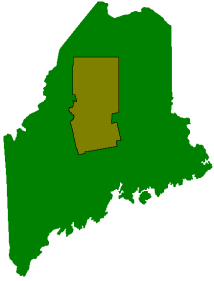
**Dover-Foxcroft, ME**

**Minutes**

**8:30 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their September 19, 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 \$22,305.28. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a special County expenditure in the amount of \$201.21. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$5,490.28. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$26,634.39. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for Sept. 21, 2017 in the amount of \$124,100.95. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$67,612.76. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and signed a letter of opposition to the proposed Somerset Wind power development project. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners discussed and approved imposing a winter parking ban on the Frenchtown Road in Frenchtown Twp. from Nov. 1 through April 30. County Road Agent Carl Henderson will post signs within the next few weeks to give the residents ample time to make arrangements for parking this winter. The Commissioners stated they would like to have the signs state, "if a car has to be towed away it will be at the expense of the owner" along with the dates. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed the draft FY 2018-19 Unorganized Territory Budget with County Manager, Tom Lizotte. The first budget meeting will be held October 5, 2017.
11. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed the draft FY 2018 County budget with County Manager, Tom Lizotte. As stated for line item 10, the first budget meeting will be held October 5, 2017.
12. Piscataquis County Commissioners voted to enter executive session under the provisions of MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, section 405, 6 A., to discuss compensation issues concerning personnel in the administration and finance offices.



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**James White, District 1   James Annis, District 2   Wayne Erkkinen, District 3  
Thomas Lizotte, County Manager  
Alma M. Ryan, Administrative Assistant**

**Item 12. County Commissioners to enter executive session under the provisions of MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, section 405, 6 A., to discuss compensation issues concerning personnel in the Administration and Finance offices.**

**M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0 to enter executive session at 9:24 a.m.**

**M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0 to exit executive session at 9:50 a.m.**

**Commissioners agreed to the reclassification of Alma Ryan, Administrative Assistant in the County Commissioners' office, and Kathy Walsh, Finance Officer, from pay grade F to G on the county wage scale. Starting Jan. 1, 2018, the hourly wage for both employees will be \$25.16.**

**M: Annis S: Erkkinen V: 3-0**

13. a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte:
  - An insurance claim has been filed with the MCCA Risk Pool for damages sustained by County property during the lightning strike on July 20, 2017. The total damage amounted to \$8,442, including IT system switches, ports and adaptors; the Court House fire alarm system and emergency generator; jail locking system; and DA office firewall.
  - The County has filed its application for renewal of workers' compensation insurance coverage through the Maine Municipal Association. The low number of workplace accidents since 2014 should result in lower workers' comp costs in the coming year.
  - Counties have submitted budget information needed to support a supplemental request to the Maine Legislature in 2018 for additional jail funding. The projected deficit for 7 of the 15 County jails amounts to \$2.6 million.
  - The snow plowing contractor for Blanchard and Elliottsville is willing to extend his contract for 3 more years following the expiration of the current contract in 2018, but is seeking an increase payment for both contracts, which have been unchanged since 2011. Commissioners indicated they prefer to put both contracts out to bid in the spring of 2018
- b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend
- c. Jail Administrator, Maria Landry – no comment
- 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
- i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York – did not attend

**Other Business:**

**Meet adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.**

