

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 6, 2021

DOVER-FOXCROFT

Minutes

8:30 am PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Piscataquis County Commissioner Chairman James White called the meeting into session at 8:30 am in the Chambers in person and via Zoom. Commissioner Wayne Erkkinen and Commissioner Andrew Torbett were also in attendance.

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
2. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the County expenditures in the amount of \$32,224.79. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$20,157.56. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$56,051.66. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the Payroll Warrant for June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$110,690.14. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the Payroll Warrant for June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$110,714.77. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved the Employees Benefits Warrant in the amount of \$88,822.47. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the 2021-2022 Piscataquis County Jail Budget.
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved a special County Warrant in the amount of \$150.00 for the Sheriff's Office for Laura Feaga for PTSD Training. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners approved a special Jail Warrant in the amount of \$150.00 for the Sheriff's Office for Laura Feaga for PTSD Training. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
11. Department Heads:
 - a. County Manager, Michael Williams
 - Road Commissioner Carl Henderson and I went to Blanchard for pre-construction bid meeting. Tail end of the month, they will post and get started on. They will put up a pedestrian bridge.
 - A Shirley resident wants to come to the next Commissioners Meeting to discuss the south end of the Blanchard Road and the Selectman are aware of.
 - The Bridge on the Transfer Station Road is fixed.
 - Grading has started on the roads. Road Commissioner Carl Henderson will talk to Chuck O'Brien on patching and ditching.

- The law passed for remote participation in public meetings which is a general policy that we can adapt to our own County. Commissioner Chairman James White would like to see the law, and County Manager Michael Williams will get for him to review.
 - Lily Bay Transfer Station trash has almost doubled since Memorial Day Weekend.
- b. County Treasurer, Johanna Turner-did not attend but coming later to help with payroll.
- c. Jail Administrator Maria Landry
- We are plugging along. Need to fill positions. Jail is doing alright.
- d. Sheriff, Robert Young-did not attend. Chief Deputy Todd Lyford attended.
- Patrol is going well. Everyone was trained over two days in PTSD which was well received and an excellent training. Helps people to get familiar with what to watch for and where to go if need help with mental health issues. We will continue with coming up with programs to make sure people are doing okay.
- e. EMA Director, Tom Capraro
- Passed out the Radio Study Cost Estimate which is a grand total of \$4,994,080.00 (phase one) which does not include moving dispatch to Guilford (phase two). The final detailed report will be out once dispatch is included. Microwave Radio would connect the towers together. We might need three new towers and possibly use some existing cell phone towers if not too costly.
 - There is a chance for strong storms this afternoon.
- f. Probate Register Donna Peterson-did not attend
- g. Deeds Register, Linda Smith-did not attend
- h. District Attorney, Marianne Lynch-did not attend.
- i. Head of Maintenance Joshua York
- The Fire Department brought the ladder truck over so we could put the new flag up which looks much better. County Manager Michael Williams gave a shout out to the Head of Maintenance Joshua York for having his staff move the shelving units in the basement so the County's Administrative Assistant could utilize, get stuff off the floor, and organize.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Chairman James White provided additional signatures in support of Piscataquis County being a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Piscataquis County Commissioners voted to enter executive session, per MRSA 1, section 405, paragraph 6 A., personnel matter.

Time in: 9:20 am

Time out: 9:31 am

Action: Motion was made to vacate the position as of today, July 6, 2021.

M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 am. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0