

**OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 22, 2014

Meeting Convened

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 being a regular session, there were present:

Caldwell Jackson	Chairman
Steven Merrill	Commissioner
David Duguay	Commissioner
Scott Cole	Administrator
Judy Haas	Deputy Administrator

Various county officials, employees, media representatives, and other individuals were also present at different times throughout this session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following actions occurred concerning minutes of previous meetings:

September 30	approved	October 15	approved	November 19	approved
December 10	approved	January 21	approved	February 4	approved
February 18	approved				
March 18	tabled				

The meeting agenda was adopted as presented. It has been attached to these minutes.

Public Comment

Becky Secrest of Greenwood and representing Source to the Sea spoke with the Commissioners, inviting them to paddle a leg of the route which runs the entire length of the Androscoggin River.

Department Heads

Department heads met with Commissioners to discuss a variety of topics, some being unique to specific departments and other topics being of concern to several or all departments.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roy Gedat spoke with the Commissioners concerning departmental matters and distributed a written report at that time.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Wayne Gallant spoke with the Commissioners concerning departmental matters and distributed a written report at that time.

The Commissioners approved a semi-annual payment of \$93,536 to the Board of Corrections, contingent on presentation of a proper invoice.

The Commissioners authorized the promotion of Corrections Officer James Norton to the position of Corporal with recognition of the following:

Date of Promotion: 05/04/14

Pay Rate: \$14.35

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate Negotiations in Unorganized Territory

The Commissioners, Attorney Bryan Dench, Administrator and Deputy Administrator entered executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations concerning Albany Basin Road.

They returned to open session, taking no action.

Discuss Proposal to Extract Gravel Adjacent to Albany Basin Road

The Commissioners met with Bill Newcomb representing property owner Harry Brown, and Jon Koris of Pike Industries, to discuss a proposed gravel extraction project along Albany Basin Road and on what terms the county may allow the road to be temporarily relocated to maximize extraction of material.

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Lunch Recess

A recess was called at 12:05, at which time Commissioners took lunch at their desks.

Re-Convene Meeting

The meeting was reconvened at 12:50.

Personnel Matters

The Commissioners accepted the **(April 8, 2014)** resignation of RCC employee Michelle McDonnell.

The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Dave Sanborn of Bridgton as a full-time dispatcher with recognition of the following:

Date of Hire: 05/04/14
Pay Rate: \$15.35
Other Conditions: 3rd year step

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the effort of certain members of the Paris and Norway fire departments in clearing downed trees blocking access to the county's communication tower on **Streaked Mountain**.

Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations (Deputies – Teamsters)

The Commissioners, Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and labor consultant Annalee Rosenblatt entered executive session to discuss contract negotiations with the deputies, represented by Teamsters.

They returned to open session, taking no action.

Discussion w/ Mr. Alan Monier, Rumford Group Homes

The Commissioners met with Al Monier, Executive Director of Rumford Group Homes, concerning RGH's lease of the 2nd floor of 40 Western Ave. No action was taken.

Matters Pertaining to the Airport

The Commissioners and Administrator discussed various aspects of the county airport with consensus expressed to rehabilitate the fuel system, and continue efforts to restore functionality of the hangars and offices following the April 1 eviction of tenant Oxford Aviations.

Matters Pertaining to the Unorganized Territory

Items listed under this agenda heading were discussed with formal action taken as indicated.

- Authorized Closure of South Arm Road
 - Per Request of New England Forest Rally
 - 2 to 6 PM on Friday, July 18
- Approved Application for Liquor License Renewal (Off-Premise Malt)
 - Cupsuptic Lake Park and Campground, Adamstown Township
- Approved Application for Liquor License Renewal (Restaurant Malt/Vinous)
 - Bosebuck Mountain Camps, Lynchtown Township

Items for Discussion and Action

Items listed under this agenda heading were discussed at various times throughout the meeting.

Unless noted here, no formal action occurred.

- * Communication from Cumberland County re Grant Application for TIGER Funding
 - o (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery)

Authorized issuance of a letter of support.

- * Communication from Pastor Tony Rea re Shelter/Transition Housing in River Valley Area

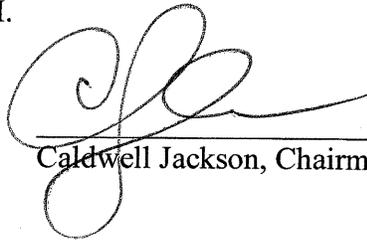
Declined request for financial support. Endorsed effort to establish housing as described.

Identify date for 2nd Meeting in May to discuss airport and personnel matters.

Scheduled special meeting for May 8 at 6 pm.

Adjournment

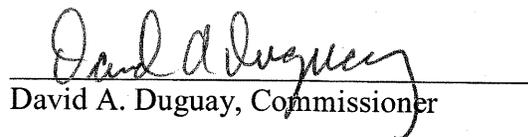
The Commissioners adjourned at 4:47 PM.



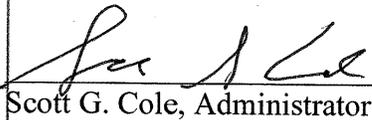
Caldwell Jackson, Chairman



Steven M. Merrill, Commissioner



David A. Duguay, Commissioner



Scott G. Cole, Administrator

Notes:

- 1) *These minutes are intended to be a brief description of meeting actions and to provide, in a general sense only, an account of what was discussed.*
- 2) ~~*An audio recording was made and is available upon request.*~~
- 3) *Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken by the Commissioners were unanimous.*