

## Minutes

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**July 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harvell at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience (Present):** Ryan Close, David St. Laurent, David Rackliffe, Jim Desjardins, Nathan Hiltz, Donna Perry, Fenwick Fowler, Mt. Blue T.V., Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, Jamie Sullivan, and Brenda Bitle.

**Audience (Zoom):** Madison York, Brad Timberlake, and Susan Black.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerk's Report- Motion to allow Amy to sign monthly Requisitions for the EOC building: Bob/Terry (3/0). Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
2. **Treasurer's Report – Motion to reinstitute the requirement of written reports from the Treasurer Report: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
3. **Heat Pump for Franklin County Communications Center –** The Communications Center cooling system was failing in the server room. According to Jim Desjardins, the temperature reached 102° in the room. Facilities received an estimate from Franklin Home Services to replace the 10+ year unit with a new 30,000 btu unit. Due to the urgency of the matter, the new heat pump was replaced on July 16, 2024. **Motion to pay \$7,734.90 for the new heat pump at the Communications Center: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
4. **Madrid Township – Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Application –** Calderwood Engineering submitted an application on behalf of Franklin County on July 1, 2024 to receive grant funding for the Reeds Mills Road Bridge project through the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund. The Maine DOT is looking to provide onetime funding to projects to adapt their critical infrastructure to reduce vulnerability to climate change. The project must demonstrate increased resilience to future storm and flooding impacts. **Motion to approve the submitting of the application for grant funding through the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Application retroactively on July 1, 2024: Bob/Terry (3/0).**
5. **Bids for Snow Removal –** Franklin County went out to bid for snow removal for Church Street/County Way and West Freeman Township for a 3-year contract. Two bids were received for Church Street/County Way:
  - Cousineau, Inc.**
  - 2024-2025 - \$19,500;
  - 2025-2026 - \$20,085;
  - 2026-2027 - \$20,688.

**E.L. Vining & Son**

2024-2025 - \$22,715;

2025-2026 - \$22,977;

2026-2027 - \$23,085.

Two bids were received for West Freeman Township:

**Hayden York, dba York Tree Harvesting**

2024-2025 - \$66,000.00;

2025-2026 - \$66,000.00;

2026-2027 - \$66,000.00.

**Fenwick Construction, LLC**

2024-2025 - \$84,125;

2025-2026 - \$84,125;

2026-2027 - \$84,125.

**Motion to table bids for further analysis: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Cafeteria Plan – Commissioner Harvell to sign** – At the July 2, 2024 meeting the cafeteria plan was adopted and approved for signature. Commissioner Harvell to sign the Cafeteria Plan.

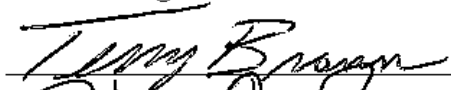

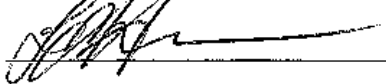
**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. **Commissioner Harvell** – Commissioner Harvell thanked the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Maine Wardens Service, Maine Association for Search and Rescue and Franklin County Paramedics for their service in successfully locating his brother-in-law, Mike Altmaier.
2. **Commissioner Carlton** – Commissioner Carlton welcomed Amy, the County Administrator back from her medical leave and thanked Tiffany, Jamie, and Brenda for their hard work in her absence.

**WARRANTS: AP, ARPA, TIF, and UT – Motion to sign Warrants: Terry/Bob (3/0)**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Bob/Terry (3/0)**

**A recording is available for this meeting.**

  
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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: , CLERK