

KENNEBEC COUNTY CO KENNEBEC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

AGENDA

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DATE: June 4, 2019

WORKSHOP: 11:00 am

CALL TO ORDER: NOON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 24, 2019

REPORTS:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

HUMAN RESOURCES

TREASURER

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

DEEDS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

E.M.A.

FACILITIES

PROBATE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/CORRECTIONS

PROJECT UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Signature for approval of County Warrants
- 2) New hire and termination change of status forms for approval.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Minutes

May 21, 2019

Present: Chairman Patsy Crockett, Nancy Rines, Commissioner, George Jabar, Commissioner, Robert Devlin County Administrator, Terry York, Assistant County Administrator, Richard Davies, Treasurer, Peter Dunn, Finance Director, Tracie Lesperance, Finance/HR Assistant, Sheriff Ken Mason, Richard Wurlpel, Jail Captain, Lt. Bryan Slaney, Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register of Deeds, Sean Goodwin, EMA Director, James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance, Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate, Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney

Absent: Dave Hawke, IT

	Discussion	Action
Call to order	12:10 pm	
Minutes	Motion and second to accept the minutes of April 16, 2019	3 in favor 0 opposed
Presentation on the New England Clean Energy Connect	<p>Mr. Dickinson, Central Maine Power: This project is to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. Massachusetts passed legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and because the ISO grid for all of New England is a connected grid, they're allowing any connection to anywhere in the grid to qualify for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This project will bring new hydro resources into New England; and as these resources come into New England, what happens is oil and natural gas units that are on the margin are dispatched off, and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced. That is essentially the purpose of the project. There's a lot of discussion publicly about New England emissions being reduced and discussion about whether there is a diversion of energy from Ontario or other areas that essentially make the project neutral.</p> <p>Significant benefits will accrue to Maine electricity consumers through operation of the regional wholesale market; in addition to the wholesale electricity price reductions the project will also enhance system reliability and fuel security within Maine and the ISO New England region. The New England Clean Energy Connect will provide environmental benefits by displacing fossil fuel generation in the region and the associated greenhouse gas and will provide substantial benefits to the Maine economy through more than 1,600 jobs that are expected to be created during the construction phase, and on an ongoing basis through</p>	

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	property taxes.	
<p>County Administrator</p>	<p>Robert Devlin County Administrator: We signed a work order to do the sprinkler system. We had an annual inspection on our sprinkler system and even though it is a dry system, over the years scale has built up inside of it. If they were to go off right now, the scale would loosen and clog the sprinkler head. The company that does our sprinkler work, charged the system with a fluid that will dissolve the scale and then flush the system.</p> <p>James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance: Every sprinkler head has to be taken off; it is a three week project. Robert Devlin County Administrator: There could be unexpected leaks, so Jimmy will be on hand with tarps; if there are any leaks, the sprinkler company is not liable for any damage done. We are looking to have a special tarp made for the server room downstairs.</p> <p>We also put in the order for the distress alarms at the court; we will have four total: 2 in Probate and 2 at the DA's office. We will also have to buy a monitoring service for approximately \$500 a year. The courthouse will get notified if an alarm goes off and they will send marshals over to assist. The system will send out a text alert, so that myself, the Sheriff, Chief, DA will get the alert that something is happening. We will have to develop some policies. It will be a double toggle system, where you have to open something and hit a button so that it can't be bumped into and accidentally set off.</p> <p>There are hundreds of bills that haven't event come forward yet at the legislation; it's very chaotic. New stuff is coming out every day, so we aren't getting advanced notices. The bill wanted to change how County Commissioners state wide are elected, was heard and ought not to pass very quickly. Nancy Rines, Commissioner: What about the jail money? Robert Devlin County Administrator: The jail money is still there; I am working with Scott Ferguson to ensure our CARA money is isolated and identified. It is there, but the way it was written, it is buried somewhere.</p>	<p>Update</p>

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	<p>There's discussion around the formula; we get \$15 million, but \$3 million are for the jails that are in the red. How that money is distributed is the question. We are redoing the survey that I did, because it has been 6 months since the initial survey as several counties have had significant changes. There's a pot of money that was held back, and the County Administrators have taken the position that Penobscot should get it, since they need it the most.</p>	
Human Resources	<p>Terry York, Human Resources Manager: Completed 3 new hire orientations for the jail.</p> <p>Deputy William Towle resigned his position</p> <p>We are down 11 at the jail, however we have another prospect scheduled to start June 10th.</p> <p>I filed a personnel and wage information report to the Bureau of Labor Statistics</p> <p>Deputy Registrar of Probate, Audra Fleury has submitted her resignation for a job closer to home.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Treasurer	<p>Richard Davies, Treasurer: The County continues to be in a strong financial position. We have \$3.5 million in the cash pool and \$2 million in the investment pool. We are about eighty eight percent of the way through the fiscal year.</p> <p>Peter Dunn, Finance Director: I have received a draft for the FY 18 audit; numerically, everything ties out. The Government Accounting Standards board (GASB) puts forth all the rules related to financial reporting for government entities. They have come out with a new GASB that relates to fringe benefits for post retirees and as a result, there is an updated note disclosure that is required. Part of that note disclosure requires us to have an actuary evaluation performed. That is in the works and will be done through the Maine Municipal Health Trust. Until that actuary report is complete, and given to our external auditor, we</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	can't get a final copy of the audit.	
Deeds	Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register: We are coming up to where I am confident that we will meet our budget. Our recording fees are lower than last year.	Update
District Attorney	Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney: I wanted to come over and give you a chance to ask any questions that you have regarding the news in the paper. I am happy that the result is done, and now I am planning on moving forward. George Jabar, Commissioner: I'm sure it has been a weight on your shoulders and I am glad that it is behind you. Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney: Thank you. Nancy Rines, Commissioner: In the meantime, what is happening over at the DA's office? Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney: We have two new attorneys who have started. One came highly recommended by the judiciary, because she was their court clerk, and also did a legal internship in the York county DA's office. She was offered a position by both us and York county, but she decided to work with us. The other person took the half time attorney position, and he was a prosecutor in California for 29 years. He retired and moved to Maine, stayed retired for a year and a half, and decided that he wanted to work part time.	Update
EMA	Sean Goodwin, EMA Director: FY-2019 Homeland Security Grant Program. No 35% cut for 2019. Same as last year pre MEMA. FY-2019 HSGP Award \$118,645.00 Basic Break Down: \$118,645.00 <u>\$15,000.00</u> RRT-5 State funded HAZ-MAT/ WMD Team, Waterville Fire Department \$103,645.00 <u>\$ 3,000.00</u> CERT Team and RACES Team (HAM Radio) \$100,645.00 \$73,119.00 for EMA projects-Fire, EMS, Towns, EMA office <u>\$27,526.00</u> for Law Enforcement-Town and County Law Enforcement.	Update Update Update Update Update

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	<p>\$ 0</p> <p>EMA Requests 14: 7 Requests funded, 7 Requests not funded. \$156,229.00 short on funds.</p> <p>Law Enforcement Requests 10: 9 funded, 1 Request not funded. \$18,123.00 short on funds.</p> <p>Package will be put together and handed into MEMA in in two weeks.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Facilities	<p>James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance: Trying to work between the rain; we need a week of no rain to paint the pergola.</p> <p>The wiring for the alarm system should be done this week.</p> <p>I'm meeting with the people for the sprinkler system tomorrow morning and they will give me a confirmation on when t will begin.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Information Technology	Dave Hawke, IT: Absent	
Probate	<p>Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate: We are over our projection already, by \$5,000.</p> <p>What I handed out is stuff that I had given the legislature about our statewide budget. The important thing on here is the money spent on legal services. I was asked by the County Commissioners Association to do a draft about fiscal notes on the legislation. Several bills have been carried over.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Sheriff/Corrections:	<p>Sheriff Mason, Corrections: We have two corrections officers who are brothers that have been deployed for a year.</p> <p>We have 141 inmates at the jail; we had a successful alternative sentencing program</p> <p>Sheriff Mason, Law Enforcement: The Patrol Division for the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has made 236 arrests; these include summons and physical arrests.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	Deputies conducted a search of a 14 year old juvenile that had run away from his grandmother's house in Belgrade after being confronted about stealing marijuana from a neighboring marijuana growing site. The 14 year old was found a couple days later on the other side of Belgrade at a friend's residence.	Update
	Deputies began noticing an increase in reports of burglaries at camps in several areas as the camps are opened for the season and the burglary that occurred over the winter are discovered.	Update
	Deputies responded to an overdose in Readfield. The 36 year old subject admitted to snorting heroin after being revived by rescue with several doses of narcan.	Update
	Deputies over the last two weeks arrested at least three subjects for OUI's during regular patrol shifts and focused OUI patrols. Test results were from 0.17, 0.19, and 0.22.	Update
	CID is sending out numerous sex offender notifications for sex offenders that have moved to new locations in Kennebec County.	Update
	Det Johnson arrested a mother and father of an 8 year old on charges of endangering the welfare of a child and domestic violence assault. Working with DHHS the children were placed at another family member's residence. Det Bourque sought and was granted a warrant for a subject for gross sexual assault of a 10 year old by a 30 year old that occurred in Mt Vernon. The subject was arrested in Jay.	Update
Project Updates	None at this time	
Old Business/ Follow Up Items	Motion 19-29) to adopt the FY 20 budget for Kennebec County as approved by the budget committee	3 in favor 0 opposed
	Motion 19-30) to approve the FY20/21 budget for Unity Township budget as presented to exceed the cap and to increase the Assessment limit to \$12,125.14	3 in favor 0 opposed

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	Motion 19-31) to eliminate the two part time clerical positions and create one full time position in the jail records department	3 in favor 0 opposed
Warrants	May 21, 2019	Signed
Change of Status	New hire, termination, step increases	Signed
New Business		
Executive Session	None at this time	
Miscellaneous	None at this time	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 1:20 pm	3 in favor 0 opposed

Terry York, Assistant Administrator