

STATE OF MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN, SS.

January 08, 2015
Regular Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Greenwood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Beth Bell, Commissioner
Randall Greenwood, Chair
Elaine Makas, Commissioner
Alfreda Fournier, Commissioner
Sally Christner, Commissioner
Matthew Roy, Commissioner
Ronald Chicoine, Commissioner
Patricia Fournier, County Clerk
Robert Poulin, Treasurer
Tina Chouinard, Register of Deeds
Joanne Potvin, EMA Director
Ray LaFrance, Patrol Captain
Jeff Chute, Jail Captain
Glenn Holt, Patrol Lieutenant
Andrew Robinson, District Attorney
Sally Hebert, citizen
Stavros Mendros, citizen
Mary Roussel, citizen
Dick Clark, Assistant Systems Admin.
Eric Samson, Sheriff
William Gagne, Chief Deputy
Mark Samson

Absent from the meeting: N/A

Motion: to discuss memorandum from Attorney Bryan Dench, dated December 31, 2014, regarding disqualification of member of the board of commissioners.

Fournier-Bell

Commissioner Makas – Stated her concern regarding the potential possibility of someone suing the County if Commissioner Greenwood is allowed to remain as a commissioner.

Attorney Bryan Dench – His opinion is that Commissioner Greenwood is able to hold both offices and is not disqualified by virtue of the Constitution. He noted that the Attorney General declined to give an opinion and recommended the commissioners take a vote.

Motion: to vote in favor of having Commissioner Randall Greenwood remain as County Commissioner as we find that “under Section 3.2.2 of the Charter that based on the acts of this case and the applicable law, guided by previous interpretations by the Maine Attorney General and the law regarding county charters, Commissioner Greenwood is not disqualified from continuing in the office of the county commissioner for Androscoggin County” as stated in the December 31, 2014 memorandum from Bryan Dench.

Chicoine-Bell 5-1-1
Makas opposed
Greenwood abstained

Motion: to nominate Beth Bell as Chairperson of the Commission.
Roy-Makas 6-0-1
Bell abstained

Motion: to nominate Commissioner Makas as Vice-Chair.
Fournier 3-4
Greenwood, Christner, Roy, Chicoine opposed

Motion: to nominate Commissioner Chicoine as Vice-Chair.
Roy 4-3
Makas, Bell, Fournier opposed

Commissioner Chicoine was declared Vice-Chair.

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of reading the minutes of December 16, 2014.
Makas-Bell 7-0

Motion: to approve all year-ending 2014 bills, part-time deputies’ payroll, Warrant #47.
Corrections Division Warrant #56.
Bell-Fournier 7-0

Motion: to approve all bills, part-time deputies’ payroll, Warrant #1 (1005).
Corrections Division Warrant #57 (1007).
Makas-Roy 7-0

Reports:

Commissioner Bell - Maine County Commissioners Association

The annual meeting is January 14th, 2015 and all the commissioners will have the opportunity to attend and vote. The personnel policy, strategic planning (in regards to where the MCCA is moving forward and what the targeted issues are) will be reviewed.

Commissioner Makas - Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board
They will be meeting next month.

Commissioner Makas - Safety Committee

Progress is being made in regards to making the building safer.

Public Comments:

Mary Rousell – Acknowledged County Clerk Patricia Fournier for swearing in the newly elected officials and commended Patricia for her many years of service, experience and institutional knowledge. Mary also reiterated Commissioner Makas' concern regarding the possibility of being sued over allowing Commissioner Greenwood to keep his position as a commissioner.

Commissioner Chicoine – Questioned Attorney Dench on the commonality of elected officials running for office.

Attorney Dench – Stated that he does not see a meaningful distinction between the offices of County Commission, Board of Selectmen, City Council, School Board, and that it is a very common practice.

Motion: to accept all correspondence regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Greene dated December 15, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Lisbon Town Council dated December 16, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Councilors' of the Town of Mechanic Falls dated December 16, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sabattus dated December 5, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Turner dated December 15, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Council of the City of Lewiston dated December 17, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Leeds dated December 17, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Durham dated December 16, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

To accept correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Poland dated December 18, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

Commissioner Chicoine – Would like to discuss letters at the first workshop meeting in six days, and to also give proper responses to the letters.

Friendly Amendment to add correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of the town of Livermore dated December 24, 2014 regarding the Commissioners' compensation and benefits.

Makas, Fournier 7-0

Motion: to accept the following correspondence:

Correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson dated January 2, 2015 requesting that Michael Allen, Aaron Boyington, Kyle Burnham, Shawn Crawford, Nicholas Deniger,

and Scott Holmes be hired as reserve correction officers for a 6 month probationary period at \$10.00 per hour upon satisfactory completion of their pre-employment physicals, effective Sunday, January 11, 2015.

Bell-Roy 7-0

Motion: to approve the Town of Greene Contract for PSAP Services and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Makas, Chicoine 7-0

Motion: to approve the Town of Wales Contract for PSAP Services and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Makas, Roy 7-0

Motion: to approve a one year contract between Androscoggin County and the Androscoggin Historical Society for providing a connection for one telephone line and access to the internet.

Makas, Chicoine 7-0

Consent Agenda: to approve the consent agenda as presented:

To approve the Registry of Deed's November Monthly Cash Report.

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To approve the Sheriff Department's request for professional leave for Officers Brandon Corriea, Artulean Thomas, Trevor Baillargeon, and Zachary West.

To approve the Sheriff Department's employee evaluation for Joanne Charpentier.

To approve the Sheriff Department's part-time appointments for Thomas Curry and Travys Fecteau.

To approve the Sheriff Department's December Civil Division Report.

To approve the District Attorney's employee evaluation for Sandra L. Urquhart.

Makas, Chicoine 7-0

Motion: to enter Executive Session with Attorney Bryan Dench pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D).

Makas, Fournier 7-0

Entered into Executive Session.

Returned from Executive Session.

Motion: to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Patricia Fournier, County Clerk