

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 21, 2023

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Minutes

8:30 am PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Piscataquis County Commissioner Chairman Andrew Torbett called the meeting into session at 8:30 am in the Chambers. Commissioner Wayne Erkkinen and Commissioner Paul Davis were in attendance. The meeting was also available online on Zoom.

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of their February 7, 2023 meeting. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
2. Piscataquis County Commissioners made the adjustment to remove the Executive Session as not needed.
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the County expenditures in the amount of \$43,831.13. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$29,731.92. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$6,783.55. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Warrant for February 16, 2023 in the amount of \$117,956.71. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee COVID Relief Warrant in the amount of \$1,548.00. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
8. Department Heads:

County Manager, Michael Williams

- Last week we had the MCCA Risk Pool meeting and over the last fifteen years, there has been an increase of about 8%. Going forward they wanted to make us aware that premiums are likely going up. They used to fund about 77% of losses and now it is at 51% of losses and eventually they won't have any reserves left. Just a heads up for Budget season that premiums are likely to increase.
- A bill will be coming in for the excavator work on the Elliotsville road to clear off 6-8" of water on the bridge. It took about a day and half to get the water drained off. On the Monson snowmobile trail side, someone went in with a groomer about 100 yards away, and sealed in all the ditches so the water has no place to go but in the road. If I had known this when the excavator was there, we would have had him clear out the ditch. My brother knows the guy in charge of the trail group so I will reach out to him to hopefully resolve this issue.
- Our former person in Greenville is not planning to do the calcium chloride work any longer. Road Commissioner Carl Henderson talked to Bruce Thomas and he will start taking it over and has the right equipment. We supply the calcium chloride of about 44 yards. Commissioner Paul

Davis asked about bidding it out? County Manager Michael Williams said where we supply the calcium chloride and it is under our threshold amount, we haven't had to bid it out in the past. Commissioners were all fine with.

- The roads are all in pretty decent shape. I will follow up on an email that came last Wednesday before I was out on medical leave to get the projects posted for Dyer Road and Mountain Road. We won't be in the stream window which will help with the cost.

County Treasurer, Trisha White-did not attend.

Jail Administrator, Michelle Lacroix-did not attend, excused.
Sheriff, Robert Young-did not attend, excused.

EMA Director, Jaeme Duggan

- The T-Mobile phones are out to Monson and have one for the Sheriff and Chief Deputy once catch up with and a couple for the Deputies to try out.
- The Cyber Range Security with the University of Maine has been delayed. IT in Penobscot didn't have time to meet with Augusta. They will come back maybe this summer semester or possibly Fall semester.
- We have a table talk session with Milo water district due April 26.
- Lastly, we have been dealing with the winter with some areas not submitting damages in time. I drove to Beaver Cove and they have about \$37,000 worth of damage which may have put us over the threshold. They are not sure how they will pay for. Commissioner Wayne Erkkinen will get a telephone number to EMA Director Jaeme Duggan for the person regarding the tower. She said if there were no charge or less than the \$3k a month that would be great when we go for permits.

Probate Register, Donna Peterson-did not attend.

Deeds Register, Gail Clark

- Going well so far and the new computer monitors are up and running with the new part.

District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- We are doing okay. Hopefully, we can get the morning Court stuff done on Thursday but a big storm is supposed to be coming.

Head of Maintenance, Josh York

- All the parts have now come in; the coil for the Jail hot water heater and the Company has the part for the computer system for the Court heater.

Commissioner Chairman Andrew Torbett said he appreciates all of the hard work being done by everyone.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned 8:58 am. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0