

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 7, 2024

DOVER-FOXCROFT

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 available online on Zoom.

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
2. Piscataquis County Commissioners had no adjustments to be made to the agenda.
3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the County expenditures in the amount of \$28,758.80. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of \$16,941.62. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of \$164,440.31. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for April 25, 2024 in the amount of \$144,395.52. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for April 18, 2024 in the amount of \$36,796.36. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of \$109,714.33. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0
9. Piscataquis County Commissioners named Chief Deputy Todd Lyford as the representative to the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Board. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license for Nesowadnehunk Wilderness Campground, T4, R10 WELS and owned by Joshua Rollins (new owner). M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
11. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved a liquor license renewal for Golden Road Crossing/Golden Road Yacht Club, 1605 Baxter State Park Rd, T1R9 and owned by Thomas & Sandra Bell. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0
12. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved an application permit for pole locations and cables and wires on Big Boyd Lake Road in Orneville Township requested by Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company LLC. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0

13. Piscataquis County Commissioners heard from Steve Tatko, AMC VP of Land, Research & Trails and Tom Duffus, The Conservation Fund VP & Northeast Representative on their recent Barnard Forest acquisition.

14. Department Heads:

a. County Manager, Michael Williams

- The UT Roads are unposted and have healed up pretty nicely. Now, we will work to get the final grading done.
- The Frenchtown Road washed out in the same area that we fixed in December. Road Commissioner Carl Henderson will get together with Fred Candeloro after Sunday to discuss fixes. A small culvert about the size of 12/15" that was buried was discovered. We are looking to add a larger culvert about the size of 18" which would be better for the volume of water coming down the mountain and we will also add a swale bowl with rip rap. Hopefully, this will help the washout area, and we won't have to keep redoing this.
- The Dispatch Project is back on track after removing the asbestos. They are looking at the third week in July to have the construction phase done. The consoles are scheduled to arrive around August 12 so we are well ahead of the deadline date of 9/9/24.
- This summer I will be getting together with Sheriff Robert Young sometime soon with regards to the Patrol Building going out to bid for snow plowing.
- Will be looking to get the fuel bids for the June 4th meeting.
- Will have a meeting on May 22 at 10:00 am with our Labor Relations Specialist Annalee Rosenblatt along with Sheriff Robert Young and Chief Deputy Todd Lyford regarding the upcoming Union Contract.

b. County Treasurer, Trisha White-did not attend.

c. Jail Administrator, Michelle Lacroix-did not attend (excused)

- Sheriff Robert Young said we are stretched thin right now with two back-to-back inmates at Northern Light Mayo. We have to have one patrol officer and one corrections officer there with each of them 24/7. We are taking things one day at a time. Monday, we had four arrests come in which is unusual. But things are going pretty well and we will get thru this.

d. Sheriff, Robert Young

- We picked up two new vehicles in MA.
- Just lost one good officer, Jeremy Rackliff, to Dover Police Department.

e. EMA Director, Jaeme Duggan-did not attend

- Deputy Director Debra Hamlin stated, we are all good with nothing new to report.

f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson

- We are same as Debra Hamlin, all fine but busy.

g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark

- Broken record, same, good with nothing new to report. Spring does bring more real estate transactions.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- We are still busy. Staff does an amazing job keeping up with the pace.

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York

- Hopefully, County Manager Michael Williams did not jinx us on the Dispatch Project being on schedule and moving along.
- HVAC Project has started and hope the chiller comes in soon and no more than a couple months at the most.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Paul Davis noted that times are not good right now in Guilford with the laying off of people at the woolen mill, Duvaltex, and Puritan Hardwood Products.

Recess: 8:55 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):

Piscataquis County Commissioners to enter executive session, per MRSA 1, section 405, paragraph 6 A., personnel matter. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0

Time in: 8:56 AM

Time Out: 9:17 AM

Action: Commissioner Wayne Erkkinen made the motion to approve Scott Arno's retirement plan and to keep working. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Davis and being unanimous. M: Wayne Erkkinen S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM. M: Paul Davis S: Wayne Erkkinen V: 3-0-0