

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom

Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting

October 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harvell at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience (Present): Jim Desjardins, Jake Nichols, Amanda Simoneau, Susan Pratt, Ryan Close, Scott Nichols, Nick Palmer, John Donald, Betsy Sawyer-Manter, Charles LaVerdiere, Iris Ramirez, Ellen Oppenheim, Bonita Tompkins, Chris Farmer, Nathan Hiltz, Ethan Shaffer, P.J. Hutchins, Jade Taylor, Lindee Woodsum, Layla DeCastro, Rosie King, Shanelle Lake, Amanda Coolong, Nancy Perlson, Cindy Kamens, Sandy Wilbur, Fenwick Fowler, Greg Andrews, Pamela Prodan, Donna Perry, Mt. Blue T.V., Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, and Brenda Bittle.

Audience (Zoom): Decds

APPOINTMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clerk's Report - Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 3. Farmington Downtown Association – Courthouse Tree/holiday lights –** The Farmington Downtown Association along with the Town of Farmington have requested to put lights on the Courthouse tree again this holiday season. The plan is to have the tree lit for Chester Greenwood Day and be taken down at the end of the year. The Farmington Fire Department has agreed to assist with this plan. **Motion to allow the Farmington Downtown Association to decorate the Courthouse tree with holiday lights: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 4. UT Budget – Review –** Statute requires that we provide a preliminary UT Budget by November 7, 2024 to the State. All of the requests have been received. There is a large increase in the UT Budget, approximately \$1,000,000 due to the need to replace two bridges as well as adding an additional patrol deputy to be paid for through the budget. We are also requesting to set aside \$750,000 for the bridges repair reserve account. **Motion to authorize County Administrator to submit the draft UT Budget for FY2026 to the State: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
- 5. Jail-Medical Addition Funding –** Funding for the Jail/Medical addition was discussed at the Commissioner's meeting on October 8, 2024. The cost of the project is \$698,798. \$250,000 had previously been set aside from ARPA, \$172,372.30 is to come from additional revenue from the jail, \$107,635 will come from the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) State funding. \$168,790.70 in additional funding is being requested

from ARPA. **Motion to authorize the use of MAT State funding in the amount of \$107,635 and State Jail Funding in the amount of \$172,372.30 to cover the cost of the project: Bob/Terry (3/0).**

- 6. ARPA Applications** – There is \$544,722.24 in ARPA funds left to obligate. 16 applications for ARPA funding have been received and were presented for consideration for funding.
- A.** New Sharon Water District- Emergency Power and Support Equipment - \$55,000
 - B.** Franklin County Dispatch - Replacement of Dispatch Consoles - \$91,857.90
 - C.** Franklin County Technology Dept. - Cloud Migration for data- \$67,350
 - D.** Franklin County EMA- Generators - \$8,000
 - E.** Wilton Lion's Club- Preparation for Warming Center - \$65,000
 - F.** Sargent Family Community Fund - Health and Safety Property repairs - \$50,000
 - G.** Facilities Department - Window sills and window replacement - \$181,332.38
 - H.** Facilities Department - Ceiling Fan installation - \$17,000
 - I.** Seniors Plus - Meals on Wheels Facility - \$125,000
 - J.** Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund for Children - Rangeley Child Care Center- \$50,000
 - K.** Madrid Historical Society - Community Facility - \$50,000
 - L.** Kemandkeag Lodge - Community Center renovations - \$50,000
 - M.** Rangeley Water District - Generator to run system - \$66,000
 - N.** Rangeley Radio - Upgrade - \$39,794
 - O.** Center for Entrepreneurial Studies - Staff to manage core operations - \$230,048
 - P.** Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club-Safety Kiosk at trailhead - \$50,000

Total funding requested: \$1,196,381.38. A decision on funding will be made at the November 12, 2024 Commissioner's Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None


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


EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) – NCEU – Motion to enter Executive Session - Labor negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) – NCEU at 4:56 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0). Motion to sign Sidebar Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding in regards to on-call pay for jail transportation: Bob/Terry (3/0), Motion to exit Executive Session - Labor negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) – NCEU at 5:01 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0)


EXECUTIVE SESSION – Consultation with legal counsel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal - Motion to enter Executive Session - Consultation with legal counsel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal at 5:02 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0), Motion to exit Executive Session - Consultation with legal counsel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal at 5:55 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:57 p.m.: Bob/Terry (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.







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ATTEST: , CLERK