

KENNEBEC COUNTY CO KENNEBEC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

AGENDA

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DATE: AUGUST 18, 2020

WORKSHOP: 11:00 am

CALL TO ORDER: NOON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 4, 2020

REPORTS:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

HUMAN RESOURCES

TREASURER/FINANCE

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.

NEW BUSINESS

20-31) Motion and second to accept forfeited assets in the amount of \$1,161.18 in State of Maine v Prince Wainwright and Makeda Regis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

	Discussion	Action
	<p>Nancy Rines, Commissioner: Where are we at with the HR Consultant? Robert Devlin: We just got some drafts; early reports and we are reviewing those. We are sending back suggestions; the next step is going to be a survey. Nancy Rines, Commissioner: I thought they were going to talk to all Kennebec County employees? Robert Devlin: She talked to department heads and did a sampling, now there will be a satisfaction survey sent out to all employees. There is currently an early draft of the survey; it is currently 27 pages, so we are reviewing that.</p>	Update
Human Resources	<p>Terry York, Assistant County Administrator: I was on vacation last week; so it has been rather busy.</p> <p>I have started looking at the policies and updating them.</p> <p>We will have five, maybe six openings at the jail; I gave the Sheriff nine applications to look at, and haven't gotten any back yet.</p> <p>We do have a new hire at the DA's office; a Domestic Violence Investigator. Mark Fortin comes from Probation and Parole and will be starting August 31st.</p> <p>Nancy Rines, Commissioner: How are you looking at rewriting the policies? Terry York: We are looking to see if any need to be updated, and as we find them, we will pass them out, so that everyone can look at them. Some of them are mandated by the Federal and State Government; there won't be any potential to change any of those. Those that aren't mandated, we will bring before the Commissioners to vote on. Nancy Rines: How many policies are there? Terry York: There are a lot, so we will do one at a time, or just a few; not all at once, that is too much.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Treasurer	<p>Richard Davies, Treasurer: The County remains in good financial condition. Our investment pool is at \$2 million.</p> <p>Cynthia Ferguson, Finance Director: We got almost \$1.5</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	<p>million for the jail baseline last week and the \$240K for CARA. We should be getting another check, I am not sure of the exact amount, but it is somewhere between \$150K and \$200K for the CCA funding. The State is waiting for all the Counties to report in and are working on getting the numbers together so they can send checks out.</p>	
Deeds	<p>Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register of Deeds: We are already over by \$6,304.52 from last year.</p>	Update
District Attorney	<p>Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney: We are excited to bring mark Fortin on as DV Investigator; he has over 30 years of experience and has his blue pin, so we won't have to pay for the academy. He is well known by law enforcement and throughout Kennebec County, so it is very similar to when we hired Christian Behr; someone who is a known entity. Mark comes with phenomenal recommendations and we're just really excited and I am so happy that Sheriff has made this possible.</p> <p>We are starting a campaign to end vaping. This is put out by the Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, and they have asked me to be their campaign person, so they put together these flyers. We've got Facebook things happening; I was going to ask the Sheriff if would share our Facebook posts about vaping. We want to get the word out to our youth that vaping is extremely dangerous. We have been so successful in Maine with youths not smoking cigarettes, but have not been with vaping. If we can just get the information out there, then we can have the same success. Many youth think that they are vaping air; they are not. Vaping product either have nicotine or marijuana, and they all have dangerous chemicals. It is now illegal for someone who is twenty one or older to give or sell a vaping product to someone under age twenty one.</p> <p>There are two counties that will be doing jury trials in September; Kennebec and Penobscot. Penobscot will be doing a murder trial, and we will be doing our cases.</p> <p>The court had asked thirty people to come and serve as grand</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	jurors, and thirty people came. I was amazed that not a single person failed to respond. We had more people than we need and ultimately had ten people leave. It worked out great, we used the big court room that is in the Kennebec County Ceremonial room, and everyone was six feet apart and wore masks. I t was a very smooth process.	
EMA	<p>Sean Goodwin, EMA Director: We have some weather coming up the coast; it will be down played from what you heard last night. It will be coming in around eight tonight and be over by one or two in the morning. We are looking at one or two inches of rain, possibly power outages; most of this weather is going to be over the western part of the state.</p> <p>Teddy and Jason are working on the Hazmat Mitigations report and are almost done with it. We are getting ready to roll out the mitigation surveys to the towns.</p>	<p>Update Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Facilities	James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance: Bob, nothing is on schedule, but we are getting things done thanks to the help of Dan Brunelle who is the jail facilities manager.	Update
Information Technology	<p>Devin Parsons, IT: Deeds was having some problems with their server; basically there is a device that controls the hard drive activity. That device was failing, so we replaced it with the one we had on spare and that is holding steady. We did put in an emergency order with Bob’s approval, to DELL to get a state of the art brand new server. The server they are using now, went from running twenty four seven, three hundred and sixty five days, for seven years straight, to restarting itself several times a day. CoFile wants to do a minor software update, so we will do that at the same time as well.</p> <p>China PD got approved for their own IMC module, like Monmouth and Gardiner have; so we will be hosting China as well, all on the same system. They are paying for their own module.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
Probate	Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate: Everything is going well	Update
Sheriff/Corrections:	Sheriff Mason, Corrections: We have 136 inmates; The staff over there continues to do an amazing job. Yesterday some sharp	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	<p>officers, including Dan Brunelle, just happened to be looking at the cameras and saw something they didn't like and found a significant amount of drugs on a female. That could've created a very serious problem for individuals, including an overdose. Kudos to the staff for recognizing it and getting the situation under control, and out of the hands of that inmate and others. That person has been charged with trafficking in prison contraband.</p> <p>We are still holding eleven or twelve DOC inmates that we have had for a period of time. Cumberland was unable to send any DOC inmates due to the COVID issue, so when they were finally cleared up, they got rid of what they could. Kennebec has the most DOC inmates in holding in the state. I've asked the DA to keep sentencing so that when it does come time, they're gone. If we have an inmate that does create a particular problem, who is sentenced to DOC, they will be sent out first.</p> <p>Our Programs department went over to the Vassalboro Recreational Center and cleaned up some vandalism that was recently done on the property. Officer Matthews and two of the work crew went down and did a great job getting it cleaned up. I am very proud of them; it is good to give back.</p> <p>Sheriff Mason, Law Enforcement: Calls remain steady for service. We had a really bad accident in Chelsea between a car and motorcycle and a person to get life flighted and is in serious condition.</p> <p>Officer Johnson from Hallowell will be starting on the 16th or 17th of this month. He is filling in that July spot.</p> <p>On July 24th, Deputy Boudreau and K9 Vixen assisted the Augusta Police Department with a house where drug trafficking was taking place, and they went to that location, where the suspects fled out the back; Deputy Boudreau released Vixen, and</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>

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	she caught and bit the individual. They received medical attention and is currently in our facility. During that search, K9 Vixen found 222 grams of crack cocaine; they are an amazing team. I am so glad that we have that dog and glad that we were able to get the grant for the second one. It benefits everyone, not just us.	
Project Updates	Robert Devlin: They are working on the RFP for the generator; a natural gas generator is bigger than a diesel generator, so the space was an issue. We are replacing and relocating the compressor for the sprinkler system.	Update Update
Old Business/ Follow Up Items		
Warrants	August 4, 2020	Signed
Change of Status	New hire, termination, step increases	Signed
New Business	20-28) Motion by Commissioner Rines, seconded by Chairman Crockett to accept the 2020 Byrne Grant and to sign the interlocal agreement between the City of Augusta, the City of Waterville and Kennebec County. 20-29) Motion by Commissioner Rines, seconded by Chairman Crockett to accept forfeited assets in the amount of \$2,128.00 in State of Maine v Todd Lunt. 20-30) Motion by Commissioner Rines seconded by Chairman Crockett to accept forfeited assets in the amount of \$3,481.25 in State of Maine v Jahneiro Plimmer.	2 in favor 0 opposed 2 in favor 0 opposed 2 in favor 0 opposed
Executive Session		No Action Taken
Miscellaneous	None at this time	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 1:00 pm	2 in favor 0 opposed

Terry York, Assistant Administrator