

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 17, 2017
Dover-Foxcroft, ME
Minutes
8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their October 3, 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 \$36,255.51. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$10,282.66. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$3,238.81. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for October 5, 2017 in the amount of \$119,422.62. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the request from Jail Administrator Maria Landry to promote Alden Tibbetts from Assistant Cook to Head Cook, and Phylcia Clukey from part-time cook to Assistant Cook. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the request from an employee of the Sheriff's Department for a six-month unpaid leave of absence. (The employee has been on an approved family medical leave, which is expiring Oct. 23, 2017. The employee has not yet made a recovery, but expects to do so and is continuing in treatment. Therefore, pursuant to Article 30 of the collective bargaining agreement, it is recommended that a six-month unpaid leave of absence be granted, to expire April 23, 2018.) M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners heard a presentation from District Attorney Office Manager Corina Tibbetts and Head of Maintenance Josh York on a proposal for interior renovations on the first floor of the Piscataquis County Court House. After hearing the presentation, the Commissioners decided to table approval until after the budget committee reviews. The County Commissioners did state they would like to walk through the present offices of the DA's Department to give them a better understand for the requested renovations.
9. Department Head:

- a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte
 - Piscataquis County has received the county tax payment for the Unorganized Territory from the State Bureau of Taxation, in the amount of \$1,114,230. A total of over \$2.1 million in county taxes have been paid by the UT and municipalities, with six more towns still to pay before the Oct. 31 deadline. The County Treasurer will pay off the \$1.75 million line of credit with Camden National Bank later this month.
 - Lizotte, at the request of Maine DOT, has written a letter of support for the state's grant application seeking federal funds for repairs to three bridges in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. One of the bridges in the Pleasant River span in Milo.
 - Lizotte met with engineers from Calderwood Engineering on Oct. 5 to inspect the Gully Brook bridge in Blanchard Twp. This project may be combined with the Whetstone bridge repairs in Williamsburg Twp. and bid out in one package in 2018.
 - Commissioners were provided with copies of the legal analysis from the MCCA Risk Pool on the ICE detainer requests controversy initiated by Gov. LePage.
- b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend
- c. Jail Administrator, Maria Landry – no comment
- d. Sheriff, John Goggin –
 - Sixteen Maine Sheriffs met in Augusta to discuss Governor LePage threatening to remove any sheriff who would not comply to the request made by the Federal Immigration Agents stating immigrants have to be held beyond their release date. Sheriff Goggin said at the end of the meeting the Sheriffs stated unless they have been given a good reason to hold the immigrants, they will continue to release them when their time is up. They stated it was unconstitutional to do anything different, but they will continue to cooperate with ICE. They felt they made progress with Governor LePage.
 - The Sheriff's department received a safe driving award making it 15 out of 19 years that they have received this award.
 - Made an extremely important heroin bust in Monson with the aid from the Town of Greenville Police Dept. Charleston Correctional Center and the State of Maine Probation Officer
- 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 – no comment

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 am