

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**July 10, 2018**

**Dover-Foxcroft**

**Minutes**

**8:30 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their June 19, 2018 meeting. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
2. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the County expenditures in the amount of \$35,711.37. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$13,377.35. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the 2017 - 2018 Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$38,327.45. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a 2017 - 2018 Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the 2018 - 2019 Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$262,464.54. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a special Payroll Warrant for June 28, 2018 in the amount of \$5,848.89. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for June 28, 2018 in the amount of \$117,449.93. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$65,557.63. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved EMA Director Thomas Capraro request to transfer \$126.54 from account #140-01-03-360 (repair & Maintenance of equipment) to account #030-55-06-999 (FY2017 HSGP). M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
11. Piscataquis County Commissioners discussed and approved liquor license renewal for Woody's Bar and Grill in Moosehead Junction Twp., owned and operated by Mark Jennison. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
12. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a temporary liquor License for the Holy Family Catholic in Greenville for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid-Summer Night's Gala Dinner Dance and Cruise. The date of the event is July 27, 2018. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
13. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved two catering permits for Kelly's Landing. This is for a brunch cruise on the Katahdin that is being held on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19, 2018. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0

14. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license renewal for The Northern Restaurant, located in T2 R10 and owned by David and Luisa Surprenant (Abol LLC).  
M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
15. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a request from West Cove Lounge for an extension of service area. West Cove Lounge is located in Moosehead Jct., and owned by Patrick H. Bryan (Vic-Sam Holdings LLC). M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
16. Piscataquis County Commissioners opened, reviewed and did not award the construction bid for a new Emergency Management Agency storage garage. This was the second time this project has gone out to bid, having more flexibility and doing away with the construction bond. By doing this the Commissioners were hoping they would receive more bids with a reasonable bid price. Five bid packets were requested by individuals and the County received one. Ralph McNaughton submitted a second bid in the amount of \$259,619.00, with his first bid being \$278,836.00. The second bid was still above the engineering specs. The Commissioners gave EMA Director Tom Capraro permission to negotiate with local contractors and not to go out to bid again. They also stated the project would not exceed \$120,000.00. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0
17. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved and signed the agreement for storage of sand and salt with Penobscot County for winter maintenance of the Millinocket Lake Road. M: James Annis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0 The contract is as follows:

**AGREEMENT FOR THE STORAGE OF SALT/SAND BETWEEN  
PISCATAQUIS AND PENOBSCOT COUNTIES**

This agreement allows for the storage of salt/sand by Piscataquis County in Penobscot County's salt/sand storage facility located on Cedar Street in Millinocket, Maine.

- Penobscot County agrees to hire the County's snow removal contractor to mix the additional material.
- Penobscot County agrees to invoice Piscataquis County for these materials at the same rate charged to Penobscot County. The per yard rates for sand are listed below. The rate for salt for snow season 2016-2017 is **Sixty-two dollars and 00 cents (\$62.00)** per ton. Salt prices change annually in subsequent years. In addition, Penobscot County will invoice Piscataquis County a storage fee of one-dollar (\$1.00) per yard, amounting to **One-hundred, forty-two dollars and no cents (\$142.00)**.

2018-2019 - \$9.70 per yard  
2019-2020 - \$10.00 per yard  
2020-2021 - \$10.25 per yard  
2021-2022 - \$10.25 per yard  
2022-2023 - \$10.25 per yard

- The sand/salt allocation for this contract is 1,200 yards of sand and 60 tons of salt. Penobscot County will invoice Piscataquis County using the percentages of the total material as designated below.
- Total road mileage is 7.79 miles, locations and percentage of total miles as follows:
  - Penobscot County – 6.37 miles = 82%
  - Piscataquis County – 1.42 miles = 18%
- Any material that is left in the County shed from the prior snow season will be considered to be owned by each entity according to these percentages. The amount will be deducted from the next year's sand allocation and the contractor will be instructed to mix only the amount needed to bring the total volume in the building to 1,200 yards of sand. Salt calculations will be done on the new sand volumes only.
- Piscataquis County agrees to pay Penobscot County within 30 days of receipt of the invoice for these materials.

- Either party may cancel this agreement at any time, with or without cause provided at least a 60-day notification, in writing is provided to the other party. If cancelled by Piscataquis County, all material owned by them must be removed from the Penobscot County shed by the end of the 60 day notification period.

The "Parties" as reviewed above, agree to the conditions, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

**Penobscot County Commissioners**

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Peter K. Baldacci, It's Chairman

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Thomas J. Davis, Jr.

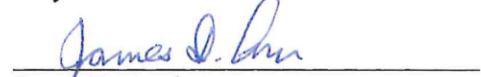
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**Piscataquis County Commissioners**

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James L. White, It's Chairman

  
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Wayne Erkkinen

  
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James D. Annis

**18. Department Head:**

**a. County Manager, Thomas Lizotte:**

- County Manager Tom Lizotte stated the Legislature on July 9 voted to override Gov. LePage's vetoes of two county jail funding bills, LD 942 and LD 1490. The first bill included \$12.2 million in base funding for county jails, while the second bill included an additional \$6.12 million in needed funding. Of the \$6.12 million in additional funds, a total of \$2,712,008 was reserved for distressed facilities facing unusually high costs, including the Piscataquis Jail. Funds from the initial \$12.2 million allocation should be distributed immediately, while the additional funds will not be available until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which would delay distribution until late October. The Legislature's action is a positive development that will finally provide stable funding to the county jail system, at least for the next year.
- Lizotte noted that funding and responsibility for winter maintenance of a half-mile stretch of the Bowerbank-Sebec Road that dips into the Unorganized Territory of Barnard Twp. has never been clarified. This issue was raised recently by contractor Peter Watters of Bowerbank, who was awarded a new contract for plowing of roads in Barnard and Williamsburg Twps. Lizotte said that Watters, who also plows for the Town of Bowerbank, was willing to maintain the Barnard section of the Bowerbank-Sebec Road within the contract price, as long as the Town of Brownville assumed responsibility for plowing a half-mile section of the Williamsburg Road from Quarry Avenue to the Brownville town line at High Street. Brownville is willing to take on plowing that Williamsburg stretch at a pro-rated price estimated at \$2,500 annually. Commissioners agree to the road swap arrangement.

**b. County Treasurer, Johanna Greenfield – did not attend**

**c. Jail Administrator Maria Landry –**

- Discussed the jail situation that are reflected in the County Manager's report

**d. Sheriff, John Goggin – did not attend**

**e. EMA Director, Tom Capraro –**

- The 2 day – 1 night large scale emergency preparedness exercise that was held at Camp Roosevelt in Eddington was a complete success
- Will hold a table top exercise in Greenville, at the airport.
- The Town of Bowerbank purchased a pontoon boat from Tim Merrill and remodel it to be used as a first aid/fire boat. It is equipped with hoses, radio and first aid equipment. This is a valuable asset for Sebec Lake.
- Received \$67,712.18 from the 2018 Homeland Security Grant, of which \$18,510.00 has to be used for law enforcement.

**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 Josh York – did not attend**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Meet adjourned: 9:50 am**